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Charity registration number: 1020295

The Sanctuary Trust Limited

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2025



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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Mr C M Cowan Mr J A Edwards Mr E M Fowler Reverend C R McCann Reverend S Riding
Secretary	Mrs K O'Brien
Senior Management / Leadership Team	Mr D Lackner-Smith, Founder / Ambassador Mrs K O'Brien, Head of People Mr R Rowe, Head of Development Mrs J Rowley, Head of Operations Mr J Wigley, CEO
Charity Registration Number	1020295
Company Registration Number	02721623
Registered Office	The charity is incorporated in England and Wales. Globe House Moss Bridge Rd Rochdale OL16 5EB
Auditor	KM Chartered Accountants 1st Floor, Block C The Wharf Manchester Road Burnley Lancashire BB11 1JG
Bankers	National Westminster Bank PLC Town Hall Square Rochdale OL16 1LL

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Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements and auditors' report of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Trustees

Mr C M Cowan

Mr J A Edwards

Mr E M Fowler

Reverend C R McCann

Mrs L E Mills (resigned 21 October 2024)

Reverend S Riding

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The Sanctuary Trust is a practical expression of God's love, providing support and encouragement for people who are homeless or seeking to take control of their lives through drug, alcohol or other homeless-related problems.

The trust's aim is to help people to take a full place in society and live independently, and to give vulnerable people opportunity to improve their quality of life by providing a stable environment which enables them to take greater responsibility for their lives.

The Trustees are mindful of the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit. We believe that our activities make a significant difference to the lives of our clients and benefit the local communities in which we work. Our activities are planned to improve the lives of homeless people and to reduce homelessness.

Review of activities and achievements

In the year under review, the Charity's activities have continued to be directed to meet the need of those people who are homeless, at risk of homelessness or are otherwise affected through drug, alcohol or other homeless-related problems.

These activities have continued across the Greater Manchester region and North West Wales region where demand for our services has continued to increase, and where our response has both adapted and expanded, whilst being faced with a continuing pressure from the funding challenges placed on many of our key stakeholder funders.

This expansion has particularly been seen in North West Wales with new services being provided in our traditional locations and with traditional services being provided in new locations. Our Greater Manchester provision has also grown with new services being provided in the communities that we are well known in.

Our main commissioners in these areas have provided great support to our initiatives and we have been able to continue our residential offerings and provide on street support to those with nowhere else to turn. Our support services have provided practical support to help to prevent those who would otherwise become homeless. The support provided by our commissioners has been augmented by the generosity of our grant funders and other regular donors who provide support in monetary and in other practical ways.

The reputation of the Charity is underpinned by a dedicated team of staff and volunteers who lead the projects which deliver the most important outcomes, and without which we would be unable to make a difference in places where it is most needed. In addition to these 'front line' staff, the wider team have provided support to clients and colleagues with new initiatives, fundraising, care and concern, and good governance.

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The Charity's social value contribution has grown with the placements for social work students from Salford University being extended into Manchester Metropolitan University and the University of Chester and through our involvement in multi-disciplinary discussions across the wider third sector and public sector teams.

In reflecting on the past year, we recognise the need to continue to deliver our vision through our whole team making a real difference in the neighbourhoods where we live and work, and we remain determined to reducing homelessness in these areas, with the support of fellow providers, funders and commissioners.

Plans for future periods

The Charity remains firmly fixed on its pledges to:

- Relieve homelessness
- End homelessness
- Prevent homelessness

To deliver these pledges the Charity has updated its supporting objectives to enable it to:

1. Create and Transform Homes with Purpose

Develop and renovate high-quality, affordable homes that reflect the aspirations of people with lived experience of homelessness or those at risk—providing safe, dignified places to thrive.

2. Deliver with Integrity and Vision

Operate as a well-led, values-driven charity committed to ethical leadership, continuous improvement, and meaningful impact.

3. Grow Sustainably and Responsibly

Maintain a strong, sustainable operating model that supports long-term growth and enables us to extend our reach and deepen our support.

The Charity continues to demonstrate progress in all of these areas and has exciting plans for the years ahead which it is determined to deliver.

Financial review

The charity's principal funding sources during the year were service contract income £1,197,580 (2024: £716,984), housing benefits received £1,039,755 (2024: £903,052) and a contribution received from the Welsh Assembly of £175,009 (2024: £162,346). Other sources of income received are shown in notes 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 to the accounts. These resources have been used to provide accommodation and support to homeless and other vulnerable people.

