

LIGHTHOUSE WOMEN'S AID LIMITED

England & Wales · Charity number 1069296

Details

Other names IPSWICH WOMEN'S AID LIMITED, IPSWICH WOMEN'S AID

Status Registered

Legal form Charitable company

Company number [03532428](#)

Registered 1998-04-27

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

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT FOR WHICH THE CHARITY IS ESTABLISHED IS TO SUPPORT ADULTS AND CHILDREN WHO HAVE SUFFERED OR ARE AT RISK OF SUFFERING FROM DOMESTIC ABUSE OR VIOLENCE. THE CHARITY WILL DO THIS BY PROVIDING A SAFE, SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT AND BY DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING PREVENTATIVE AND THERAPEUTIC SERVICES.

Activities: To provide safe and supportive refuge accommodation; to develop innovative community services that deliver effective interventions and preventative programmes; and delivering emotional and therapeutic support to women and children who are experiencing, or at risk from, domestic abuse or violence. To raise awareness of domestic abuse and violence.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Accommodation/housing, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Suffolk

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£720,094	£810,413	£1,008,301	28
2024-03-31	£728,633	£829,384	£1,098,620	30
2023-03-31	£824,996	£871,483	£1,199,371	28
2022-03-31	£742,906	£757,906	£1,245,858	22
2021-03-31	£770,376	£745,048	£1,260,858	29

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
SARAH HARVEY	Chair	
CATHERINE BRIGHT		2012-10-12
CYNTHIA GLINOS		
Emma Jane Mirams		2025-10-10
JUDITH ROSE		
Nina Livermore		2023-05-10
Rebecca Martin		2016-05-11
Sandra Ablitt		2013-11-01
Zoe Diane Woods		2023-05-10

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LIGHTHOUSE WOMEN'S AID LIMITED

UNAUDITED

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

LIGHTHOUSE WOMEN'S AID LIMITED

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Trustees	Sarah Harvey, Chair Cynthia Glinos, Vice Chair Rebecca Martin, Trustee Catherine Bright, Trustee Sandra Alex Gage, Trustee Judith Rose, Trustee (resigned 28 February 2025) Zoe Woods, Trustee Nina Livermore, Trustee Emma Mirams (appointed 8 October 2025)
Company registered number	03532428
Charity registered number	1069296
Registered office	238 Felixstowe Road Ipswich Suffolk IP3 9AD
Company secretary	Sally Winston
Chief executive officer	Sally Winston
Independent Examiner	Scrutton Bland Limited Chartered Accountants Fitzroy House Crown Street Ipswich Suffolk IP1 3LG
Bankers	Natwest Bank Plc, 2 Tavern Street, Ipswich, IP1 3BD Scottish Widows, PO Box 12757, 67 Morrison Street, Edinburgh, EH3 8YJ Nationwide Building Society, PO Box 3, 5-11 St. George Street, Douglas, Isle of Man, IM99 1AS
Solicitors	Gotelee Solicitors, 34-41 Elm Street, Ipswich, IP1 2AY

LIGHTHOUSE WOMEN'S AID LIMITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the Lighthouse Women's Aid Limited (the "Charitable Company" or the "Charity") for the year ended 31 March 2024. The Annual Report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' Report and a Directors' Report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the Charitable Company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the Charitable Company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102).

Since the Charity qualifies as small under section 382 of the Companies Act 2006, the Strategic Report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

To continue to provide safe and supportive refuge accommodation building on expertise already evident within these services and to be adaptive to changing needs as a consequence of social / political and economic environments.

To develop innovative community services, responding to need, providing both preventative and therapeutic programmes for women and children throughout Suffolk.

To continue the campaign to raise awareness of domestic violence, through training programmes, social, public and printed media.

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

b. Strategies for achieving objectives

Actively engaging with partners and commissioners at County level to ensure LWA's Domestic Violence Refuges are represented and recognised as a specialised service requiring the appropriate consideration as such in decisions around supported housing provisions in Suffolk.

Continue the Development provision of effective and progressive resettlement support for victims re-joining their communities and society.

Continue building and improving a multiagency approach to support victims of domestic violence through strengthening partnership work with other professionals who also see victims of abuse in their line of work.

Provide opportunities and the environment for staff to develop their professionalism and specialist service excellence to victims of domestic abuse in all its forms.

Continue to raise awareness of Domestic Abuse to young people through delivering the "Expect Respect" preventative programme to schools and educational institutions throughout Suffolk.

Continue to develop the Women's Centre as a centre of excellence indispensable for any victim of domestic abuse seeking support.

Raise awareness of the impact and costs of Domestic Abuse to the wider public through delivery of training and information programmes to social groups and the work place.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Objectives and activities (continued)

c. Activities for achieving objectives

Putting these strategies into action we have three major areas of activity which are: Refuge and Resettlement; The Women's Centre; and our training and education team.

Refuge and Resettlement

2024 was our 48th year for providing a safe and supportive environment for women and their children fleeing domestic abuse. Through strong multiagency links LWA's Refuge work includes managing a constant flow of referrals, admissions, general advice and delivering person centred support and "moving on" programmes. These programmes are tailored to address the unique needs and complexities of women and children having to rebuild their lives after the devastating effects of domestic abuse. Through training in a range of competences and with 48 year experience LWA's Refuge has a highly specialised and skilled team that together with other professionals across the country ensures victim centred support is outcome focused to rebuild their confidence and skills and to help them grow stronger and move on to a safer and happier life.

Our resettlement team support women and children in their new homes to the point when they can feel confidence in their new found independence. Our children's team are essential in this process, supporting mums through childcare so they can attend appointments and programmes but more importantly supporting children and maintaining normality through the trauma they are experiencing and have experienced.

The Women's Centre

The Women's Centre delivers both support and preventative programmes and plays an important role in increasing awareness of domestic abuse generally. A specialised Crisis Intervention service provides advice to women and children in abusive relationships and creates a seamless link at the point of crisis with other agencies to develop and implement safety plans eliminating further abuse risk. Advice teams specialise in helping those out of abusive relationships. These teams working together means that women and children across the spectrum of Domestic Abuse have access to the support that meets their needs. Project teams deliver a range of training programmes helping those affected by DA to regain their self-esteem and confidently re-join mainstream society.

As the result of an identified need a Community Support Service, was added to the Centre. An initiative aimed at supporting cohorts not able to access Domestic Abuse services. In just its second year the growing numbers of people from hitherto unrepresented groups has risen significantly surpassing all expectations and demonstrating a substantial unmet need. Further evaluation of data has helped the Centre identify other groups where we need to alter our approach and as a result further targeted community-based services are being developed for next year. To manage and support the number of victims coming to the Women's Centre a skilled Triage team now in place ensures women are seen quickly and depending on their need directed to the appropriate support agency. Raising awareness of DA continues to be a central objective and the Centre through a number of open webinars events, public talks, DV awareness courses, a monthly newsletter and regular press releases, ensures the effects of Domestic Violence remains relevant in our community. The knowledge and experience of staff at the Centre makes them ideally suited to developing and delivering training on domestic abuse and healthy relationships to schools and children's centres. In the last year we increased our early intervention work and are now providing healthy relationships workshops in many schools. The programmes are adaptable and age appropriate for all school pupils between the ages of 5 and 18. Alongside these initiatives the Women's Centre team continued to develop and increase Domestic Abuse Awareness training programmes to businesses, professionals and external agencies. The awareness and recognition of the disruptive effects of Domestic Abuse in the workplace will enable the development of preventative and intervention support programmes to the benefit of both business and society alike.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Objectives and activities (continued)

d. Our volunteers

Lighthouse Women's Aid is very involved in the community and relies on voluntary help. We are fortunate to have volunteers supporting the work we do through carrying out administrative tasks, helping with donations and supporting our Empower Me and Freedom Programmes. Most volunteers are members of the charity and we wish to thank our friends for their loyal support and invaluable service.

Achievements and performance

a. Key performance indicators

In the year under review Lighthouse's key financial objectives and achievements were as follows:

Secure sustainable funding to continue the provision of safe and supportive refuge accommodation for women and children. Lighthouse continued to provide effective support work within the refuge and delivered on all our contractual obligations, increased financial constraints notwithstanding. The ability to meet and deliver effective victim support in these difficult financial times is testament to the professionalism, dedication and a strong work ethic by the team. Children in Need funding stream for the Children's Team has been secured for a further year. We strongly believe that children should be supported, and this funding ensures that we can deliver a quality service.

Secure ongoing funding for the Women's Centre beyond 2025. We have had continued funding support from various sources including the PCC, Suffolk Community Foundation and through various grants. Through our fundraising activity funding has increased this year to £120,900. Demand for services at the Women's Centre remained constant, however, and teams to cover a range of support services were making a real difference in our community. The deficit of circa £70,000 was some £60,000 better than feared. To sustain these Community Services in the longer term additional funding is needed and efforts to secure that need continues.

Diversify fund raising options and develop community fund raising activities. LWA's Community Fund Raising Team in 2024-25 continued their good work in promoting the profile of Lighthouse and raising funds in what proved to be very difficult economic circumstances, raising a record breaking £120,900 through grants, events organisation, group and individual donations.

Achievements and performance (continued)

b. Review of activities

In the year to 31 March 2025 we continued to roll out our strategy to develop financial sustainability and grow community based services. Economic austerity and inflationary pressures, however, resulted in the demand for Domestic Abuse services remaining very high. LWA decided the economic challenges notwithstanding, victim support was paramount, and service levels would be maintained to meet demand and that the monetary shortfall would be met from our healthy reserves. To remain viable and sustainable during a period of high demand and in an economic environment where funding continues to be precarious and competition is fierce, LWA has had to reinforce strict financial disciplines and remain adaptable with an operating structure able to respond quickly to changing circumstances.

Refuge & Resettlement

We have had another very busy year in the refuge. We are always keen to ensure that we can support any woman who is fleeing domestic abuse whatever their background. We are culturally aware and are keen that we have information about different religious festivals and ensure that we have necessary information about dietary needs. Added to this we are keen to ensure that we are inclusive in our welcome and celebrate events, for example, Black History month. Across the service we have an Equalities group and regularly discuss how we can make the refuge as inclusive as possible

We welcome women of all ages and are pleased to have supported residents across all age groups. Providing the right support for victims fleeing domestic violence is a complicated process and the relationship between Welfare Worker and resident is key so that they feel able to tell their story in confidence. The Welfare Worker is able to determine need and together with the resident agree Support and Safety Plans. Support plans are victim centred and focus on the steps needed for them to move on and start their new life. Moving on from refuge is an important part of this work helping residents to safely move on and into accommodation and area appropriate to and chosen by the resident. It is a complicated process, and the Resettlement Workers are skilled at empowering the women through the process.

Across the Refuge multi agency working is key. We have strong links with Social Care, Schools, Nurseries and Children's Centres to ensure that children have their needs met and that the women are supported in parenting. A Health Visitor visits regularly, and the Children's Centre comes in and completes Video Interactive Guidance with women and their children. This is a powerful tool which really can help women identify positive parenting.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Achievements and performance (continued)

c. Women's Centre and Community Services

Demand for Women's Community Services remained constant. Inclusion has remained one of the priorities for the service. The role of the Community Worker has given a different perspective to the work, some clients/agencies have highlighted the importance of having links to workers locally, from this we set up work in Felixstowe delivering both 1-2-1 appointments and the Freedom Programme. We have continued to adapt our service to meet the needs of the clients and offer an inclusive service that best supports those that have, or are, experiencing domestic abuse. Within our Centre in Ipswich we have an established team working with a lot of expertise and empathy.

Establishing focus groups has ensured effective feedback within the Centre. We have two focus groups, one of which is at the end of the Neuro Diverse Freedom Programme. This has been invaluable in implementing adaptations to ensure that our clients learn and they really appreciate being included. We also have a Centre focus group and again this is invaluable. They have been actively involved in, for example, ensuring there are signs in the Centre to enable clients to find their way around. This practical input really does ensure that clients can feel very comfortable in the Centre. We ensure that actions are acted upon or else explained as to why they can't take place.

Our skilled Centre Triage team ensure that women are seen as quickly as possible dependent on their need, and that clients are welcomed into the service from the start. This is a key role in keeping women safe and for them to feel that they are able to come forward to us with their story.

Assessing risk is a vital part of the Centre's work. We use the Domestic Abuse Stalking and Harassment (DASH) tool to ascertain the level of risk and ensure that women get the help that they need to keep them safe, as well as exploring where Honour Based Violence may be an issue. We continue to put high risk referrals through to the MARAC conference, and meetings are held for all areas of Suffolk.

We continually look at gaps in the service, women that we have not been able to reach. We have run a campaign on older aged victims to support them to come forward, and we have seen an increase in older women coming to us, often as a result of their families being more aware of what domestic abuse looks like.

Developing victim confidence is key and victim rehabilitation and our programmes, particularly the Freedom Programme and Power to Change, are at the core of what we do. We have been keen to ensure that the courses are able to be accessed by all our clients and we, therefore, have a wide range of programmes that have been very popular and a real help to women and children going through a difficult time. This together with the specialist work by the advice teams, an established multi-agency approach and access to practical support enable women and children to feel safer and on the road to rebuilding their lives.

d. Investment policy and performance

The Trustees agreed that because of the continued economic uncertainty and the ongoing threat of high inflation LWA would continue to adopt a low-risk investment policy. As such funds have been kept in interest bearing deposit accounts and seek to achieve a rate on deposit which matches or exceeds inflation as measured by the retail prices index.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

a. Review of performance during the year

Funding from grant making bodies has proved harder than ever to access due to differing priorities and intense competition. Prudent economic management by Lighthouse over the last 10 years has, however, enabled our Charity to build up sufficient reserves to weather this economic downturn and continue our important work and delivering vital services to the constant number of Domestic Abuse victims seeking help. Against this background the Trustees decided that the strategy to continue the full range of service and support for clients be maintained in 2025-26 subject to review in Sept 2026. Our fund-raising team concentrated on raising the profile of LWA to local businesses through free Domestic Abuse training programmes, information videos and talks.

Contribution from funding organisations remained largely flat or fell further from the already low 2023-24 levels. Efforts to maintain and grow receipts from community fundraising will remain a key financial strategy to broaden and diversify funding sources and the team are continually looking for and pursuing a wide range of fundraising initiatives. It is likely to take some time, however, and the financing of demand growth for services in the short term will require continuing the designation of some funds from our reserves. To continue the necessary support for the Women's Centre and associated community projects the Trustees have agreed that the designated fund be renewed and put in place for 2025-2026

In addition to pressures on income the unrelenting demand growth for Domestic Abuse support and fuelled by the cost-of-living crisis and war in the Ukraine has continued to drive up costs. Although LWA is experiencing some short-term pain the Charity is financially robust and will successfully see through the current challenges.

Lighthouse Women's Aid cost base in 2024/25 remained in line with the Charity's strategy to grow and develop a countywide sustainable organisation capable of meeting the growing demands for Domestic Abuse services.

At the end of the year the total funds of the charity were £1,008,301, of which £6,299 relates to restricted funds and £684,192 to designated funds. Of the £1,002,002 unrestricted funds, £684,192 relates to the value of buildings on which we have a mortgage of £162,165. In compliance with Charity Commission recommendations Lighthouse Women's Aid have a policy to maintain unrestricted reserves equating to 3 months expenditure that in 2025 is £202,603.

b. Going concern

The trustees and management have prepared detailed financial forecasts that indicate that the Charity will be able to continue to meet its liabilities as they fall due and will continue to operate for the foreseeable future, being at least 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements. Accordingly, these financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis.

LIGHTHOUSE WOMEN'S AID LIMITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

c. Principal funding

The principal funding sources for the year were as follows:

- Suffolk County Council – provides funding for support services to Women in Refuge and those moving to independent living.
- Children In Need – part finance children services both within Refuge and Community Support.
- Ipswich Borough Council – provides funding for premises and premises maintenance.
- The Police and Crime Commissioner provide funding Community Service and Crisis Support.
- The Rope Trust – provides funding in support for the Crisis Support.
- Suffolk Building Society – provided help with setting up Triage Service
- Garfield Weston - provides funding for the Community Service
- Suffolk Community Foundation – provided smaller funding grants in support of specific victim support projects and programmes.
- Other services are funding through smaller funding grants from a variety of sources and community funding initiatives.

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

Lighthouse Women's Aid Limited is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by Memorandum of Association on 17 March 1998.

The Company is constituted under a Trust Deed dated 17 March 1998 and is registered charity, number 1069296.

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

The Trustees may at any time appoint any individual who is qualified to be appointed as a Trustee to fill a vacancy in their number or as an additional Trustee.

c. Policies adopted for the induction and training of Trustees

New Trustees undergo three months' probation and are appointed a mentor. During this time the new trustee receives instruction on their obligations under charity and company law, the Charity Commission guidance on public benefits, governance obligations, the committee and decision making processes, the business plan and recent financial performances of the charity. During induction the new trustee will attend appropriate external training events on both Trusteeship and on Domestic Abuse where these will facilitate the undertaking of their role.

d. Pay policy for key management personnel

All Trustees give of their freely and no Trustee received remuneration in the year. Details of Trustee expenses are disclosed in note 9 to the financial statements.

The pay of senior staff is reviewed annually and if affordable, increased in accordance with average earnings. In view of the nature of the Charity, the Directors benchmark against pay levels in other specialised victim service provision organisation of a similar size run on a voluntary basis.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Structure, governance and management (continued)

e. Organisational structure and decision making

The Directors consider the Board of Directors, who are the Charity's Trustees, and the senior management team comprise the key management personnel of the Charity. The Board of Directors have responsibility of the strategic direction of the Organisation and its operation within Charity Commission Guidance, company law and Memorandum of Association. The senior management team, reporting to the Board of Directors is in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating the Charity on a day to day basis in accordance with the policies rules and strategic directions as set out by the Board of Directors.

Reserves

Unrestricted Reserves

It is the policy of the Charity to maintain unrestricted funds, which are free reserves of the Charity, at a level which equates to approximately three months unrestricted expenditure to protect against a decline or interruption of future sources of income. Three months being deemed suitable to enable the business of the Charity in respect of funding allocations, continuity in provision of service and responsibilities to staff to be fulfilled.

Designated Funds

The Trustees provide funds to be designated for a specific project. The amount of any funds held will be appropriate to the purpose or use for which they have been designated. The precise purpose of designating funds will be stated in the notes to the accounts.

Restricted Funds

It is our policy to spend restricted funds within a reasonable time of receipt. Each restricted fund is treated separately (see note 18).

