

SHINEY ADVICE & RESOURCE PROJECT

A company limited by guarantee

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 Mar 2025

**Charity number 1065786
Company number 04769232**

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The Trustees present this report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2025. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 16 to 30 and comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document, the current Statement of Recommended Practice and the Companies Act 2006.

Reference and Administration Details

Registered Numbers	Charity Number 1065786 Company Number 04769232
Trustees	Christine Parkin - Chair Tia Patterson – Vice Chair Clinton Leeks OBE – Secretary Kathleen Levey - Treasurer Lisa Watson John Dannell Anne Lawson

The above are Directors and Trustees for the purposes of the Companies Act and Charities Act respectively.

Company Secretary	Clinton Leeks OBE – Secretary
Registered Office	17 Beatrice Terrace Shiney Row Houghton le Spring Tyne & Wear DH4 4QW
Principal staff member	Sylvia Copley – Chief Officer
Independent Examiner	Nicholas J Liley BK Plus Limited Chartered Certified Accountants 13 Windsor Terrace Jesmond Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 4HE
Bankers	Unity Trust Bank plc Nine Brindleyplace Birmingham B1 2HB

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Bankers	Monmouthshire Building Society Monmouthshire House John Frost Square Newport South Wales NP20 1PX Hedley & Co
Solicitors	20 Fawcett Street Sunderland SR1 1RZ

Structure, Governance and Management

Shiney Advice & Resource Project (ShARP) was established September 1981 under Memorandum and Articles of Association which set out the aims, objectives and governance of the organisation. ShARP was registered as a charity and incorporated as a company limited by guarantee on 19 May 2003.

ShARP has a Board made up of representation from the local community. The members of the Board are the Directors of the company. Recruitment is open and anyone with an interest in the area ShARP covers and who supports the aims and objectives of ShARP can volunteer for the Board. All positions on the Board are voted on and/or confirmed at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). Board members serve for a 3-year term. They are eligible for re-election at the end of their 3-year term and there will be no more than 15 and no less than 5 members at any one time.

The Board will invite co-options between AGMs from individual members whose experience or interests are relevant to the furthering of ShARP's objectives. Appointment of co-options will take place at ordinary meetings and take effect from the end of the meeting. At any one time no more than one third of the Board should be co-opted.

ShARP is a membership organisation and considers all suitably qualified and skilled members who apply to become Trustees. Most Trustees joining ShARP are familiar with the practical work of the organisation. New Trustees are invited to an induction session given by the Chair or a serving member of the Board.

These sessions include;

- The obligations of the Board
- The main documents describing the operational framework including the Memorandum and Articles
- Resourcing the financial position of ShARP as set out in the accounts
- Future plans and objectives

Organisational Structure

The Board meets bi-monthly and is responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the organisation. The Chief Officer is responsible for all aspects of operational management with support from the Chair and nominated board members, including the Treasurer.

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The Finance Sub Committee meets monthly and provides scrutiny to financial systems, monitors income and expenditure against budgets.

Pay Policy for Senior Staff

Trustees set the pay for the Chief Officer and other senior staff by comparing against equivalent roles within the voluntary sector. Inflationary pay awards are periodically approved.

Objects

The object of ShARP is the promotion of any charitable purpose for the benefit of the community living in Houghton-le-Spring and surrounding areas. These objects must be pursued with due regard to equality of opportunity and without discrimination on the grounds of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation.

In furtherance of its objects but not otherwise, the company has the following powers:

- * To inform, assist and advise people living, working, or otherwise connected with the area, in all matters relating to their rights and development.
- * To provide free advice and information to individuals and groups in matters relating to welfare rights, debt, housing and employment.
- * Promote and provide education and training in matters relating to citizens' rights and skills for personal development.
- * To promote the use of resources and sharing of knowledge for local individuals and groups.
- * To respond to the needs of the community by ensuring that the organisation is managed by local people and to provide training for them to function effectively.

Public Benefit Statements

The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on their legal duty on public benefit, and are satisfied that the Charity delivers public benefit, and due regard is paid to the guidance on public benefit when deciding on what new projects the charity should undertake.

Achievements and Performance

ShARP is a membership organisation. We are a busy community anchor and in 2024 - 2025 11378 people used advice services and centre-based activities. Our core business is the delivery of free, independent welfare rights, benefits and debt advice services to assist people in understanding their rights and claiming their entitlement. We continually review and refresh our services in response to national government policy, to address local priorities as identified through community consultation and to meet the needs of the community. In 2024 – 2025 we have focussed on ensuring the sustainability of the organisation. This has been achieved by-

- Reviewing advice services enabling us to prepare a bid for a new contract for delivery of First Tier Welfare Rights and Financial Wellbeing Advice for Sunderland City Council.
- Developing the first Centre for Warmth in Sunderland funded through Northern Gas Networks (NGN) to address the issue of rising level of fuel poverty, fuel debt as well as raising awareness about the dangers of Carbon Monoxide.
- Establishing a Digital Health Hub supported by Sunderland City Council.
- Working with Virgin Money Foundation to help develop their new Building Digital Skills programme.

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- Launching our new DigiMe project funded through Virgin Money Foundation which has consolidated a range of initiatives developed in response to experiences of digital exclusion, emerging issue of digital poverty and a recognition of fewer opportunities for social interactions.
- Continuing to provide a range of community activities including our very popular Marras group for local men, Knit and Natter group, craft activities, baby massage and Rhyme Time sessions delivered by the local Family Hub. We also support a range of community events including the coordination of the annual Shiny Row Christmas Lights Switch On event.
- Reviewing our Health and Safety policies by updating procedures, ensuring all staff and board members undertook relevant training. We now have named trustees with responsibility for Health and Safety and Safeguarding.
- Developing a new strategic partnership with other Community Anchor organisations in Sunderland to form the Sunderland Community Anchor CoLab. This initiative is supported by the Rank Foundation People and Places programme.
- Beginning to plan the expansion of the organisation by developing a satellite building in the Washington area to enable us to provide an improved service to this area.
- Carrying out essential repairs to our existing premises and refurbished some office spaces.

The core business of the charity is the development of the community through the provision of advice and the Board of Directors maintained that priority in all the areas of new work developed in 2024 – 2025. The development of new projects this year was made possible by the responsiveness and generosity of funders as well as the strengthening of our partnership working arrangements with other voluntary sector organisations.

The funding for the core costs of the charity remains a constant challenge and this year has been especially difficult for us due the impact of rising energy costs etc drawing heavily on our own resources. So, we are very grateful to funders and donors who have recognised that challenge and stepped forward to support our work.

The Board of Directors would like to thank all funders for their continued trust and support in what has been another challenging year as we sought new and innovative ways to support local people caught up in the Cost of Living crisis.

This year:

- We maintained accreditation from Advice Quality Standard (AQS) which quality assures our advice service.
- We have maintained Investors in People
- We maintained our accreditation as a Living Wage Employer and continued support to the Sunderland Living Wage Action Group.
- We maintained membership of Disability Rights UK because we are committed to ensuring that we are accessible, inclusive and visible to all members of our community.

