

AYLESBURY HOMELESS ACTION GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 1009983

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1992-03-23

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: (A)TO RELIEVE HARDSHIP, NEED AND DISTRESS AMONGST THOSE WHO ARE HOMELESS, IN PARTICULAR YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE GAES 16-25 YEARS. (B)TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC CONCERNING THE HOMELESS AND INADEQUATELY HOUSED.

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Accommodation/housing
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** AYLESBURY VALE
- Buckinghamshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£265,607	£284,063	-	-
2024-03-31	£284,149	£300,107	-	-
2023-03-31	£249,875	£257,391	-	-
2022-03-31	£148,486	£195,174	-	-
2021-03-31	£234,181	£156,157	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Susan Rhiannon Giles	Chair	2013-11-20
Angel Strachan		2022-11-29
John Kiran Kumar Yandrapati		2026-04-01
Jonathan Jekin Costa Patel		2025-06-03
Michelina Francis Gurie		2025-06-03
PAUL WALTER		
Timothy John Dixon		2024-03-26

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Trustees' Report and Accounts

For the year ended

31 March 2025

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Holy Trinity Church	Thomas Hickman Charity
Kop Hill Charity	William Harding Charity
Leeds Building Society Community Fund	

NAME : PAUL WALTER

POSITION : TREASURER

SIGNATURE : 

DATE : 25/11/25

Independent Examiner's Report

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Statement of Financial Activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
Incoming resources	3				
<i>Income and endowments from:</i>					
Donations and legacies		112,253		112,253	92,542
Charitable activities		80,121	66,640	146,761	186,324
Other trading activities		3,318		3,318	2,292
Interest		3,274		3,274	2,991
Correction to previous year's opening balance			0.1	0.1	
Total		198,967	66,640	265,607	284,149
Resources expended	6				
<i>Expenditure on:</i>					
Raising funds		30,190		30,190	26,390
Charitable activities		174,138	79,725	253,863	273,717
Correction to previous year's opening balance		10			
Total		204,338	79,725	284,063	300,107
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)		(5,371)	(13,084)	(18,456)	(15,958)
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Transfers between funds					-
Other recognised gains/(losses):					-
Net movement in funds		(5,371)	(13,084)	(18,456)	(15,958)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		172,823	29,724	202,547	218,505
Total funds carried forward		167,452	16,640	184,092	202,547

Balance Sheet

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
Current assets					
Debtors	19				131
Cash at bank and in hand	24	174,767	16,640	191,407	206,585
Total current assets		174,767	16,640	191,407	206,715
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	20	7,315		7,315	4,168
Net current assets/(liabilities)		167,452	16,640	184,092	202,547
Total assets less current liabilities		167,452	16,640	184,092	202,547
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year					-
Provisions for liabilities					-
Total net assets or liabilities		167,452	16,640	184,092	202,547
Funds of the Charity					
Restricted income funds			16,640	16,640	29,724
Unrestricted funds		167,452		167,452	172,823
Total funds		167,452	16,640	184,092	202,547

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature



Date of approval

25/11/25 -

Notes to the accounts

Note 1 Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

These accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts.

Note 2 Accounting policies

Note 2.2 Income

Recognition of income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity becomes entitled to the resources, when it is more likely than not that the charity will receive the resources and when the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met.

Government grants

The charity has received government grants in the reporting period.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts

Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

Donated goods are measured at fair value (the amount for which the asset could be exchanged) unless impractical to do so. The cost of any stock of goods donated for distribution to beneficiaries is deemed to be the fair value of those gifts at the time of their receipt and they are recognised on receipt. In the reporting period in which the stocks are distributed, they are recognised as an expense at the carrying amount of the stocks at distribution.

Support costs

The charity has incurred expenditure on support costs.

Note 2.3 Expenditure

Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Governance and support costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, e.g. allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Redundancy cost

The charity made no redundancy payments during the reporting period.

Creditors

The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts.

Note 2.4 Assets

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500. They are valued at cost. The charity does not currently hold any material tangible fixed assets.

Debtors are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

Note 3 Analysis of income

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total funds	Prior year
			£	£
Analysis				
Donations and legacies:				
Donations and gifts	39,381		39,381	29,464
Gift Aid	872		872	990
Legacies	-		-	-
General grants provided by government/other charities (Note 4)	71,500		71,500	61,838
Membership subscriptions and sponsorships	-		-	-
Donated goods, facilities and services (Note 5)	500		500	250
Total	112,253		112,253	92,542
Charitable activities:				
Grants for services	78,621	64,290	142,911	175,364
Grants for goods	1,500	2,350	3,850	10,960
Other				-
Total	80,121	66,640	146,761	186,324
Other trading activities:				
Other	3,318		3,318	2,292
Total	3,318		3,318	2,292
Income from investments:				
Interest income	3,274		3,274	2,991
Total	3,274		3,274	2,991
TOTAL INCOME	198,967	66,640	265,607	284,149

Other information:

All income in the prior year was unrestricted except for the following:

Henry Smith Charity £40,000
AVDC Legacy grant £23,290
Vicar's Relief Fund £2,350
Rothschild Foundation £1,000

Note 4 Analysis of receipts of government grants

This year

AVDC Legacy grant (Buckinghamshire Council)	£23,290
Rough Sleeper Initiative grant (Buckinghamshire Council)	£38,121
Total	£61,411

Last year

AVDC Legacy grant (Buckinghamshire Council)	£23,290
Rough Sleeper Initiative grant (Buckinghamshire Council)	£37,744
Total	£61,034

Note 5 Donated goods

We hold a stock of donated goods, including second-hand sleeping bags and clothes, plus an amount of food, toiletries and homewares. The stock is relatively small and has a very high turnover rate. The estimated value of this year's donated items is £500.

Note 6 Analysis of expenditure

Analysis	This year			Last year		
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total funds
Expenditure on raising funds:			£			£
Incurred seeking donations	28,544		28,544	23,558	-	23,558
Staging fundraising events				730	-	730
Advertising, marketing, direct mail and publicity	1,646		1,646	2,102	-	2,102
Total expenditure on raising funds	30,190		30,190	26,390	-	26,390
Expenditure on charitable activities:						
Staff costs	149,962	68,758	218,719	131,441	87,802	219,243
Premises costs	14,089	1,766	15,856	13,380	2,904	16,284
Service costs	10,087	9,201	19,288	10,797	27,393	38,190
Total expenditure on charitable activities	174,138	79,725	253,863	155,618	118,099	273,717
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	204,329	79,725	284,053	182,008	118,099	300,107

Note 9 Support costs

This year

Support cost	Raising funds £	Housing support £	Grand total £	Basis of allocation
Office administration, finance & HR	13,385	41,482	54,867	1:3 of Ops Manager cost based on time spent, Office & stationery (1:9 split), Furnishings & IT, Bank fees, Insurance (1:5 split) based on staffing time split
Salaries & related costs	16,732	8,366	25,009	2:1 CEO cost based on time spent
Property rent & other expenses	3,208	14,337	17,545	Rent, Cleaning, Repairs & Maintenance, Utilities, Telephone (1:5 split)
Total	33,326	64,185	97,511	

Last year

Support cost	Raising funds £	Housing support £	Grand total £	Basis of allocation
Office administration, finance & HR	12,839	40,453	53,292	1:3 of Ops Manager cost based on time spent, Office & stationery (1:9 split), Furnishings & IT, Bank fees, Insurance (1:5 split) based on staffing time split
Salaries & related costs	15,804	7,902	23,706	2:1 CEO cost based on time spent
Property rent & other expenses	3,014	15,072	18,087	Rent, Cleaning, Repairs & Maintenance, Utilities, Telephone (1:5 split)
Total	31,658	63,427	95,085	

Note 10 Fees for the examination of the accounts

Note 11 Staff costs

	This year	Last year £
Salaries and wages	207,776	192,579
Social security costs	32,515	41,273
Pension costs (defined contribution scheme)	6,645	5,973
Total staff costs	<u>246,937</u>	<u>239,825</u>

No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000.