LIGHTHOUSE WOMEN'S AID LIMITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Structure, governance and management (continued)

Plans for sustaining and meeting future needs

- Continue to develop the Women's Centre services, roll out programmes countywide and seek continuation funding for future years.
- Ensure that we continue to deliver on the successful funding contract with Public Health and retain our position as an eminent provider of supportive refuge accommodation for women and children.
- Continue to develop Domestic Abuse training programmes delivered to Young People, Professionals and Businesses.
- Raise the profile of Lighthouse Women's Aid by raising awareness, through public presentations, group talks and educational sessions, on the effects of domestic violence and abuse.
- Develop a fund-raising strategy to diversify and improve our ability to secure funding for the long term sustainability of the Charity.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on
and signed on their behalf by:



Sarah Harvey
Chair

26/03/26

LIGHTHOUSE WOMEN'S AID LIMITED

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Lighthouse Women's Aid Limited ('the Charity')

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

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the Trustees of the Charity (and 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 Charity 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 the Charity's accounts 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 the Charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ICAEW, 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 Charity 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).

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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

Signed:



Dated:

27/03/2026

Ben Cussons FCA

Scrutton Bland Limited
Fitzroy House
Crown Street
Ipswich
IP1 3LG

LIGHTHOUSE WOMEN'S AID LIMITED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	113,816	45,078	158,894	137,993
Charitable activities	4	340,884	215,237	556,121	586,522
Investments	5	5,079	-	5,079	4,118
Total income		459,779	260,315	720,094	728,633
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	6	7,077	300	7,377	4,823
Charitable activities	7	555,344	247,692	803,036	824,561
Total expenditure		562,421	247,992	810,413	829,384
Net (expenditure)/income		(102,642)	12,323	(90,319)	(100,751)
Transfers between funds	15	14,836	(14,836)	-	-
Net movement in funds		(87,806)	(2,513)	(90,319)	(100,751)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		1,089,808	8,812	1,098,620	1,199,371
Net movement in funds		(87,806)	(2,513)	(90,319)	(100,751)
Total funds carried forward		1,002,002	6,299	1,008,301	1,098,620

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the current and prior years.

The notes on pages 17 to 31 form part of these financial statements.

LIGHTHOUSE WOMEN'S AID LIMITED
REGISTERED NUMBER: 03532428

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	10	909,024	912,239
		<u>909,024</u>	<u>912,239</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	11	39,486	35,649
Investments	12	164,732	161,782
Cash at bank and in hand		152,318	240,736
		<u>356,536</u>	<u>438,167</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(106,660)	(89,170)
Net current assets		<u>249,876</u>	<u>348,997</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>1,158,900</u>	<u>1,261,236</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	14	(150,599)	(162,616)
Total net assets		<u>1,008,301</u>	<u>1,098,620</u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	15	6,299	8,812
Unrestricted funds	15	1,002,002	1,089,808
Total funds		<u>1,008,301</u>	<u>1,098,620</u>

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BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

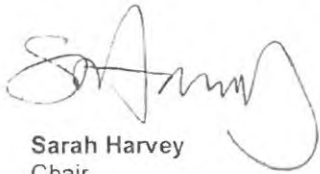
The Company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

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

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on and signed on their behalf by:



Sarah Harvey
Chair

26/03/26

LIGHTHOUSE WOMEN'S AID LIMITED

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net cash used in operating activities	(50,339)	(97,954)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Dividends, interests and rents from investments	8,029	4,118
Proceeds from the sale of tangible fixed assets	-	286,393
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(26,908)	(43,690)
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities	(18,879)	246,821
Cash flows from financing activities		
Repayments of borrowing	(16,250)	(10,894)
Net cash used in financing activities	(16,250)	(10,894)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	(85,468)	137,973
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	402,518	264,545
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	317,050	402,518

The notes on pages 17 to 31 form part of these financial statements

LIGHTHOUSE WOMEN'S AID LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1. General information

Lighthouse Women's Aid Limited (the "Company") is a Company limited by guarantee. The members of the Company are the Trustees named on page 1. In the event of the Company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the Company.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

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

Lighthouse Women's Aid 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.

The presentational currency is British Pounds, rounded to the nearest £1.

2.2 Going concern

The Trustees and management have prepared detailed financial forecasts that indicate that the Charity will be able to continue to meet its liabilities as they fall due and will continue to operate for the foreseeable future, being at least 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements. Accordingly, these financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis.

2.3 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 income receivable can be measured reliably.

Income is deferred only when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.

No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and when it is earned.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the Charity to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses including support costs and governance costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure headings.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the expenditure heading for which it was incurred.

2.5 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.

2.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing more than £500 are capitalised, along with any incidental expenses of acquisition.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is not charged on freehold land.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful live on the following bases:

Depreciation is provided on the following bases:

Freehold property	- 2% or 5% straight line cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 25% reducing balance

2.7 Investments

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the Balance Sheet date, unless the value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and presented as 'Gains/(Losses) on investments' in the Statement of Financial Activities.

2.8 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.9 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and 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 or similar account.

2.10 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities as a finance cost.

2.11 Financial instruments

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.12 Pensions

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Charity to the fund in respect of the year.

2.13 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

2.14 Current asset investments

Current asset investments are included at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.15 Taxation

Lighthouse Women's Aid Limited is a Charity within the meaning of the Charities Acts 1993 and 2006 and as such is a Charity within the meaning of Part 11, Corporation Tax Act 2010. Accordingly Lighthouse Women's Aid Limited is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or gains received within categories covered by Part 11, 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 its charitable purposes.

2.16 Operating leases

Rentals under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

3. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Donations	113,816	45,078	158,894	137,993

In 2024, of the total income from donations & legacies, £75,616 was to unrestricted funds and £62,377 was to restricted funds.

4. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Grants receivable	-	215,237	215,237	250,735
Accommodation based services and rent	291,710	-	291,710	286,610
Non-accommodation based services	46,404	-	46,404	46,404
Sundry residents income	2,770	-	2,770	2,773
Total 2025	340,884	215,237	556,121	586,522

In 2024, of the total income from charitable activities, £342,080 was to unrestricted funds and £244,442 was to restricted funds.

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5. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Bank interest receivable	5,079	5,079	4,118

In 2024, of the total income from investments, £4,118 was to unrestricted funds and £nil was to restricted funds.

6. Expenditure on raising funds

Costs of raising voluntary income

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Fundraising and publicity	7,077	300	7,377	4,823

In 2024, of the total expenditure from raising voluntary income, £3,463 was to unrestricted funds and £1,360 was to restricted funds.

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7. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Staff costs	417,491	193,284	610,775	636,150
Depreciation	20,038	9,867	29,905	22,624
Women's centre running costs	5,506	10,573	16,079	26,476
Building running costs	53,574	16,025	69,599	77,004
Support costs	35,706	13,375	49,081	35,935
Communications	16,263	-	16,263	15,609
General expenses	6,766	4,568	11,334	10,763
Total 2025	<u>555,344</u>	<u>247,692</u>	<u>803,036</u>	<u>824,561</u>
Total 2024	<u>475,876</u>	<u>348,685</u>	<u>824,561</u>	

8. Staff costs

	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	549,863	575,618
Social security costs	31,445	34,367
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	29,467	26,165
	<u>610,775</u>	<u>636,150</u>

The average number of persons employed by the Charity during the year was as follows:

	2025 No.	2024 No.
Charitable activities	23	25
Governance and administration of the Charity	5	5
	<u>28</u>	<u>30</u>

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8. Staff costs (continued)

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) exceeded £60,000 was:

	2025 No.	2024 No.
In the band £60,001 - £70,000	1	1

9. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, none of the Trustees received any remuneration for their qualifying services to the Charity or other benefits (2024 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 March 2025, no Trustee expenses were incurred (2024 - £NIL).

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10. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation				
At 1 April 2024	1,020,169	140,069	63,811	1,224,049
Additions	-	18,078	8,830	26,908
Disposals	-	(699)	(6,426)	(7,125)
At 31 March 2025	<u>1,020,169</u>	<u>157,448</u>	<u>66,215</u>	<u>1,243,832</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2024	153,251	121,061	37,498	311,810
Charge for the year	20,546	5,721	3,636	29,903
On disposals	-	(654)	(6,251)	(6,905)
At 31 March 2025	<u>173,797</u>	<u>126,128</u>	<u>34,883</u>	<u>334,808</u>
Net book value				
At 31 March 2025	<u>846,372</u>	<u>31,320</u>	<u>31,332</u>	<u>909,024</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>866,918</u>	<u>19,008</u>	<u>26,313</u>	<u>912,239</u>

The Charitable Company's freehold properties were revalued in 2017. At the point of transition to FRS 102, Trustees elected to adopt the transitional arrangements contained within FRS 102 to treat the valuation as deemed cost. The historical depreciated cost of the freehold property is £101,565 (2024: £102,455).

Included in freehold land and property is freehold land amounting to £95,273 (2024: £95,273) which is not depreciated.

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11. Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	29,236	24,133
Prepayments	10,250	11,516
	<u>39,486</u>	<u>35,649</u>

Included within debtors is accrued income of £23,853 (2024: £18,750).

12. Current asset investments

	2025 £	2024 £
Deposit bank account (less than 3 months notice)	<u>164,732</u>	<u>161,782</u>

13. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Bank loan	11,566	11,226
Trade creditors	12,267	12,650
Other taxation and social security	8,359	8,931
Accruals	11,965	12,310
Deferred income	62,503	44,053
	<u>106,660</u>	<u>89,170</u>

The bank loan of £11,566 (2024: £11,226) shown within creditors falling due within one year is secured by a charge on the freehold property.

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14. Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Bank loans	150,599	162,616

Included within the above are amounts falling due as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Between one and two years		
Bank loan	11,082	11,596
Between two and five years		
Bank loan	34,857	33,789
Over five years		
Bank loan	104,660	117,231

Amounts falling due after more than one year comprises of a bank loan which is secured by a charge on the freehold property. It is repayable by 300 monthly instalments at an interest rate of 2.9% until 30 November 2026 when the interest rate increases to 5.24%.

15. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds					
Designated Funds - all funds	693,910	-	-	(9,718)	684,192
General funds					
General Funds - all funds	395,898	459,779	(562,421)	24,554	317,810
Total Unrestricted funds	1,089,808	459,779	(562,421)	14,836	1,002,002

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15. Statement of funds (continued)

Restricted funds

Refuge-National Lottery & other funding	3,353	20,000	(20,063)	-	3,290
SCF Breakthrough fund & High Sheriff	-	7,501	(5,951)	(577)	973
Play equipment	-	1,628	(1,603)	-	25
SFC - Play equipment	2,501	2,250	(2,162)	-	2,589
Womens Aid Victims Support	-	11,145	(10,822)	-	323
Suffolk Giving Hardship	-	4,250	(4,250)	-	-
Suffolk Community Foundation	1,274	9,003	(9,003)	-	1,274
Community service donations	(2,408)	14,407	(11,999)	-	-
SCC - Housing Support & clinical supervision	-	4,394	(4,387)	-	7
Rope Trust Emergency Fund	617	560	(984)	-	193
Women & Girls Fund	542	-	(1,253)	-	(711)
Locality Budget - computer purchases	2,933	5,665	-	(8,598)	-
Donations - refuge services	-	11,018	(5,487)	(5,361)	170
Children in Need	-	39,836	(39,836)	-	-
Ipswich Borough Council	-	17,000	(17,000)	-	-
PCC - Women's Centre	-	75,000	(75,000)	-	-
Rope Trust	-	15,000	(15,000)	-	-
Garfield Weston	-	16,667	(16,667)	-	-
Children's services & educational support	-	2,402	(3,347)	-	(945)
SCF Hardship fund	-	2,589	(3,178)	(300)	(889)
	<u>8,812</u>	<u>260,315</u>	<u>(247,992)</u>	<u>(14,836)</u>	<u>6,299</u>
Total of funds	<u><u>1,098,620</u></u>	<u><u>720,094</u></u>	<u><u>(810,413)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>1,008,301</u></u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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15. Statement of funds (continued)

The National Lottery and other funds represented the net book value of the Refuge. The fund balances are reduced by depreciation charged on the facility.

The play equipment fund represents the funds received to purchase a new sun shelter at Refuge 1, along with other equipment for children at the refuge.

Women's Centre donations represents funds donated by members of the public in respect of the Women's Centre which have not yet been spent.

The Big Lottery Fund Grant has been awarded in order to run a Women and Children's Wellbeing Centre in Ipswich.

Community Service donations represent donations made to run training programmes and crisis worker support and advise workshops.

Crisis Worker Support funds are received to pay for salaries for the crisis worker positions and the associated admin support.

The Rope Trust grant has been awarded to help victims needing immediate and urgent help.

The SCC (Suffolk County Council) grant has been awarded to support victims that have no recourse to public funds.

The Children In Need grant has been awarded in order to fund two Children and Young People's Transitional Workers.

Children & Young People Donors help to meet the cost of running the Children and Young People Support Services in Refuge following the grant withdrawal from Suffolk County Council.

Locality Budget is a grant from Labour Party Councillors at Suffolk County Council for the purchase of new computers.

Donations-Refuge Service provides community support for victims at refuge and looking for help to move on.

Suffolk Foundation-crisis worker represents a grant to help meet the cost of expanding the crisis support service necessary to meet the growing demand from victims in urgent need of safety from further abuse risk.

The PCC (Police & Crime commissioner) Women's Centre grant has been awarded to support the charity with support staff costs.

The Garfield Weston grant was awarded to support core cost for the Women's Centre.

Transfers from restricted funds to unrestricted funds arise where grants are given either to purchase fixed assets or to cover a proportion of administration expenses.

The designated funds represent money designated regarding resources held in property.

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16. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Designated funds	693,910	-	-	(9,718)	684,192
General funds	395,898	459,779	(562,421)	24,554	317,810
Restricted funds	8,812	260,315	(247,992)	(14,836)	6,299
	<u>1,098,620</u>	<u>720,094</u>	<u>(810,413)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,008,301</u>

17. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Tangible fixed assets	906,369	2,655	909,024
Current assets	352,892	3,644	356,536
Creditors due within one year	(106,660)	-	(106,660)
Creditors due in more than one year	(150,599)	-	(150,599)
Total	<u>1,002,002</u>	<u>6,299</u>	<u>1,008,301</u>

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	908,886	3,353	912,239
Current assets	432,708	5,459	438,167
Creditors due within one year	(89,170)	-	(89,170)
Creditors due in more than one year	(162,616)	-	(162,616)
Total	<u>1,089,808</u>	<u>8,812</u>	<u>1,098,620</u>

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18. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Net expenditure for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	(90,319)	(100,751)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	29,903	22,623
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	220	-
Bank interest receivable	(5,079)	(4,118)
Bank interest payable	4,674	-
Increase in investments	(2,950)	-
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(3,837)	28,591
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	17,050	(44,299)
Net cash used in operating activities	(50,338)	(97,954)

19. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash at bank and in hand	152,318	240,736
Notice deposits (less than 3 months)	164,732	161,782
Total cash and cash equivalents	317,050	402,518

20. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 April 2024 £	Cash flows £	At 31 March 2025 £
Cash at bank and in hand	240,736	(88,418)	152,318
Debt due within 1 year	(11,226)	(340)	(11,566)
Debt due after 1 year	(162,616)	12,017	(150,599)
Liquid investments	161,782	2,950	164,732
	228,676	(73,791)	154,885

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21. Pension commitments

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 pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the Charity to the fund and amounted to £26,721 (2024 - £26,165). Contributions totalling £Nil (2024 - £Nil) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date.

22. Operating lease commitments

At 31 March 2025 the Charity had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Not later than 1 year	1,130	1,130
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	2,806	3,936
	<u>3,936</u>	<u>5,066</u>

23. Related party transactions

The key management personnel of the Charity received remuneration amounting to £140,673 (2024: £139,838).

There were no other related party transactions in either year.

24. Controlling party

The Charity is a limited liability company Limited by guarantee. There is no ultimate controlling party.

LIGHTHOUSE WOMEN'S AID LIMITED

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Accounts

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Charity number: 1069296

LIGHTHOUSE WOMEN'S AID LIMITED

UNAUDITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

LIGHTHOUSE WOMEN'S AID LIMITED

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LIGHTHOUSE WOMEN'S AID LIMITED

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

Trustees	Sarah Harvey, Chair Cynthia Glinos, Vice Chair Rebecca Martin, Trustee Sally Winston, Trustee Catherine Bright, Trustee Sandra Alex Gage, Trustee Margaret Parry, Trustee (Resigned 8 February 2024) Judith Rose, Trustee Zoe Woods, Trustee (appointed 10 May 2023) Nina Livermore, Trustee (appointed 10 May 2023)
Company registered number	03532428
Charity registered number	1069296
Registered office	238 Felixstowe Road Ipswich Suffolk IP3 9AD
Company secretary	Sally Winston
Chief executive officer	Sally Winston
Independent Examiner	Scrutton Bland Limited Chartered Accountants Fitzroy House Crown Street Ipswich Suffolk IP1 3LG
Bankers	Natwest Bank Plc, 2 Tavern Street, Ipswich, IP1 3BD Scottish Widows, PO Box 12757, 67 Morrison Street, Edinburgh, EH3 8YJ Nationwide Building Society, PO Box 3, 5-11 St. George Street, Douglas, Isle of Man, IM99 1AS
Solicitors	Gotelee Solicitors, 34-41 Elm Street, Ipswich, IP1 2AY

LIGHTHOUSE WOMEN'S AID LIMITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the Lighthouse Women's Aid Limited (the "Charitable Company" or the "Charity") for the year ended 31 March 2024. The Annual Report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' Report and a Directors' Report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the Charitable Company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the Charitable Company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102).

Since the Charity qualifies as small under section 382 of the Companies Act 2006, the Strategic Report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

To continue to provide safe and supportive refuge accommodation building on expertise already evident within these services and to be adaptive to changing needs as a consequence of social / political and economic environments.

To develop innovative community services, responding to need, providing both preventative and therapeutic programmes for women and children throughout Suffolk.

To continue the campaign to raise awareness of domestic violence, through training programmes, social, public and printed media.

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

b. Strategies for achieving objectives

Actively engaging with partners and commissioners at County level to ensure LWA's Domestic Violence Refuges are represented and recognised as a specialised service requiring the appropriate consideration as such in decisions around supported housing provisions in Suffolk.

Continue the Development provision of effective and progressive resettlement support for victims re-joining their communities and society.

Continue building and improving a multiagency approach to support victims of domestic violence through strengthening partnership work with other professionals who also see victims of abuse in their line of work.

Provide opportunities and the environment for staff to develop their professionalism and specialist service excellence to victims of domestic abuse in all its forms.

Continue to raise awareness of Domestic Abuse to young people through delivering the "Expect Respect" preventative programme to schools and educational institutions throughout Suffolk.

Continue to develop the Women's Centre as a centre of excellence indispensable for any victim of domestic abuse seeking support.

Raise awareness of the impact and costs of Domestic Abuse to the wider public through delivery of training and information programmes to social groups and the work place.

