

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024  
FOR  
THE BURY SPEAKEASY CLUB**

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**THE BURY SPEAKEASY CLUB**

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**THE BURY SPEAKEASY CLUB**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

The Bury Speakeasy Club operates under the name "Speakeasy".

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Objectives and aims**

Speakeasy's objectives tend to be similar year on year as our core business of supporting people with aphasia remains unchanged.

**Activities**

We layer activities onto our basic services offering a wider range of member requested and member led activities to facilitate ongoing development of communication skills, confidence and community participation whilst improving quality of life with aphasia.

Annually we offer purposeful trips as appropriate, AGM, a Christmas lunch and our aphasia conference.

**Public benefit**

The trustees have acknowledged the charity commission guidance on public benefit and are confident the charity meets the definition in all regards.

**Achievements and performance 2024**

Speakeasy continued to deliver a blended service both online and face to face at the office and other premises across Greater Manchester. This service supported people with aphasia and their carers and families.

All the funded projects were delivered successfully and evaluated using aphasia accessible approaches. This gave us knowledge about the impact and preferences for both people with aphasia and carers which is used to ensure that our work is truly member centric. We ensured full delivery of core services and support for all who requested it in spite of increasing demand.

We continued to support members to have involvement in a wide range of research and themed project work which included engagement with local public and patient consultation meetings across Greater Manchester.

We were successful in securing a large grant from National NHS to deliver a new pilot project to support speech and language therapists, people with aphasia and carers online, offering short term support to fill the gaps in NHS provision. A remote speech and language therapist was engaged to deliver this work across the whole of Greater Manchester. This project began late 2022 and continued through all of 2024.

Speakeasy remained at the forefront of national and international aphasia collaborations such as the Aphasia Alliance, Tavistock trust for Aphasia, Collaboration of Aphasia Triallists and retains strong links with stroke, disability and voluntary sector organisations.

We liaised with care organisations and established an agreement to deliver training for staff in improving their communication skills.

Our ongoing and regular involvement with local, national and international researchers and with businesses to share/sell our expertise has continued in 2024.

Trustees have had full involvement in managing Speakeasy business with continued support, advice, monitoring of standards and strategic guidance.

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**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Reserves policy**

Our policy on cash reserves continues to be the maintenance of at least six months operating costs on deposit as a buffer in the event that our funding / income sources cease.

As at 31 December 2024 the unrestricted general fund stood at £137,080 which represents over 11 months operating costs.

The trustees have always recognised that the sources of income are ad-hoc or at best subject to a periodic review, and often subject to periodic qualification; all with the potential to cease with little or no prior notice, with subsequent impact to reserves.

These characteristics sit alongside an understanding on the part of the trustees that the members, staff and grant-makers require some continuity; the financial buffer is essential in allowing the trustees adequate time to formulate appropriate contingency plans, should they be required.

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

The governing document is the constitution adopted 23 January 1985 and amended 24 April 1989.

**Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

The method adopted for recruitment and appointment of new trustees are :

- Head-hunting for those with required skills
- Initial meeting
- Invitation to join Speakeasy
- CRB check
- Confirmation of appointment at trustee meeting
- Report and confirmation at AGM
- Induction pack and responsibility / liability briefing

New trustees are appointed by the board after consideration of the charity's requirements.

**Organisational structure**

Speakeasy has a board of trustees and a Chief Executive Officer, Gill Pearl, to whom all staff report.

All structural and financial decisions are made by majority vote by the trustees. Gill Pearl has authority for expenses up to £200.

**Governance**

Trustee meetings are planned to take place throughout the year and senior leaders communicate very effectively on both formal matters and informally when guidance is required by officers or the Chief Executive Officer.