With this expansion of services with new and existing commissioners, this has resulted in the charity reporting an increase in surplus for the year of £134,785 (2024: £13,616 deficit), further details of which are shown in the statement of financial activities on page 11. The charity's financial position at the end of the year is shown on the balance sheet (page 12), which shows that the charity's funds have been increased from £388,435 at 31 March 2024 to £523,220 at the end of the current year. These funds are further split between restricted and unrestricted. At the year end The Sanctuary Trust has restricted funds of £60,970 (2024: £108,450) and unrestricted funds of £462,250 (2024: £279,985), which can be seen in greater detail in note 22.

The Trustees consider the state of the charity's affairs to be satisfactory and look to the future with confidence.

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Policy for managing risk and reserves

The trustees have assessed the risks and uncertainties to which the charity is exposed and consider the principal areas to be as follows:

- Continue to provide services that are both in line with the Charity's objectives and are most relevantly meeting the needs of the communities it serves
- Ensure all services are provided in a manner which is financially sustainable for the Charity and provide outcomes to the commissioners which are cost effective and demonstrate added value
- Deliver services which are meeting the quality levels expected by the Charity and which follow best practice in the sector

The trustees are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate the charity's exposure to major risks. As part of that process, the trustees have implemented a risk management strategy, which comprises:

- An annual review of the risks which the charity may face
- The establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate those identified in the plan and
- The implementation of procedures designed to minimize any potential impact on the charity should any of those risks materialise.

It is the policy of the charity to maintain free reserves, which are unrestricted funds less fixed assets included therein (see note 22 to the accounts), at a level which equates to approximately three to four months unrestricted expenditure. This provides sufficient funds to cover management, administration and support costs and to respond to emergencies which may arise from time to time.

The amount of free reserves available at 31 March 2025 was £175,794 (2024: £103,077). The trustees are aware of the surplus earned in this financial year, which is a result of the planned investments in prior years done with the aim of growing the charity. The charity continues its programme of additional income generation and close cost management and will continue to monitor the financial position of the charity so that reserves move towards the target level.

Volunteers

The charity is very fortunate to have a large number of people who are willing to volunteer to assist in furthering the objects of providing support and encouragement for people who are homeless. There are formal processes in place to ensure that volunteers have appropriate training or experience and that they meet all legal requirements.

During the year the average number of volunteers that the charity had was 40 (2024: 45), with the decrease arising following changes to one of the projects in North Wales.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The Sanctuary Trust Limited is a company limited by guarantee governed by its memorandum and articles of association dated 9 June 1992. It is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission.

Organisational Structure

A board of trustees, who meet on a regular basis, administer the charity. The Charity's leadership team (led by its CEO) are appointed by the board to manage the day to day operations of the organisation. The Sanctuary Trust is an accredited Living Wage employer and reviews its levels of pay on an annual basis in order to continue to remunerate all employees in excess of these minimums.

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Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The Board seek to appoint trustees as vacancies arise or if they become aware that a person with appropriate skills and experience is available and willing to join the board.

Trustees' induction and training

There is no formal training provided for trustees but they are advised to read the literature available from the Charity Commission and they are made aware of their general duties and responsibilities as part of the recruitment process and once they join the board and attend meetings.

Disclosure of information to auditor

Each trustee has taken steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information. The trustees confirm that there is no relevant information that they know of and of which they know the auditor is unaware.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 16 September 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'K O'Brien', written over a dotted line.

Mrs K O'Brien
Secretary

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of The Sanctuary Trust Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards, comprising FRS 102 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that can disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 16 September 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



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Mrs K O'Brien
Secretary

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of The Sanctuary Trust Limited

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Sanctuary Trust Limited (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, Statement of Cash Flows, and Notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising Charities SORP - FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and applicable law (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the original financial statements were authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Trustees' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities (set out on page 6), the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The specific procedures for this engagement and the extent to which these are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below.

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the charity through discussions with trustees and other management, and from our knowledge and experience of the charity sector;

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- we focussed on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the charity, including the Charities Act 2011;
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence; and
- we identified laws and regulations which were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures on material balances for which robust, substantive analytical procedures have been undertaken to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of noncompliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the directors and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and its trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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Mark Heaton FCCA DchA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of KM, Statutory Auditor