Objectives and activities (continued)

c. Activities for achieving objectives

Putting these strategies into action we have three major areas of activity which are: Refuge and Resettlement; The Women's Centre; and our training and education team.

Refuge and Resettlement

2023 was our 47th year for providing a safe and supportive environment for women and their children fleeing domestic abuse. Through strong multiagency links LWA's Refuge work includes managing a constant flow of referrals, admissions, general advice and delivering person centred support and "moving on" programmes. These programmes are tailored to address the unique needs and complexities of women and children having to rebuild their lives after the devastating effects of domestic abuse. Through training in a range of competences and with 47 year experience LWA's Refuge has a highly specialised and skilled team that together with other professionals across the country ensures victim centred support is outcome focused to rebuild their confidence and skills and to help them grow stronger and move on to a safer and happier life.

Our resettlement team support women and children in their new homes to the point when they can feel confidence in their new found independence. Our children's team are essential in this process, supporting mums through childcare so they can attend appointments and programmes but more importantly supporting children and maintaining normality through the trauma they are experiencing and have experienced.

The Women's Centre

The Women's Centre delivers both support and preventative programmes and plays an important role in increasing awareness of domestic abuse generally. A specialised Crisis Intervention service provides advice to women and children in abusive relationships and creates a seamless link at the point of crisis with other agencies to develop and implement safety plans eliminating further abuse risk. Advice teams specialise in helping those out of abusive relationships. These teams working together means that women and children across the spectrum of Domestic Abuse have access to the support that meets their needs. Project teams deliver a range of training programmes helping those affected by DA to regain their self-esteem and confidently re-join mainstream society.

As the result of an identified need a Community Support Service, was added to the Centre. An initiative aimed at supporting cohorts not able to access Domestic Abuse services. In just its second year the growing numbers of people from hitherto unrepresented groups has risen significantly surpassing all expectations and demonstrating a substantial unmet need. Further evaluation of data has helped the Centre identify other groups where we need to alter our approach and as a result further targeted community-based services are being developed for next year. To manage and support the number of victims coming to the Women's Centre a skilled Triage team now in place ensures women are seen quickly and depending on their need directed to the appropriate support agency. Raising awareness of DA continues to be a central objective and the Centre through a number of open webinars events, public talks, DV awareness courses, a monthly newsletter and regular press releases, ensures the effects of Domestic Violence remains relevant in our community. The knowledge and experience of staff at the Centre makes them ideally suited to developing and delivering training on domestic abuse and healthy relationships to schools and children's centres. In the last year we increased our early intervention work and are now providing healthy relationships workshops in many schools. The programmes are adaptable and age appropriate for all school pupils between the ages of 5 and 18. Alongside these initiatives the Women's Centre team continued to develop and increase Domestic Abuse Awareness training programmes to businesses, professionals and external agencies. The awareness and recognition of the disruptive effects of Domestic Abuse in the workplace will enable the development of preventative and intervention support programmes to the benefit of both business and society alike.

LIGHTHOUSE WOMEN'S AID LIMITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Objectives and activities (continued)

d. Our volunteers

Lighthouse Women's Aid is very involved in the community and relies on voluntary help. Volunteers providing legal surgeries, back to work help and financial advice, were the main focus of our recruitment in the year with other roles starting to fill in 2023. Most volunteers are members of the charity and we wish to thank our friends for their loyal support and invaluable service.

Achievements and performance

a. Key performance indicators

In the year under review Lighthouse key financial objectives and achievements were as follows:

Secure sustainable funding to continue the provision of safe and supportive refuge accommodation for Women and children. Lighthouse continued to provide effective support work within the refuge and deliver on all our contractual obligations, increased financial constraints notwithstanding. The ability to meet and delivery effective victim support in these difficult financial times is testament to the professionalism, dedication and a strong work ethics by the team. Children in Need funding stream for the Children's Team has been secured for a further 2 years. We strongly believe that children should be supported in their own right, and this funding ensures that we can deliver a quality service.

Secure ongoing funding for the Women's Centre beyond 2024. Lottery direct support, ended in March 2023 and alternative funding had not yet been found. However, the PCC had increased their commitment. Direct community support fell by 7.5% in the year resulting in LWA carrying out a strategic review. Demand for services at The Women's Centre continued to rise, however, and teams to cover a range of support services were making a real difference and delivering effective support in our community. To sustain these Community Services in the longer term and efforts to secure the funding to close the shortfall continues.

Develop and deliver Domestic Abuse awareness courses in schools; workplaces; and to professional organisations likely to come into contact with Domestic Abuse. Demand growth for training and awareness of Domestic Abuse continued from both schools and businesses. Demand for online Domestic Abuse training continued at the levels seen during COVID restrictions and was considered very encouraging. LWA sees educating people and especially young people about the effect of Domestic Abuse as central to the Charity's objectives. As such LWA will continue to commit resources in developing this important service and believe that as efficacy of courses grows the service so will it become more self-sustainable.

Diversify fund raising options and develop community fund raising activities. LWA's Community Fund Raising Team in 2023-24 continued their good work in promoting the profile of Lighthouse and raising funds in what proved to be very difficult economic circumstances. In an environment of rising inflation, rapidly rising cost of living and reduced public expenditure it always was going to a challenging year. Despite these economic hardships the team was successful in maintaining income at near 2022 levels. Fiscal tightening by Government will intensify in 2024 and 2025 and LWA remains' realistic that in this environment it will require dedication, innovation and guile to overcome these challenges.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Achievements and performance (continued)

b. Review of activities

In the year to 31 March 2024, we continued to roll out our strategy to develop financial sustainability and grow community based services. Economic austerity and inflationary pressures, however, resulted in the demand for Domestic Abuse services remaining very high. LWA decided the economic challenges, notwithstanding, victim support was paramount and service levels would be maintained to meet demand and that the monetary shortfall would be met from Reserves. £100,000 of Free Reserves (£592,564) built up over the years for this reason were employed and designated funds were applied as intended. To remain viable and sustainable during a period of unprecedented demand and in an economic environment where funding continues to be precarious and competition is fierce, LWA has had to reinforce strict financial disciplines and remain adaptable with an operating structure able to respond quickly to changing circumstances.

Refuge & Resettlement

We have had a busy year in the Refuge. After securing the contract we have been looking at what we could develop in the Refuge that would be of benefit to residents. Journalling courses have been successful, as have monthly "Wellbeing" sessions. We have also been looking at how children's services could be best developed, being outside is such a benefit to the children and we allocated a space outside so that we could start a Forest School.

We are always keen to ensure that we can support any woman who is fleeing domestic abuse whatever their background. We are culturally aware and are keen that we have information about different religious festivals and ensure that we have necessary information about dietary needs. Added to this we are keen to ensure that we are inclusive in our welcome and celebrate events, for example, Black History month. Across the service we have an Equalities group and regularly discuss how we can make the refuge as inclusive as possible

We welcome women of all ages and are pleased to have supported residents across all age groups from their 20s through to their 60s. Providing the right support for victims fleeing domestic violence is a complicated process and the relationship between Welfare and resident is key so that they feel able to tell their story in confidence. The Welfare Worker can determine need and together with the resident agree Support and Safety Plans. Support plans are victim centred and focus on the steps needed for them to move on and start their new life. It is important that. Moving on from refuge is an important part of this work helping residents to safely move on and into accommodation and area appropriate and chosen by the resident. It is a complicated process, and the Welfare Workers are skilled at empowering the women through the process.

Across the Refuge multi agency working is key, we have strong links with Social Care, Schools, Nurseries and Children's Centres to ensure that children have their needs met and that the women are supported in parenting. A Health Visitor visits regularly, and the Children's Centre comes in and completes Video Interactive Guidance with women and their children. This is a powerful tool which really can help women identify positive parenting.

**TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

Achievements and performance (continued)

c. Women's Centre and Community Services

Demand for Women's Community Services continued to grow in 2023-24, and particularly an increase in women coming directly to the Centre for help. Inclusion initiatives to identify underrepresented groups such as older victims are beginning to see results. LWA wants to ensure that all women are appropriately supported and so offer bespoke work for those with protected characteristics. The development of services albeit planned and necessary to ensure effective inclusion are costly. In the absence of new funding for the purpose LWA employed the designated of £60,000 that had been set aside for the purpose. The challenges we face in 2024-25 with the cost-of-living crisis continuing and high inflation returning will exacerbate the financial pressures on the Centre and it was agreed that the designated fund at £60,000 be reinstated in 2024-25.

Assessing risk is a vital part of the Centre's work. We use the Domestic Abuse Stalking and Harassment (DASH) tool to ascertain the level of risk and ensure that women get the help that they need to keep them safe, as well as exploring where Honour Based Violence may be an issue. We continue to put high risk referrals through to the MARAC conference. Meetings are held for all areas of Suffolk and as women come forward to us from across the county, we attend MARACs in the area they live. As part of the Advice role, we are continuing to look at how we can best develop the service moving forward.

Developing victim confidence is key victim rehabilitation and our programmes, particularly the Freedom Programme and Power to Change, are at the core of what we do. We have been keen to ensure that the courses are able to be accessed by all our clients and we, therefore, have a wide range of programmes that have been very popular and a real help to women and children going through a difficult time. This together with the specialist work by the advice teams, an established multi-agency approach and access to practical support enable women and children to feel safer and on the road to rebuilding their lives.

d. Investment policy and performance

Interest rates rose at the beginning of the year and began to fall again towards the end of the year. The saving product employed by Lighthouse followed the changes in rates. The Trustees agreed, therefore, that because of the continued economic uncertainty and threat of continued and high inflation LWA continue to adopt a low-risk investment policy. As such funds have been kept in interest bearing deposit accounts and seek to achieve a rate on deposit which matches or exceeds inflation as measured by the retail prices index. Due to the wider economic circumstances deposit rates remained depressed and so this aim was not achieved in the year.

The investment funds held on deposit achieved an average rate of 2% against the retail price index of 4.5% in March 2024.

LIGHTHOUSE WOMEN'S AID LIMITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

a. Review of performance during the year

War, rising inflation and continued political uncertainty had a profound effect on funding decisions by donor organisations, businesses, and the public in general. Donor organisation in particular have withdrawn many, hitherto, available funding sources and restricted further eligibility of organisation able to apply for the remaining available funding. Add fierce competition and the expectation for 2023-24 was that income would fall significantly across the board. Prudent economic management by Lighthouse over the last 10 years had, however, enabled our Charity to build up sufficient reserves to weather this economic downturn and continue our important work and deliver vital services to the growing number of Domestic Abuse victims seeking help. Against this background the Trustee decided that the strategy to continue the full range of service and support for clients be maintained in 2023-24 subject to review at the 1/2year. The review proved that expected and a full range of support programmes were continued. In the 2nd half of the year. Our fund-raising team concentrated on raising the profile of LWA to local businesses through free Domestic Abuse training programmes, information videos and talks. The strategy proved successful and by the year end £137,993 had been raised through donations, just 7% below the record £148,260 achieve in 2022-23.

Contribution from funding organisations remained largely flat or fell further from the already low 2023-24 levels. Overall support from funding organisations fell just 2.4% to £586,522 from £600,642 secured in 2022-23. that in itself was considered a successful outcome in difficult circumstances. It was notable, however that the early part of 2024 showed signs of economic difficulties growing across the country and securing funds in 2024-25 is expected to be even more of a challenge than this year. Efforts to maintain and grow receipts from community fundraising will remain a key financial strategy to broaden and diversify funding sources and the team are continually looking for and pursuing a wide range of fund raising initiatives. It is likely to take some time, however, and the financing of demand growth for services in the short term will require continuing the designation of some funds from our reserves. As plan the designated fund of \$60,000 put aside to support growing service demands was put to good use in funding the operations of our Woman's Centre. To continue the necessary support for the Women's Centre and associated community projects the Trustees have agreed that the designated fund be renewed and put in place for 2024 -25.

In addition to pressures on income the unrelenting demand growth for Domestic Abuse support and fuelled by the cost-of-living crisis and war in the Ukraine continued to drive up costs. Significant measures were taken last year to consolidate Admin and Women's Centre operations to both reduce and bring under control our running costs. These benefits are beginning to come through, but it won't be until 2025 before the full benefits are realized. Although LWA is experiencing some short-term pain the Charity is financially robust and will successfully see through the current challenges. Despite inflationary pressures, economic uncertainties the cost of reorganising operations, and expanding victim services the total costs for the year rose by £14,120 and a net expenditure deficit for the year at £100,751. In light of the significant economic upheaval we saw last year across the globe we expected a far greater collapse in public support and are very much heartened by the resilience of our supporters. Given the continued short term funding gap expected in Community Services in 2024-25 and the time it's taking to develop other opportunities the Trustees have agreed that the designated fund at £60,000 created in 2020 to support the Women's Centre and associated community projects be renewed for 2024-25. Our assessment is that, designated fund notwithstanding, LWA's balance sheet remains strong and within Charity Commission Guidance. We are confident that LWA will remain financially able to meet all our liabilities and commitments to victims, staff, suppliers and supporters alike.

Lighthouse Women's Aid cost base in 2023/24 remained in line with the Charity's strategy to grow and develop a countywide sustainable organisation capable of meeting the growing demands for Domestic Abuse services.

At the end of the year the total funds of the charity were £1,098,620, of which £440,528 relates to restricted funds and £658,092+ to unrestricted funds. Of the £695,180 general fund £237,628 relates to the value of buildings on which we have a mortgage of £162,616. In compliance with Charity Commission recommendations Lighthouse Women's Aid have a policy to maintain unrestricted reserves equating to 3 months expenditure that in 2023 is £183,848.

LIGHTHOUSE WOMEN'S AID LIMITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

b. Going concern

The trustees and management have prepared detailed financial forecasts that indicate that the Charity will be able to continue to meet its liabilities as they fall due and will continue to operate for the foreseeable future, being at least 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements. Accordingly, these financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis.

c. Principal funding

The principal funding sources for the year were as follows:

- Suffolk County Council – provides funding for support services to Women in Refuge and those moving to independent living.
- Children In Need – part finance children services both within Refuge and Community Support.
- Ipswich Borough Council – provides funding for premises and premises maintenance.
- The Big Lottery Fund – provides funding for sustainability project
- The Police and Crime Commissioner provide funding Community Service and Crisis Support.
- The Rope Trust – provides funding in support for the Crisis Support.
- VAWG – supports the Family Liaison Worker
- Suffolk Building Society – provided help with setting up Triage Service
- The Hopkin's Trust provides support for victims in hardship
- Scott Badler - provided help for the Family Liaison post
- Suffolk Community Foundation – provided smaller funding grants in support of specific victim support projects and programmes.
- Other services are funding through smaller funding grants from a variety of sources and community funding initiatives.

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

Lighthouse Women's Aid Limited is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by Memorandum of Association on 17 March 1998.

The Company is constituted under a Trust Deed dated 17 March 1998 and is registered charity, number 1069296.

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

The Trustees may at any time appoint any individual who is qualified to be appointed as a Trustee to fill a vacancy in their number or as an additional Trustee.

c. Policies adopted for the induction and training of Trustees

New Trustees undergo three months' probation and are appointed a mentor. During this time the new trustee receives instruction on their obligations under charity and company law, the Charity Commission guidance on public benefits, governance obligations, the committee and decision making processes, the business plan and recent financial performances of the charity. During induction the new trustee will attend appropriate external training events on both Trusteeship and on Domestic Abuse where these will facilitate the undertaking of their role.

**TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

Structure, governance and management (continued)

d. Pay policy for key management personnel

All Trustees give of their freely and no Trustee received remuneration in the year. Details of Trustee expenses are disclosed in note 11 to the financial statements.

The pay of senior staff is reviewed annually and normally increased in accordance with average earnings subject to funding. In view of the nature of the Charity, the Directors benchmark against pay levels in other specialised victim service provision organisation of a similar size run on a voluntary basis.

e. Organisational structure and decision making

The Directors consider the Board of Directors, who are the Charity's Trustees, and the senior management team comprise the key management personnel of the Charity. The Board of Directors have responsibility of the strategic direction of the Organisation and its operation within Charity Commission Guidance, company law and Memorandum of Association. The senior management team, reporting to the Board of Directors is in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating the Charity on a day to day basis in accordance with the policies rules and strategic directions as set out by the Board of Directors.

Reserves

Unrestricted Reserves

It is the policy of the Charity to maintain unrestricted funds, which are free reserves of the Charity, at a level which equates to approximately three months unrestricted expenditure to protect against a decline or interruption of future sources of income. Three months being deemed suitable to enable the business of the Charity in respect of funding allocations, continuity in provision of service and responsibilities to staff to be fulfilled.

Designated Funds

The Trustees provide funds to be designated for a specific project. The amount of any funds held will be appropriate to the purpose or use for which they have been designated. The precise purpose of designating funds will be stated in the notes to the accounts.

Restricted Funds

It is our policy to spend restricted funds within a reasonable time of receipt. Each restricted fund is treated separately (see note 18).

LIGHTHOUSE WOMEN'S AID LIMITED

**TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

Structure, governance and management (continued)

Plans for future periods

Continue to develop the Women's Centre services, roll out programmes countywide and seek continuation of funding beyond 2023.

Secure sustainable funding to continue safe and supportive refuge accommodation for women and children.

Continue to develop Domestic Abuse training programmes delivered to Schools, Young People, Professionals and Businesses.

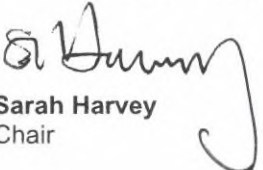
Raise the profile of Lighthouse Women's Aid by raising the awareness, through public presentations, group talks and educational sessions, on the effects of domestic violence and abuse.

Develop a fund raising strategy to diversify and improve our ability to secure funding for the long term sustainability of the Charity.

To achieve these goals the Charity has set up a number of Working Groups to review and develop recommendations for consideration by senior management and the directors during the year.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on
and signed on their behalf by:

13th November 2024.


Sarah Harvey
Chair

LIGHTHOUSE WOMEN'S AID LIMITED

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Lighthouse Women's Aid Limited ('the Charity')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2024.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the Trustees of the Charity (and 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 Charity 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 the Charity's accounts 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 the Charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ICAEW, 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 Charity 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).

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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

Signed:



John Perry FCA

Dated:

17 December 2024

Scrutton Bland Limited
Fitzroy House
Crown Street
Ipswich
IP1 3LG

LIGHTHOUSE WOMEN'S AID LIMITED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	75,616	62,377	137,993	148,260
Charitable activities	4	342,080	244,442	586,522	600,642
Profit on sale of Berners Street property	5	-	-	-	75,305
Investments	6	4,118	-	4,118	789
Total income		421,814	306,819	728,633	824,996
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	7	3,463	1,360	4,823	4,235
Charitable activities	8	517,842	306,719	824,561	826,751
Dilapidations expenditure	9	-	-	-	40,497
Total expenditure		521,305	308,079	829,384	871,483
Net expenditure		(99,491)	(1,260)	(100,751)	(46,487)
Transfers between funds	17	434,119	(434,119)	-	-
Net movement in funds		334,628	(435,379)	(100,751)	(46,487)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		755,180	444,191	1,199,371	1,245,858
Net movement in funds		334,628	(435,379)	(100,751)	(46,487)
Total funds carried forward		1,089,808	8,812	1,098,620	1,199,371

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the current and prior years.