Steps put in place last year to improve management of our financial systems has continued to help us manage the complexity of our funding sources and monitoring requirements.

We reviewed and refreshed the ShARP business plan and strategy to identify potential for growth and consolidation of all areas of the charities work.

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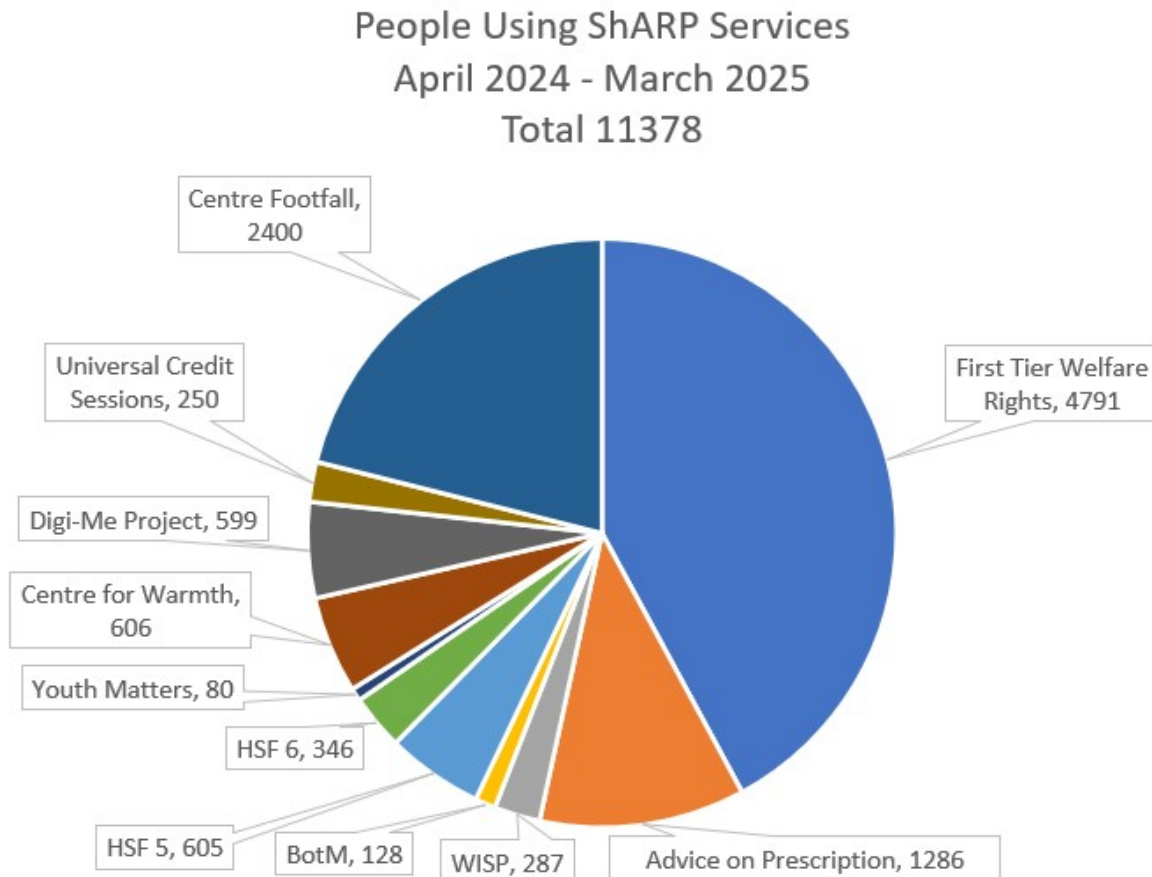
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The Board of Directors also would like to take this opportunity to formally acknowledge the work of the ShARP team and thank everyone for their commitment and efforts to support local people by providing the same high-quality service that we are proud of in what has been yet another challenging year.

Advice Services Report



The advice service continues to be at the core of ShARP providing free high quality, independent advice on welfare rights, debt and benefit entitlement. The organisation is valued by local people and professionals as a trusted provider of advice which demonstrates we are a valued community resource that people feel able to turn to when in difficulty.

The advice service now comprises of a number of projects funded by several different sources. These include the First Tier Welfare Rights contract (FTWR) commissioned by Sunderland City Council (SCC), Advice on Prescription (AoP) grant funded by Sunderland City Council Coalfield Area Committee, Shiney Homes Advice Project funded by a community grant from Nationwide Building Society, Washington Individual Support Project (WISP) funded by Reeds Grassroots Fund through the Community Foundation and SCC Washington Area Committee, R U Ready for UC (Universal Credit)? funded by SCC Coalfields Area Committee, ShARP Centre for Warmth funded through Northern Gas Networks to provide a dedicated resource for energy advice, and work for other local providers e.g. Back on The Map. This has enabled ShARP to make a greater contribution to the wider delivery of welfare rights, benefit and debt advice across the city of Sunderland.

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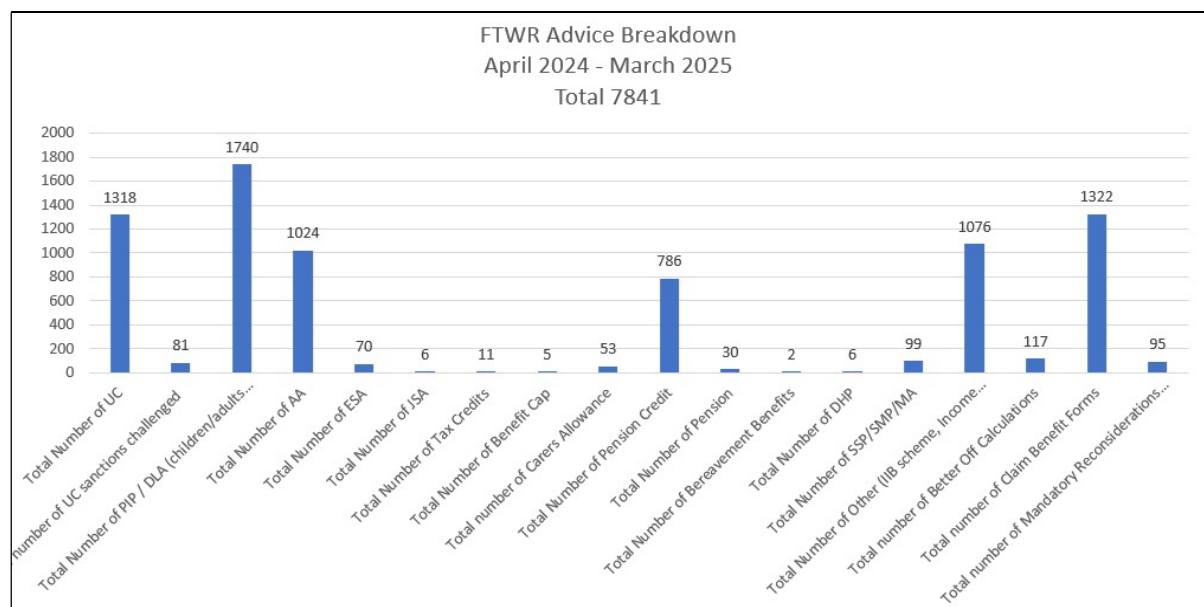
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Building on our work with SCC in the Links for Life programme we established an Advice Drop In for 12 hours each week which gave people experiencing hardship immediate access to advice as well as links to other support in our centre and through Links for Life partner organisations.