The total amount paid to key management personnel (includes trustees and senior management) for their services to the charity was £71,811 (Last year £67,761). The average number of employees during the year was 7.2 (Last year 6.8).

No ex-gratia payments were made to employees this year.

No redundancy payments were made to employees this year.

Note 12 Pension scheme

The total amount of contributions recognised as an expense to the defined contribution pension scheme was £6,645 (Last year £5,973).

The basis for allocating the liability and expense of defined contribution pension scheme between activities and between restricted and unrestricted funds is the same basis as for the staff costs associated with these activities.

Note 13 Grant making

The charity made grants towards the rent in advance, rent deposits and rent arrears of individual clients to the value of £7,177 (Last year £25,117). These are paid from restricted income funds.

Note 19 Debtors

Analysis of debtors	Amounts falling due within one year	
	This year	Last year
Trade creditors	0	131
Total	<u>0</u>	<u>131</u>

Note 20 Creditors

Analysis of creditors	Amounts falling due within one year	
	This year	Last year
Trade creditors	7,315	4,168
Total	<u>7,315</u>	<u>4,168</u>

Note 24 Cash at bank and in hand

	This year	Last year
Short term cash investments (less than 3 months maturity date)	-	-
Short term deposits	-	-
Cash at bank and on hand	191,407	206,585
Other	-	-
Total	<u>191,407</u>	<u>206,585</u>

Note 27 Movement of charity funds

Note 27.1 Details of material funds held and movements during the current reporting period

Fund names	Type PE, EE R or UR *	Purpose and Restrictions	Fund balances brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Fund balances carried forward
			£	£	£	£
AVDC Legacy Fund	R	Funds for use on homeless support	-	23,290	-23,290	-
Heart of Bucks	R	Funds for use on rent in advance/rent deposit	790		-790	-
Henry Smith Fund	R	Funds for use on specified project	-1,468	40,000	-38,532	-
Local Emergency Support	R	Funds for use on rent in advance/rent deposit	9,017	-	-2,317	6,700
Rothschild Foundation	R	Funds for use on homelessness prevention project	8,591	1,000	-9,591	-

Rothschild Foundation	R	Funds for use on rent arrears	2,270	-	-100	2,170
Shanly Homes	R	Funds for use on specified project	5,336	-	-1,004	4,332
Talent Fund	R	Funds for use on rent in advance/rent deposit	3,852	-	-1,500	2,352
Vicar's Relief Fund	R	Specific grants for named clients	1,335	2,350	-2,600	1,085
Other funds	UR	N/A	172,822	198,967	-204,338	167,451
Total Funds			202,546	265,607	-284,063	184,091

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Local Emergency Support	R	Funds for use on rent in advance/rent deposit	9,017	-	-	9,017
National Lottery Community Fund (Cost of Living Fund)	R	Funds for use on specified project	-	19,513	-19,513	-
Rothschild Foundation	R	Funds for use on homelessness prevention project	-784	19,000	-9,624	8,591
Rothschild Foundation	R	Funds for use on rent arrears	11,685	-	-9,415	2,270

Shanly Homes	R	Funds for use on specified project	5,734	-	-398	5,336
Talent Fund	R	Funds for use on rent in advance/rent deposit	5,000	-	-1,148	3,852
Vicar's Relief Fund	R	Specific grants for named clients	500	7,035	-6,200	1,335
Other funds	UR	N/A	179,650	175,181	-182,008	172,822
Total Funds			218,505	284,019	-299,977	202,546

Note 28 Transactions with trustees and related parties

No trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with the charity or a related entity.

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Buckinghamshire Council Helping Hands	St. Nicholas' Church, Nether Winchendon
Granville Street Church	Swanbourne Methodist Church
Heart of Bucks	Tesco Community grants
Henry Smith Charity	Thames Valley Police Community Fund
Holy Trinity Church	Thomas Hickman Charity
Kop Hill Charity	William Harding Charity
Leeds Building Society Community Fund	

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DATE : 25/11/25

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Statement of Financial Activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
Incoming resources	3				
<i>Income and endowments from:</i>					
Donations and legacies		112,253		112,253	92,542
Charitable activities		80,121	66,640	146,761	186,324
Other trading activities		3,318		3,318	2,292
Interest		3,274		3,274	2,991
Correction to previous year's opening balance			0.1	0.1	
Total		198,967	66,640	265,607	284,149
Resources expended	6				
<i>Expenditure on:</i>					
Raising funds		30,190		30,190	26,390
Charitable activities		174,138	79,725	253,863	273,717
Correction to previous year's opening balance		10			
Total		204,338	79,725	284,063	300,107
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)		(5,371)	(13,084)	(18,456)	(15,958)
Net income/(expenditure)		(5,371)	(13,084)	(18,456)	(15,958)
Transfers between funds					-
Other recognised gains/(losses):					-
Net movement in funds		(5,371)	(13,084)	(18,456)	(15,958)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		172,823	29,724	202,547	218,505
Total funds carried forward		167,452	16,640	184,092	202,547

Balance Sheet

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
Current assets					
Debtors	19				131
Cash at bank and in hand	24	174,767	16,640	191,407	206,585
Total current assets		174,767	16,640	191,407	206,715
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	20	7,315		7,315	4,168
Net current assets/(liabilities)		167,452	16,640	184,092	202,547
Total assets less current liabilities		167,452	16,640	184,092	202,547
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year					-
Provisions for liabilities					-
Total net assets or liabilities		167,452	16,640	184,092	202,547
Funds of the Charity					
Restricted income funds			16,640	16,640	29,724
Unrestricted funds		167,452		167,452	172,823
Total funds		167,452	16,640	184,092	202,547

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature



Date of approval

25/11/25 -

Notes to the accounts

Note 1 Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

These accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts.

Note 2 Accounting policies

Note 2.2 Income

Recognition of income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity becomes entitled to the resources, when it is more likely than not that the charity will receive the resources and when the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met.

Government grants

The charity has received government grants in the reporting period.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts

Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

Donated goods are measured at fair value (the amount for which the asset could be exchanged) unless impractical to do so. The cost of any stock of goods donated for distribution to beneficiaries is deemed to be the fair value of those gifts at the time of their receipt and they are recognised on receipt. In the reporting period in which the stocks are distributed, they are recognised as an expense at the carrying amount of the stocks at distribution.

Support costs

The charity has incurred expenditure on support costs.

Note 2.3 Expenditure

Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Governance and support costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, e.g. allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Redundancy cost

The charity made no redundancy payments during the reporting period.

Creditors

The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts.

Note 2.4 Assets

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500. They are valued at cost. The charity does not currently hold any material tangible fixed assets.

Debtors are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

Note 3 Analysis of income

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total funds	Prior year
Analysis				£	£
Donations and legacies:	Donations and gifts	39,381		39,381	29,464
	Gift Aid	872		872	990
	Legacies	-		-	-
	General grants provided by government/other charities (Note 4)	71,500		71,500	61,838
	Membership subscriptions and sponsorships	-		-	-
	Donated goods, facilities and services (Note 5)	500		500	250
	Total	112,253		112,253	92,542
Charitable activities:	Grants for services	78,621	64,290	142,911	175,364
	Grants for goods	1,500	2,350	3,850	10,960
	Other				-
	Total	80,121	66,640	146,761	186,324
Other trading activities:					
	Other	3,318		3,318	2,292
	Total	3,318		3,318	2,292
Income from investments:					
	Interest income	3,274		3,274	2,991
	Total	3,274		3,274	2,991
TOTAL INCOME		198,967	66,640	265,607	284,149

Other information:

All income in the prior year was unrestricted except for the following:

Henry Smith Charity £40,000
AVDC Legacy grant £23,290
Vicar's Relief Fund £2,350
Rothschild Foundation £1,000

Note 4 Analysis of receipts of government grants

This year

AVDC Legacy grant (Buckinghamshire Council)	£23,290
Rough Sleeper Initiative grant (Buckinghamshire Council)	£38,121
Total	£61,411

Last year

AVDC Legacy grant (Buckinghamshire Council)	£23,290
Rough Sleeper Initiative grant (Buckinghamshire Council)	£37,744
Total	£61,034

Note 5 Donated goods

We hold a stock of donated goods, including second-hand sleeping bags and clothes, plus an amount of food, toiletries and homewares. The stock is relatively small and has a very high turnover rate. The estimated value of this year's donated items is £500.

