

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1058183

Sefton Support Group
Unaudited Financial Statements
31 December 2025

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Sefton Support Group

Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2025

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Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 December 2025

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name Sefton Support Group

Charity registration number 1058183

Principal office 1 Duke Street
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The trustees

P Dunning
G McEvoy
L Lewis
KST McIntosh
J McEvoy
LJ McDowall

(Resigned 31 August 2025)
(Resigned 30 September 2025)

Independent examiner Mr G Mattocks
18 Mulberry Avenue
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Structure, governance and management

Sefton Support Group is a registered charity governed by a board of trustees, who meet regularly to review performance, oversee financial management, approve strategic decisions, and ensure the charity complies with its legal and regulatory obligations.

The charity operates in accordance with its constitution. The trustees also continue to utilize a Steering Group model to support strategic planning, partnership development and sustainability, alongside day-to-day operational management.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2025

Objectives and activities

Sefton Support Group exists to support individuals in Sefton and across Merseyside who are affected by serious illness, mental health challenges, and social isolation. Our services are inclusive, person-centred, and focused on emotional, physical, and mental wellbeing.

Key activities during 2025 included:

- Provision of peer support and a welcoming drop-in environment for local residents.
- Delivery of Community Wellbeing Sessions with guest speakers and partners, supported by National Lottery funding.
- Ongoing development of counselling and complementary therapy support.
- Launch of digital systems including a volunteer portal and online members' area to improve access, communication and internal efficiency.
- Continued marketing and local outreach to increase awareness and strengthen referral pathways, including engagement from NHS departments requesting information for patient packs and displays.

Reserves Policy

The charity maintains a reserves policy to ensure sufficient funds are available to manage day-to-day operations and unforeseen emergencies. Our current policy aims to hold at least 12 months of core running costs in unrestricted reserves, where possible.

Risk Management Policy

The trustees review risks on a regular basis and have implemented systems to mitigate potential threats. Key risks include reliance on grant funding, volunteer capacity, and maintaining service quality during periods of growth.

Risk is managed through:

- Diversification of income sources and proactive fundraising activity.
- Strategic planning and oversight through the trustees and Steering Group.
- Robust policies and procedures for safeguarding, data protection, and health & safety.
- Continued digitalisation of systems to reduce administrative burden and improve consistency in delivery and reporting.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2025

Achievements and performance

2025 was a year of consolidation and growth for the charity. Building on progress made in 2024, we strengthened our evidence of impact, expanded community engagement, and progressed core infrastructure to support sustainability.

Key achievements include:

- 520+ members supported during 2025.
- Around 140 regular monthly attendees, increasing across the year.
- Steady increase in drop-in visits (up ~3 percentage points vs 2024).
- 72% improved health management, 68% increased confidence, and 82% formed friendships outside group settings.
- Community Wellbeing Sessions continued to grow, with more than 165 participants attending sessions since the programme began by December 2025, and strong feedback shaping delivery.
- Implementation of a volunteer portal and online members' area (supported through UKSPF), improving access, coordination, communication and reporting.
- Secured 12 months' funding for a Centre Manager role via The Fore (£30,000), strengthening capacity for delivery, partnerships and long-term planning.
- Enhanced volunteer recruitment and support, including a well-attended annual volunteer meeting and promotion across multiple volunteer platforms.

These successes would not have been possible without the generous support of our funders and the unwavering commitment of our volunteers.

Financial review

At the start of the year, the charity's reserves stood at £37,647. During the year, incoming resources totalled £50,642 with total expenditure of £41,664.

At 31 December 2025, the charity's reserves stood at £46,625. This included £8,000 restricted as part of the Lottery funding for our wellbeing project and £22,500 was restricted for staff wages. Unrestricted reserves stood at £13,484.

Funders:

Funding granted at the end of 2024 helped support our running costs & Projects during 2025 and was from the following funders.

PH Holt, Pilkington, Yapp Charitable Trust, Eleanor Rathbone, Elizabeth Rathbone, Chrimes Family Charitable Trust, National Lottery.