**Risk management**

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

We regularly review all risks and take appropriate actions where required.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Charity number**

516092

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**Principal address**

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**Trustees**

J Holland (resigned 1.4.24)  
D Morton Chair of Trustees  
J Lowe  
Ms A Hibbert  
Mrs J Hancock  
P Prince  
Ms E Duncan  
Ms J Wright  
K Winch  
Ms J Lloyd  
H Holland  
Ms F Holland-Haque (appointed 2.4.24)

**Independent Examiner**

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 7 October 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



D Morton - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
THE BURY SPEAKEASY CLUB**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Bury Speakeasy Club**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Bury Speakeasy Club (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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7 October 2025

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.12.24 Total funds £	31.12.23 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations subscriptions and grants	2	45,912	110,418	156,330	179,502
Other trading activities	3	3,794	5,300	9,094	21,233
Investment income	4	1,288	-	1,288	1,002
<b>Total</b>		<u>50,994</u>	<u>115,718</u>	<u>166,712</u>	<u>201,737</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>	5				
Charitable activities		18,613	122,160	140,773	132,909
Support costs		-	-	-	3,289
Finance costs		-	-	-	(190)
<b>Total</b>		<u>18,613</u>	<u>122,160</u>	<u>140,773</u>	<u>136,008</u>
Net gains on investments		9,095	-	9,095	4,382
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<u>41,476</u>	<u>(6,442)</u>	<u>35,034</u>	<u>70,111</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		104,699	52,405	157,104	86,993
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>146,175</u></u>	<u><u>45,963</u></u>	<u><u>192,138</u></u>	<u><u>157,104</u></u>

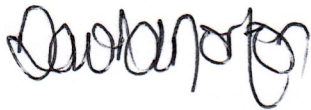
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**BALANCE SHEET  
31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.12.24 Total funds £	31.12.23 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	8	8,104	-	8,104	1,897
Investments	9	80,774	-	80,774	71,678
		<u>88,878</u>	-	<u>88,878</u>	<u>73,575</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	10	-	-	-	1,150
Cash at bank and in hand		57,297	45,963	103,260	82,379
		<u>57,297</u>	<u>45,963</u>	<u>103,260</u>	<u>83,529</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>57,297</u>	<u>45,963</u>	<u>103,260</u>	<u>83,529</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>146,175</u>	<u>45,963</u>	<u>192,138</u>	<u>157,104</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>146,175</u>	<u>45,963</u>	<u>192,138</u>	<u>157,104</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>					
	11				
Unrestricted funds				146,175	104,699
Restricted funds				45,963	52,405
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>192,138</u>	<u>157,104</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 7 October 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



D Morton - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

**Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

**Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

**Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Computer equipment - 25% on reducing balance

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

2. DONATIONS SUBSCRIPTIONS AND GRANTS

	31.12.24	31.12.23
	£	£
Donations	26,664	20,694
Grants	118,961	146,947
Subscriptions	10,705	11,861
	<u>156,330</u>	<u>179,502</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	31.12.24	31.12.23
	£	£
Other grants	<u>118,961</u>	<u>146,947</u>

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**3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	<b>31.12.24</b>	31.12.23
	£	£
Fundraising events	3,314	9,004
Training and expertise	5,780	12,229
	<u>9,094</u>	<u>21,233</u>

**4. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	<b>31.12.24</b>	31.12.23
	£	£
Deposit account interest	1,288	1,002
	<u>1,288</u>	<u>1,002</u>

**5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

	Direct Costs £	Support costs £	Totals £
Charitable activities	135,640	5,133	140,773
	<u>135,640</u>	<u>5,133</u>	<u>140,773</u>

**6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

**7. STAFF COSTS**

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	<b>31.12.24</b>	31.12.23
Chief Executive	1	1
Finance and administration	1	2
Speech and language therapist	1	1
Fixed term contracts - project-delivery	2	4
	<u>5</u>	<u>8</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

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**8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Computer equipment £
<b>COST</b>	
At 1 January 2024	17,355
Additions	7,653
	<u>25,008</u>
At 31 December 2024	<u>25,008</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>	
At 1 January 2024	15,458
Charge for year	1,446
	<u>16,904</u>
At 31 December 2024	<u>16,904</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31 December 2024	<u>8,104</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>1,897</u>

**9. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS**

	Listed investments £
<b>MARKET VALUE</b>	
At 1 January 2024	71,679
Revaluations	9,095
	<u>80,774</u>
At 31 December 2024	<u>80,774</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31 December 2024	<u>80,774</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>71,679</u>

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

Cost or valuation at 31 December 2024 is represented by:

	Listed investments £
Valuation in 2023	71,679
Valuation in 2024	9,095
	<u>80,774</u>