Note 6 Analysis of expenditure

Analysis	This year			Last year		
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total funds
Expenditure on raising funds:			£			£
Incurred seeking donations	28,544		28,544	23,558	-	23,558
Staging fundraising events				730	-	730
Advertising, marketing, direct mail and publicity	1,646		1,646	2,102	-	2,102
Total expenditure on raising funds	30,190		30,190	26,390	-	26,390
Expenditure on charitable activities:						
Staff costs	149,962	68,758	218,719	131,441	87,802	219,243
Premises costs	14,089	1,766	15,856	13,380	2,904	16,284
Service costs	10,087	9,201	19,288	10,797	27,393	38,190
Total expenditure on charitable activities	174,138	79,725	253,863	155,618	118,099	273,717
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	204,329	79,725	284,053	182,008	118,099	300,107

Note 9 Support costs

This year

Support cost	Raising funds £	Housing support £	Grand total £	Basis of allocation
Office administration, finance & HR	13,385	41,482	54,867	1:3 of Ops Manager cost based on time spent, Office & stationery (1:9 split), Furnishings & IT, Bank fees, Insurance (1:5 split) based on staffing time split
Salaries & related costs	16,732	8,366	25,009	2:1 CEO cost based on time spent
Property rent & other expenses	3,208	14,337	17,545	Rent, Cleaning, Repairs & Maintenance, Utilities, Telephone (1:5 split)
Total	33,326	64,185	97,511	

Last year

Support cost	Raising funds £	Housing support £	Grand total £	Basis of allocation
Office administration, finance & HR	12,839	40,453	53,292	1:3 of Ops Manager cost based on time spent, Office & stationery (1:9 split), Furnishings & IT, Bank fees, Insurance (1:5 split) based on staffing time split
Salaries & related costs	15,804	7,902	23,706	2:1 CEO cost based on time spent
Property rent & other expenses	3,014	15,072	18,087	Rent, Cleaning, Repairs & Maintenance, Utilities, Telephone (1:5 split)
Total	31,658	63,427	95,085	

Note 10 Fees for the examination of the accounts

Note 11 Staff costs

	This year	Last year £
Salaries and wages	207,776	192,579
Social security costs	32,515	41,273
Pension costs (defined contribution scheme)	6,645	5,973
Total staff costs	<u>246,937</u>	<u>239,825</u>

No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000.

The total amount paid to key management personnel (includes trustees and senior management) for their services to the charity was £71,811 (Last year £67,761). The average number of employees during the year was 7.2 (Last year 6.8).

No ex-gratia payments were made to employees this year.

No redundancy payments were made to employees this year.

Note 12 Pension scheme

The total amount of contributions recognised as an expense to the defined contribution pension scheme was £6,645 (Last year £5,973).

The basis for allocating the liability and expense of defined contribution pension scheme between activities and between restricted and unrestricted funds is the same basis as for the staff costs associated with these activities.

Note 13 Grant making

The charity made grants towards the rent in advance, rent deposits and rent arrears of individual clients to the value of £7,177 (Last year £25,117). These are paid from restricted income funds.

Note 19 Debtors

Analysis of debtors	Amounts falling due within one year	
	This year	Last year
Trade creditors	0	131
Total	<u>0</u>	<u>131</u>

Note 20 Creditors

Analysis of creditors	Amounts falling due within one year	
	This year	Last year
Trade creditors	7,315	4,168
Total	<u>7,315</u>	<u>4,168</u>

Note 24 Cash at bank and in hand

	This year	Last year
Short term cash investments (less than 3 months maturity date)	-	-
Short term deposits	-	-
Cash at bank and on hand	191,407	206,585
Other	-	-
Total	<u>191,407</u>	<u>206,585</u>

Note 27 Movement of charity funds

Note 27.1 Details of material funds held and movements during the current reporting period

Fund names	Type PE, EE R or UR *	Purpose and Restrictions	Fund balances brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Fund balances carried forward
			£	£	£	£
AVDC Legacy Fund	R	Funds for use on homeless support	-	23,290	-23,290	-
Heart of Bucks	R	Funds for use on rent in advance/rent deposit	790		-790	-
Henry Smith Fund	R	Funds for use on specified project	-1,468	40,000	-38,532	-
Local Emergency Support	R	Funds for use on rent in advance/rent deposit	9,017	-	-2,317	6,700
Rothschild Foundation	R	Funds for use on homelessness prevention project	8,591	1,000	-9,591	-

Rothschild Foundation	R	Funds for use on rent arrears	2,270	-	-100	2,170
Shanly Homes	R	Funds for use on specified project	5,336	-	-1,004	4,332
Talent Fund	R	Funds for use on rent in advance/rent deposit	3,852	-	-1,500	2,352
Vicar's Relief Fund	R	Specific grants for named clients	1,335	2,350	-2,600	1,085
Other funds	UR	N/A	172,822	198,967	-204,338	167,451
Total Funds			202,546	265,607	-284,063	184,091

Note 27.2 Details of material funds held and movements during the previous reporting period

Fund names	Type PE, EE R or UR *	Purpose and Restrictions	Fund balances brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Fund balances carried forward
			£	£	£	£
AVDC Legacy Fund	R	Funds for use on homeless support	-126	23,290	-23,164	-
Heart of Bucks	R	Funds for use on rent in advance/rent deposit	9,014	-	-8,224	790
Henry Smith Fund	R	Funds for use on specified project	-1,185	40,000	-40,283	-1,468
Local Emergency Support	R	Funds for use on rent in advance/rent deposit	9,017	-	-	9,017
National Lottery Community Fund (Cost of Living Fund)	R	Funds for use on specified project	-	19,513	-19,513	-
Rothschild Foundation	R	Funds for use on homelessness prevention project	-784	19,000	-9,624	8,591
Rothschild Foundation	R	Funds for use on rent arrears	11,685	-	-9,415	2,270

Shanly Homes	R	Funds for use on specified project	5,734	-	-398	5,336
Talent Fund	R	Funds for use on rent in advance/rent deposit	5,000	-	-1,148	3,852
Vicar's Relief Fund	R	Specific grants for named clients	500	7,035	-6,200	1,335
Other funds	UR	N/A	179,650	175,181	-182,008	172,822
Total Funds			218,505	284,019	-299,977	202,546

Note 28 Transactions with trustees and related parties

No trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with the charity or a related entity.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Aylesbury Homeless Action Group

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 March 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

1009983

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/03/2025**.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, 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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

Signed:

Pippa Evans

Date:

30/09/2025

Name:

Pippa Evans

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

FCMA

Address: C/O: 2 Rickfords Hill Aylesbury, HP20 2RX

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners)

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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AYLESBURY HOMELESS ACTION GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 1009983

Accounts

Charity Registration No. 1009983

Aylesbury Homeless Action Group

Trustees' Report and Accounts

For the year ended

31 March 2024

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Legal and Administrative Details

Trustees	Susan Giles (Chair) Paul Walter (Treasurer) Gill Lawrence Angel Strachan Fiorella Mugari Tim Dixon
Charity number	1009983
Registered address	2 Rickfords Hill Aylesbury HP20 2RX
Independent Examiner	Pippa Evans (FCMA)

Trustees' Report

The trustees have submitted their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024. The financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a constitution. The trustees are responsible for the overall governance and oversight of the operational management of the charity. The CEO and Operations Manager are responsible for the day to day running of the charity.