ShARP and Pallion Action Group (PAG) work in partnership, with ShARP as Lead Partner to deliver the First Tier Welfare Rights contract (FTWR) in the Coalfields, Washington Sunderland North and Sunderland West areas of the city. Both charities are recognised and funded by Virgin Money Foundation as Community Anchors. Both bring significant added value to delivery of the contract by working with those who find it difficult to engage with services ensuring the advice service is visible and accessible, increasing reach and providing support for people who need to access specialised services for Mental Health, drug and/or alcohol dependency etc. This partnership provides a unique opportunity to use limited resources effectively to offer high quality, seamless, comprehensive services in 4 areas of the city with both organisations providing advice and community based access to wider support through innovative approaches and community activities which support general health and wellbeing.

The ShARP advice team delivered advice to a total of 8,978 people in this reporting period through FTWR, AoP, WISP, Centre for Warmth, Household Support Fund Round 5, Household Support Fund Round 6, Back on the Map, Universal Credit Advice Sessions and our Youth Matters financial education project delivered in partnership with Oxclose District Young People's Project. This is an increase of 1,037 people on the last year demonstrating the growing need for advice services delivered at the heart of the community.

In 2024 to 2025 there has been an increase in the complexity of the presenting issues which often require a more detailed "case work" approach to ensure that immediate issues are resolved and additional support offered for underlying problems. We have strong relationships with Sunderland City Council Welfare Rights Service, WEAR Recovery, Sunderland Together4Children Early Help Team and the local Family Hubs, Adult Services, Crisis Mental Health Team, Shelter, Wearside Women in Need, Gentoo and other housing providers so that we can draw on the strengths and skills of each organisation to help our beneficiaries.

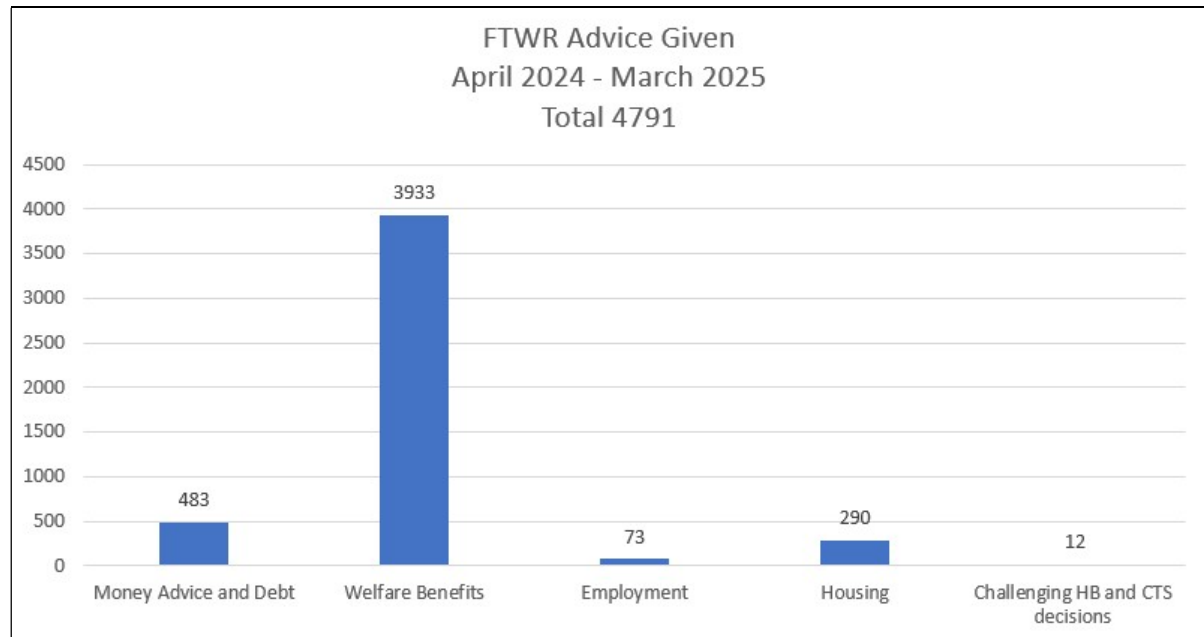


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This year saw energy costs escalate to unprecedented levels meaning that many households were paying more than 10% of their income for energy which plunged many people into fuel poverty. Together with rises in food costs and a general rise in prices across the board we saw an increase in the number of people experiencing hardship, rising levels of anxiety and periods of crisis for individuals and their families. As an independent provider of high-quality advice services, we are skilled, imaginative and able to innovate, and we utilised those skills fully as we worked in partnership with other providers to help Sunderland City Council deliver the government's Household Support Fund Rounds 5 and Round 6 providing targeted support to those people hardest hit by the impact of the cost of living crisis. Additional resources were provided so that Advice Workers could use dedicated time to work with people having trouble managing debt and needing support through Household Support Fund.

Centre for Warmth

Fuel poverty is a significant part of everyday life for many local people. In 2024/2025 Northern Gas Networks began roll out of a funded programme to establish Centres for Warmth. The ShARP Centre for Warmth was the first to be established in Sunderland. The Centre for Warmth project has 2 Advice Workers who provide energy advice, guidance on price comparisons, liaison with providers to agree payment plans for debt, applications to maximise income through claiming full entitlement and accessing grants. A key part of this project is raising awareness of the dangers of Carbon Monoxide (CO) and providing free CO detectors. The Advice Workers also support people to register on the Priority Services Register so that they can access help quickly in the event of a power failure etc.