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16 September 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £
Income from:							
Donations	4	13,189	30,968	44,157	8,953	39,080	48,033
Charitable activities	5	2,479,951	9,400	2,489,351	1,836,223	60,052	1,896,275
Other trading activities	6	47,213	-	47,213	53,392	-	53,392
Investment income	7	9,607	-	9,607	2,715	-	2,715
Other income	8	39,563	-	39,563	-	-	-
Total income		<u>2,589,523</u>	<u>40,368</u>	<u>2,629,891</u>	<u>1,901,283</u>	<u>99,132</u>	<u>2,000,415</u>
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	9	(50,834)	-	(50,834)	(68,690)	(636)	(69,326)
Charitable activities	10	<u>(2,356,424)</u>	<u>(87,848)</u>	<u>(2,444,272)</u>	<u>(1,835,987)</u>	<u>(108,718)</u>	<u>(1,944,705)</u>
Total expenditure		<u>(2,407,258)</u>	<u>(87,848)</u>	<u>(2,495,106)</u>	<u>(1,904,677)</u>	<u>(109,354)</u>	<u>(2,014,031)</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		<u>182,265</u>	<u>(47,480)</u>	<u>134,785</u>	<u>(3,394)</u>	<u>(10,222)</u>	<u>(13,616)</u>
Net movement in funds		182,265	(47,480)	134,785	(3,394)	(10,222)	(13,616)
Reconciliation of funds							
Total funds brought forward		<u>279,985</u>	<u>108,450</u>	<u>388,435</u>	<u>283,379</u>	<u>118,672</u>	<u>402,051</u>
Total funds carried forward	22	<u><u>462,250</u></u>	<u><u>60,970</u></u>	<u><u>523,220</u></u>	<u><u>279,985</u></u>	<u><u>108,450</u></u>	<u><u>388,435</u></u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods. The funds breakdown are shown in note 22.

The notes on pages 14 to 25 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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(Registration number: 02721623)
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	16	347,730	242,392
Current assets			
Debtors	17	203,172	100,038
Cash at bank and in hand		328,428	167,628
		531,600	267,666
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	18	(175,721)	(121,623)
Net current assets		355,879	146,043
Total assets less current liabilities		703,609	388,435
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	19	(180,389)	-
Net assets		523,220	388,435
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		60,970	108,450
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		462,250	279,985
Total funds	22	523,220	388,435

The financial statements on pages 11 to 25 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 16 September 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



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Reverend C R McCann
Trustee

The notes on pages 14 to 25 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Cash Flows for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net (expenditure)/ income		134,785	(13,616)
Adjustments to cash flows from non-cash items			
Depreciation	16	21,390	20,898
Investment income	7	(9,607)	(2,715)
Interest payable	9	7,446	-
Profit on disposal of tangible fixed assets		<u>(39,563)</u>	<u>-</u>
		114,451	4,567
Working capital adjustments			
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	17	(103,134)	11,681
Increase in creditors	18	<u>50,950</u>	<u>25,288</u>
Net cash flows from operating activities		<u>62,267</u>	<u>41,536</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest receivable and similar income	7	9,607	2,715
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	16	(191,556)	(2,352)
Proceeds from sale of tangible assets		<u>104,391</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash flows from investing activities		<u>(77,558)</u>	<u>363</u>
Cash flows from financing activities			
Interest payable and similar charges	9	(7,446)	-
Value of new loans obtained during the period		185,000	-
Repayment of loans and borrowings		<u>(1,463)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash flows from financing activities		<u>176,091</u>	<u>-</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		160,800	41,899
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward		<u>167,628</u>	<u>125,729</u>
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward		<u><u>328,428</u></u>	<u><u>167,628</u></u>

All of the cash flows are derived from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The notes on pages 14 to 25 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

1 Charity status

The charity is limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales, and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

The address of its registered office is:

Globe House
Moss Bridge Rd
Rochdale
OL16 5EB

These financial statements were authorised for issue by the trustees on 16 September 2025.

2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)) (issued in October 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of preparation

The Sanctuary Trust Limited meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

Income

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

Donations

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

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Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees' meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Land and buildings	5% per annum reducing balance basis
Plant and machinery	20% per annum reducing balance basis
Computer equipment	33% per annum straight line basis
Motor vehicles	25% per annum reducing balance basis

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from organisations for services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Trade creditors

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the charity does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Borrowings

Interest-bearing borrowings are initially recorded at fair value, net of transaction costs. Interest-bearing borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost, with the difference between the proceeds, net of transaction costs, and the amount due on redemption being recognised as a charge to the Statement of Financial Activities over the period of the relevant borrowing.

Interest expense is recognised on the basis of the effective interest method and is included in interest payable and similar charges.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the charity has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting date.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

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Pensions and other post retirement obligations

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

3 Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

Judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both periods.

Key sources of estimation uncertainty

The estimates and assumptions which have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities are as follows.