Trustees are recruited having regard to the requirements for any skills needed. References are taken up and DBS checks are made to ensure the suitability of potential new trustees. A list of induction documents has been developed for new trustees. These include copies of relevant policies and links to training courses providing support for their role. Trustee meetings are held every two months.

Objectives

Our charitable objects are to relieve hardship, need and distress amongst those who are homeless, in particular, people of the ages 18 years or over and to educate the public concerning the homeless and inadequately housed.

Aylesbury Homeless Action Group's mission is to work towards reducing homelessness and the impact that homelessness and insecure housing has on both the individual and the wider community. This is achieved through prevention of homelessness, supporting people to access safe, affordable housing, address any underlying issues and motivating them towards independent living.

Our values and behaviours were agreed on collaboratively by trustees, staff, volunteers and clients. They underpin all the work that we undertake.

Our vision is a society where homelessness is eradicated and people are integrated within their local community.

The trustees have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our activities.

Our values:

- Creative - We challenge thinking and plan new options to deliver the best outcomes.
- Collaborative - We work together to achieve shared goals.
- Integrity - We are honest, realistic and confidential.
- Consistency - We are reliable and maintain high standards.
- Respect - We listen to understand.

Activities and Achievements

Aylesbury Homeless Action Group provides three main services to people living in Aylesbury and the north of Buckinghamshire.

Prevention

The first of these is aimed at preventing homelessness wherever possible. We provide access to free legal advice and provide case management from trained homelessness prevention workers. This service addresses the needs of those people who are at risk of losing their home and would like to avoid that. We deliver this service in partnership with Wycombe Homeless Connection who provide similar services in the south of Buckinghamshire and Hillingdon Law Centre who provide the legal advice.

Support

The second service is for people who are already homeless. It seeks to mitigate against the harm that is caused by homelessness and helps to stabilise their situation. This includes the offer of mental health support, care navigation with health services, provision of targeted emergency accommodation where no other agency has a duty to provide it and the supply of emergency food and clothing. This service addresses the needs of those people who are currently homeless and facing severe inequalities in health and wellbeing.

Securing accommodation and ongoing tenancy support

We support people who are already homeless to secure suitable accommodation. This means making applications to providers of supported accommodation and helping them to apply for social housing. We also help people to secure private rented accommodation through contacts with suitable landlords and through grants to provide deposits and rent in advance where needed. This service is delivered in partnership with Buckinghamshire Council, One YMCA, Riverside Housing, Fairhive Housing, and others and referrals are made to each of them depending on the client's goals and eligibility for their services.

As a person-centred service we believe that it is vital that we are led by the outcomes that our clients are seeking for themselves. It is also important for the charity to maintain a focus on outcomes which are true to our mission. We provide holistic support, assisting clients to work towards quantifiable housing outcomes as well as more personal outcomes and mental health recovery outcomes. This means that the outcomes we track are inherently connected to our core objectives as a charity. The main housing outcomes that people we support are seeking to achieve are to secure temporary accommodation (particularly for those who are currently sleeping rough) and then securing safe, affordable longer-term accommodation for anyone who is homeless.

We had 547 clients contact us for support or advice. This is a 56% increase on the previous year and a huge 156% increase on the numbers seen two years ago.

Whilst Buckinghamshire is often seen as an affluent area some parts of the county (including parts of Aylesbury) fall within the 30% most deprived areas in the UK.

Rental properties are scarce and rents continued to increase whilst the Local Housing Allowance Rates remained frozen at 2020 levels until 2024. This has meant that private rented properties have become increasingly unaffordable for our clients and it is difficult to find suitable quality accommodation. Nevertheless, 32% of clients presenting as homeless were supported into new homes and 30% of those at risk of homelessness were able to save their tenancy or were assisted into alternative housing.

Risk Management

Aylesbury Homeless Action Group has a comprehensive register of risks and mitigating actions which is reviewed at each board meeting. The main risk facing us is managing the current high demand for our services, coupled with heightened competition for grant funding.

Reserves policy and financial position

The trustees revised the reserves policy in May 2023 to state that the reserves should be a minimum of six months projected annual expenditure. A cashflow forecast is reviewed at each board meeting so that the financial position can be actively managed.

Donors and Supporters: We are very grateful for the support that we have received from the following organisations:

Albert Hunt Trust	Local Giving: Magic Little Grants
Aston Chemicals	National Lottery Community Fund
Aylesbury Town Council	Peverel Court Nursing Home
Barratt Charity	Rothschild Foundation
Buckinghamshire Council	Shanly Foundation
Buckinghamshire Council Helping Hands	Shirley Parsons
Buckland Music Under the Stars	Skipton Building Society
Catenian Association	St. Mary's Church, Aylesbury
Catholic Womens League	St. Mary's Church, Long Crendon
The Clare Foundation	St. Nicolas' Church, Nether Winchendon
Good Shepherd Catholic Church	St. Peter's Church, Aylesbury
Granville Street Church	Tesco Community Grants
Heart of Bucks	Thomas Hickman Charity
Henry Floyd School	T S Williams Charitable Fund
Henry Smith charity	William Harding Charity
Holy Trinity Church	Wingrave Methodist Church
Kop Hill Fund	

Independent Examiner's Report

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Statement of Financial Activities

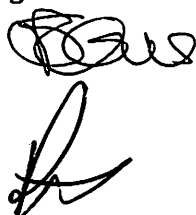
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Incoming resources	3				
<i>Income and endowments from:</i>					
Donations and legacies		92,542	-	92,542	97,594
Charitable activities		77,355	108,969	186,324	149,330
Other trading activities		2,292	-	2,292	1,285
Investments		2,991	-	2,991	1,666
Total		175,181	108,969	284,149	249,875
Resources expended	6				
<i>Expenditure on:</i>					
Raising funds		26,390	-	26,390	21,184
Charitable activities		155,618	118,099	273,847	240,071
Total		182,008	118,099	300,107	261,254
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)		(6,828)	(9,130)	(15,958)	(11,380)
<i>Net income/(expenditure)</i>		(6,828)	(9,130)	(15,958)	(11,380)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses):		-	-	-	-
<i>Net movement in funds</i>		(6,828)	(9,130)	(15,958)	(11,380)
<i>Reconciliation of funds:</i>					
Total funds brought forward		179,651	38,854	218,505	229,885
Total funds carried forward		172,823	29,724	202,547	218,505

Balance Sheet

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Current assets					
Debtors	19		131	131	
Cash at bank and in hand	24	175,115	31,470	206,585	222,369
Total current assets		<u>175,115</u>	<u>31,601</u>	<u>206,715</u>	<u>222,369</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	20	2,291	1,877	4,168	3,864
Net current assets/(liabilities)		172,823	29,724	202,547	218,505
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>172,823</u>	<u>29,724</u>	<u>202,547</u>	<u>218,505</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year		-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities		-	-	-	-
Total net assets or liabilities		<u>172,823</u>	<u>29,724</u>	<u>202,547</u>	<u>218,505</u>
Funds of the Charity					
Restricted income funds			29,724	29,724	38,854
Unrestricted funds		172,823		172,823	179,651
Total funds		<u>172,823</u>	<u>29,724</u>	<u>202,547</u>	<u>218,505</u>

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature



Date of approval
17/1/25

Notes to the accounts

Note 1 Basis of preparation

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The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

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Note 2 Accounting policies

Note 2.1 Reconciliation with previous generally accepted accounting practice

Following an increase in income, preparation of accounts has moved from a receipts and payments basis to an accruals basis.