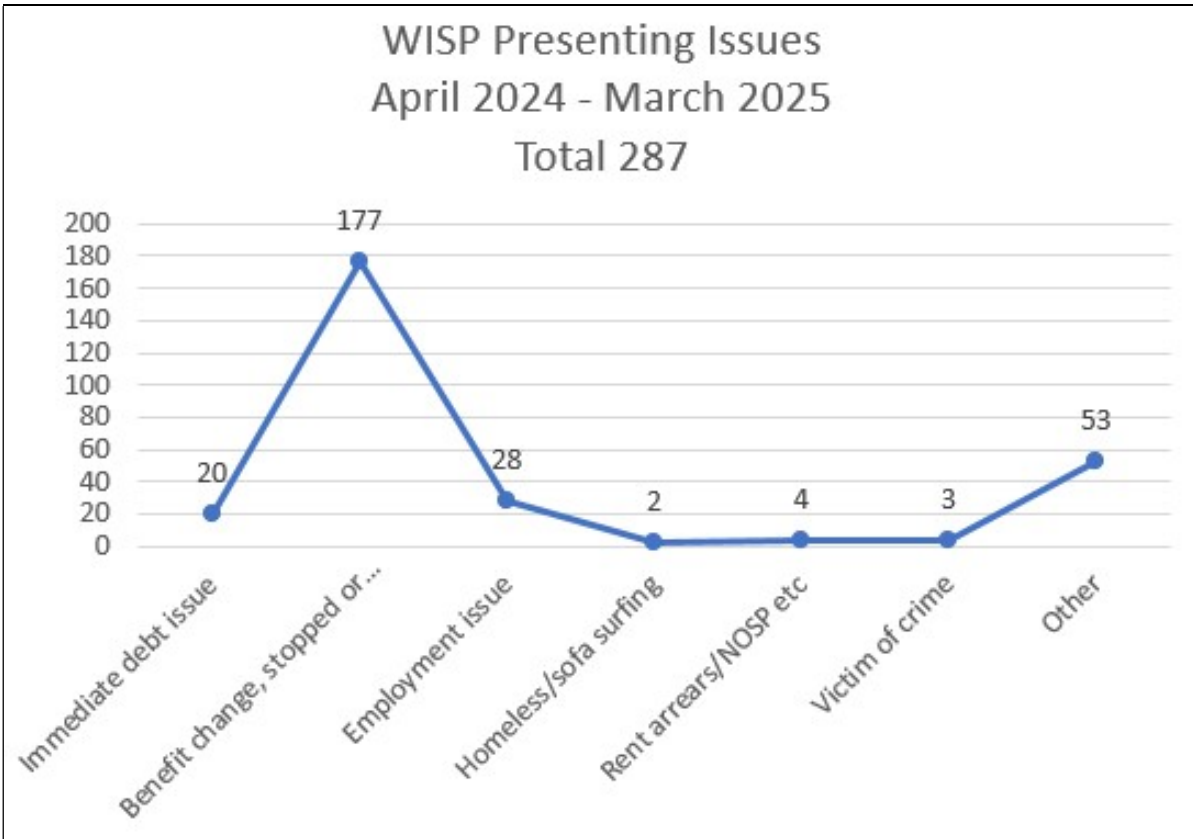
The Centre for Warmth offers a range of daily activities which give opportunities for people to meet, spend time together, build friendships and try out crafts, cooking, shared mealtimes etc.

Washington Individual Support Project (WISP)

The project is funded through Sunderland City Council Washington Area Committee and is now well established as a trusted service supporting those in crisis. The WISP Advice Worker works in partnership with Foodbanks in Washington providing advice to some of the most vulnerable people who present repeatedly in crisis to the foodbanks. Sometimes the crisis is caused because of being homeless, being sanctioned, escalating debt, drug or alcohol dependency or by having to wait for their first UC payment. The WISP Advice Worker has established excellent relationships with key partners including local Community Food Providers, Sunderland Foodbank, Gentoo, WEAR Recovery, Wearside Women in Need, Washington Job Centre, Social Prescribers, Age UK and Northumbria Police so that any additional support needs can be met by the most appropriate agency

Once the crisis is dealt with beneficiaries are introduced to other community groups where they can develop their interests, meet other people and make friends. The benefit of this multiagency approach is that we can address complex advice needs in an informal way and help to raise everyone’s understanding of their entitlement of the benefits system as well as other support.

The project received a grant from REEDS Grassroots Fund through Tyne & Wear Community Foundation in support of the work done with vulnerable people in Washington.



Back on The Map

The excellent partnership between Back on the Map, Sunderland and ShARP continues. Back on the Map refer their tenants to ShARP for independent advice. The advice provided is bespoke to the individual and can also identify wider unmet needs which the team at Back on the Map are then able to support through their centre- based and community outreach activities in Hendon. This year we supported targeted Back on The Map work funded through Independent Age which provided support and advice to older people in Hendon.

The approach and shared value base have made this a good example of partnership between two strong community-based organisations.

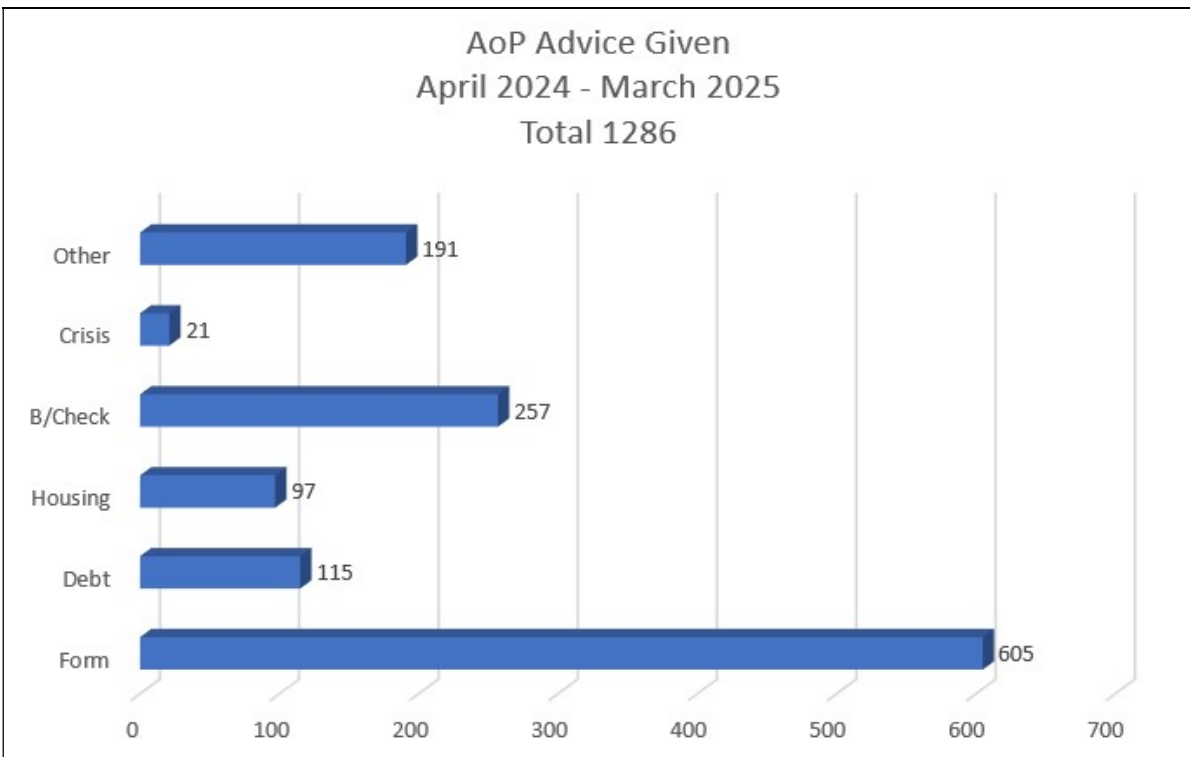
Advice on Prescription

Advice on Prescription is a social prescribing project and is delivered by two part time Advice on Prescription workers available to patients in each of the 6 GP surgeries in the Coalfields area. The project is grant funded until March 2025 by SCC through Coalfields Area Committee.

Advice on Prescription receives referrals from GPs, health professionals and social prescribers for patients who have low mood, anxiety or depression where causal factors may include worries about finances or debt.