Major funding support during 2025 included The Fore (£30,000 towards the charity's first paid member of staff), Yapp Charitable Trust (£3,000), and John Moores Foundation (£5,000), alongside continuing support from established funders supporting our running costs and projects.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2025

Plans for future periods

Looking ahead, Sefton Support Group will continue to develop services, strengthen sustainability, and build on the infrastructure established during 2025. Key priorities include:

- Continuing to recruit new volunteers, with a focus on widening age diversity and maintaining a strong volunteer base as demand grows.
- Progressing the Essence project (Therapy Academy concept) by building relationships with colleges, universities and training providers, with the aim of increasing access to therapies and later expanding into related wellbeing and beauty elements.
- Exploring collaborative income generation opportunities by working alongside CICs, supporting their growth in return for potential year-end investment as a longer-term strategy.
- Continuing to seek opportunities to establish a charitable retail outlet, including exploring premises support via external organisations to reduce overheads while the charity diversifies income streams.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 11/5/2026 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

P Dunning
Trustee



L Lewis
Trustee



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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Sefton Support Group

Year ended 31 December 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Sefton Support Group ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements 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

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

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

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



Mr G Mattocks
Independent Examiner

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Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 December 2025

		Unrestricted funds £	2025 Restricted funds £	Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
	Note				
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	4	12,803	37,839	50,642	52,432
Total income		<u>12,803</u>	<u>37,839</u>	<u>50,642</u>	<u>52,432</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities	5,6	20,858	20,806	41,664	23,752
Total expenditure		<u>20,858</u>	<u>20,806</u>	<u>41,664</u>	<u>23,752</u>
Net income		<u>(8,055)</u>	<u>17,033</u>	<u>8,978</u>	<u>28,680</u>
Transfers between funds		17	(17)	—	—
Net movement in funds		<u>(8,038)</u>	<u>17,016</u>	<u>8,978</u>	<u>28,680</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		21,522	16,125	37,647	8,967
Total funds carried forward		<u>13,484</u>	<u>33,141</u>	<u>46,625</u>	<u>37,647</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 8 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

31 December 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	10	2,893	848
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		44,890	37,819
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	1,158	1,020
Net current assets		<u>43,732</u>	<u>36,799</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>46,625</u>	<u>37,647</u>
Net assets		<u>46,625</u>	<u>37,647</u>
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds		33,141	16,125
Unrestricted funds		<u>13,484</u>	<u>21,522</u>
Total charity funds	12	<u>46,625</u>	<u>37,647</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 11.15.2026, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

P Dunning
Trustee



L Lewis
Trustee



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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2025

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is 1 Duke Street, Formby, Liverpool, L37 4AL.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2025

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2025

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Tangible assets *(continued)*

An increase in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of a revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, unless it reverses a charge for impairment that has previously been recognised as expenditure within the statement of financial activities. A decrease in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, except to which it offsets any previous revaluation gain, in which case the loss is shown within other recognised gains and losses on the statement of financial activities.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Equipment	-	over 5 years
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Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Where investments in shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment is subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in income and expenditure. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2025

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Financial instruments *(continued)*

Other financial instruments, including derivatives, are initially recognised at fair value, unless payment for an asset is deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate, in which case the asset is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value, with any changes recognised in the statement of financial activities, with the exception of hedging instruments in a designated hedging relationship.

Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised under the appropriate heading in the statement of financial activities in which the initial gain was recognised.

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets are either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics.

Any reversals of impairment are recognised immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Donations			
Donations	4,803	—	4,803
Grants			
National Lottery	—	—	—
Chrimes Family Charitable Trust	—	—	—
YAPP Charitable Trust	3,000	—	3,000
PH Holt Foundation	—	—	—
Eleanor Rathbone Trust	—	—	—
Elizabeth Rathbone Trust	—	—	—
John Moores Foundation	5,000	—	5,000
Pilkington Charitable Trust	—	—	—
The Camelia Trust	—	—	—
Sefton CVS - UKSPF	—	5,000	5,000
LCVS - Skelton Bounty	—	2,839	2,839
The FORE	—	30,000	30,000
	<u>12,803</u>	<u>37,839</u>	<u>50,642</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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4. Donations and legacies *(continued)*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Donations			
Donations	11,582	–	11,582
Grants			
National Lottery	–	19,150	19,150
Chrimes Family Charitable Trust	–	700	700
YAPP Charitable Trust	3,000	–	3,000
PH Holt Foundation	8,000	–	8,000
Eleanor Rathbone Trust	3,000	–	3,000
Elizabeth Rathbone Trust	1,500	–	1,500
John Moores Foundation	–	–	–
Pilkington Charitable Trust	5,000	–	5,000
The Camelia Trust	500	–	500
Sefton CVS - UKSPF	–	–	–
LCVS - Skelton Bounty	–	–	–
The FORE	–	–	–
	<u>32,582</u>	<u>19,850</u>	<u>52,432</u>

5. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Direct charitable costs	19,346	20,806	40,152
Support costs	1,512	–	1,512
	<u>20,858</u>	<u>20,806</u>	<u>41,664</u>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Direct charitable costs	19,067	3,665	22,732
Support costs	1,020	–	1,020
	<u>20,087</u>	<u>3,665</u>	<u>23,752</u>

6. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	Total funds 2025 £	Total fund 2024 £
Direct charitable costs	40,152	–	40,152	22,732
Governance costs	–	1,512	1,512	1,020
	<u>40,152</u>	<u>1,512</u>	<u>41,664</u>	<u>23,752</u>

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7. Net income

Net income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2025	2024
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>777</u>	<u>212</u>

8. Independent examination fees

	2025	2024
	£	£
Fees payable to the independent examiner for: Independent examination of the financial statements	<u>1,068</u>	<u>1,020</u>

9. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were received by the trustees.

10. Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment £
Cost	
At 1 January 2025	1,060
Additions	<u>2,822</u>
At 31 December 2025	<u>3,882</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 January 2025	212
Charge for the year	<u>777</u>
At 31 December 2025	<u>989</u>
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2025	<u>2,893</u>
At 31 December 2024	<u>848</u>

11. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	<u>1,158</u>	<u>1,020</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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12. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 January 2025	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 December 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	<u>21,522</u>	<u>12,803</u>	<u>(20,858)</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>13,484</u>

	At 1 January 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	<u>8,967</u>	<u>32,582</u>	<u>(20,087)</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>21,522</u>

Restricted funds

	At 1 January 2025	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 December 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds	<u>16,125</u>	<u>37,839</u>	<u>(20,806)</u>	<u>(17)</u>	<u>33,141</u>

	At 1 January 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds	<u>—</u>	<u>19,850</u>	<u>(3,665)</u>	<u>(60)</u>	<u>16,125</u>

Restricted funds were given towards the core costs and project expenditure of Sefton Support Group.

	At 1 January 2025	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 December 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
National Lottery	16,125		(7,741)		8,384
Sefton CVS - UKSPF		5,000	(5,000)		—
LCVS - Skelton Bounty		2,839	(565)	(17)	2,257
The FORE		30,000	(7,500)		22,500
	<u>16,125</u>	<u>37,839</u>	<u>(20,806)</u>	<u>(17)</u>	<u>33,141</u>

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13. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Tangible fixed assets	252	2,641	2,893
Current assets	14,390	30,500	44,890
Creditors less than 1 year	(1,158)	—	(1,158)
Net assets	13,484	33,141	46,625

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	336	512	848
Current assets	22,206	15,613	37,819
Creditors less than 1 year	(1,020)	—	(1,020)
Net assets	21,522	16,125	37,647

14. Financial instruments

The charity currently holds no financial instruments.

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Management Information

Year ended 31 December 2025

The following pages do not form part of the financial statements.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 December 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	4,803	11,582
National Lottery	—	19,150
Chrimes Family Charitable Trust	—	700
YAPP Charitable Trust	3,000	3,000
PH Holt Foundation	—	8,000
Eleanor Rathbone Trust	—	3,000
Elizabeth Rathbone Trust	—	1,500
John Moores Foundation	5,000	—
Pilkington Charitable Trust	—	5,000
The Camelia Trust	—	500
Sefton CVS - UKSPF	5,000	—
LCVS - Skelton Bounty	2,839	—
The FORE	30,000	—
	<u>50,642</u>	<u>52,432</u>
Total income	<u>50,642</u>	<u>52,432</u>
Expenditure		
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Purchases	283	1,049
Wages and salaries	7,500	—
Rent	7,500	7,799
Rates and water	844	189
Light and heat	1,646	2,380
Repairs and maintenance	137	339
Insurance	256	298
Other motor/travel costs	14	107
Legal and professional fees	1,819	2,016
Telephone	544	525
Other office costs	238	102
Depreciation	777	212
Advertising and marketing	4,676	3,697
Volunteers expenses	1,580	480
Therapy products	341	344
Project expenditure	11,215	2,837
General expenses	2,294	1,378
	<u>41,664</u>	<u>23,752</u>
Total expenditure	<u>41,664</u>	<u>23,752</u>
Net income	<u>8,978</u>	<u>28,680</u>

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Notes to the Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 December 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Direct charitable costs		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
Purchases	283	1,049
Wages and salaries	7,500	—
Rent	7,500	7,799
Rates & water	844	189
Light & heat	1,646	2,380
Repairs & maintenance	137	339
Insurance	256	298
Other motor/travel costs	14	107
Professional fees	307	996
Telephone	544	525
Other office costs	238	102
Depreciation	777	212
Advertising and marketing	4,676	3,697
Volunteers expenses	1,580	480
Therapy products	341	344
Project expenditure	11,215	2,837
General expenses	2,294	1,378
	<u>40,152</u>	<u>22,732</u>
Governance costs		
Accountancy fees	1,512	1,020
	<u>1,512</u>	<u>1,020</u>
Expenditure on charitable activities	<u>41,664</u>	<u>23,752</u>