Adjustments to previous accounts

Reconciliation of funds per previous GAAP to funds determined under FRS 102

Financial year to 31 Mar 23	<i>Start of period</i>	<i>End of period</i>
Fund balances as previously stated	229,885	222,369
Adjustments:		
Debtors	0	
Creditors		3,864
Fund balance as restated	229,885	218,505

Reconciliation of net income/(net expenditure) per previous GAAP to net income/(net expenditure) under FRS 102

Financial year to 31 Mar 23	<i>End of period</i>
Net income/(expenditure) as previously stated	-7,516
Adjustments:	
Debtors	0
Creditors	3,864
Previous period net income/ (expenditure) as restated	-11,380

Note 2.2 Income

Recognition of income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity becomes entitled to the resources, when it is more likely than not that the charity will receive the resources and when the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met.

Government grants

The charity has received government grants in the reporting period.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts

Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

Donated goods are measured at fair value (the amount for which the asset could be exchanged) unless impractical to do so. The cost of any stock of goods donated for distribution to beneficiaries is deemed to be the fair value of those gifts at the time of their receipt and they are recognised on receipt. In the reporting period in which the stocks are distributed, they are recognised as an expense at the carrying amount of the stocks at distribution.

Support costs

The charity has incurred expenditure on support costs.

Note 2.3 Expenditure

Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Governance and support costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, e.g. allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Redundancy cost

The charity made no redundancy payments during the reporting period.

Creditors

The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts.

Note 2.4 Assets

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500. They are valued at cost. The charity does not currently hold any material tangible fixed assets.

Debtors are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

Note 3 Analysis of income

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total funds	Prior year
			£	£
Analysis				
Donations and legacies:				
Donations and gifts	29,464	-	29,464	38,239
Gift Aid	990	-	990	941
Legacies	-	-	-	-
General grants provided by government/other charities (Note 4)	61,838	-	61,838	58,415
Membership subscriptions and sponsorships	-	-	-	-
Donated goods, facilities and services (Note 5)	250	-	250	-
Total	92,542	-	92,542	97,594
Charitable activities:				
Grants for services	73,430	101,934	175,364	149,330
Grants for goods	3,925	7,035	10,960	-
Other	-	-	-	-
Total	77,355	108,969	186,324	149,330
Other trading activities:				
Other	2,292	-	2,292	1,285
Total	2,292	-	2,292	1,285
Income from investments:				
Interest income	2,991	-	2,991	1,666
Total	2,991	-	2,991	1,666
TOTAL INCOME	175,181	108,969	284,149	249,875

Other information:

All income in the prior year was unrestricted except for the following:

Henry Smith Charity £40,000
AVDC Legacy grant £23,290
Heart of Bucks £10,000
The Talent Fund £5,000
Vicar's Relief Fund £3,283
Returned deposits £2,837

Note 4 Analysis of receipts of government grants

This year

AVDC Legacy grant (Buckinghamshire Council)	£23,290
Rough Sleeper Initiative grant (Buckinghamshire Council)	£37,744
Total	£61,034

Last year

AVDC Legacy grant (Buckinghamshire Council)	£23,290
Rough Sleeper Initiative grant (Buckinghamshire Council)	£37,370
Total	£60,660

Note 5 Donated goods

We hold a stock of donated goods, including second-hand sleeping bags and clothes, plus an amount of food, toiletries and homewares. The stock is relatively small and has a very high turnover rate. The estimated value of this year's donated items is £250.

Note 6 Analysis of expenditure

Analysis	This year			Last year		
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total funds
Expenditure on raising funds:			£			£
Incurred seeking donations	23,558	-	23,558	19,890	-	19,890
Staging fundraising events	730	-	730	-	-	-
Advertising, marketing, direct mail and publicity	2,102	-	2,102	1,294	-	1,294
Total expenditure on raising funds	26,390	-	26,390	21,184	-	21,184
Expenditure on charitable activities:						
Staff costs	131,441	87,802	219,243	120,371	71,957	192,328
Premises costs	13,380	2,904	16,284	12,720	1,611	14,331
Service costs	10,797	27,393	38,190	11,091	22,321	33,412
Total expenditure on charitable activities	155,618	118,099	273,717	144,182	95,889	240,071
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	182,008	118,099	300,107	165,366	95,889	261,254

Note 9 Support costs

This year

	Raising funds	Housing support	Grand total	Basis of allocation
Support cost	£	£	£	
Office administration, finance & HR	12,839	40,453	53,292	1:3 of Ops Manager cost based on time spent, Office & stationery (1:9 split), Furnishings & IT, Bank fees, Insurance (1:5 split) based on staffing time split
Salaries & related costs	15,804	7,902	23,706	2:1 CEO cost based on time spent
Property rent & other expenses	3,014	15,072	18,087	Rent, Cleaning, Repairs & Maintenance, Utilities, Telephone (1:5 split)
Total	31,658	63,427	95,085	

Last year

	Raising funds	Housing support	Grand total	Basis of allocation
Support cost	£	£	£	
Office administration, finance & HR	11,388	35,746	47,133	1:3 of Ops Manager cost based on time spent, Office & stationery (1:9 split), Furnishings & IT, Bank fees, Insurance (1:5 split) based on staffing time split
Salaries & related costs	14,440	7,220	21,660	2:1 CEO cost based on time spent
Property rent & other expenses	2,641	13,207	15,848	Rent, Cleaning, Repairs & Maintenance, Utilities, Telephone (1:5 split)
Total	28,469	56,172	84,641	

Note 10 Fees for the examination of the accounts

Nothing has been paid for the statutory external scrutiny of the accounts. We would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to our independent examiner, Pippa Evans, for their invaluable contribution and expertise provided at no cost to the charity.

Note 11 Staff costs

	This year	Last year
	£	£
Salaries and wages	192,579	181,265
Social security costs	41,273	19,545
Pension costs (defined contribution scheme)	5,973	4,474
Total staff costs	<u>239,825</u>	<u>205,285</u>

No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000.

The total amount paid to key management personnel (includes trustees and senior management) for their services to the charity was £67,761 (Last year £61,716). The average number of employees during the year was 6.8 (Last year 7.1).

No ex-gratia payments were made to employees this year.

No redundancy payments were made to employees this year.

Note 12 Pension scheme

The total amount of contributions recognised as an expense to the defined contribution pension scheme was £5,973 (Last year £5,275).

The basis for allocating the liability and expense of defined contribution pension scheme between activities and between restricted and unrestricted funds is the same basis as for the staff costs associated with these activities.

Note 13 Grant making

The charity made grants towards the rent in advance, rent deposits and rent arrears of individual clients to the value of £25,117 (Last year £19,904). These are paid from restricted income funds.

Note 19 Debtors

Analysis of debtors	Amounts falling due within one year	
	This year	Last year
Trade creditors	131	0
Total	<u>131</u>	<u>0</u>

Note 20 Creditors

Analysis of creditors Amounts falling due within one year

	This year	Last year
Trade creditors	4,168	3,864
Total	<u>4,168</u>	<u>3,864</u>

Note 24 Cash at bank and in hand

	This year	Last year
Short term cash investments (less than 3 months maturity date)	-	-
Short term deposits	-	-
Cash at bank and on hand	206,585	222,369
Other	-	-
Total	<u>206,585</u>	<u>222,369</u>

Note 27 Movement of charity funds

Note 27.1 Details of material funds held and movements during the current reporting period

Fund names	Type PE, EE R or UR *	Purpose and Restrictions	Fund balances brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Fund balances carried forward
			£	£	£	£
AVDC Legacy Fund	R	Funds for use on homeless support	-126	23,290	-23,290	-126
Heart of Bucks	R	Funds for use on rent in advance/rent deposit	9,014	-	-8,224	790
Henry Smith Fund	R	Funds for use on specified project	-1,185	40,000	-41,468	-2653
Local Emergency Support	R	Funds for use on rent in advance/rent deposit	9,017	-	-	9,017
National Lottery Community Fund (Cost of Living Fund)	R	Funds for use on specified project	-	19,513	-19,513	-