Advice on Prescription has achieved recognition both with health professionals and with local people throughout the Coalfields area. The project has achieved all targets and made a significant impact by helping people claim their entitlement, address debt, maintain tenancy agreements etc.

The Advice Workers use a casework approach to provide ongoing support to those who need it as this is particularly effective when helping people experiencing anxiety, low mood or depression as it gives continuity of support.



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Community, Enterprise and Volunteering

In 2024 – 2025 we received several grants which allowed us to improve our centre and increase the number of group activities available to help address issues of loneliness and social isolation. We established craft groups, coffee and chat and also community cooking and mealtimes.

We continued to develop our Digital Health Hub in partnership with Sunderland City Council. One of our existing staff took on the role of Tech Mate to encourage local people to develop IT skills to safely engage with the digital world of online services for health, banking, managing bills, shopping etc. We joined the Good Things Foundation which enabled us to offer free data to those in need.

In 2024 Virgin Money Foundation invited ShARP to join a number of their funded community anchor organisations to help inform discussions for a new programme Building Digital Skills. We shared our knowledge about the emerging digital poverty and exclusion that people in our area were facing as essential services move online. Once the Building Digital Skills Programme was launched, we successfully applied for 3 year grant to establish the DigiMe Project which offers a person centred approach to building digital skills. The DigiMe Project Worker provides one to one and informal small group sessions using several approaches to build skills and confidence.

In the previous year we were fortunate to be awarded funding from the Norman Jackson Fund to establish our Back to The World project. This project aimed to develop centre based activities, recruit and support volunteers. We successfully established a dedicated post of Volunteer and Centre Development Worker which meant that we could access additional funding to support beneficiaries.

Volunteers are a vital support to the work of ShARP and the running of the Shiney Things Charity Shop and the Community Library. We rely on their support to deliver our community events including community consultations e.g. Shiney Row Christmas Lights Switch On, Shiney Marras Men's Group, holiday activities and our fundraising events for other charities.

The Board is grateful for the support given to the organisation by our team of committed volunteers.

In response to the Cost of Living Crisis Sunderland City Council continued to fund a number of centres to provide a Warm Space for those residents most affected. The ShARP centre provided a Warm Space Monday to Friday 9am-4.30pm offering warmth and food to local people. The ShARP advice team provided dedicated advice provision into other community based warm spaces to ensure that people were able to access support and advice about benefit entitlement and information on any grants available to them.

Funders and Supporters

We would like to thank the following funders who have supported us during this financial year. We are supported by a wide range of local and regional organisations including:

Funders

A Community Trust through Community Foundation Tyne & Wear and Northumberland

A Charitable Trust through Community Foundation Tyne & Wear and Northumberland

Anonymous Donor

Back on the Map

Gentoo(Empower)

Nationwide Building Society Community Grant

Norman Jackson Fund

Northern Gas Networks Community Partnering through Community Foundation Tyne & Wear and Northumberland

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Northern Gas Networks Centre for Warmth

REEDS Grassroots Fund

Springboard

Sunderland City Council - Coalfields Area Committee Neighbourhood Fund

Sunderland City Council – East Area Committee Neighbourhood Fund

Sunderland City Council – (First Tier Welfare Rights Contract)

Sunderland City Council Public Health

Sunderland City Council – Washington Area Committee Neighbourhood Fund

Sunderland Clinical Commissioning Group

SNCB/Community Opportunities

The Ballinger Trust

The Bernicia Foundation

The Henry Smith Charity

The Partiger Trust

The Rank Foundation

Virgin Money Foundation

Supporters

Age UK

Bethany Church (Sunderland and Hetton)

CHANCE

Citizens Advice Bureau

Durham Community Foundation

Fiscus

Friends of Herrington Country Park

Herrington Banner Group

Hetton New Dawn

Hetton Centre Family Hub

International Communities of Sunderland (ICOS)

Pallion Action Group

Rainbow Centre Family Hub

Sunderland Voluntary Sector Alliance

Sunderland International Bangladesh Centre

Sunderland MIND

Washington MIND

We are grateful for the support of our community and those businesses who support us through individual donations.

Financial Review

ShARP uses the Sage50 system which enables accurate and timely controls of finances. The Treasurer provides scrutiny to ensure that appropriate financial controls are in place, Chairs the Finance Sub Committee and ensures Board receives regular finance reports to support strategic decision making.

The Charity Shop Shiny Things is run by volunteers and generates unrestricted income which supports the work of ShARP.

Based on monies received and spent in the year ShARP has a surplus of £71,992.

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Reserves Policy

The Balance Sheet shows that there are restricted funds of £95,515 and unrestricted funds of £423,527 of which £368,817 is designated leaving general funds of £54,710. In line with recommendations from the Charities Commission the Trustees seek to build up unrestricted funds as reserves to cover 6 months running costs which equates to approximately £275,000.

Plans for the Future 2025-2026

Our core work has always been welfare rights advice. However, our success as an organisation stems from the use of community development principles and practice, flexibility and our ability to build relationships with the community, partners and funders. We will continue to ensure that these principles underpin our future development.

We will seek opportunities to work collaboratively with other organisations and strengthen existing partnerships

We will deliver growth for the organisation through achieving the targets in the Business Plan. We will work with communities to widen our reach and seek to opportunities to establish the ShARP model in other areas.

Sustainability of the organisation is a key priority for the Board, and we are working proactively and planning for the future.

Succession in terms of staffing and Board membership is important to the longer term sustainability of the organisation and we will review and strengthen our approach to recruitment, selection and retention of staff and Trustees. We will review and strengthen governance so that the organisation remains able to meet the charity objects to benefit the community. The Board will take up training opportunities and new Trustees will receive induction and training to support them in their role.

We will inform decision makers on local need. We will develop and deliver services in response to emerging need and local priorities as identified in future Community Consultations. We know that the Cost of Living Crisis continues to impact on local people despite the government's Household Support Fund and Cost of Living Payments made this year to support benefit claimants.

We expect that there will be limited funding available in the next year, particularly, to support the core costs of the charity. This will be a challenge for us at a time when additional resources will be needed to help people adjust to and manage whatever circumstances they find themselves in as we go through this next period so we will continue to work with partners whenever we can to make the best use of limited resources.

We know that many local people are already digitally excluded and this is likely to get worse as more services including health move online. There is a real risk that those people left behind face increased levels of poverty if they are unable to adapt and navigate their way through the rapidly developing move to a digital world. We will focus attention on working to mitigate the impact of that in our developing Digital Hub and DigiMe Project developing Digital Tech Mate Volunteers who will be able to access training through Good Things Foundation Learn My Way programme. In line with our values local people will be encouraged to increase self-determination and develop the necessary skills to apply for and manage benefits online. This focus on increasing self-help is in line with ShARP's aims and objectives and will become necessary as transition from legacy benefits to Universal Credit rolls out.

We will work with other organisations to try new approaches to support local people as needed.

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We will continue work to update our website and social media to modern standards so that it is accessible on all devices and easy to navigate. We will also continue to respond to local residents to meet their needs in a holistic way and develop opportunities for them to meet informally and enjoy a range of activities in the centre, for example the community library, community activities and volunteering opportunities.