Depreciation

The depreciation expense is the recognition of the decline in the value of the asset and allocation of the cost of the asset over the periods in which the asset will be used. Judgements are made as to the estimated useful life of the assets; these are regularly reviewed to reflect the changing environment.

Deferred and accrued income

Deferred and accrued income is based on the assumption that the amounts received or to be received are recognised in the period in which the service was provided. Any amounts estimated are based on past experiences and amounts received following the year end. These judgements are regularly reviewed to reflect the changing environment.

4 Income from donations

	Unrestricted		Total 2025	Total 2024
	General £	Restricted £	£	£
Donations from institutions	1,940	5,089	7,029	13,471
Donations from individuals	6,937	22,767	29,704	30,510
Gift aid reclaimed	4,312	3,112	7,424	4,052
	<u>13,189</u>	<u>30,968</u>	<u>44,157</u>	<u>48,033</u>

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5 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted		Total 2025	Total 2024
	General £	Restricted £	£	£
Housing benefits	1,039,755	-	1,039,755	903,052
Service contracts	1,197,580	-	1,197,580	716,984
Rent received	55,157	-	55,157	53,841
Welsh Assembly contribution	175,009	-	175,009	162,346
Grants received	12,450	9,400	21,850	60,052
	<u>2,479,951</u>	<u>9,400</u>	<u>2,489,351</u>	<u>1,896,275</u>
Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:				
Action Together	-	-	-	5,758
Garfield Weston Foundation	6,500	-	6,500	-
Screwfix Foundation	4,950	-	4,950	-
Wales Council for Voluntary Action	1,000	-	1,000	-
Albert Gubay Foundation	-	-	-	17,963
Conwy food bank	-	9,400	9,400	36,331
	<u>12,450</u>	<u>9,400</u>	<u>21,850</u>	<u>60,052</u>

6 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted	Total 2025	Total 2024
	General £	£	£
Charity shop sales	47,213	47,213	53,392
	<u>47,213</u>	<u>47,213</u>	<u>53,392</u>

7 Investment income

	Unrestricted	Total 2025	Total 2024
	General £	£	£
Interest receivable and similar income;			
Interest receivable on bank deposits	9,607	9,607	2,715
	<u>9,607</u>	<u>9,607</u>	<u>2,715</u>

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8 Other income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Profit on disposal of tangible fixed assets	<u>39,563</u>	<u>39,563</u>	<u>-</u>

9 Expenditure on raising funds

a) Costs of trading activities

	Unrestricted General £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Charity shop running costs	<u>43,388</u>	<u>43,388</u>	<u>69,326</u>
	<u>43,388</u>	<u>43,388</u>	<u>69,326</u>

Included in the above are the salary costs apportioned to running the shop, £30,670 (2024: £40,026)

b) Investment management costs

	Unrestricted General £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Interest payable on loan	<u>7,446</u>	<u>7,446</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>7,446</u>	<u>7,446</u>	<u>-</u>

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10 Expenditure on charitable activities

		Unrestricted		Total	Total
	Note	General	Restricted	2025	2024
		£	£	£	£
Costs on delivering charitable service		747,910	63,670	811,580	536,392
Depreciation cost		17,674	3,711	21,385	20,898
Governance costs	11	57,999	1,409	59,408	24,927
Staff costs		1,532,841	19,058	1,551,899	1,362,488
		<u>2,356,424</u>	<u>87,848</u>	<u>2,444,272</u>	<u>1,944,705</u>

11 Analysis of governance and support costs

Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Total
	General		2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Audit fees				
Audit of the financial statements	3,824	1,036	4,860	6,000
Legal fees	54,175	373	54,548	18,927
	<u>57,999</u>	<u>1,409</u>	<u>59,408</u>	<u>24,927</u>

12 Net incoming/outgoing resources

Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year include:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Audit fees	4,860	6,000
Profit on disposal of tangible fixed assets	(39,563)	-
Depreciation of fixed assets	21,385	20,898
Loan interest payable	<u>7,446</u>	<u>-</u>

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13 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	1,379,021	1,268,576
Social security costs	106,049	93,189
Pension costs	84,731	29,864
Other staff costs	12,768	10,885
	<u>1,582,569</u>	<u>1,402,514</u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management / leadership team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2025 No	2024 No
Administrative	5	4
Direct charity work	51	49
	<u>56</u>	<u>53</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £119,068 (2024 - £109,303).

14 Auditors' remuneration

	2025 £	2024 £
Audit of the financial statements	<u>4,860</u>	<u>6,000</u>

15 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation on its exempt activities.