Rothschild Foundation	R	Funds for use on homelessness prevention project	-784	19,000	-10,429	7,787
Rothschild Foundation	R	Funds for use on rent arrears	11,685	131	9,545	2,270
Shanly Homes	R	Funds for use on specified project	5,734	-	-398	5,336
Talent Fund	R	Funds for use on rent in advance/rent deposit	5,000	-	-1,148	3,852
Vicar's Relief Fund	R	Specific grants for named clients	500	7,035	-6,200	1,335
Other funds	UR	N/A	179,650	175,181	-182,008	172,822
Total Funds			218,505	284,149	302,223	200,432

Note 27.2 Details of material funds held and movements during the previous reporting period

Fund names	Type PE, EE R or UR *	Purpose and Restrictions	Fund balances brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Fund balances carried forward
			£	£	£	£
AVDC Legacy Fund	R	Funds for use on homeless support	-	23,290	-23,416	-126
Buckinghamshire Council	R	Funds for use on rent in advance/rent deposit	7,067	122	-7,189	-
Groundwork UK	R	Funds for use on specified project	580		-580	-
Heart of Bucks	R	Funds for use on rent in advance/rent deposit	-	10,000	-986	9,014
Henry Smith Fund	R	Funds for use on specified project	-	40,000	-41,185	-1,185
Local Emergency Support	R	Funds for use on rent in advance/rent deposit	8,743	2,714	-2,441	9,017
Rothschild Foundation	R	Funds for use on homelessness prevention project	10,020	-	-10,804	-784
Rothschild Foundation	R	Funds for use on rent arrears	17,610	-	-5,925	11,685

Shanly Homes	R	Funds for use on specified project	5,734	-	-	5,734
Talent Fund	R	Funds for use on rent in advance/rent deposit	-	5,000	-	5,000
Vicar's Relief Fund	R	Specific grants for named clients	580	3,283	-3,363	500
Other funds	UR	N/A	179,550	165,465	-165,366	179,649
Total funds			229,885	249,875	-261,254	218,505

Note 28 Transactions with trustees and related parties

No trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with the charity or a related entity.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Aylesbury Homeless Action Group

On accounts for the year ended

31 March 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1009983

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/03/2024**.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

Signed:

Pippa Evans

Date:

15/01/2025

Name:

Pippa Evans

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

FCMA

Address: Baker's Barn, 7 Upper Street, Quainton, Bucks. HP22 4AY

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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England & Wales - Charity number 1009983

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
From	1	April	2022	To	31	March	2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Aylesbury Homeless Action Group

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1009983

Charity's principal address

2 Rickfords Hill
 Aylesbury
 Bucks
Postcode HP20 2RX

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Sue Giles	Chair		
2	Paul Walter	Treasurer		
3	Linda Puttick			
4	Gill Lawrence			
5	Robert Brown			
6	Antonia Reed			
7	Angel Strachan		Elected 29 th November 2022	Board of Trustees
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed/Invited by Board of Trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To relieve hardship, need and distress amongst those who are homeless, or at risk of homelessness, in particular people of the ages 18 years or over.

To educate the public concerning the homeless and inadequately housed.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Our main service is our 1:1 case work with clients where we provide face to face housing advice and support for people who are either homeless or at risk of homelessness.

We continue to offer clients: ongoing tenancy support, access to grants for rent in advance/deposits, emergency provisions including supermarket vouchers, housing starter packs, support with benefits, and access to a mental health nurse for those clients needing extra help in this area.

We work in partnership with Wycombe Homeless Connection to run a Buckinghamshire-wide homelessness prevention service. We help clients who are dealing with rogue landlords, in some cases they are receiving harassment from landlords or unacceptable or even dangerous conditions in their homes. We also help those people who have either lost income or only have the same level of income but are facing rent increases meaning that they are getting into rent arrears. We help them to budget, maximise their income, negotiate with their landlords as well as other options to help them find a way to stay in their home. We also work with some clients to help them find somewhere else to live before becoming homeless.

We continue to support clients who are part of Buckinghamshire Council's Rough Sleeper Initiative. We do not have a time limit on our support nor a fixed moment when a client's case is closed.

Demand for our services has increased by 64% on the previous year. To ensure that we can support everyone who needs our help we have had to increase our staff numbers and coupled with the cost-of-living crisis our expenditure has risen by 32%.

All our services are offered free of charge to the general public.

We confirm that the Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

This year 351 (214) people sought help from the charity. Of these 245 (121) were accessing services for the first time – double the number from the previous year. With rents continuing to increase and the number of landlords reducing it is becoming increasingly challenging to source affordable accommodation for our clients. Nevertheless, 48% (50%) of homeless clients have been assisted to secure housing in the past year. Within the twelve-month period we worked with 75 (58) clients to prevent them from becoming homeless and 80 (42) clients received ongoing tenancy support.

The joint Homelessness Prevention Project prevented 65 households from becoming homeless and prevented 35% of evictions which would have occurred across the county. Additionally 35 households saw unfavourable decisions by the local authority, regarding the help they were due, overturned.

Figures in brackets denote the data from 2021.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

AHAG aims to maintain reserves consisting of:

- Reserves to meet redundancy liabilities
- General contingency reserves equal to a minimum of six months total expenditure.

Unrestricted funds at 31st March 2023 are £181,600. There are currently sufficient reserves to meet these requirements.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

AHAG's work is supported by of the Henry Smith Charity, Buckinghamshire Council, the Clare Foundation and the Rothschild Foundation. Additionally, we received £38,000 in donations from local churches businesses and individuals during the year.

Heart of Bucks gave a grant towards our deposit and rent in advance fund. This and funding from Vicar's Relief Fund allows us to support our clients with grants towards accessing accommodation.

The charity has a continued to receive a small number of donations in kind (food, clothing, toiletries) during the period. These were kindly donated by members of the public.

Section F Other optional information

A two year partnership agreement was made with Wycombe Homeless Connection in June 2022.

A Steering Group consisting of trustees and key employees from both charities has been meeting regularly to assess the progress of the partnership. Based on these discussions and observations the Steering Group firmly believes that the collaboration between the charities should continue and be strengthened. During this period James Boulton has been acting as CEO for both organisations and collaboration has taken place among various teams.

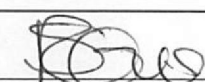
The partnership continues to receive support from Buckinghamshire Council, as well as our three main local funders: Heart of Bucks, The Rothschild Foundation, and the Clare Foundation. We are grateful for their ongoing commitment to our joint efforts.

As we progress, we are planning to communicate externally with our supporters and partner agencies to provide updates on our progress.

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	SOSLAIN RHIANNON GILES	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	
Date	10.1.24	



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period covered 01-Apr-22	To	Period covered to 31-Mar-23
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Henry Smith Charity		40,000	-	40,000	30,000
Buckinghamshire Council Rough Sleeper Initiative	37,370		-	37,370	39,829
AVDC Core Fund Grant		23,290	-	23,290	23,290
The Clare Foundation	32,250		-	32,250	3,000
Thomas Hickman Charity	24,415		-	24,415	
William Harding Charity	10,000		-	10,000	
Heart of Bucks		10,000	-	10,000	5,000
Fairhive Thriving Community Fund	10,000		-	10,000	-
Rectory Foundation	5,000		-	5,000	-
The Talent Fund		5,000	-	5,000	
Anson Charitable Trust	2,000		-	2,000	
Mobbs Memorial Trust	2,000		-	2,000	
Vicar's Relief Fund		3,283	-	3,283	2,340
Buckinghamshire Council Local Emergency Support	300		-	300	-
Rothschild Foundation (Advocacy work)			-	-	10,000
Buckinghamshire Council			-	-	775
Gift Aid	941		-	941	893
Other donations	38,239		-	38,239	32,138
Returned deposits		2,837	-	2,837	
Interest	1,666		-	1,666	981
Other income	1,285		-	1,285	239
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	165,465	84,410	-	249,875	148,486
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	165,465	84,410	-	249,875	148,486
A3 Payments					
Staff Costs	135,737.95	69,758.76	-	205,497	133,166
Rent (Office & Drop in)	8,995.00		-	8,995	7,632
Rent (Emergency accommodation)	2,085.60		-	2,086	874
Database	288.00		-	288	288
Rent Deposit Scheme		19,904.01	-	19,904	36,445
Utilities & Telephone	2,909.66	865.73	-	3,775	2,817
Office Expenses	4,161.29	2,443.55	-	6,605	5,375
Starter Packs		580.02	-	580	1,269
Web & Publicity	195.67		-	196	-
Catering	1,298.73	12.96	-	1,312	1,087
Training & Travel	2,448.96	209.00	-	2,658	1,694
Fundraising & Marketing costs	1,784.97		-	1,785	2,052
Miscellaneous costs	2,782.56		-	2,783	1,546
Insurance	928.23		-	928	928
Sub total	163,616.62	93,774.03	-	257,391	195,174
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	163,617	93,774	-	257,391	195,174
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,848	- 9,364.45	-	- 7,516	- 46,688
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	179,551.82	50,333.15	-	229,884.97	276,573.29
Cash funds this year end	181,400.13	40,968.70	-	222,368.83	229,884.97