The notes on pages 17 to 32 form part of these financial statements.

LIGHTHOUSE WOMEN'S AID LIMITED
REGISTERED NUMBER: 03532428

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	12	912,239	891,172
		<u>912,239</u>	<u>891,172</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	13	35,649	350,633
Investments	14	161,782	159,533
Cash at bank and in hand		240,736	105,012
		<u>438,167</u>	<u>615,178</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	(89,170)	(133,152)
		<u>348,997</u>	<u>482,026</u>
Net current assets		348,997	482,026
Total assets less current liabilities		1,261,236	1,373,198
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	16	(162,616)	(173,827)
Total net assets		1,098,620	1,199,371
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	17	8,812	444,191
Unrestricted funds	17	1,089,808	755,180
Total funds		1,098,620	1,199,371

LIGHTHOUSE WOMEN'S AID LIMITED

BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

The Company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

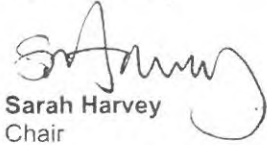
The members have not required the company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of Companies Act 2006.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on
and signed on their behalf by:

13.11.24



Sarah Harvey
Chair

LIGHTHOUSE WOMEN'S AID LIMITED

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net cash used in operating activities	(97,954)	(117,089)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Dividends, interests and rents from investments	4,118	789
Proceeds from the sale of tangible fixed assets	286,393	-
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(43,690)	(50,006)
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities	246,821	(49,217)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Repayments of borrowing	(10,894)	(10,373)
Net cash used in financing activities	(10,894)	(10,373)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	137,973	(176,679)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	264,545	441,224
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	402,518	264,545

The notes on pages 17 to 32 form part of these financial statements

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

1. General information

Lighthouse Women's Aid Limited (the "Company") is a Company limited by guarantee. The members of the Company are the Trustees named on page 1. In the event of the Company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the Company.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

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

Lighthouse Women's Aid 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.

2.2 Going concern

The Trustees and management have prepared detailed financial forecasts that indicate that the Charity will be able to continue to meet its liabilities as they fall due and will continue to operate for the foreseeable future, being at least 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements. Accordingly, these financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis.

2.3 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 income receivable can be measured reliably.

Income is deferred only when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.

No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and when it is earned.

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

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the Charity to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses including support costs and governance costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure headings.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the expenditure heading for which it was incurred.

2.5 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.

2.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing more than £500 are capitalised, along with any incidental expenses of acquisition.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is not charged on freehold land.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful life on the following bases:

Depreciation is provided on the following bases:

Freehold property	- 2% or 5% straight line cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 25% reducing balance

2.7 Investments

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the Balance Sheet date, unless the value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and presented as 'Gains/(Losses) on investments' in the Statement of Financial Activities.

2.8 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

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

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.9 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and 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 or similar account.

2.10 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities as a finance cost.

2.11 Financial instruments

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.12 Pensions

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Charity to the fund in respect of the year.

2.13 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

2.14 Current asset investments

Current asset investments are included at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.15 Taxation

Lighthouse Women's Aid Limited is a Charity within the meaning of the Charities Acts 1993 and 2006 and as such is a Charity within the meaning of Part 11, Corporation Tax Act 2010. Accordingly Lighthouse Women's Aid Limited is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or gains received within categories covered by Part 11, 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 its charitable purposes.

2.16 Operating leases

Rentals under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

3. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Donations	75,616	62,377	137,993	148,260

In 2023, of the total income from donations & legacies, £98,138 was to unrestricted funds and £50,122 was to restricted funds.

4. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Grants receivable	10,252	240,483	250,735	231,076
Accommodation based services and rent	282,651	3,959	286,610	296,783
Non-accommodation based services	46,404	-	46,404	69,843
Sundry residents income	2,773	-	2,773	2,940
Total 2024	342,080	244,442	586,522	600,642

In 2023, of the total income from charitable activities, £375,621 was to unrestricted funds and £225,021 was to restricted funds.

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5. Income from other trading activities

Income from non charitable trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Profit on sale of Berners Street property	-	-	75,305

There are no items of exceptional nature within the year ending 31 March 2024. The Statement of Financial Activities includes one item of an exceptional nature for the year ending 31 March 2023, being the profit on disposal of the Berners Street property (£75,305).

6. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Bank interest receivable	4,118	4,118	789

In 2023, of the total income from investments, £789 was to unrestricted funds and £nil was to restricted funds.

7. Expenditure on raising funds

Costs of raising voluntary income

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Fundraising and publicity	3,463	1,360	4,823	4,235

In 2023, of the total expenditure from raising voluntary income, £3,155 was to unrestricted funds and £1,080 was to restricted funds.

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7. Expenditure on raising funds (continued)**8. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities****Summary by fund type**

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Staff costs	402,778	233,372	636,150	599,833
Depreciation	12,757	9,867	22,624	26,690
Women's centre running costs	5,657	20,819	26,476	43,738
Building running costs	44,145	32,859	77,004	78,503
Support costs	28,470	7,465	35,935	61,325
Communications	15,609	-	15,609	7,938
General expenses	8,426	2,337	10,763	8,724
Total 2024	517,842	306,719	824,561	826,751
Total 2023	530,568	296,183	826,751	

9. Dilapidations Expenditure

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Dilapidations provision expense	-	-	40,497

The Statement of Financial Activities for the prior year includes one item of an exceptional nature, being the profit on disposal of the Berners Street property. There are no items of exceptional nature in the current year.

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10. Staff costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	575,618	532,918
Social security costs	34,367	40,456
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	26,165	26,459
	636,150	599,833

The average number of persons employed by the Charity during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
	No.	No.
Charitable activities	25	23
Governance and administration of the Charity	5	5
	30	28

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) exceeded £60,000 was:

	2024	2023
	No.	No.
In the band £60,001 - £70,000	1	-

11. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, none of the Trustees received any remuneration for their qualifying services to the Charity or other benefits (2023 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 March 2024, no Trustee expenses were incurred (2023 - £NIL).

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12. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation				
At 1 April 2023	993,030	134,227	53,102	1,180,359
Additions	27,139	5,842	10,709	43,690
At 31 March 2024	<u>1,020,169</u>	<u>140,069</u>	<u>63,811</u>	<u>1,224,049</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2023	137,663	117,428	34,096	289,187
Charge for the year	15,588	3,633	3,402	22,623
At 31 March 2024	<u>153,251</u>	<u>121,061</u>	<u>37,498</u>	<u>311,810</u>
Net book value				
At 31 March 2024	<u>866,918</u>	<u>19,008</u>	<u>26,313</u>	<u>912,239</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>855,367</u>	<u>16,799</u>	<u>19,006</u>	<u>891,172</u>

The Charitable Company's freehold properties were revalued in 2017. At the point of transition to FRS 102, Trustees elected to adopt the transitional arrangements contained within FRS 102 to treat the valuation as deemed cost. The historical depreciated cost of the freehold property is £102,455 (2023: £103,345).

Included in freehold land and property is freehold land amounting to £95,273 (2023: £95,273) which is not depreciated.

13. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	24,133	336,181
Prepayments and accrued income	11,516	14,452
	<u>35,649</u>	<u>350,633</u>

Included within debtors is accrued income of £18,750 (2023: £18,750).

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14. Current asset investments

	2024 £	2023 £
Deposit bank account (less than 3 months notice)	<u>161,782</u>	<u>159,533</u>

15. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Bank loan	11,226	10,909
Trade creditors	12,650	13,788
Other taxation and social security	8,931	10,624
Accruals	12,310	13,372
Deferred income	44,053	84,459
	<u>89,170</u>	<u>133,152</u>

The bank loan of £11,226 (2023: £10,909) shown within creditors falling due within one year is secured by a charge on the freehold property.

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16. Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Bank loans	<u>162,616</u>	<u>173,827</u>
Included within the above are amounts falling due as follows:		
	2024 £	2023 £
Between one and two years		
Bank loan	<u>11,596</u>	<u>11,254</u>
Between two and five years		
Bank loan	<u>33,789</u>	<u>33,732</u>
Over five years		
Bank loan	<u>117,231</u>	<u>128,841</u>

Amounts falling due after more than one year comprises of a bank loan which is secured by a charge on the freehold property. It is repayable by 300 monthly instalments at an interest rate of 2.9% until 30 November 2026 when the interest rate increases to 5.24%.

17. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds					
Designated Funds - all funds	<u>242,073</u>	-	-	<u>451,837</u>	<u>693,910</u>
	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
General funds					
General Funds - all funds	<u>513,107</u>	<u>421,814</u>	<u>(521,305)</u>	<u>(17,718)</u>	<u>395,898</u>
Total Unrestricted funds	<u>755,180</u>	<u>421,814</u>	<u>(521,305)</u>	<u>434,119</u>	<u>1,089,808</u>

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17. Statement of funds (continued)**Restricted funds**

Refuge 1 - National Lottery	109,540	76,499	(76,499)	(109,540)	-
Refuge 1 - Other funding	127,898	-	-	(124,545)	3,353
Revaluation reserve	197,221	-	-	(197,221)	-
Play equipment	2,256	2,000	(1,755)	-	2,501
PCC - COVID grant	1,307	-	-	(1,307)	-
Norfolk & Suffolk Probation Trust	13	-	-	(13)	-
Suffolk Community Foundation	1,745	-	(471)	-	1,274
Community service donations	(2,269)	38,947	(39,076)	(10)	(2,408)
SCC - Housing Support	1,005	3,959	(4,964)	-	-
Rope Trust Emergency Fund	2,000	402	(302)	(1,483)	617
Irregular donations	542	-	-	-	542
Locality Budget - computer purchases	2,933	9,261	(9,261)	-	2,933
Donations - refuge services	-	13,261	(13,261)	-	-
Children in Need	-	36,840	(36,840)	-	-
Ipswich Borough Council	-	17,000	(17,000)	-	-
PCC - Women's Centre	-	75,000	(75,000)	-	-
Crisis Worker Support	-	15,000	(15,000)	-	-
Women & Girls Fund	-	776	(776)	-	-
Children's services	-	978	(978)	-	-
SCF Hardship fund	-	13,362	(13,362)	-	-
SCF Breakthrough fund	-	3,534	(3,534)	-	-
	<u>444,191</u>	<u>306,819</u>	<u>(308,079)</u>	<u>(434,119)</u>	<u>8,812</u>
Total of funds	<u><u>1,199,371</u></u>	<u><u>728,633</u></u>	<u><u>(829,384)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>1,098,620</u></u>

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17. Statement of funds (continued)

The National Lottery and other funds represented the net book value of the Refuge. The fund balances are reduced by depreciation charged on the facility.

The revaluation reserve represents the revaluation of assets held as restricted funds.

During the year, the trustees have undertaken a review of restricted funds. During this review it was identified that the original funding for the refuge had a set period of time over which the assets purchased with the grant were restricted. This period of defined time for a restriction to be in place has now expired, and as such, the trustees consider it appropriate to transfer the corresponding fixed asset value from restricted to unrestricted funds.

The play equipment fund represents the funds received to purchase a new sun shelter at Refuge 1, along with other equipment for children at the refuge.

Women's Centre donations represents funds donated by members of the public in respect of the Women's Centre which have not yet been spent.

The Big Lottery Fund Grant has been awarded in order to run a Women and Children's Wellbeing Centre in Ipswich.

Community Service donations represent donations made to run training programmes and crisis worker support and advise workshops.

Crisis Worker Support funds are received to pay for salaries for the crisis worker positions and the associated admin support.

The Rope Trust grant has been awarded to help victims needing immediate and urgent help.

The SCC (Suffolk County Council) grant has been awarded to support victims that have no recourse to public funds.

The Children In Need grant has been awarded in order to fund two Children and Young People's Transitional Workers.

Children & Young People Donors help to meet the cost of running the Children and Young People Support Services in Refuge following the grant withdrawal from Suffolk County Council.

Locality Budget is a grant from Labour Party Councillors at Suffolk County Council for the purchase of new computers.

Donations-Refuge Service provides community support for victims at refuge and looking for help to move on.

Suffolk Foundation-crisis worker represents a grant to help meet the cost of expanding the crisis support service necessary to meet the growing demand from victims in urgent need of safety from further abuse risk.

The PCC (Police & Crime commissioner) Women's Centre grant has been awarded to support the charity with support staff costs.

Transfers from restricted funds to unrestricted funds arise where grants are given either to purchase fixed assets or to cover a proportion of administration expenses.

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17. Statement of funds (continued)

The designated funds represent money designated regarding resources held in property.

18. Summary of funds**Summary of funds - current year**

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Designated funds	242,073	-	-	451,837	693,910
General funds	513,107	421,814	(521,305)	(17,718)	395,898
Restricted funds	444,191	306,819	(308,079)	(434,119)	8,812
	<u>1,199,371</u>	<u>728,633</u>	<u>(829,384)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,098,620</u>

19. Analysis of net assets between funds**Analysis of net assets between funds - current period**

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	908,886	3,353	912,239
Current assets	432,708	5,459	438,167
Creditors due within one year	(89,170)	-	(89,170)
Creditors due in more than one year	(162,616)	-	(162,616)
Total	<u>1,089,808</u>	<u>8,812</u>	<u>1,098,620</u>

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19. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)**Analysis of net assets between funds - prior period**

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	460,201	430,971	891,172
Current assets	601,958	13,220	615,178
Creditors due within one year	(133,152)	-	(133,152)
Creditors due in more than one year	(173,827)	-	(173,827)
Total	755,180	444,191	1,199,371

20. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Net expenditure for the period (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	(100,751)	(46,487)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	22,623	26,690
Bank interest receivable	(4,118)	(789)
Profit on the sale of tangible fixed assets	-	(75,305)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	28,591	(40,891)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(44,299)	19,693
Net cash used in operating activities	(97,954)	(117,089)

21. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash at bank and in hand	240,736	105,012
Notice deposits (less than 3 months)	161,782	159,533
Total cash and cash equivalents	402,518	264,545

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22. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 April 2023	Cash flows	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	105,012	135,724	240,736
Debt due within 1 year	(10,909)	(317)	(11,226)
Debt due after 1 year	(173,827)	11,211	(162,616)
Liquid investments	159,533	2,249	161,782
	<u>79,809</u>	<u>148,867</u>	<u>228,676</u>

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23. Pension commitments

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 pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the Charity to the fund and amounted to £26,165 (2023 - £26,459). Contributions totalling £Nil (2023 - £Nil) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date.

24. Operating lease commitments

At 31 March 2024 the Charity had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Not later than 1 year	1,130	654
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	3,936	1,367
	<u>5,066</u>	<u>2,021</u>

25. Related party transactions

The key management personnel of the Charity received remuneration amounting to £139,838 (2023: £135,154).

There were no other related party transactions in either year.

26. Controlling party

The Charity is a limited liability company Limited by guarantee. There is no ultimate controlling party.

LIGHTHOUSE WOMEN'S AID LIMITED

England & Wales - Charity number 1069296

Accounts

Registered number: 03532428
Charity number: 1069296

LIGHTHOUSE WOMEN'S AID LIMITED

UNAUDITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

LIGHTHOUSE WOMEN'S AID LIMITED

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Trustees	Sarah Harvey, Chair Cynthia Glinos, Vice Chair Rebecca Martin, Trustee Sally Winston, Trustee Catherine Bright, Trustee Sandra Alex Gage, Trustee Rebecca Martin, Trustee Margaret Parry, Trustee Judith Rose, Trustee Zoe Woods, Trustee (appointed 10 May 2023) Nina Livermore, Trustee (appointed 10 May 2023)
Company registered number	03532428
Charity registered number	1069296
Registered office	Fitzroy House Crown Street Ipswich Suffolk IP1 3LG
Company secretary	Sally Winston
Chief executive officer	Sally Winston
Independent Examiner	Timothy O'Connor SB Audit LLP Chartered Accountants 820 The Crescent Colchester Business Park Colchester Essex CO4 9YQ
Bankers	Natwest Bank Plc, 2 Tavern Street, Ipswich, IP1 3BD Scottish Widows, PO Box 12757, 67 Morrison Street, Edinburgh, EH3 8YJ Nationwide Building Society, PO Box 3, 5-11 St. George Street, Douglas, Isle of Man, IM99 1AS
Solicitors	Gotelee Solicitors, 34-41 Elm Street, Ipswich, IP1 2AY

LIGHTHOUSE WOMEN'S AID LIMITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the Lighthouse Women's Aid Limited (the "Charitable Company" or the "Charity") for the year ended 31 March 2023. The Annual Report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' Report and a Directors' Report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the Charitable Company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the Charitable Company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102).

Since the Charity qualifies as small under section 382 of the Companies Act 2006, the Strategic Report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

The objectives of Lighthouse Women's Aid are:

- To continue to provide safe and supportive refuge accommodation building on expertise already evident within these services and to be adaptive to changing needs as a consequence of social / political and economic environments.
- To develop innovative community services, responding to need, providing both preventative and therapeutic programmes for women and children throughout Suffolk.
- To continue the campaign to raise awareness of domestic violence, through training programmes, social, public and printed media.

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

b. Strategies for achieving objectives

- Actively engaging with partners and commissioners at County level to ensure LWA's Domestic Violence Refuges are represented and recognised as a specialised service requiring the appropriate consideration as such in decisions around supported housing provisions in Suffolk.
- Continue the Development provision of effective and progressive resettlement support for victims rejoining their communities and society.
- Continue building and improving a multiagency approach to support victims of domestic violence through strengthening partnership work with other professionals who also see victims of abuse in their line of work.
- Provide opportunities and the environment for staff to develop their professionalism and specialist service excellence to victims of domestic abuse in all its forms.
- Continue to raise awareness of Domestic Abuse to young people through delivering the "Expect Respect" preventative programme to schools and educational institutions throughout Suffolk.
- Continue to develop the Women's Centre as a centre of excellence indispensable for any victim of domestic abuse seeking support.
- Raise awareness of the impact and costs of Domestic Abuse to the wider public through delivery of training and information programmes to social groups and the work place.
- Putting these strategies into action we have three major areas of activity which are: Refuge and Resettlement; The Women's Centre; and our training and education team.