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16 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Plant, machinery and computer equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 April 2024	437,068	92,267	5,500	534,835
Additions	178,356	-	13,200	191,556
Disposals	<u>(150,996)</u>	<u>(7,767)</u>	<u>(1,500)</u>	<u>(160,263)</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>464,428</u>	<u>84,500</u>	<u>17,200</u>	<u>566,128</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2024	214,654	74,327	3,462	292,443
Charge for the year	14,949	4,504	1,937	21,390
Eliminated on disposals	<u>(88,314)</u>	<u>(6,734)</u>	<u>(387)</u>	<u>(95,435)</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>141,289</u>	<u>72,097</u>	<u>5,012</u>	<u>218,398</u>
Net book value				
At 31 March 2025	<u>323,139</u>	<u>12,403</u>	<u>12,188</u>	<u>347,730</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>222,414</u>	<u>17,940</u>	<u>2,038</u>	<u>242,392</u>

Included within the net book value of land and buildings above is £269,431 (2024 - £165,876) in respect of freehold land and buildings and £53,708 (2024 - £56,537) in respect of leaseholds.

17 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	109,648	18,303
Prepayments	38,672	26,897
Accrued income	51,402	50,077
Other debtors	<u>3,450</u>	<u>4,761</u>
	<u>203,172</u>	<u>100,038</u>

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18 Creditors

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	47,531	39,278
Loans - The Wales Council for Voluntary Action	3,148	-
Other taxation and social security	26,920	21,065
Other creditors	15,326	12,160
Accruals and deferred income	82,796	49,120
	<u>175,721</u>	<u>121,623</u>

19 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year

	2025 £
Loan - The Wales Council for Voluntary Action (2-5 years)	23,817
Loan - The Wales Council for Voluntary Action (over 5 years)	156,572
	<u>180,389</u>

The charity took out a loan during the year, amounting to £185,000. As part of the security for the loan, a charge has been placed against the property in which the loan was used to purchase. The current interest rate for the loan is 6%, and is expected to be fully paid by October 2049.

20 Obligations under leases and hire purchase contracts

Operating lease commitments

Total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Land and buildings		
Within one year	246,358	103,748
Between one and five years	1,060,689	257,293
	<u>1,307,047</u>	<u>361,041</u>

21 Pension and other schemes

Defined contribution pension scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge for the year represents contributions payable by the charity to the scheme and amounted to £84,731 (2024 - £29,863).

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22 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted					
General fund	103,077	2,589,523	(2,389,584)	(127,222)	175,794
Fixed asset fund	176,908	-	(17,674)	127,222	286,456
	<u>279,985</u>	<u>2,589,523</u>	<u>(2,407,258)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>462,250</u>
Restricted					
Purchase and improvement Tweedale Street	62,568	-	(3,128)	-	59,440
Albert Gubay Foundation grant	2,424	-	(2,424)	-	-
Conwy food bank	29,231	40,368	(68,069)	-	1,530
Action Together	14,227	-	(14,227)	-	-
	<u>108,450</u>	<u>40,368</u>	<u>(87,848)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>60,970</u>
Total funds	<u>388,435</u>	<u>2,629,891</u>	<u>(2,495,106)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>523,220</u>
	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted					
General funds	92,248	1,901,283	(1,888,102)	(2,352)	103,077
Fixed asset fund	191,131	-	(16,575)	2,352	176,908
	<u>283,379</u>	<u>1,901,283</u>	<u>(1,904,677)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>279,985</u>
Restricted					
Purchase and improvement Tweedale Street	65,861	-	(3,293)	-	62,568
Albert Gubay Foundation grant	6,176	17,963	(21,715)	-	2,424
Conwy food bank	37,010	75,411	(83,190)	-	29,231
Action Together	9,625	5,758	(1,156)	-	14,227
	<u>118,672</u>	<u>99,132</u>	<u>(109,354)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>108,450</u>
Total funds	<u>402,051</u>	<u>2,000,415</u>	<u>(2,014,031)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>388,435</u>

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23 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted £	Total funds at 2025 £
Tangible fixed assets	285,958	61,772	347,730
Current assets	531,600	-	531,600
Current liabilities	(174,919)	(802)	(175,721)
Creditors over 1 year	(180,389)	-	(180,389)
Total net assets	<u>462,250</u>	<u>60,970</u>	<u>523,220</u>
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted £	Total funds at 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	176,908	65,484	242,392
Current assets	224,700	42,966	267,666
Current liabilities	(121,623)	-	(121,623)
Total net assets	<u>279,985</u>	<u>108,450</u>	<u>388,435</u>

24 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.