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current accounts net of uncleared cheques	96,832	40,969	-
	Savings accounts	85,022	-	-
	Petty cash & Gift cards	546	-	-
	Total cash funds	181,400	40,969	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

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Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Some rent deposits may be received back at a future date (not quantified)	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	POLE WALTER	22/11/23
Linda Puttick	LINDA PUTTICK	21/11/23

AYLESBURY HOMELESS ACTION GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 1009983

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date

Period end date

From

1

April

2021

To

31

March

2022

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Aylesbury Homeless Action Group

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1009983

Charity's principal address

2 Rickfords Hill

Aylesbury

Bucks

Postcode

HP20 2RX

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Sue Giles	Chair		
2	Paul Walter	Treasurer		
3	Linda Puttick			
4	Gill Lawrence			
5	Robert Brown			
6	Antonia Reed		Elected 26 th July 2022	Board of Trustees
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Constitution

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

Association

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Appointed/Invited by Executive Committee

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To relieve hardship, need and distress amongst those who are homeless, in particular people of the ages 18 years or over.

To educate the public concerning the homeless and inadequately housed.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The coronavirus pandemic continued to have an impact on the delivery of services for the first half of the year. Support to service users continued to be provided by telephone, email and video call.

Whilst drop in sessions remained suspended, since September 2021 support workers have met service users face to face for full assessments and follow-on support.

In addition to support and advice from case workers we continue to offer clients: ongoing tenancy support, access to grants for rent in advance/deposits, emergency provisions, housing starter packs, support with benefits, access to a mental health nurse for those clients needing extra help in this area, a free weekly advocacy clinic with legal advice from a housing solicitor (in partnership with Wycombe Homeless Connection & Hillingdon Law Centre).

We also support clients who are part of Buckinghamshire Council's Rough Sleeper Initiative. We do not have a time limit on our support nor a fixed moment when a client's case is closed.

Around 35-40% of clients are under 35. These clients are only entitled to the Local Housing Allowance shared room rate of £340 (£78.59pw). Most rooms in Aylesbury are at least £100pw so it can be very difficult to find affordable housing for this group of clients if they are not employed.

Around 50-60% of our clients are already homeless when they contact us. This does not necessarily mean that they are rough sleeping. They might also be sofa-surfing or staying with relatives temporarily. During the lockdown period from March 2020 to roughly May 2021 most rough sleepers were offered emergency accommodation through the government funded "Everyone In" policy.

Our mental health project was piloted in November 2019. A high proportion of clients (70%) disclosed underlying mental health issues and stated that this had an impact on their housing. The project runs one day a week and case workers identify clients that they feel would benefit from some additional psychological help. The mental health worker only sees people who are not receiving support in this area from other agencies. Prior to lockdown appointments were face to face, but since then they have been done by telephone. Clients responded well to their sessions. Much of the work offered is teaching clients coping strategies that they can use when issues arise. During lockdown 100% of the 18 clients who received this support felt that they had improved how they managed their mental health, had improved how they felt about themselves and had a greater sense of hope for the future.

All our services are offered free of charge to the general public.

We confirm that the Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

This year 214 (185) people sought help from the charity. Of these 121 (101) were accessing services for the first time. 50% (59%) of homeless clients have secured housing in the past year. Within the twelve month period we worked with 58 (51) clients to prevent them from becoming homeless and 42 (75) clients received ongoing tenancy support.

During the first full year of the advocacy clinic we were able to support 22 clients with housing legal advice.

Mental health support was taken up by 11 (19) clients during the year.

Figures in brackets denote the data from 2020/21.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

AHAG aims to maintain reserves consisting of:

- Reserves to meet redundancy liabilities
- General contingency reserves equal to between six & twelve months total expenditure.

Unrestricted funds at 31st March 2022 are £179,552. After meeting the requirements above there are sufficient reserves to meet these requirements.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

AHAG's work is supported by of the Henry Smith Charity, Buckinghamshire Council, the Sobell Foundation and the Rothschild Foundation. Additionally we received £32,000 in donations from local churches businesses and individuals during the year.

The Clare Foundation kindly supported us with funding towards securing short-stay emergency accommodation for clients and Heart of Bucks gave a grant towards our Essential needs fund. This helps us to provide personalised support for clients. The Vicar's Relief Fund continues to support our clients with grants towards accessing accommodation.

The charity has a continued to receive a small number of donations in kind (food, clothing, toiletries) during the period. These were kindly donated by members of the public.

Section F Other optional information


In the second half of the year AHAG and WHC have been exploring ways that both organisations could work more closely together to help further our aims of preventing homelessness across the County. This work resulted in a short term agreement collaborative between the organisations where the CEO of WHC was seconded to AHAG for 2 days per week. We continue to explore opportunities between both organisations as we have common aims with regard to homelessness and prevention and hope to build stronger ties in the coming years.

The trustees have decided to suspend the process of conversion to a CIO until after the partnership work with Wycombe Homeless Connection has been reviewed.

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	SUE GILES	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	
Date	24.10.22.	



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01-Apr-21	To	Period end date 31-Mar-22
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
AVDC Core Fund Grant		23,290	-	23,290	23,290.00
Buckinghamshire Council		775		775	30,000.00
Buckinghamshire Council Rough Sleeper Initiative	39,829			39,829	36,604.73
Buckinghamshire Council Local Emergency Support				-	5,000.00
Henry Smith Charity		30,000		30,000	30,000.00
Rothschild Foundation (Advocacy work)		10,000		10,000	26,500.00
Rothschild Foundation (Rent arrears)				-	40,000.00
The Clare Foundation	3,000			3,000	
Heart of Bucks	5,000			5,000	
Sobell Foundation				-	10,000.00
Groundwork UK (Tesco)(Starter packs)				-	1,166.00
Vicar's Relief Fund		2,340		2,340	2,675.00
Christmas Hamper Fund				-	3,451.52
Gift Aid	893		-	893	1,272.97
Other donations	32,138		-	32,138	23,974.14
Interest	981			981	1,269.58
Other income	140	99	-	239	76.68
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	81,982	66,504	-	148,486	234,181
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	81,982	66,504	-	148,486	234,181
A3 Payments					
Staff Costs	67,821	65,345	-	133,166	123,276
Rent (Office & Hub)	6,247	1,385	-	7,632	6,360
Rent (B&B)	874			874	-
Database		288	-	288	288
Rent Deposit Scheme	295	36,150	-	36,445	16,418
Utilities & Telephone	1,046	1,771	-	2,817	2,440
Office Expenses	4,653	822	-	5,375	318
Starter Packs	94	1,176	-	1,269	1,406
Web & Publicity			-	-	135
Catering	706	382	-	1,087	133
Training & Travel	1,515	179	-	1,694	41
Fundraising & Marketing costs	2,052		-	2,052	144
Miscellaneous costs	1,185	360	-	1,546	899
Insurance		928	-	928	849
Christmas Hamper Fund			-	-	3,452
			-	-	-
Sub total	86,389	108,785	-	195,174	156,157
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	86,389	108,785	-	195,174	156,157
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 4,407	- 42,281	-	- 46,688	78,023
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	183,959	92,615	-	276,573	198,550
Cash funds this year end	179,552	50,333	-	229,885	276,573