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<b>10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>		<b>31.12.24</b>	31.12.23
		£	£
Trade debtors		-	1,150
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
 <b>11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>			
		Net	At
	At 1.1.24	movement	31.12.24
	£	in funds	£
		£	
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	104,699	41,476	146,175
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
SQuIRe (Stroke quality improvement for rehabilitation)	10,389	(10,365)	24
National Lottery Core	38,809	(3,720)	35,089
Vamcast	3,207	4,009	7,216
GM Walking	-	3,634	3,634
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	52,405	(6,442)	45,963
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>157,104</u>	<u>35,034</u>	<u>192,138</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	50,994	(18,613)	9,095	41,476
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
SQuIRe (Stroke quality improvement for rehabilitation)	-	(10,365)	-	(10,365)
National Lottery Core	85,158	(88,878)	-	(3,720)
Vamcast	5,299	(1,290)	-	4,009
Aphasia Conference	21,627	(21,627)	-	-
GM Walking	3,634	-	-	3,634
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	115,718	(122,160)	-	(6,442)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>166,712</u>	<u>(140,773)</u>	<u>9,095</u>	<u>35,034</u>

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11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	73,357	16,594	14,748	104,699
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
European Social Fund	11,686	(42)	(11,644)	-
National Lottery Speak Up	-	(210)	210	-
Operational Delivery Network(Stroke Greater Manchester)	3,314	-	(3,314)	-
SQuIRe (Stroke quality improvement for rehabilitation)	(1,364)	11,753	-	10,389
National Lottery Core	-	38,809	-	38,809
Vamcast	-	3,207	-	3,207
	<u>13,636</u>	<u>53,517</u>	<u>(14,748)</u>	<u>52,405</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>86,993</u>	<u>70,111</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>157,104</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	64,489	(52,277)	4,382	16,594
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
European Social Fund	1	(43)	-	(42)
National Lottery Speak Up	-	(210)	-	(210)
SQuIRe (Stroke quality improvement for rehabilitation)	89,974	(78,221)	-	11,753
National Lottery Core	41,973	(3,164)	-	38,809
Vamcast	5,300	(2,093)	-	3,207
	<u>137,248</u>	<u>(83,731)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>53,517</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>201,737</u>	<u>(136,008)</u>	<u>4,382</u>	<u>70,111</u>

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**12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2024.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
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	31.12.24	31.12.23
	£	£
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations subscriptions and grants</b>		
Donations	26,664	20,694
Grants	118,961	146,947
Subscriptions	10,705	11,861
	<u>156,330</u>	<u>179,502</u>
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Fundraising events	3,314	9,004
Training and expertise	5,780	12,229
	<u>9,094</u>	<u>21,233</u>
<b>Investment income</b>		
Deposit account interest	1,288	1,002
	<u>1,288</u>	<u>1,002</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>166,712</b>	<b>201,737</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Wages	94,794	107,081
Rent rates and room hire	13,560	13,520
Utilities	965	1,301
Postage printing stationery and advertising	1,354	852
Sundries	2,035	2,138
Members outings and events	510	-
Staff travel	605	3,338
Office software equipment and support fees	1,550	4,177
Guest speakers and training expenses	414	-
Office repairs and maintenance	256	502
Conference costs	19,597	-
	<u>135,640</u>	<u>132,909</u>
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Management</b>		
Insurance	1,228	940
Bookkeeping	166	117
Accountancy	1,752	1,692
Independent examination fees	540	540
	<u>3,686</u>	<u>3,289</u>
<b>Finance</b>		
Bank charges	-	(190)
Carried forward	-	(190)

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	31.12.24	31.12.23
	£	£
<b>Finance</b>		
Brought forward	-	(190)
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>1,447</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>1,447</u>	<u>(190)</u>
Total resources expended	<u>140,773</u>	<u>136,008</u>
<b>Net income before gains and losses</b>	<b>25,939</b>	<b>65,729</b>
<b>Realised recognised gains and losses</b>		
Unrealised gains/losses on fixed asset investments	<u>9,095</u>	<u>4,382</u>
<b>Net income</b>	<b><u>35,034</u></b>	<b><u>70,111</u></b>

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