At this point, ShARP is in a strong position to face the future. We will maintain our proactive pursuit of relevant funding sources and explore any opportunities for enterprise development and further partnerships to secure longer term sustainability for the organisation.

Statement of the Trustees Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Shiny Advice & Resource Project for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law, the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law).

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 the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- 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 which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to 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.

Risk Assessment

The trustees have considered any risks to which the charitable company might be exposed and are satisfied that the administrative, investment and financial procedures which are in place minimise the risk of any loss to the charitable company.

Health and Safety

The Trustees commissioned Gordon Rose Training to carry out a comprehensive review of Health and Safety across the organisation which identified some training needs. A named Trustee has

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responsibility for Health and Safety and has established a Health and Safety Subgroup to ensure the organisation meets requirements of relevant legislation.

Safeguarding

A named Trustee has responsibility for Safeguarding. The Trustees have reviewed the Safeguarding Children and Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults policies. All Staff and Trustees have completed Safeguarding training, and all have a current DBS check relevant to their role.

Exemption Statement

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 19 November 2025 and signed on its behalf by

Chris Parkin
Chair

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SHINEY ADVICE & RESOURCE PROJECT

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Shiny Advice & Resource Project ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.

Nicholas J Liley FCA
The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

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Date: 27 November 2025
Date:

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(INCLUDING SUMMARY INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

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	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<u>Income from:</u>						
Donations and legacies	7	3,558	-	817	4,375	2,735
Charitable activities						
Grants and contracts	8	119,063	85,000	405,521	609,584	439,067
Other trading activities	9	8,177	-	-	8,177	12,664
Investments	10	301	-	-	301	294
Total income		131,099	85,000	406,338	622,437	454,760
<u>Expenditure on:</u>						
Charitable activities						
Operation of the charity	13	133,019	14,244	403,182	550,445	504,618
Total expenditure		133,019	14,244	403,182	550,445	504,618
Net income/(expenditure)		(1,920)	70,756	3,156	71,992	(49,858)
Transfers between funds		(3,390)	5,989	(2,599)	-	-
Net movement of funds		(5,310)	76,745	557	71,992	(49,858)
<u>Reconciliation of funds</u>						
Total funds brought forward		60,020	292,072	94,958	447,050	496,908
Total funds carried forward		54,710	368,817	95,515	519,042	447,050

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 19 to 30 form an integral part of these accounts.

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Charity Number 1065786

Company Number 04769232

BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 March 2025

	Notes	£	Total 2025 £	£	Total 2024 £
<u>Fixed assets</u>					
Tangible assets	21		283,817		292,072
Total fixed assets			283,817		292,072
<u>Current assets</u>					
Debtors	22	63,041		69,485	
Cash at bank and in hand	23	221,969		143,933	
Total current assets		285,010		213,418	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	24	(49,785)		(58,440)	
Net current assets			235,225		154,978
Total assets less current liabilities			519,042		447,050
Total net assets or liabilities			519,042		447,050
<u>Funds of the charity</u>					
Unrestricted income funds			54,710		60,020
Designated income funds			368,817		292,072
Restricted income funds			95,515		94,958
Total funds			519,042		447,050

The company was entitled to an exemption from audit under s477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with the respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

The notes on pages 19 to 30 form an integral part of these accounts.

These financial statements were approved by the Board of trustees on: 19 November 2025

and are signed on its behalf by: Chris Parkin
Chair

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
<u>Cash flows from operating activities</u>			
Net movement in funds		71,992	(49,858)
Depreciation		14,244	14,519
Investment income		(301)	(294)
Decrease in trade receivables		6,444	(56,095)
Decrease in trade payables		(8,655)	561
<i>Cash generated from operations</i>		83,724	(91,167)
<u>Cash flow from investing activities</u>			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(5,989)	(7,490)
Interest received		301	294
<i>Net cash used in investing activities</i>		<u>(5,688)</u>	<u>(7,196)</u>
Increase in cash and cash equivalents		78,036	(98,363)
Cash and cash equivalents at start of year		143,933	242,296
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year		<u>221,969</u>	<u>143,933</u>

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1 Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

2 Basis of accounting

2.1 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 Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) – Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The presentation currency of the financial statements is the Pound Sterling (£). Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

Shiney Advice & Resource Project meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

2.2 Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

The charity reported total unrestricted funds at the year-end of £54,710 and has already secured a significant amount of funding for the current year.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. In making their assessment the trustees have reviewed and considered relevant information, including their annual budget and future cash flows. The trustees are of the view that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue and the immediate future of the charity for the next 12 months is secure and that on this basis the charity is a going concern.

3 Income

3.1 Recognition of income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the resources, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is more likely than not that the resources will be received and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

3.2 Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by FRS102 SORP or FRS102.

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3.3 Grants and donations

Income received in advance of the provision of a specified service is deferred until the criteria of income recognition are met.

3.4 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit.

3.5 Donated goods and services

Donated goods are measured at fair value (the amount for which the asset could be exchanged) unless impractical to do so.

Donated services and facilities are included in the SoFA when received at the value of the gift to the charity provided that the value of the gift can be measured reliably. Donated services and facilities that are consumed immediately are recognised as income with the equivalent amount recognised as an expense under the appropriate heading in the SoFA.

3.6 Volunteer help

The value of volunteer help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

3.7 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

3.8 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

4 Expenditure and liabilities

4.1 Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised when 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.

4.2 Charitable activities

Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of advice worker time and community activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.

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4.3 Governance and support costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance cost and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

4.4 Irrecoverable VAT

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

4.5 Creditors

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

4.6 Provisions for liabilities

A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date.

4.7 Financial instruments

Financial instruments are classified and accounted for, according to the substance of the contractual arrangement, as either financial assets, financial liabilities or equity instruments. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the company after deducting all off its liabilities.

4.8 Operating lease agreements

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged against profits on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

5 Assets

5.1 Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost, less estimated residual value of all tangible fixed assets over the expected useful life. The rates generally applicable are:

Freehold Property and Improvements	2% - 4% straight line
Fixtures fittings and equipment	10% - 33.3% reducing balance
Property refurbishment	6.67% straight line

6 Company Status

The charitable company is limited by guarantee in that every member undertakes to contribute such amounts as may be required in the event of the charitable company being wound-up, for the payments of the debts, liabilities and the cost of winding up not exceeding £1 per member. The address of the registered office and the members of the company who are the trustees are shown on page 1