Objectives and activities (continued)

Refuge and Resettlement

2023 was our 47th year for providing a safe and supportive environment for women and their children fleeing domestic abuse. Through strong multiagency links LWA's Refuge work includes managing a constant flow of referrals, admissions, general advice and delivering person centred support and "moving on" programmes. These programmes are tailored to address the unique needs and complexities of women and children having to rebuild their lives after the devastating effects of domestic abuse. Through training in a range of competences and with 45 year experience LWA's Refuge has a highly specialised and skilled team that together with other professionals across the country ensures victim centred support is outcome focused to rebuild their confidence and skills and to help them grow stronger and move on to a safer and happier life.

Our resettlement team support women and children in their new homes to the point when they can feel confidence in their new found independence. Our children's team are essential in this process, supporting mums through childcare so they can attend appointments and programmes but more importantly supporting children and maintaining normality through the trauma they are experiencing and have experienced.

The Women's Centre

The Women's Centre delivers both support and preventative programmes and plays an important role in increasing awareness of domestic abuse generally. A specialised Crisis Intervention service provides advice to women and children in abusive relationships and creates a seamless link at the point of crisis with other agencies to develop and implement safety plans eliminating further abuse risk. Advice teams specialise in helping those out of relationships and lower level abuse. These teams working together means that women and children across the spectrum of Domestic Abuse have access to the support that meets their needs. Project teams deliver a range of training programmes helping those affected by DA to regain their self-esteem and confidently re-join mainstream society. In 2021 the Centre added the Community Support Service, an initiative aimed at supporting cohorts not able to access Domestic Abuse services. In just its second year the growing numbers of people from hitherto unrepresented groups has risen significantly surpassing all expectations and demonstrating a substantial need. Further evaluation of data has helped the Centre identify other groups where we need to alter our approach and as a result further targeted community based services are being developed for next year. Throughout 2022 our Centre also continued to offer practical support such as legal and debt advice provided by specialists and free of charge. Raising awareness continues to be a central objective and the Centre through a number open webinars events, public talks, DV awareness courses, a monthly newsletter and regular press releases, ensures the effects of Domestic Violence remains relevant in our community. The knowledge and experience of staff at the Centre makes them ideally suited to developing and delivering training on domestic abuse and healthy relationships to schools and children's centres. In the last year we increased our early intervention work and are now providing healthy relationships workshops in many schools. The programmes are adaptable and age appropriate for all school pupils between the age of 5 and 18. Alongside these initiatives the Women's Centre team continued to develop and increase Domestic Abuse Awareness training programmes to businesses, professionals and external agencies. The awareness and recognition of the disruptive effects of Domestic Abuse on the workplace will enable the development of preventative and intervention support programmes to the benefit of both business and society alike.

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Objectives and activities (continued)

c. Our volunteers

Lighthouse Women's Aid is very involved in the community and relies on voluntary help. Volunteers providing legal surgeries, back to work help and financial advice, were the main focus of our recruitment in the year with other roles starting to fill in 2023. Most volunteers are members of the charity and we wish to thank our friends for their loyal support and invaluable service.

d. Main activities undertaken to further the Charity's purposes for the public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Trust's aims and objectives and in planning future activities. All our activities are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit.

Achievements and performance

a. Key performance indicators

In the year under review Lighthouse Women's Aid's key financial objectives and achievements were as follows:

- Secure sustainable funding to continue the provision of safe and supportive refuge accommodation for Women and children. Lighthouse successfully secured the tender to continue with delivering work within the refuge for the next 3-5 years. Securing the contract was testament to the really strong work delivered by the team. We have also secured funding through the Children in Need funding stream for the Children's Team, we strongly believe that children should be supported in their own right at refuge and this funding ensures that we can deliver a quality service.
- Secure ongoing funding for the Women's Centre beyond 2023. Lottery direct support, ended in March 2022 and alternative funding had not yet been found. However the PCC had increased their commitment and direct community support rose by some 30% to reduce significantly our funding shortfall. Demand for services at The Women's Centre continues to rise, however, and there remains a shortfall that, currently, is being met by a specific designated fund set up for this purpose. To sustain these Community Services in the longer term and efforts to secure the funding to close the shortfall continues. In the meantime the Designated Fund at the Women's Centre will be increased again to £60,000 and will remain in place for at least another year.
- Develop and deliver Domestic Abuse awareness courses in schools; work places; and to professional organisations likely to come into contact with Domestic Abuse. Demand for training and awareness of Domestic Abuse continued to see strong demand from both schools and businesses. Demand for on line Domestic Abuse training continued at the levels seen during COVID restrictions and was considered very encouraging. LWA sees educating people and especially young people about the effect of Domestic Abuse as central to the Charity's objectives. As such LWA will continue to commit resources in developing this important service and believe that as efficacy of courses grows the service so will it become more self sustainable.
- Diversify fund raising options and develop community fund raising activities. After a very successful 2021-22 LWA's Community Fund Raising Team in 2022-23 was given the challenge of both raising in excess of £100,000 from the community and other funding institutions. The team were successful on both counts raising more than £98,000 from our local community and some £50,000 from funder organisations. The contacts, friendships and support networks with members of the public and business communities during our 47th year continued to strengthen. We need to be realistic however and faced with large cost of living price increases we expect a temporary drop in community giving over the next two years before returning to current levels in 2025. Our challenge is to limit this expected loss in support.

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Achievements and performance (continued)

b. Review of activities

In the year to 31 March 2023 we continued to roll out our strategy to develop financial sustainability and grow community based services. Since the COVID pandemic, reported instances of domestic abuse have increased significantly in our community and demand for victim support services shows no sign of abating. To remain viable and sustainable during a period of unprecedented demand and in an economic environment where funding continues to be precarious and competition is fierce, LWA has had to reinforce strict financial disciplines and remain adaptable with an operating structure able to respond quickly to changing circumstances.

Refuge & Resettlement

We have had a busy year in the Refuge. One of our key achievements this year was ensuring that we won the tender to continue with delivering work within the refuge for the next 3-5 years. Securing the contract was testament to the really strong work delivered by the team. We have also secured funding through the Children in Need funding stream for the Children's Team, we strongly believe that children should be supported in their own right at refuge and this funding ensures that we can deliver a quality service.

At Lighthouse we are always keen to ensure that we can support any woman who is fleeing domestic abuse whatever their background. With this in mind, funding has been attained to help women who have No Recourse to Public Funds. Women without recourse are exceptionally vulnerable and the fact that they have no recourse can be used against them through abuse. The women LWA have supported so far to gain full access to public funds are all really looking forward to working again and being part of the communities that they move to.

Developing a good relationship with the Welfare Workers is key so residents feel able to tell their story. From these discussions and assessments support plans are made bearing in mind the needs of the women and the steps needed for them to move on and start in their new life.

Part of the service we offer is ensuring that therapeutic services are available with options to access them in the refuge as finding services through the GP can be a barrier. We applied for funding and offer counselling at the refuge through a qualified counsellor. This has been really appreciated by residents and the funding has been well utilised. Across the Refuge multi agency working is key, we have strong links with Social Care, Schools, Nurseries and Children's Centres to ensure that children have their needs met and that the women are supported in parenting. We also link in with wider services, a health visitor visits regularly and we have Triple P delivered in the refuge. We have strong links with a solicitor who has continued to support women in the Refuge with legal advice. The Job Centre is also very supportive in ensuring that Women are accessing the correct benefits.

As well as the support from the Refuge women are also able to access support around Domestic Abuse from Lighthouse Community Centre. This gives women the opportunity to complete the Freedom Programme/ Power to Change. These courses have continued online, as well as face to face. This gives the women to meet with others who have experienced domestic abuse and this opportunity is certainly a valuable part of the offer we make.

When women are ready to move on we offer resettlement, for some that will be supporting their move into Suffolk with ongoing support or further afield linking them into their chosen area.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Achievements and performance (continued)

c. Women's Centre and Community Services

Growth in demand for Women's Community Services continued to grow and expand in 2022-23. To meet the identified increased need LWA had to improve its efficiencies and effectiveness of the support being implemented. The Centre was reorganised and moved to a new, purposely designed facility with the Charity's HQ function at Felixstowe Road. The flexibility of the space has enabled teams to better coordinate training; children activities and improve victim focused programmes. Despite the efficiencies that also came with the move the cost of meeting the increased demands meant that we continue to see a funding shortfall that is currently met from donations and from reserves. The funding gap was expected and contingencies were put in place by LWA with £60,000 put aside into a designated fund for the purpose of meeting the anticipated shortfall.

Domestic Abuse Awareness courses and training services now in the sixth year showed good improvement following the near collapse caused by COVID two years ago. These are high quality courses very relevant for today and are beneficial to both individuals and organisation alike. We expect the growing acceptance of the benefits of these courses to pick up when economic confidence returns and that the training service achieves self-sustainability within the next four years.

Many of the initiatives planned will take time and securing overall funding for the Women's Centre is proving challenging in the face of rising demand for, and growth in, services. Despite an improvement in managing costs on a like for like basis this year the Women's Centre will continue to run at a deficit for 2023 - 24 at around £50,000. The shortfall will be met partly from community fund raising and partly from reserves where LWA have designated £60,000 to meet requirements over the next year. Efforts to secure external funding are ongoing with a number of applications under consideration. Reserve designation notwithstanding the financial strength and integrity of Lighthouse Women's Aid will remain robust and we are confident in our support for the future of the Women's Centre

d. Investment policy and performance

Recent interest rate rises, although welcome, start from a very low base and remain low at around 2.5%. The Trustees, therefore because of the economic uncertainty and high inflation continue to adopt a low risk investment policy with the aim of securing capital without jeopardising the value of the charity's resources. As such funds have been kept in interest bearing deposit accounts and seek to achieve a rate on deposit which matches or exceeds inflation as measured by the retail prices index. Due to the wider economic circumstances deposit rates remained depressed and so this aim was not achieved in the year.

The investment funds held on deposit achieved an average rate of 2.5% against the retail price index of 13.4% in March 2023.

a. Review of performance during the year

War, rapidly rising inflation and continued political uncertainty had a profound effect on funding decisions by both donor organisations, businesses and the general public. Donor organisation in particular have withdrawn many, hitherto, available funding sources and restricted further eligibility of organisation able to apply for the remaining available funding. Despite this difficult economic environment Lighthouse, in 2022-23, continued to develop its profile and work to increase income from our local community as a proportion of total funds needed to meet service demands. The exercise was a resounding success in the circumstances and donations from the local community rose by 24% to £148,260 from £119,370. Contribution from funding organisation remained largely flat, that in itself was considered a successful outcome in difficult circumstances. It was notable, however that the early part of 2023 showed signs of economic difficulties growing across the country and securing funds in

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2023-24 is expected to be even more of a challenge than this year. Efforts to maintain and grow receipts from community fundraising will remain a key financial strategy to broaden and diversify funding sources and the team are continually looking for and pursuing a wide range of fund raising initiatives. It is likely to take some time, however, and the financing of demand growth for services in the short term will require continuing the designation of some funds from our reserves. This position was recognised early on and from the surplus raised in 2018 £60,000 was put into a designated fund to support Community Services. Some £43,000 of this designated fund was used in this year. To continue the necessary support for the Women's Centre and associated community projects the Trustees have agreed that the designated fund be topped up and remain in place for 2023 -24.

In addition to pressures on income rapid inflation growth fuelled by War in the Ukraine had a significant impact on cost. LWA to make the control of cost even more challenging continued to experience growing demand for its services since COVID and with no sign that this was likely to slow. Significant measure had to be taken to both reduce and bring under control our running costs. To reduce overall running costs in the medium to long term, LWA took the decision to close both its inefficient and impractical Women Centre and Admin functions in the centre of Ipswich and consolidate both in its own property at 238 Felixstowe Road Ipswich. The cost of the reorganisation would be met from the sale of the Women's Centre's Berners Street property. The sale would also provide funds for much needed Refuge improvements and vital technology to support front line services. These changes are necessary to improve efficiencies and effectiveness of LWA in the long term. Although some short term pain is expected LWA is financially robust and will successfully see through the current external and internal challenges. As a result of rapid inflation, economic uncertainties, the cost of reorganising operations, and expanding victim services the total costs for the year rose by £70,128 and a net expenditure deficit for the year at £46,487. In light of the significant economic upheaval we saw last year across the globe we expected a far greater collapse in public support and are very much heartened by the resilience of our supporters. Given the continued short term funding gap expected in Community Services in 2023-24 and the time it's taking to develop other opportunities the Trustees have agreed that the designated fund at £60,000 created in 2020 to support the Women's Centre and associated community projects be retain for 2023-24. Our assessment is that, designated fund notwithstanding, LWA's balance sheet remains strong and within Charity Commission Guidance. We are confident that LWA will remain financially able to meet all our liabilities and commitments to victims, staff, suppliers and supporters alike.

Lighthouse Women's Aid cost base in 2022/23 remained in line with the Charity's strategy to grow and develop a countywide sustainable organisation capable of meeting the growing demands for Domestic Abuse services.

At the end of the year the total funds of the charity were £1,199,371, of which £444,191 relates to restricted funds and £755,180 to unrestricted funds. Of the £755,180 general fund £242,073 relates to the value of buildings on which we have a mortgage of £184,736. In compliance with Charity Commission recommendations Lighthouse Women's Aid have a policy to maintain unrestricted reserves equating to 3 months expenditure that in 2023 is £198,466.

b. Going concern

The trustees and management have prepared detailed financial forecasts that indicate that the Charity will be able to continue to meet its liabilities as they fall due and will continue to operate for the foreseeable future, being at least 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements. Accordingly, these financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis.

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c. Principal funding

The principal funding sources for the year were as follows:

- Suffolk County Council – provides funding for support services to Women in Refuge and those moving to independent living.
- Children In Need – part finance children services both within Refuge and Community Support.
- Ipswich Borough Council – provides funding for premises and premises maintenance.
- The Big Lottery Fund – provides funding for sustainability project
- The Police and Crime Commissioner provide funding Community Service and Crisis Support.
- The Rope Trust – provides funding in support for the Crisis Support.
- VAWG – supports the Family Liaison Worker
- The Hopkin's Trust provides support for victims in hardship
- Suffolk Community Foundation – provided smaller funding grants in support of specific victim support projects and programmes.
- Other services are funding through smaller funding grants from a variety of sources and community funding initiatives.

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

Lighthouse Women's Aid Limited is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by Memorandum of Association on 17 March 1998.

The Company is constituted under a Trust Deed dated 17 March 1998 and is registered charity, number 1069296.

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

The Trustees may at any time appoint any individual who is qualified to be appointed as a Trustee to fill a vacancy in their number or as an additional Trustee.

c. Policies adopted for the induction and training of Trustees

New Trustees undergo three months' probation and are appointed a mentor. During this time the new trustee receives instruction on their obligations under charity and company law, the Charity Commission guidance on public benefits, governance obligations, the committee and decision making processes, the business plan and recent financial performances of the charity. During induction the new trustee will attend appropriate external training events on both Trusteeship and on Domestic Abuse where these will facilitate the undertaking of their role.

d. Pay policy for key management personnel

All Trustees give of their freely and no Trustee received remuneration in the year. Details of Trustee expenses are disclosed in note 11 to the financial statements.

The pay of senior staff is reviewed annually and normally increased in accordance with average earnings subject to funding. In view of the nature of the Charity, the Directors benchmark against pay levels in other specialised victim service provision organisation of a similar size run on a voluntary basis.

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Structure, governance and management (continued)

e. Organisational structure and decision making

The Directors consider the Board of Directors, who are the Charity's Trustees, and the senior management team comprise the key management personnel of the Charity. The Board of Directors have responsibility of the strategic direction of the Organisation and its operation within Charity Commission Guidance, company law and Memorandum of Association. The senior management team, reporting to the Board of Directors is in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating the Charity on a day to day basis in accordance with the policies rules and strategic directions as set out by the Board of Directors.

Reserves

Unrestricted Reserves

It is the policy of the Charity to maintain unrestricted funds, which are free reserves of the Charity, at a level which equates to approximately three months unrestricted expenditure to protect against a decline or interruption of future sources of income. Three months being deemed suitable to enable the business of the Charity in respect of funding allocations, continuity in provision of service and responsibilities to staff to be fulfilled.

Designated Funds

The Trustees provide funds to be designated for a specific project. The amount of any funds held will be appropriate to the purpose or use for which they have been designated. The precise purpose of designating funds will be stated in the notes to the accounts.

Restricted Funds

It is our policy to spend restricted funds within a reasonable time of receipt. Each restricted fund is treated separately (see note 18).

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
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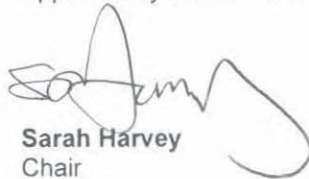
Structure, governance and management (continued)

Plans for future periods

- Continue to develop the Women's Centre services, roll out programmes countywide and seek continuation of funding beyond 2023.
- Secure sustainable funding to continue safe and supportive refuge accommodation for women and children.
- Continue to develop Domestic Abuse training programmes delivered to Schools, Young People, Professionals and Businesses.
- Raise the profile of Lighthouse Women's Aid by raising awareness, through public presentations, group talks and educational sessions, on the effects of domestic violence and abuse.
- Develop a fund raising strategy to diversify and improve our ability to secure funding for the long term sustainability of the Charity.

To achieve these goals the Charity has set up a number of Working Groups to review and develop recommendations for consideration by senior management and the directors during the year.

Approved by order of the members of the Board of Trustees on 8/12/23 and signed on their behalf by:



Sarah Harvey
Chair

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Lighthouse Women's Aid Limited ('the Charity')

I report to the Trustees (who are also Directors for the purpose of company law) on my examination of the financial statements of Lighthouse Women's Aid Limited ('the Charitable Company') for the year ended 31 March 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and related notes.

This report is made solely to the Charitable Company's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Charitable Company's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charitable Company and the Charitable Company's Trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the Trustees of the Charitable Company (and its Directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the Charitable 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 the Charitable Company's financial statements 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 the Charitable Company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ICAEW, 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 Charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the financial statements give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the financial statements 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)].

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT (CONTINUED)
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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 financial statements to be reached.



Timothy O'Connor (Independent Examiner)

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11/12/23

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	98,138	50,122	148,260	119,370
Charitable activities	4	375,621	225,021	600,642	597,546
Profit on sale of Berners Street property	5	75,305	-	75,305	-
Investments	6	789	-	789	25,990
Total income		549,853	275,143	824,996	742,906
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	7	3,155	1,080	4,235	1,283
Charitable activities	8	547,686	279,065	826,751	756,623
Dilapidations expenditure	9	40,497	-	40,497	-
Total expenditure		591,338	280,145	871,483	757,906
Net expenditure		(41,485)	(5,002)	(46,487)	(15,000)
Transfers between funds	18	(1,838)	1,838	-	-
Net movement in funds		(43,323)	(3,164)	(46,487)	(15,000)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		798,503	447,355	1,245,858	1,260,858
Net movement in funds		(43,323)	(3,164)	(46,487)	(15,000)
Total funds carried forward		755,180	444,191	1,199,371	1,245,858

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the current and prior years.