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current accounts net of uncleared cheques	94,308	50,333	-
	Savings accounts	85,022	-	-
	Petty cash & Gift cards	224	-	-
	Total cash funds	179,552	50,333	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

OK	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	OK	Restricted funds to nearest £	OK	Endowment funds to nearest £
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Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Some rent deposits may be received back at a future date (not quantified)	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	DUE GILES	24.10.22



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name:
Aylesbury Homeless Action Group

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st March 2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

1009983

Set out on pages

1 and 2

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

**Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent
examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed:

Date:

26/10/22

Name:

R J Marshall

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Address:

45 Walton Road, Aylesbury, Bucks HP21 7SR

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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AYLESBURY HOMELESS ACTION GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 1009983

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date		Period end date	
From	1 April 2020	To	31 March 2021

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Postcode

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Sue Giles	Chair		
2	Paul Walter	Treasurer		
3	Linda Puttick			
4	Gill Lawrence			
5	Robert Brown		Elected 9 th November 2020	Board of Trustees
6				
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Constitution

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

Association

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Appointed/Invited by Executive Committee

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To relieve hardship, need and distress amongst those who are homeless, in particular people of the ages 18 years or over.

To educate the public concerning the homeless and inadequately housed.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The coronavirus pandemic has had a significant impact on the way that we have delivered our services. We could no longer safely run our drop in sessions or provide face to face support. However, we adapted quickly and case workers continued to work with clients via telephone, email & video calls. We have worked to ensure that clients are easily able to access help. In addition to the above ways to make contact we have set up an online chat function on our website as another means for new clients to get in touch.

We have set up a legal clinic in partnership with Wycombe Homeless Connection and Hillingdon Law Centre. This allows us to offer free legal housing advice to any person facing eviction. It has successfully prevented a number of people from becoming homeless and we anticipate that the project will have greater demand with the potential rise in cases following the lifting of the eviction ban.

We have also extended the contract for our mental health workers. With the impact of the pandemic on clients' mental health this services has offered additional support throughout the past year. Staff have also received supervision and support as they have had to deal with a number of difficult and complex clients.

We have worked as part of a wider team providing housing support to those who were offered temporary accommodation by the council. This has been very challenging at times as many clients have additional complex support needs. However there have been stories of real success as clients have been assisted into sustainable permanent housing.

One of our experienced volunteers has supported clients with access to benefits, in particular when making Personal Independence Payment claims. This was particularly beneficial whilst the Job Centres were closed.

The charity has not been able to use its other volunteer supporters as much due to the suspension of the drop in sessions, however, we have been able to use their skills to provide a befriending service to some of our clients. This offered a friendly ear to some of our more isolated clients who were experiencing loneliness due to lockdown.

All our services are offered free of charge to the general public.

We confirm that the Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

This year 185 (279) people have sought help from the charity. Of these 101 (176) were accessing services for the first time. 59% (53%) of homeless clients have secured housing in the past year. Within the twelve month period we worked with 51 (60) clients to prevent them from becoming homeless and 75 (60) clients received ongoing tenancy support.

In the first 3 months of the advocacy clinic we were able to support 7 clients with housing legal advice.

Mental health support was offered to 19 clients during the year.

Figures in brackets denote the data from 2019/20.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

AHAG aims to maintain reserves consisting of:

- Reserves to meet redundancy liabilities
- General contingency reserves equal to between six & twelve months total expenditure.

Unrestricted funds at 31st March 2020 are £183,959. After meeting the requirements above there is currently a surplus of £26,038. This will be a short term issue as several of our three-year grants have now ended so lower income is anticipated this and the next financial year.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

AHAG's work is supported by of the Henry Smith Charity, Buckinghamshire Council, the Sobell Foundation and the Rothschild Foundation. Additionally we received £24,000 in donations from local churches businesses and individuals during the year.

We have also benefitted from a donation from Tesco's Bags of Help scheme towards new home starter packs. The Vicar's Relief Fund continues to support our clients with grants towards accessing accommodation and we supported St. Mary's Church with their Christmas Hamper fundraising appeal.

The charity has a continued to receive a small number of donations in kind (food, clothing, toiletries) during the period. These were kindly donated by members of the public.



Section F Other optional information

The trustees have passed the resolution to convert the charity to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. It will have a new name 'Aylesbury Homeless and Housing Support'. It will not affect our aims, activities, accounting arrangements or fundraising work. The process set out by the Charity Commission is being followed for the conversion. At the appropriate time there will be a transfer of the assets and undertakings of Aylesbury Homeless Action Group to the CIO.

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	SUSAN RHIANNON GILES	PAM WALTER
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	Treasurer
Date	13.9.21	



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01-Apr-20

To

31-Mar-21

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
AVDC Core Fund Grant		23,280	-	23,280	23,280
Buckinghamshire Council	5,000	25,000		30,000	
Buckinghamshire Council Rough Sleeper Initiative	35,605			35,605	36,660
Buckinghamshire Council Local Emergency Support		5,000		5,000	
Henry Smith Charity		30,000		30,000	30,000
Rothschild Foundation (Advocacy work)		26,500		26,500	-
Rothschild Foundation (Rent arrears)		40,000		40,000	
Sobell Foundation	10,000			10,000	10,000
Groundwork UK (Tesco)(Starter packs)		1,166		1,166	
Vicar's Relief Fund		2,575		2,575	2,292
Christmas Hamper Fund		3,452		3,452	
Gift Aid	1,273		-	1,273	655
Other donations	23,974		-	23,974	37,601
Interest	1,270		-	1,270	93
Other Income	77		-	77	238
Shanly Foundation (Starter packs)			-	-	7,500
AVDC Complex Needs support			-	-	5,600
Heart of Bucks			-	-	507
			-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	77,198	166,983	-	234,181	154,636
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	77,198	166,983	-	234,181	154,636
A3 Payments					
Staff Costs	73,153	60,123	-	123,276	116,804
Rent (Office & Hub)		6,360	-	6,360	6,072
Database		268	-	268	-
Rent Deposit Scheme		16,418	-	16,418	5,977
Utilities & Telephone		2,440	-	2,440	3,282
Office Expenses		318	-	318	6,079
Starter Packs	324	1,082	-	1,406	541
Web & Publicity		135	-	135	170
Catering		133	-	133	706
Training & Travel		41	-	41	708
Fundraising costs	144		-	144	1,293
Miscellaneous costs		899	-	899	1,582
Insurance		849	-	849	748
Christmas Hamper Fund		3,452	-	3,452	-
			-	-	-
Sub total	73,621	82,536	-	156,157	143,939
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	73,621	82,536	-	156,157	143,939
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,577	74,447	-	78,023	10,697
A5 Transfers between funds	16	16	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	180,366	18,184	-	198,550	187,853
Cash funds this year end	183,959	92,615	-	276,573	198,550

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current accounts net of uncleared cheques	98,780	92,615	-
	Savings accounts	85,022	-	-
	Petty cash	157	-	-
	Total cash funds	183,959	92,615	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))



Categories	Details	OK Unrestricted funds to nearest £	OK Restricted funds to nearest £	OK Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Some rent deposits may be received back at a future date (not quantified)	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	SUSAN GILES	13.9.21
	PAUL WALTER	13/9/21



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Aylesbury Homeless Action Group

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 st March 2021	Charity no (if any)	1009983
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Set out on pages

1 and 2
(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

**Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent
examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed:

Date:

Name:

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Address:

45 Walton Road, Aylesbury, Bucks HP21 7SR

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