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Analysis of income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
7 Donations and legacies					
Donations and gifts	3,558	-	817	4,375	2,735
	<u>3,558</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>817</u>	<u>4,375</u>	<u>2,735</u>
8 Charitable activities					
<u>Income from grants</u>					
Back on the Map	-	-	1,000	1,000	9,000
Ballinger Charitable Trust	7,500	7,500	-	15,000	15,000
Bernicia Foundation	-	10,000	-	10,000	-
Greggs Foundation	-	20,000	-	20,000	-
Henry Smith Foundation	60,000	-	-	60,000	60,000
Nationwide Foundation	-	-	-	-	7,500
Northern Gas Network - Centre for Warmth	-	-	45,000	45,000	-
Northern Gas Network - Community Foundation North East	-	-	-	-	8,416
Power for Change - Virgin Money Foundation	-	-	-	-	8,000
Rank Foundation	22,500	7,500	-	30,000	-
Partiger Trust - Community Foundation North East	-	-	7,160	7,160	-
Springwell Village Community Association	(900)	-	-	(900)	2,000
Sunderland City Council					
Community Asset Fund	6,875	-	-	6,875	-
Digital Hub	-	-	-	-	6,680
Links for Life	-	-	18,764	18,764	4,923
Washington Area Committee - Making Money Work	-	-	14,431	14,431	17,933
Coal Field Area Committee - Advice on Prescription	-	-	35,102	35,102	-
Springboard - R U Ready UC	-	-	5,933	5,933	5,751
Sunderland West Advice Project	-	-	5,000	5,000	20,000
Targeted Debt Advice	-	-	35,000	35,000	-
Washington Area Committee - WISP	-	-	11,269	11,269	15,169
UK Participatory Grant - Digital Hub Barmston	588	-	7,000	7,588	-
UK Participatory Grant - Mackem Money - Community Foundation North East	-	-	-	-	4,540
Virgin Money Community Anchors Fund	-	-	-	-	33,000
Virgin Money Building Digital Skills fund	-	-	19,894	19,894	-
Other grants	-	40,000	-	40,000	20,000
<u>Income from contracts</u>					
FTWR Contract - City of Sunderland	-	-	199,968	199,968	183,655
Household Support Fund administration	22,500	-	-	22,500	17,500
	<u>119,063</u>	<u>85,000</u>	<u>405,521</u>	<u>609,584</u>	<u>439,067</u>

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Analysis of income continued

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
9 Other trading activities					
Room hire and use of facilities	1,850	-	-	1,850	4,470
Miscellaneous income	485	-	-	485	2,061
Library	39	-	-	39	241
Shop	5,803	-	-	5,803	5,892
	<u>8,177</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,177</u>	<u>12,664</u>
10 Income from investments					
Bank interest	301	-	-	301	294
	<u>301</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>301</u>	<u>294</u>

Income was £622,437 (2024: £454,760) of which £216,099 was unrestricted or designated (2024: £161,193) and £406,338 was restricted (2024: £293,567).

	Core Income £	Advice Service £	Community Activities £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
11 Analysis of income by activity type					
Donations and legacies	2,358	817	1,200	4,375	2,735
Charitable activities	181,563	357,036	70,985	609,584	439,067
Other trading activities	1,679	-	6,498	8,177	12,664
Income from investments	301	-	-	301	294
Total 2025	<u>185,901</u>	<u>357,853</u>	<u>78,683</u>	<u>622,437</u>	<u>454,760</u>
Total 2024	<u>145,558</u>	<u>256,414</u>	<u>52,788</u>	<u>454,760</u>	

12 Other activities

During the year ShARP were approached by Sunderland City Council to assist the Council with the administration of the Household Support Fund. ShARP was contracted to undertake the administration of applications and to distribute the funds to eligible residents, which was provided in the form of vouchers. Monies awarded on the Council's criteria using the Council's shared real time web-based application monitor. The monies received in respect of the Household Support Fund amounted to £170,500 (2024: £137,500), of which £155,500 (2024: £137,500) was distributed to eligible residents at 31 March 2025 with the balance of £15,000 distributed by 30 April 2025.

As ShARP was administering these funds on behalf of the Council, the respective income and expenditure is not reflected in these accounts. The balance payable at 31 March 2025 of £15,000 was included in other creditors.

ShARP was paid a fixed fee by the Council of £22,500 (2024: £17,500) for delivering the contract requirements. This income has been included in Unrestricted Charitable Activities.

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Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
13 Charitable activities					
<u>Direct costs</u>					
Staff costs	111,734	-	240,494	352,228	295,070
Staff and volunteer expenses	619	-	-	619	269
Management and staff training	169	-	571	740	-
Marketing	-	-	535	535	1,790
Project expenses	1,024	-	100,031	101,055	119,513
<u>Support costs</u>					
ICT maintenance and software	3,986	-	15,156	19,142	11,979
Insurance	665	-	4,250	4,915	3,271
Professional fees	3,540	-	11,959	15,499	12,155
Rates and utility costs	3,222	-	10,884	14,106	15,622
Repairs and renewals	1,702	-	5,751	7,453	9,967
Bank charges	59	-	200	259	278
Stationery, print and postage	1,019	-	3,441	4,460	3,510
Telephone, fax and internet	104	-	3,323	3,427	5,218
Other support costs	1,118	-	3,778	4,896	3,351
Subscriptions	321	-	2,346	2,667	2,053
Meeting costs	137	-	463	600	119
Depreciation	-	14,244	-	14,244	14,519
<u>Governance costs</u>					
Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	3,600	-	-	3,600	5,934
	<u>133,019</u>	<u>14,244</u>	<u>403,182</u>	<u>550,445</u>	<u>504,618</u>

Expenditure on charitable activities was £550,445 (2024: £504,618) of which £147,263 was unrestricted or designated (2024: £131,024) and £403,182 was restricted (2024: £373,594).

	Establishment Costs £	Advice Service £	Community Activities £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
14 Analysis of expenditure by activity type					
Project staff salaries	-	219,836	30,057	249,893	236,259
Direct project costs	-	100,665	8,888	109,553	129,816
Support costs	130,679	49,190	7,530	187,399	132,609
Governance costs	3,600	-	-	3,600	5,934
Total 2025	<u>134,279</u>	<u>369,691</u>	<u>46,475</u>	<u>550,445</u>	<u>504,618</u>
Total 2024	<u>103,462</u>	<u>331,655</u>	<u>69,501</u>	<u>504,618</u>	

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15 Fees for examination of the accounts

	2025 £	2024 £
Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	3,600	5,934
Other accountancy services paid to the examiner	-	924
	3,600	6,858

16 Analysis of staff costs and the cost of key management personnel

	2025 £	2024 £
Salaries and wages	323,250	277,492
Social security costs	23,798	18,940
Pension costs (defined contribution pension plan)	5,181	4,798
SMP recovered	-	(6,160)
	352,229	295,070

No employee received remuneration above £60,000 (2024: nil).

The key management personnel of the charity, comprise the Trustees, and the Chief Executive. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £56,449 (2024: £52,784).

17 Staff numbers

The average monthly head count was 11.9 staff (2024: 12 staff) and the average monthly number of full-time equivalent employees during the year were as follows:

	2025 Number	2024 Number
The parts of the charity in which the employee's work.		
Charitable activities	8.7	8.4
	8.7	8.4

18 Transactions with trustees

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with their charity or a related entity.

Trustees' expenses

No trustee expenses have been incurred in the year.

Transaction(s) with related parties

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period.

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19 Defined contribution pension scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

The employer's pension costs represent contributions payable by the charity to the fund and amount to £5,181 (2024: £4,798). There was £1,015 outstanding as at 31 March 2025 (2024: £1,150).