The notes on pages 17 to 34 form part of these financial statements.

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REGISTERED NUMBER: 03532428

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	12	891,172	703,944
Investment property	13	-	375,000
		<u>891,172</u>	<u>1,078,944</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	14	350,633	23,349
Investments	15	159,533	158,745
Cash at bank and in hand	22	105,012	282,479
		<u>615,178</u>	<u>464,573</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	(133,152)	(113,152)
Net current assets		<u>482,026</u>	<u>351,421</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>1,373,198</u>	<u>1,430,365</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	17	(173,827)	(184,507)
Total net assets		<u><u>1,199,371</u></u>	<u><u>1,245,858</u></u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	18	444,191	447,355
Unrestricted funds	18	755,180	798,503
Total funds		<u><u>1,199,371</u></u>	<u><u>1,245,858</u></u>

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BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

The Company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

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

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on
and signed on their behalf by:

8/12/23


Sarah Harvey
Chair

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net cash used in operating activities	(117,089)	42,531
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Cash flows from investing activities		
Dividends, interests and rents from investments	789	120
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(50,006)	(2,921)
Net cash used in investing activities	(49,217)	(2,801)
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Cash flows from financing activities		
Repayments of borrowing	(10,373)	(9,428)
Net cash used in financing activities	(10,373)	(9,428)
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Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	(176,679)	30,302
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	441,224	410,922
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	<u>264,545</u>	<u>441,224</u>

The notes on pages 17 to 34 form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1. General information

Lighthouse Women's Aid Limited (the "Company") is a Company limited by guarantee. The members of the Company are the Trustees named on page 1. In the event of the Company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the Company.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

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

Lighthouse Women's Aid 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.

2.2 Going concern

The Trustees and management have prepared detailed financial forecasts that indicate that the Charity will be able to continue to meet its liabilities as they fall due and will continue to operate for the foreseeable future, being at least 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements. Accordingly, these financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis.

2.3 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 income receivable can be measured reliably.

Income is deferred only when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.

No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and when it is earned.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the Charity to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses including support costs and governance costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure headings.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the expenditure heading for which it was incurred.

2.5 Government grants

Government grants relating to tangible fixed assets are treated as deferred income and released to the Statement of Financial Activities over the expected useful lives of the assets concerned. Other grants are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities as the related expenditure is incurred.

2.6 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.

2.7 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing more than £500 are capitalised, along with any incidental expenses of acquisition.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is not charged on freehold land.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful live on the following bases:

Freehold property	- 2% or 5% straight line cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 25% reducing balance

2.8 Investments

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the Balance Sheet date, unless the value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and presented as 'Gains/(Losses) on investments' in the Statement of Financial Activities.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.9 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

2.10 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and 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 or similar account.

2.11 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities as a finance cost.

2.12 Financial instruments

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.13 Pensions

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Charity to the fund in respect of the year.

2.14 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.15 Current asset investments

Current asset investments are included at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

2.16 Investment property

Investment properties are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the Balance Sheet date, unless fair value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment.

Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and shown in the heading 'Gains/(losses) on investments' in the Statement of Financial Activities.

2.17 Taxation

Lighthouse Women's Aid Limited is a Charity within the meaning of the Charities Acts 1993 and 2006 and as such is a Charity within the meaning of Part 11, Corporation Tax Act 2010. Accordingly Lighthouse Women's Aid Limited is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or gains received within categories covered by Part 11, 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 its charitable purposes.

2.18 Operating leases

Rentals under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

3. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Donations	98,138	50,122	148,260	119,370

In 2022, of the total income from donations & legacies, £89,307 was to unrestricted funds and £30,063 was to restricted funds.

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4. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Grants receivable	7,037	224,039	231,076	265,907
Accommodation based services and rent	295,801	982	296,783	259,774
Non-accommodation based services	69,843	-	69,843	67,809
Sundry residents income	2,940	-	2,940	4,056
Total 2023	<u>375,621</u>	<u>225,021</u>	<u>600,642</u>	<u>597,546</u>

In 2022, of the total income from charitable activities, £335,987 was to unrestricted funds and £261,559 was to restricted funds.

5. Income from other trading activities

Income from non charitable trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Profit on sale of Berners Street property	75,305	75,305	-

The Statement of Financial Activities includes two items of an extraordinary nature, being the profit on disposal of the Berners Street property (£75,305) and the closure costs associated with Westgate House (£40,497).

6. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Investment properties	-	-	25,870
Bank interest receivable	789	789	120
Total 2023	<u>789</u>	<u>789</u>	<u>25,990</u>

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6. Investment income (continued)

In 2022, of the total income from investments, £25,990 was to unrestricted funds and £nil was to restricted funds.

7. Expenditure on raising funds

Costs of raising voluntary income

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Fundraising and publicity	3,155	1,080	4,235	1,283

In 2022, of the total expenditure from raising voluntary income, £988 was to unrestricted funds and £295 was to restricted funds.

8. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Staff costs	406,035	193,799	599,834	586,951
Depreciation	16,585	10,105	26,690	24,441
Women's centre running costs	11,674	32,064	43,738	27,515
Building running costs	78,503	-	78,503	59,448
Support costs	20,942	40,382	61,324	44,415
Communications	7,938	-	7,938	1,488
General expenses	6,009	2,715	8,724	12,365
Total 2023	547,686	279,065	826,751	756,623
Total 2022	482,518	274,105	756,623	

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9. Dilapidations Expenditure

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Dilapidations provision expense	40,497	40,497	-

The Statement of Financial Activities includes two items of an extraordinary nature, being the profit on disposal of the Berners Street property (£75,305) and the closure costs associated with Westgate House (£40,497) shown above.

10. Staff costs

	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	532,919	521,287
Social security costs	40,456	38,997
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	26,459	26,667
	<u>599,834</u>	<u>586,951</u>

The average number of persons employed by the Charity during the year was as follows:

	2023 No.	2022 No.
Charitable activities	23	17
Governance and administration of the Charity	5	5
	<u>28</u>	<u>22</u>

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

11. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, none of the Trustees received any remuneration for their qualifying services to the Charity or other benefits (2022 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 March 2023, no Trustee expenses were incurred (2022 - £NIL).

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12. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation				
At 1 April 2022	845,237	138,810	50,801	1,034,848
Additions	39,521	3,148	7,337	50,006
Disposals	(266,728)	(7,731)	(5,036)	(279,495)
Transfers between classes	375,000	-	-	375,000
At 31 March 2023	<u>993,030</u>	<u>134,227</u>	<u>53,102</u>	<u>1,180,359</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2022	174,289	121,433	35,182	330,904
Charge for the year	19,387	3,623	3,680	26,690
On disposals	(56,013)	(7,628)	(4,766)	(68,407)
At 31 March 2023	<u>137,663</u>	<u>117,428</u>	<u>34,096</u>	<u>289,187</u>
Net book value				
At 31 March 2023	<u>855,367</u>	<u>16,799</u>	<u>19,006</u>	<u>891,172</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>670,948</u>	<u>17,377</u>	<u>15,619</u>	<u>703,944</u>

The Charitable Company's freehold properties were revalued in 2017. At the point of transition to FRS 102, Trustees elected to adopt the transitional arrangements contained within FRS 102 to treat the valuation as deemed cost. The historical depreciated cost of the freehold property is £103,345 (2022: £237,599).

Included in freehold land and property is freehold land amounting to £95,273 (2022: £95,273) which is not depreciated.

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13. Investment property

	Freehold investment property £
At 1 April 2022	375,000
Transfers between classes	(375,000)
At 31 March 2023	-

The investment property was formally valued in 2017 by Fenn Wright, an independent professional valuer, on an open market for existing use basis. This has been transferred into tangible fixed assets following the Charity now using the property for its own purposes.

14. Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	336,181	5,383
Prepayments and accrued income	14,452	17,966
	<u>350,633</u>	<u>23,349</u>

15. Current asset investments

	2023 £	2022 £
Deposit bank account (less than 3 months notice)	<u>159,533</u>	<u>158,745</u>

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16. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Bank loan	10,909	10,602
Trade creditors	13,788	4,957
Other taxation and social security	10,624	10,056
Accruals	13,372	11,971
Deferred income	84,459	75,566
	<u>133,152</u>	<u>113,152</u>

The bank loan of £10,909 (2022: £10,602) shown within creditors falling due within one year is secured by a charge on the freehold property.

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17. Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Bank loans	173,827	184,507

Included within the above are amounts falling due as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Between one and two years		
Bank loan	11,254	10,909
Between two and five years		
Bank loan	33,732	33,932
Over five years		
Bank loan	128,841	139,666

Amounts falling due after more than one year comprises of a bank loan which is secured by a charge on the freehold property. It is repayable by 300 monthly instalments at an interest rate of 2.9% until 30 November 2026 when the interest rate increases to 5.24%.

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18. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds					
Women's Centre and community projects	60,000	-	-	-	60,000
Property	405,158	-	-	(223,085)	182,073
	<u>465,158</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(223,085)</u>	<u>242,073</u>

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
General funds					
General Funds - all funds	333,345	549,853	(591,338)	221,247	513,107
Total Unrestricted funds	<u>798,503</u>	<u>549,853</u>	<u>(591,338)</u>	<u>(1,838)</u>	<u>755,180</u>

Restricted funds

Refuge 1 - National Lottery	109,540	43,051	(43,051)	-	109,540
Refuge 1 - Other funding	128,364	-	(466)	-	127,898
Revaluation reserve	197,221	-	-	-	197,221
Play equipment	2,256	2,472	(2,472)	-	2,256
PCC - COVID grant	1,633	-	(326)	-	1,307
Norfolk & Suffolk Probation Trust	13	-	-	-	13
Suffolk Community Foundation	1,745	-	-	-	1,745
Community service donations	(1,019)	35,309	(36,559)	-	(2,269)
SCC - Housing Support	1,005	982	(982)	-	1,005
Rope Trust Emergency Fund	1,000	1,000	-	-	2,000
Irregular donations	542	-	-	-	542
Locality Budget - computer purchases	2,933	-	-	-	2,933

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18. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - current year (continued)

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Donations - refuge services	2,122	13,233	(23,083)	7,728	-
Children in Need	-	44,262	(44,262)	-	-
Ipswich Borough Council	-	17,000	(17,000)	-	-
PCC - Women's Centre	-	99,000	(93,110)	(5,890)	-
Crisis Worker Support	-	12,000	(12,000)	-	-
Women & Girls Fund	-	1,080	(1,080)	-	-
Resettlement Support	-	5,754	(5,754)	-	-
	<u>447,355</u>	<u>275,143</u>	<u>(280,145)</u>	<u>1,838</u>	<u>444,191</u>
Total of funds	<u><u>1,245,858</u></u>	<u><u>824,996</u></u>	<u><u>(871,483)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>1,199,371</u></u>

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18. Statement of funds (continued)

The National Lottery and other funds represent the net book value of Refuge 1. The fund balances are reduced by depreciation charged on the facility.

The revaluation reserve represents the revaluation of assets held as restricted funds.

The play equipment fund represents the funds received to purchase a new sun shelter at Refuge 1, along with other equipment for children at the refuge.

Women's Centre donations represents funds donated by members of the public in respect of the Women's Centre which have not yet been spent.

The Norfolk & Suffolk Community Rehabilitation Company grant has been awarded in order to develop and set up a programme to support women offenders in the local area.

The Big Lottery Fund Grant has been awarded in order to run a Women and Children's Wellbeing Centre in Ipswich.

Community Service donations represent donations made to run training programmes and crisis worker support and advise workshops.

Crisis Worker Support funds are received to pay for salaries for the crisis worker positions and the associated admin support.

The Rope Trust grant has been awarded to help victims needing immediate and urgent help.

The Resettlement Fund grant was awarded to help victims of domestic violence moving to independent accommodation.

The SCC (Suffolk County Council) grant has been awarded to support victims that have no recourse to public funds.

The Summer Playscheme fund is the grant awarded towards the funding of a six week play scheme for resident children.

The Children In Need grant has been awarded in order to fund two Children and Young People's Transitional Workers.

Children & Young People Donors help to meet the cost of running the Children and Young People Support Services in Refuge following the grant withdrawal from Suffolk County Council.

Locality Budget is a grant from Labour Party Councillors at Suffolk County Council for the purchase of new computers.

Donations-Refuge Service provides community support for victims at refuge and looking for help to move on.

Suffolk Foundation-crisis worker represents a grant to help meet the cost of expanding the crisis support service necessary to meet the growing demand from victims in urgent need of safety from further abuse risk.

Transfers from restricted funds to unrestricted funds arise where grants are given either to purchase fixed assets or to cover a proportion of administration expenses.

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18. Statement of funds (continued)

The designated funds represent money designated for the Women's Centre and community projects and resources held in property.

The PCC (Police & Crime commissioner) Women's Centre grant has been awarded to support the charity during the pandemic.

19. Summary of funds**Summary of funds - current year**

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Designated funds	465,158	-	-	(223,085)	242,073
General funds	333,345	549,853	(591,338)	221,247	513,107
Restricted funds	447,355	275,143	(280,145)	1,838	444,191
	<u>1,245,858</u>	<u>824,996</u>	<u>(871,483)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,199,371</u>

20. Analysis of net assets between funds**Analysis of net assets between funds - current year**

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	460,201	430,971	891,172
Current assets	601,958	13,220	615,178
Creditors due within one year	(133,152)	-	(133,152)
Creditors due in more than one year	(173,827)	-	(173,827)
Total	<u>755,180</u>	<u>444,191</u>	<u>1,199,371</u>

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20. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	262,867	441,077	703,944
Investment property	375,000	-	375,000
Current assets	458,295	6,278	464,573
Creditors due within one year	(113,152)	-	(113,152)
Creditors due in more than one year	(184,507)	-	(184,507)
Total	<u>798,503</u>	<u>447,355</u>	<u>1,245,858</u>

21. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2023 £	2022 £
Net (expenditure/) income for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	<u>(46,487)</u>	<u>(15,000)</u>
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	26,690	24,441
Bank interest receivable	(789)	(120)
Profit on the sale of tangible fixed assets	(75,305)	-
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(40,891)	6,437
Increase in creditors	19,693	26,773
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	<u>(117,089)</u>	<u>42,531</u>

22. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash at bank and in hand	159,533	282,479
Notice deposits (less than 3 months)	105,012	158,745
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>264,545</u>	<u>441,224</u>

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23. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 April 2022	Cash flows	At 31 March 2023
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	282,479	(177,467)	105,012
Debt due within 1 year	(10,602)	(307)	(10,909)
Debt due after 1 year	(184,507)	10,680	(173,827)
Liquid investments	158,745	788	159,533
	<u>246,115</u>	<u>(166,306)</u>	<u>79,809</u>

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24. Pension commitments

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 pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the Charity to the fund and amounted to £26,459 (2022 - £26,667). Contributions totalling £Nil (2022 - £Nil) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date.

25. Operating lease commitments

At 31 March 2023 the Charity had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Not later than 1 year	654	10,386
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	1,367	264
	<u>2,021</u>	<u>10,650</u>

26. Related party transactions

The key management personnel of the Charity received remuneration amounting to £135,154 (2022: £133,715).

There were no other related party transactions in either year.

27. Controlling party

The Charity is a limited liability company Limited by guarantee. There is no ultimate controlling party.

LIGHTHOUSE WOMEN'S AID LIMITED

England & Wales - Charity number 1069296

Accounts

Registered number: 03532428
Charity number: 1069296

LIGHTHOUSE WOMEN'S AID LIMITED

UNAUDITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

LIGHTHOUSE WOMEN'S AID LIMITED

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

Trustees	Cynthia Glinos Margaret Parry, Chair Sarah Harvey, Vice Chair Judith Rose Sandra Gage Catherine Bright SallyAnn Weston-Scales (resigned 8 September 2021) Rebecca Martin
Company registered number	03532428
Charity registered number	1069296
Registered office	Fitzroy House Crown Street Ipswich Suffolk IP1 3LG
Company secretary	Sally Winston
Chief executive officer	Sally Winston
Independent Examiner	Scrutton Bland LLP Chartered Accountants Fitzroy House Crown Street Ipswich Suffolk IP1 3LG
Bankers	Natwest Bank Plc, 2 Tavern Street, Ipswich, IP13BD Scottish Widows, PO Box 12757, 67 Morrison Street, Edinburgh, EH3 8YJ Nationwide Building Society, PO Box 3, 5-11 St. George Street, Douglas, Isle of Man, IM99 1AS
Solicitors	Gotelee Solicitors, 34-41 Elm Street, Ipswich, IP1 2AY

LIGHTHOUSE WOMEN'S AID LIMITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the Lighthouse Women's Aid Limited (the "Charitable Company" or the "Charity") for the year ended 31 March 2022. The Annual Report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' Report and a Directors' Report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the Charitable Company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the Charitable Company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102).

Since the Charity qualifies as small under section 382 of the Companies Act 2006, the Strategic Report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

The objectives of Lighthouse Women's Aid are:

- To continue to provide safe and supportive refuge accommodation building on expertise already evident within these services and to be adaptive to changing needs as a consequence of social / political and economic environments.
- To develop innovative community services, responding to need, providing both preventative and therapeutic programmes for women and children throughout Suffolk.
- To continue the campaign to raise awareness of domestic and violence.

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

b. Strategies for achieving objectives

Actively engaging with partners and commissioners at County level to ensure LWA's Domestic Violence Refuges are represented and recognised as a specialised service requiring the appropriate consideration as such in decisions around supported housing provisions in Suffolk.

Develop and provide effective and progressive resettlement support for victims re-joining their communities and society.

Develop a multiagency approach to support victims of domestic violence through strengthening partnership work with other professional who also see victims of abuse in their line of work.

Provide opportunities and the environment for staff to develop their professionalism and specialist service excellence to victims of domestic abuse in all its forms.

Raise awareness of Domestic Abuse to young people through delivering the "Expect Respect" preventative programme to schools and educational institutions throughout Suffolk.

Continue to develop the Women's Centre as a centre of excellence indispensable for any victim of domestic abuse seeking support.

Raise awareness of the impact and costs of Domestic Abuse to the wider public through delivery of training and information programmes to social groups and the work place.

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Objectives and activities (continued)

c. Activities undertaken to achieve objectives

Putting these strategies into action we have three major areas of activity which are: Refuge and Resettlement; The Women's Centre; and our training and education team.