20 Corporation Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objectives.

	Freehold Property £	Property Improvement	Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment £	Total £
21 Tangible fixed assets				
Cost				
Balance brought forward	375,466	41,109	34,752	451,327
Additions	-	4,415	1,574	5,989
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Balance carried forward	375,466	45,524	36,326	457,316
Depreciation				
Basis	SL	SL	RB	
Rate	2% - 4%	6.67%	10% - 33%	
Balance brought forward	119,016	18,871	21,368	159,255
Depreciation charge for year	7,650	3,051	3,543	14,244
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Balance carried forward	126,666	21,922	24,911	173,499
Net book value				
Brought forward	256,450	22,238	13,384	292,072
Carried forward	248,800	23,602	11,415	283,817

22 Debtors and prepayments (receivable within 1 year)

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	5,880	65,009
prepayments and accrued income	57,161	4,476
	63,041	69,485

23 Cash at bank and in hand

	2025 £	2024 £
Bank deposit account	10,700	10,400
Bank current account	209,788	132,491
Cash in hand	1,481	1,042
	221,969	143,933

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24 Creditors and accruals (payable within 1 year)

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	14,499	23,524
Taxation and social security	6,281	5,825
Pension	1,015	1,150
Accruals		
Independent examination of accounts	3,600	5,934
Other accruals	8,750	21,497
Other creditors	15,640	510
	49,785	58,440

25 Events after the end of the reporting period

No events (not requiring adjustment to the accounts) have occurred after the end of the reporting period but before the accounts are authorised which relate to conditions that arose after the end of the reporting period.

26 Analysis of charitable funds

Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds

	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Fund balances carried forward £
Unrestricted funds					
General unrestricted funds	60,020	131,099	(133,019)	(3,390)	54,710
Designated funds					
Capital fund	292,072	-	(14,244)	5,989	283,817
Future projects	-	40,000	-	-	40,000
Core income received in advance	-	45,000	-	-	45,000
Totals	352,092	216,099	(147,263)	2,599	423,527

Purpose of unrestricted funds

General unrestricted funds

The 'free reserves' after allowing for designated funds.

Designated funds

 Capital fund

Represents the net book value of the charities capital assets.

 Future projects

Funds allocated to future project expansion.

 Core income received in advance

Represents the value of grants recognised as income during the year that are to cover expenditure in the following year.

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26 Analysis of charitable funds continued

Analysis of movement in restricted funds

	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Fund balances carried forward £
Restricted funds					
Back on the Map	11,591	1,000	(5,760)	-	6,831
Coop Community Fund - Marras Group	2,599	-	-	(2,599)	-
Haswell Family	3,032	-	-	-	3,032
Nationwide Foundation	5,188	-	(5,188)	-	-
Northern Gas Network - Centre for Warmth	-	45,000	(2,342)	-	42,658
Northern Gas Network -Community Foundation Nort East	7,623	-	(7,623)	-	-
Partiger Trust - Community Foundation North East	-	7,160	-	-	7,160
Sunderland City Council					-
Coal Field Area Committee - Advice on Prescription	9,399	35,102	(44,501)	-	-
FTWR Contract	33,987	199,968	(233,955)	-	-
Links for Life	-	19,581	(19,581)	-	-
Springboard - R U Ready UC	-	5,933	(5,933)	-	-
Sunderland West Advice Project	4,496	5,000	(9,496)	-	-
Targeted Debt Advice	-	35,000	(18,375)	-	16,625
Washington Area Committee - Making Money Work	-	14,431	(10,325)	-	4,106
Washington Area Committee - WISP	12,596	11,269	(16,919)	-	6,946
UK Participatory Grant - Digital Hub Barmston	-	7,000	-	-	7,000
UK Participatory Grant - Mackem Money - Community Foundation North East	3,324	-	(3,324)	-	-
Virgin Money Building Digital Skills fund	-	19,894	(18,737)	-	1,157
Volunteer Project - Back in the World	1,123	-	(1,123)	-	-
Totals	94,958	406,338	(403,182)	(2,599)	95,515

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26 Analysis of charitable funds continued

Purpose of restricted funds

Restricted funds represent income resources used for a specific purpose within the charity as identified by the donor.

Back on the Map	Funds to help delivery of the Welfare Benefits and Debt Advice to clients of back on the map.
Coop Community Fund - Marras Group	Grant to contribute to funding the activities of the weekly men's group.
Haswell Family	Funds donated to be used to contribute to the community kitchen in memory of Advice Worker Barbara Haswell.
Nationwide Foundation	Funding to provide advice worker time to support local people with housing and debt related issues.
Northern Gas Network - Centre for Warmth	To establish the Centre for Warmth, to provide energy advice and working to mitigate fuel poverty.
Northern Gas Network - Community Foundation North East	To provide a dedicated Energy Advice Worker.
Partiger Trust - Community Foundation North East	Targeted to over 65's to provide opportunities for special activities and healthy eating.

Sunderland City Council

Coal Field Area Committee - Advice on Prescription	Funding for free and confidential advice to patients of six GP surgeries in the area.
FTWR Contract	To provide advice on Welfare Benefit and debt.
Links for Life	To work collaboratively with residents and partner organisations to provide a range of activities to local people particularly those who may be socially isolated, and impacted by the cost of living crisis.
Springboard - R U Ready UC	To provide advice and digital support on welfare rights and benefits specifically Universal Credit.
Sunderland West Advice Project	Funding to provide a specialist advice worker and additional support to help with employment advice.
Targeted debt advice	Confidential advice to help residents manage their debts with potential debt solutions and ways of increasing income.
Washington Area Committee - Making Money Work	To deliver a financial education and inclusion project for young people focused on money management and budgeting.
Washington Area Committee - WISP	Funding for delivery of the Washington Individual Support Project to deliver advice services to engage and support people presenting to other agencies in acute crisis.
UK Participatory Grant - Digital Hub Barmston	Grant to establish and kit out a digital hub for our new community building in Washington.
UK Participatory Grant - Mackem Money - Community Foundation North East	To fund project costs for men's group for activities and outings.
Virgin Money Building Digital Skills fund	Digital skills programme to establish Digi-Me programme providing tailored support to enable people to engage and navigate the changing digital world.

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26 Analysis of charitable funds continued

Transfers between funds

	Reason for transfer	Amount £
Between general unrestricted funds and capital fund	Represents value of new fixed assets transferred to capital fund.	5,989
Between restricted funds and general unrestricted funds	Previous year balance of "Coop Community Fund - Marras Group" used to contribute to community activities and considered fully spent.	2,599

27 Capital commitments

As at 31 March 2025, the charity had no capital commitments (2024 -£nil).

28 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	283,817	-	283,817
Current assets	104,495	85,000	95,515	285,010
Current liabilities	(49,785)	-	-	(49,785)
	54,710	368,817	95,515	519,042

Analysis of net assets between funds - previous year

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	292,072	-	292,072
Current assets	79,840	-	133,578	213,418
Current liabilities	(19,820)	-	(38,620)	(58,440)
	60,020	292,072	94,958	447,050