Refuge and Resettlement

2021 was our 45th year for providing a safe and supportive environment for women and their children fleeing domestic abuse. Through strong multiagency links Lighthouse Women's Aid's ("LWA") Refuge work includes managing a constant flow of referrals, admissions, general advice and delivering person centred support and "moving on" programmes. These programmes are tailored to address the unique needs and complexities of women and children having to rebuild their lives after the devastating effects of domestic abuse. Through training in a range of competences and with 45 year experience LWA's Refuge has a highly specialised and skilled team that together with other professionals across the country ensures victim centred support is outcome focused to rebuild their confidence and skills and to help them grow stronger and move on to a safer and happier life.

Our resettlement team support women and children in their new homes to the point when they can feel confidence in their new found independence. Our children's team are essential in this process, supporting mums through childcare so they can attend appointments and programmes but more importantly supporting children and maintaining normality through the trauma they are experiencing and have experienced.

The Women's Centre

The Women's Centre delivers both support and preventative programmes and plays an important role in increasing awareness of domestic abuse generally. A specialised Crisis Intervention service provides advice to women and children in abusive relationships and creates a seamless link at the point of crisis with other agencies to develop and implement safety plans eliminating further abuse risk. Advice teams specialise in helping those out of relationships and lower level abuse. These teams working together means that women and children across the spectrum of Domestic Abuse have access to the support that meets their needs. Project teams deliver a range of training programmes helping those affected by domestic abuse to regain their self-esteem and confidently re-join mainstream society. In 2021 the Centre added a Community Support service aimed at supporting cohorts not able to access Domestic Abuse victim's services. This initiative is proving successful and we are seeing growing numbers from hitherto underrepresented groups accessing all services. Further evaluation of data has helped the Centre identify other groups where we need to alter our approach and as a result further community based services are planned for next year. Throughout 2021 our Centre also continued to offer throughout 2021 practical support such as legal and debt advice provided by specialists and free of charge. Raising awareness continues to be a central objective and the Centre through a number open webinars events, public talks, DV awareness courses, a monthly newsletter and regular press releases, ensures the effects of Domestic Violence remains relevant in our community. The knowledge and experience of staff at the Centre makes them ideally suited to developing and delivering training on domestic abuse and healthy relationships to schools and children's centres. In the last year we increased our early intervention work and are now providing healthy relationships workshops in many schools. The programmes are adaptable and age appropriate for all school pupils between the age of 5 and 18. Alongside these initiatives the Women's Centre team continued to develop and increase Domestic Abuse Awareness training programmes to businesses, professionals and external agencies. The awareness and recognition of the disruptive effects of Domestic Abuse on the workplace will enable the development of preventative and intervention support programmes to the benefit of both business and society alike.

**TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
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Objectives and activities (continued)

Rehabilitation of ex-offenders

In September 2021 the Community Rehabilitation Company merged with the Probation Service and the service ended with Lighthouse. We wish to thank the women we have supported as they have been a valuable part of our ongoing service development.

d. Our volunteers

Lighthouse Women's Aid is very involved in the community and relies on voluntary help. Following the COVID epidemic and wishing to keep everyone safe Lighthouse, after a review adopted a cautious approach to the recruitment of volunteers that began in second half of the year. Volunteers providing legal surgeries, back to work help and financial advice, were the main focus of our recruitment in the year with other roles starting to fill in 2022. Most volunteers are members of the charity and we wish to thank our friends for their loyal support and invaluable service.

e. Main activities undertaken to further the Charity's purposes for the public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Trust's aims and objectives and in planning future activities. All our activities are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit.

Achievements and performance

a. Key performance indicators

In the year under review Lighthouse Women's Aid's key financial objectives and achievements were as follows:

- Secure sustainable funding to continue the provision of safe and supportive refuge accommodation for Women and children. Lighthouse Women's Aid successfully completed negotiations with Suffolk County Council that funding be provided at 3% above the 2021 – 22 levels until March 2023. Children services were supported through a kind grant from Children In Need and through donations from a supportive Suffolk Community. LWA will continue to seek other donors to support this important support service for children living in refuge.
- Secure ongoing funding for the Women's Centre beyond 2023. Lottery direct support, ended in March 2022 and alternative funding had not yet been found. However the PCC had increased their commitment and the Lottery have agreed to provide a sustainability grant to enable LWA to employ expert resources and develop strategies that would ensure long term funding of these much needed services. Demand for services at The Women's Centre rose significantly during the year following the relaxing of COVID restrictions. Additional resources were employed to help meet the increased activity and £20,000 of the £60,000 designated fund was used to meet this cost. Further funding will still be needed to sustain these Community Services in the longer term and efforts to secure the funding shortfall continue. In the meantime the Designated Fund to meet funding shortfalls at the Women's Centre will be increased again to £60,000 and will remain in place for at least another year.
- Develop and deliver Domestic Abuse awareness courses in schools; work places; and to professional organisations likely to come into contact with Domestic Abuse. Demand for training and awareness of Domestic Abuse saw a resurgence in activity following the relaxing of COVID restrictions from both schools and businesses. Demand for on line Domestic Abuse training continued at the levels seen during COVID restrictions and was considered very encouraging. LWA see educating people and especially young people about the effect of Domestic Abuse as central to the Charity's objectives. As such LWA will continue to commit resources in developing this important service and believe that as efficacy of courses grows the service so will it become more self-sustainable.

**TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
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Achievements and performance (continued)

- Diversify fund raising options and develop community fund raising activities. After a very successful 2020-21 LWA's Community Fund Raising Team in 2021-22 was given the challenge of both raising in excess of £82,000 from the community and other funding institutions. The team were successful on both counts raising more than £84,000 from our local community and some £25,000 from funder organisations. The contacts, friendships and support networks with members of the public and business communities during our 45th year continued to grow. Post COVID presents different challenges and if anything we expect community fund raising in particular to become more challenging. We need to be realistic and over the next two years expect a temporary drop in community giving before returning to current levels in 2024. Our challenge is to limit this expected loss in support.

b. Review of activities

In the year to 31 March 2022 we continued to roll out our strategy to develop financial sustainability and grow community based services. Since the COVID pandemic reported domestic abuse has increased significantly in our community and demand for victim support services shows no sign of abating. To remain viable and sustainable during a period of unprecedented demand and in an economic environment where funding continues to be precarious and competition is fierce, LWA has had to reinforce strict financial disciplines and remain adaptable with an operating structure able to respond quickly to changing circumstances.

- **Refuge & Resettlement**

As a result of changes in the law regarding Houses of Multiple Occupancies (HMO) the capacity of our refuge was reduced by some 13%. These changes in addition to the rapid increase in demand for Refuge places following the relaxation of COVID restrictions made 2021-22 a very challenging year. Accommodation layout were changed to make them more flexible and additional measures were adopted to improve the experience of residents in Refuge. The change in focus to accommodation was unexpected and although it inevitably affected some projects the refuge achieved a very successful year hitting all its support targets and getting victim families back into the community ready to move on to the next phase of their new lives. After lengthy delays (COVID) Suffolk County Council have confirmed that the provision of Refuge support in Suffolk will from April 2023 be determined through a Tender process starting in September 2022. Provision of the service until March 2023 will remain with LWA at funding levels agreed at 3% above that of 2020-21. Children services, previously supported by Suffolk County Council, is now largely funded by Children in Need and community donations. With funding very tight and at these levels of activity, the flexibility, the ability to work in partnership work and control costs embraced by our professional staff enabled the Refuge Service to successfully maintain a breakeven position in 2021-22.

- **The Women's Centre and Community Services**

Growth in demand for Women's Community Services accelerated following the COVID epidemic and the cessation of some services elsewhere in the County. The delivery of needed support, therefore, did need to change with support rolls redefined. To meet the identified increased need LWA had to expand the team by employing the Services of a Community Support Worker and a Family and Children Support Worker. The posts were partially funded by external donors (60%) and Reserves (40%). Whilst not ideal without the posts support to some very vulnerable victims would not have been possible. Although centred in Ipswich the work done by Community Services is countywide. Largely Lottery funded for the year Community Services also received significant support from the PCC. Despite this support, growing demand and increasing service initiatives means we continue to see a funding shortfall that is currently met from donations and from reserves. The funding gap was expected and contingencies were put in place by LWA with £60,000 put aside into a designated fund for the purpose of meeting the anticipated shortfall. £20,000 of the £60,000 put aside at the beginning of the year were used to meet the year's shortfall. With ending of Lottery funding and the challenges we face in 2022-23 it was agreed that a further £20,000 be allocated to this designated fund from Reserves and therefore keeping it at £60,000.

**TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

Achievements and performance (continued)

Domestic Abuse Awareness courses and training services now in the fifth year showed good improvement following the near collapse caused by COVID and the closure of many business and schools. These are high quality courses are very relevant for today and are beneficial to both individuals and organisation alike. We expect the growing acceptance of the benefits of these courses to pick up when normality returns and that the training service achieves self-sustainability within the next four years.

Many of the initiatives planned will take time and securing overall funding for the Women's Centre is proving challenging in the face of rising demand for, and growth in, services. Despite an improvement in managing costs on a like for like basis this year the Women's Centre will continued to run at a deficit for 2022 - 23 at around £50,000. The shortfall will be met partly from community fund raising, the bulk, however, will come from reserves where LWA have designated £60,000 to meet requirements over the next two years. Efforts to secure external funding are ongoing with a number of applications under consideration. Reserve designation notwithstanding the financial strength and integrity of Lighthouse Women's Aid will remain robust and we are confident in our support for the future of the Women's Centre

c. Investment policy and performance

The Trustees, in periods of low interest rate and economic uncertainty have adopted a low risk investment policy with the aim of securing capital without jeopardising the value of the charity's resources. As such funds have been kept in interest bearing deposit accounts and seek to achieve a rate on deposit which matches or exceeds inflation as measured by the retail prices index. Due to the wider economic circumstances deposit rates remained depressed and so this aim was not achieved in the year.

The investment funds held on deposit achieved an average rate of 0.2% against the retail price index of 6.1% for the year.

Financial review

a. Review of performance during the year

In the face of continuing economic uncertainty, Lighthouse Women's Aid in 2021-22 continued to develop its profile and work to increase income from our local community as a proportion of total funds needed to meet service demands. Overall work done to change the way services were delivered in the difficult COVID-19 environment continued throughout 2021-22 and is not expected to be completed before mid-2022. The environment post COVID proved as traumatic as did the pandemic with a surge in inflationary pressures and economic uncertainties following years of little development or growth. As a result Community support fell by 23% and LWA posting a small deficit for the year at £15,000 (2020-21 surplus £25,328). Efforts to maintain and grow receipts from community fundraising will remain a key financial strategy to broaden and diversify funding sources and the team are continually looking for and pursuing a wide range of fund raising initiatives. It is likely to take some time, however, and the financing of demand growth for services in the short term will require continuing the designation of some funds from our reserves. This position was recognised early on and from the surplus raised in 2018 £60,000 was put into a designated fund to support Community Services. Some £20,000 of this designated fund was used in this year. To continue the necessary support for the Women's Centre and associated community projects the Trustees have agreed that the designated fund be topped up and remain in place for 2022 -23.

The continuing fallout from the COVID pandemic on services and activities and the subsequent reduction in receipts from the Community and Donors, although expected, was disappointing. 2022-23 is expected to be more challenging as we put into effect changes to service delivery systems and reorganise internal operations. These changes are necessary to improve efficiencies and effectiveness of LWA in the long term. Although some short term pain is expected LWA is financially robust and will successfully see through the current external and internal challenges. As a result of the economic uncertainties and the resulting fall in community donations in

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

2021-22 the total income at £742,906 was £27,470 lower than last year (£770,376). Challenges to manage costs post the pandemic were many and various and despite efforts and vigilance by all staff total costs at £757,016 rose £11,968 against last year at £745,048. Proportionally, however, services delivered to victims rose by much more. In light of the significant economic upheaval we saw last year across the globe we expected a far greater collapse in public support last year. The fall off in receipts was nowhere near that expected and LWA only had to employ a third of the £60,000 put aside for the period. In light of this I am pleased to report LWA has managed to restrict the expected deficit in the year to £15,000. Given the continued short term funding gap expected in Community Services in 2022-23 and the time it's taking to develop other opportunities the Trustees have agreed that the designated fund at £60,000 created in 2020 to support the Women's Centre and associated community projects be retain for 2022-23. Our assessment is that, designated fund notwithstanding, LWA's balance sheet remains strong and within Charity Commission Guidance. We are confident that LWA will remain financially able to meet all our liabilities and commitments to victims, staff, suppliers and supporters alike.

Lighthouse Women's Aid cost base in 2021/22 remained in line with the Charity's strategy to grow and develop a countywide sustainable organisation capable of meeting the growing demands for Domestic Abuse services.

At the end of the year the total funds of the charity were £1,245,858, of which £447,355 relates to restricted funds and £60,000 to designated funds. Of the £738,503 general fund £394,060 relates to the value of buildings on which we have a mortgage of £185,260 Under Charity Commission rules Lighthouse Women's Aid have a policy to maintain unrestricted reserves equating to 3 months expenditure and in 2022 is £185,832.

b. Going concern

The trustees and management have prepared detailed financial forecasts that indicate that the Charity will be able to continue to meet its liabilities as they fall due and will continue to operate for the foreseeable future, being at least 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements. Accordingly, these financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis.

c. Principal funding

The principal funding sources for the year were as follows:

- Suffolk County Council – provides funding for support services to Women in Refuge and those moving to independent living.
- Children In Need – part finance children services both within Refuge and Community Support.
- Ipswich Borough Council – provides funding for premises and premises maintenance.
- The Big Lottery Fund – provides funding for programmes run by Women's Centre.
- The Police and Crime Commissioner provide funding Community Service and Crisis Support.
- Sodexo – provide funding for ex-offender support and rehabilitation.
- The Rope Trust – provides funding in support for the Crisis Support.
- Suffolk Community Foundation – provided smaller funding grants in support of specific victim support projects and programmes.
- Other services are funding through smaller funding grants from a variety of sources and community funding initiatives.

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

Lighthouse Women's Aid Limited is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by Memorandum of Association on 17 March 1998.

The Company is constituted under a Trust Deed dated 17 March 1998 and is registered charity, number 1069296.

**TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
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Structure, governance and management (continued)

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

The Trustees may at any time appoint any individual who is qualified to be appointed as a Trustee to fill a vacancy in their number or as an additional Trustee.

c. Policies adopted for the induction and training of Trustees

New Trustees undergo three months' probation and are appointed a mentor. During this time the new trustee receives instruction on their obligations under charity and company law, the Charity Commission guidance on public benefits, governance obligations, the committee and decision making processes, the business plan and recent financial performances of the charity. During induction the new trustee will attend appropriate external training events on both Trusteeship and on Domestic Abuse where these will facilitate the undertaking of their role.

d. Pay policy for key management personnel

All Trustees give of their freely and no Trustee received remuneration in the year. Details of Trustee expenses are disclosed in note 10 to the financial statements.

The pay of senior staff is reviewed annually and normally increased in accordance with average earnings subject to funding. In view of the nature of the Charity, the Directors benchmark against pay levels in other specialised victim service provision organisation of a similar size run on a voluntary basis.

e. Organisational structure and decision making

The Directors consider the Board of Directors, who are the Charity's Trustees, and the senior management team comprise the key management personnel of the Charity. The Board of Directors have responsibility of the strategic direction of the Organisation and its operation within Charity Commission Guidance, company law and Memorandum of Association. The senior management team, reporting to the Board of Directors is in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating the Charity on a day to day basis in accordance with the policies rules and strategic directions as set out by the Board of Directors.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
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Structure, governance and management (continued)

f. Reserves

Unrestricted Reserves

It is the policy of the Charity to maintain unrestricted funds, which are free reserves of the Charity, at a level which equates to approximately three months unrestricted expenditure to protect against a decline or interruption of future sources of income. Three months being deemed suitable to enable the business of the Charity in respect of funding allocations, continuity in provision of service and responsibilities to staff to be fulfilled.

Designated Funds

The Trustees provide funds to be designated for a specific project. The amount of any funds held will be appropriate to the purpose or use for which they have been designated. The precise purpose of designating funds will be stated in the notes to the accounts.

Restricted Funds

It is our policy to spend restricted funds within a reasonable time of receipt. Each restricted fund is treated separately (see note 17).

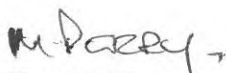
Plans for future periods

Future developments

- Continue to develop the Women's Centre services, roll out programmes countywide and seek continuation funding beyond 2022.
- Secure sustainable funding to continue safe and supportive refuge accommodation for women and children.
- Continue to develop Domestic Abuse training programmes delivered to Schools, Young People, Professionals and Businesses.
- Raise the profile of Lighthouse Women's Aid by raising the awareness, through public presentations, group talks and educational sessions, on the effects of domestic violence and abuse.
- Develop a fund raising strategy to diversify and improve our ability to secure funding for the long term sustainability of the Charity.

To achieve these goals the Charity has set up a number of Working Groups to review and develop recommendations for consideration by senior management and the directors during the year.

Approved by order of the members of the Board of Trustees on 16/11/2022 and signed on their behalf by:


Margaret Parry
Chair

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Lighthouse Women's Aid Limited ('the Charity')

I report to the Trustees (who are also Directors for the purpose of company law) on my examination of the financial statements of Lighthouse Women's Aid Limited ('the Charitable Company') for the year ended 31 March 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and related notes.

This report is made solely to the Charitable Company's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Charitable Company's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charitable Company and the Charitable Company's Trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the Trustees of the Charitable Company (and its Directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the Charitable 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 the the Charitable Company's financial statements 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 the Charitable Company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ICAEW, 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 Charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the financial statements give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the financial statements 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)].

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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 financial statements to be reached.



Adam Smith FCA (Independent Examiner)

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1 December 2022

LIGHTHOUSE WOMEN'S AID LIMITED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	89,307	30,063	119,370	156,452
Charitable activities	4	335,987	261,559	597,546	589,805
Investments	5	25,990	-	25,990	24,119
Total income		451,284	291,622	742,906	770,376
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	6	988	295	1,283	304
Charitable activities	7	465,723	290,900	756,623	744,744
Total expenditure		466,711	291,195	757,906	745,048
Net (expenditure)/income		(15,427)	427	(15,000)	25,328
Transfers between funds	17	11,465	(11,465)	-	-
Net movement in funds		(3,962)	(11,038)	(15,000)	25,328
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		802,465	458,393	1,260,858	1,235,530
Net movement in funds		(3,962)	(11,038)	(15,000)	25,328
Total funds carried forward	17	798,503	447,355	1,245,858	1,260,858

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the current and prior years.

The notes on pages 16 to 34 form part of these financial statements.

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REGISTERED NUMBER: 03532428

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	703,944	725,464
Investment property	12	375,000	375,000
		<u>1,078,944</u>	<u>1,100,464</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	13	23,349	29,786
Investments	14	158,745	158,625
Cash at bank and in hand	20	282,479	252,297
		<u>464,573</u>	<u>440,708</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	(113,152)	(84,835)
Net current assets		<u>351,421</u>	<u>355,873</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>1,430,365</u>	<u>1,456,337</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	16	(184,507)	(195,479)
Total net assets		<u><u>1,245,858</u></u>	<u><u>1,260,858</u></u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	17	447,355	458,393
Unrestricted funds	17	798,503	802,465
Total funds		<u><u>1,245,858</u></u>	<u><u>1,260,858</u></u>

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

1. General information

Lighthouse Women's Aid Limited (the "Company") is a Company limited by guarantee. The members of the Company are the Trustees named on page 1. In the event of the Company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the Company.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

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

Lighthouse Women's Aid 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.

2.2 Going concern

The Trustees and management have prepared detailed financial forecasts that indicate that the Charity will be able to continue to meet its liabilities as they fall due and will continue to operate for the foreseeable future, being at least 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements. Accordingly, these financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis.

2.3 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 income receivable can be measured reliably.

Income is deferred only when the charity has to fulfill conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.

Grants are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance Sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and when it is earned.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the Charity to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses including support costs and governance costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure headings.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the expenditure heading for which it was incurred.

2.5 Government grants

Government grants relating to tangible fixed assets are treated as deferred income and released to the Statement of Financial Activities over the expected useful lives of the assets concerned. Other grants are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities as the related expenditure is incurred.

2.6 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.

2.7 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing more than £500 are capitalised, along with any incidental expenses of acquisition.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is not charged on freehold land.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful live on the following bases:

Freehold property	- 2% or 5% straight line on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 25% reducing balance

2.8 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.9 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and 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 or similar account.

2.10 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities as a finance cost.

2.11 Financial instruments

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.12 Pensions

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Charity to the fund in respect of the year.

2.13 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

2.14 Current asset investments

Current asset investments are included at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.15 Investment property

Investment properties are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the Balance Sheet date, unless fair value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment.

Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and shown in the heading 'Gains/(losses) on investments' in the Statement of Financial Activities.

2.16 Taxation

Lighthouse Women's Aid Limited is a Charity within the meaning of the Charities Acts 1993 and 2006 and as such is a Charity within the meaning of Part 11, Corporation Tax Act 2010. Accordingly Lighthouse Women's Aid Limited is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or gains received within categories covered by Part 11, 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 its charitable purposes.

2.17 Operating leases

Rentals under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

3. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Donations	89,307	30,063	119,370	143,221
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme Income	-	-	-	13,231
Total 2022	89,307	30,063	119,370	156,452

In 2021, of the total income from donations & legacies, £95,830 was to unrestricted funds and £45,222 was to restricted funds.

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4. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Grants receivable	4,348	261,559	265,907	288,963
Accommodation based services and rent	259,774	-	259,774	231,049
Non-accommodation based services	67,809	-	67,809	66,480
Sundry residents income	4,056	-	4,056	3,313
Total 2022	335,987	261,559	597,546	589,805

In 2021, of the total income from charitable activities, £315,572 was to unrestricted funds and £289,633 was to restricted funds.

5. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Investment properties	25,870	25,870	24,072
Bank interest receivable	120	120	47
Total 2022	25,990	25,990	24,119

In 2021, of the total income from investments, £24,119 was to unrestricted funds and £nil was to restricted funds.

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6. Expenditure on raising funds

Costs of raising voluntary income

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Fundraising and publicity	988	295	1,283	304

In 2021, of the total expenditure from raising voluntary income, £202 was to unrestricted funds and £102 was to restricted funds.

7. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Staff costs	374,050	212,901	586,951	568,080
Depreciation	14,101	10,340	24,441	24,193
Women's centre running costs	11,329	16,186	27,515	29,408
Building running costs	37,247	22,201	59,448	64,786
Children's expenses	-	-	-	1,932
Support costs	23,493	20,922	44,415	46,264
Communications	1,488	-	1,488	1,679
General expenses	4,015	8,350	12,365	8,402
Total 2022	465,723	290,900	756,623	744,744
Total 2021	457,540	287,204	744,744	

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8. Net (expenditure)/income

	2022 £	2021 £
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets - owned by the Charity	24,441	23,432
Independent Examiner's fee	4,680	4,560
Operating lease rentals:		
-Land and buildings	18,300	18,300
-Other	3,216	6,624
Interest payable	7,894	8,652
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9. Staff costs

	2022 £	2021 £
Wages and salaries	521,287	507,153
Social security costs	38,997	36,372
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	26,667	24,555
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	<u>586,951</u>	<u>568,080</u>

The average number of persons employed by the Charity during the year was as follows:

	2022 No.	2021 No.
Charitable activities	17	14
Governance and administration of the Charity	5	4
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	<u>22</u>	<u>18</u>

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

10. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, none of the Trustees received any remuneration for their qualifying services to the Charity or other benefits (2021 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 March 2022, no Trustee expenses were incurred (2021 - £NIL).

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11. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation				
At 1 April 2021	845,237	136,939	49,751	1,031,927
Additions	-	1,871	1,050	2,921
At 31 March 2022	<u>845,237</u>	<u>138,810</u>	<u>50,801</u>	<u>1,034,848</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2021	157,665	117,584	31,214	306,463
Charge for the year	16,624	3,849	3,968	24,441
At 31 March 2022	<u>174,289</u>	<u>121,433</u>	<u>35,182</u>	<u>330,904</u>
Net book value				
At 31 March 2022	<u>670,948</u>	<u>17,377</u>	<u>15,619</u>	<u>703,944</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>687,572</u>	<u>19,355</u>	<u>18,537</u>	<u>725,464</u>

The Charitable Company's freehold properties were revalued in 2017. At the point of transition to FRS 102, Trustees elected to adopt the transitional arrangements contained within FRS 102 to treat the valuation as deemed cost. The historical depreciated cost of the freehold property is £237,599 (2021: £238,489).

Included in freehold land and property is freehold land amounting to £95,273 (2021: £95,273) which is not depreciated.

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16. Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Bank loan	184,507	195,479

Included within the above are amounts falling due as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Between one and two years		
Bank loan	10,909	9,460
Between two and five years		
Bank loan	33,932	30,950
Over five years		
Bank loan	139,666	155,069

The aggregate amount of liabilities payable or repayable wholly or in part more than five years after the reporting date is:

	2022 £	2021 £
Repayable by instalments	139,666	155,069

Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year comprises of a bank loan which is secured by a charge on the freehold property. It is repayable by 300 monthly instalments at an interest rate of 2.9% until 30 November 2026 when the interest rate increases to 5.24%.

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17. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds					
Designated Funds - all funds	465,158	-	-	-	465,158
General funds					
General Funds - all funds	337,307	451,284	(466,711)	11,465	333,345
Total Unrestricted funds	802,465	451,284	(466,711)	11,465	798,503
Restricted funds					
Refuge 1 - National Lottery	109,540	98,558	(87,164)	(11,394)	109,540
Refuge 1 - Other funding	128,947	-	(583)	-	128,364
Revaluation reserve	197,221	-	-	-	197,221
Play equipment	2,256	-	-	-	2,256
PCC - COVID grant	2,041	-	(408)	-	1,633
Norfolk & Suffolk Probation Trust	13	7,351	(7,351)	-	13
Suffolk Community Foundation	1,745	-	-	-	1,745
Community service donations	-	16,390	(17,409)	-	(1,019)
SCC - Housing Support	1,005	-	-	-	1,005
Rope Trust Emergency Fund	-	1,000	-	-	1,000
Irregular donations	-	542	-	-	542
Children & Young people donors	-	1,569	(1,569)	-	-
Crisis Worker Support	-	12,667	(12,667)	-	-
Locality Budget - computer purchases	2,933	-	-	-	2,933
Summer Playscheme	-	2,068	(1,997)	(71)	-
Donations - refuge services	12,506	11,562	(21,946)	-	2,122
Resettlement fund	186	6,652	(6,838)	-	-
Children in Need	-	43,763	(43,763)	-	-
Ipswich Borough Council	-	17,000	(17,000)	-	-

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17. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - current year (continued)

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
PCC - Women's Centre	-	72,500	(72,500)	-	-
	<u>458,393</u>	<u>291,622</u>	<u>(291,195)</u>	<u>(11,465)</u>	<u>447,355</u>
Total of funds	<u><u>1,260,858</u></u>	<u><u>742,906</u></u>	<u><u>(757,906)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>1,245,858</u></u>

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17. Statement of funds (continued)

The National Lottery and other funds represent the net book value of Refuge 1. The fund balances are reduced by depreciation charged on the facility.

The revaluation reserve represents the revaluation of assets held as restricted funds.

The play equipment fund represents the funds received to purchase a new sun shelter at Refuge 1, along with other equipment for children at the refuge.

Women's Centre donations represents funds donated by members of the public in respect of the Women's Centre which have not yet been spent.

The Norfolk & Suffolk Community Rehabilitation Company grant has been awarded in order to develop and set up a programme to support women offenders in the local area.

The Big Lottery Fund Grant has been awarded in order to run a Women and Children's Wellbeing Centre in Ipswich.

The Rope Trust grant has been awarded to help victims needing immediate and urgent help.

The Resettlement Fund grant was awarded to help victims of domestic violence moving to independent accommodation.

The SCC (Suffolk County Council) grant has been awarded to support victims that have no recourse to public funds.

The Summer Playscheme fund is the grant awarded towards the funding of a six week play scheme for resident children.

The Children In Need grant has been awarded in order to fund two Children and Young People's Transitional Workers.

Children & Young People Donors help to meet the cost of running the Children and Young People Support Services in Refuge following the grant withdrawal from Suffolk County Council.

Locality Budget is a grant from Labour Party Councillors at Suffolk County Council for the purchase of new computers.

Donations-Refuge Service provides community support for victims at refuge and looking for help to move on.

Suffolk Foundation-crisis worker represents a grant to help meet the cost of expanding the crisis support service necessary to meet the growing demand from victims in urgent need of safety from further abuse risk.

The PCC (Police & Crime Commissioner) Women's Centre grant has been awarded to support the charity during the pandemic.

Transfers from restricted funds to unrestricted funds arise where grants are given either to purchase fixed assets or to cover a proportion of administration expenses.

The designated funds represent money designated for the Women's Centre and community projects and resources held in property.

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18. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	274,048	451,416	725,464
Investment property	375,000	-	375,000
Current assets	433,731	6,977	440,708
Creditors due within one year	(84,835)	-	(84,835)
Creditors due in more than one year	(195,479)	-	(195,479)
Total	802,465	458,393	1,260,858

19. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2022 £	2021 £
Net (expenditure/) income for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	(15,000)	25,328
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	24,441	24,193
Bank interest receivable	(120)	(47)
Loss on the sale of tangible fixed assets	-	544
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	6,437	(666)
Increase in creditors	26,773	21,103
Net cash generated from operating activities	42,531	70,455

20. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2022 £	2021 £
Cash at bank and in hand	282,479	252,297
Notice deposits (less than 3 months)	158,745	158,625
Total cash and cash equivalents	441,224	410,922

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21. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 April 2021	Cash flows	At 31 March 2022
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	252,297	30,182	282,479
Debt due within 1 year	(9,058)	(1,544)	(10,602)
Debt due after 1 year	(195,479)	10,972	(184,507)
Liquid investments	158,625	120	158,745
	<u>206,385</u>	<u>39,730</u>	<u>246,115</u>

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22. Pension commitments

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 pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the Charity to the fund and amounted to £26,667 (2021 - £24,442). Contributions totaling £Nil (2021 - £Nil) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date.

23. Operating lease commitments

At 31 March 2022 the Charity had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Not later than 1 year	10,386	12,366
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	264	1,500
	<u>10,650</u>	<u>13,866</u>

24. Related party transactions

The key management personnel of the Charity received remuneration amounting to £133,715 (2021: £119,071).

There were no other related party transactions in either year.

25. Controlling party

The Charity is a limited liability company Limited by guarantee. There is no ultimate controlling party.

LIGHTHOUSE WOMEN'S AID LIMITED

England & Wales - Charity number 1069296

Accounts

Registered number: 03532428
Charity number: 1069296

LIGHTHOUSE WOMEN'S AID LIMITED

UNAUDITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Trustees	Cynthia Glinos Margaret Parry, Chair Sarah Harvey, Vice Chair Judith Rose Sandra Gage Catherine Bright SallyAnn Weston-Scales (resigned 8 September 2021) Rebecca Martin
Company registered number	03532428
Charity registered number	1069296
Registered office	Fitzroy House Crown Street Ipswich Suffolk IP1 3LG
Company secretary	Sally Winston
Chief executive officer	Sally Winston
Independent Examiner	Scrutton Bland LLP Chartered Accountants Fitzroy House Crown Street Ipswich Suffolk IP1 3LG
Bankers	Natwest Bank Plc, 2 Tavern Street, Ipswich, IP13BD Scottish Widows, PO Box 12757, 67 Morrison Street, Edinburgh, EH3 8YJ Nationwide Building Society, PO Box 3, 5-11 St. George Street, Douglas, Isle of Man, IM99 1AS
Solicitors	Gotelee Solicitors, 34-41 Elm Street, Ipswich, IP1 2AY

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the Lighthouse Women's Aid Limited for the 1 April to 31 March 2021. The Annual Report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102).

Since the company qualifies as small under section 382 of the Companies Act 2006, the Strategic Report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

The objectives of Lighthouse Women's Aid are:

- To continue to provide safe and supportive refuge accommodation building on expertise already evident within these services and to be adaptive to changing needs as a consequence of social / political and economic environments.
- To develop innovative community services, responding to need, providing both preventative and therapeutic programmes for women and children throughout Suffolk.
- To continue the campaign to raise awareness of domestic and violence.

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

b. Strategies for achieving objectives

- Actively engaging with partners and commissioners at County level to ensure LWA's Domestic Violence Refuges are represented and recognised as a specialised service requiring the appropriate consideration as such in decisions around supported housing provisions in Suffolk.
- Develop and provide effective and progressive resettlement support for victims re-joining their communities and society.
- Develop a multiagency approach to support victims of domestic violence through strengthening partnership work with other professionals who also see victims of abuse in their line of work.
- Provide opportunities and the environment for staff to develop their professionalism and specialist service excellence to victims of domestic abuse in all its forms.
- Raise awareness of Domestic Abuse to young people through delivering the "Expect Respect" preventative programme to schools and educational institutions throughout Suffolk.
- Continue to develop the Women's Centre as a centre of excellence indispensable for any victim of domestic abuse seeking support.
- Raise awareness of the impact and costs of Domestic Abuse to the wider public through delivery of training and information programmes to social groups and the work place.

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Objectives and activities (continued)

c. Activities undertaken to achieve objectives

Putting these strategies into action we have three major areas of activity which are: Refuge and Resettlement; The Women's Centre; and our training and education team.

Refuge and Resettlement

2020 was our 44th year for providing a safe and supportive environment for women and their children fleeing domestic abuse. Through strong multiagency links LWA's Refuge work includes managing a constant flow of referrals, admissions, general advice and delivering person centred support and "moving on" programmes. These programmes are tailored to address the unique needs and complexities of women and children having to rebuild their lives after the devastating effects of domestic abuse. Through training in a range of competences and with 44 year experience LWA's Refuge has a highly specialised and skilled team that together with other professionals across the country ensures victim centred support is outcome focused to rebuild their confidence and skills and to help them grow stronger and move on to a safer and happier life.

Our resettlement team support women and children in their new homes to the point when they can feel confidence in their new found independence. Our children's team are essential in this process, supporting mums through childcare so they can attend appointments and programmes but also so importantly supporting children through the trauma they have experienced.

The Women's Centre

The Women's Centre delivers both support and preventative programmes and plays an important role in increasing awareness of domestic abuse generally. A specialised Crisis Intervention service provides advice to women and children in abusive relationships and creates a seamless link between the point of crisis and with other agencies to develop and implement safety plans and eliminating further abuse risk. Advice teams specialise in helping those out of relationships and lower level abuse. These teams' together means that women and children across the spectrum of Domestic Abuse has access to the support that meets their need. Project teams deliver a range of training programmes helping those affected by domestic abuse to regain their self-esteem and confidently re-join mainstream society. COVID-19 in 2020 changed the way many services were delivered and LWA adapted systems and programmes to ensure victims and clients could continue to access these services. The pandemic impacted services and the support in a number of surprising ways and demand continue to grow and develop in both risk and supportive advice areas. Evaluation of data has helped the Centre identify groups where we need to alter our approach so more women can access our services. A Community Worker tasked with engaging these groups is proving successful and we are seeing growing numbers from hitherto underrepresented groups accessing all services. COVID-19 notwithstanding our Women's Centre also continued to offer throughout 2020 practical support such as legal and debt advice provided by specialists and free of charge. Raising awareness continues to be a central objective and the Centre through a number open webinars events, public talks, DV awareness courses, a monthly newsletter and regular press releases, ensures the effects of Domestic Violence remains relevant in the local community. The knowledgeable and experienced staff at the Centre makes them ideally suited to developing and delivering training on domestic abuse and healthy relationships to schools and children centres. In the last year we continued, albeit limited, our early intervention work and are now providing healthy relationships workshops in many education or on line settings. The programmes are adaptable and age appropriate for all school pupils between the age of 5 and 18. Alongside these initiatives the Women's Centre team continued to develop and increase (on line) Domestic Abuse Awareness training programmes to businesses, professionals and external agencies. The awareness and recognition of the disruptive effects of Domestic Abuse on the workplace will enable the development of preventative and intervention support programmes to the benefit of both business and society alike.

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Objectives and activities (continued)

Rehabilitation of ex-offenders

Working with the Norfolk & Suffolk Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC) and other front line agencies our team of trained people specialised in supporting women that, as a result of abuse and coercion, have committed offences and having completed their sentences are looking to move on with their lives. Through a number of tried and tested programmes and intensive support programmes these low risk but highly vulnerable women learn how to re-join their community and become active and positive contributors to society. In 2021 the CRC will merge with the Probation Service this service will end with Lighthouse to become part of the Probation Service. We wish to thank the women we have supported as they have been a valuable part of our ongoing service development.

d. Our volunteers

Lighthouse Women's Aid is very involved in the community and relies on voluntary help. In 2020 the COVID-19 safety measures meant that much of the work and support given by volunteers had to be suspended. Apart from those volunteers that provide legal surgeries, back to work help and financial advice, therefore, no other volunteer work was provided in the year and employed staff picked up all outstanding tasks. Our volunteer programme will undergo a review during 2021 with a view to restart recruitment in the second half of the year. Most volunteers are members of the charity and we wish to thank our friends for their loyal support and invaluable service.

e. Main activities undertaken to further the company's purposes for the public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Trust's aims and objectives and in planning future activities. All our activities are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit.

Achievements and performance

a. Key performance indicators

In the year under review Lighthouse key financial objectives and achievements were as follows:

- Secure sustainable funding to continue the provision of safe and supportive refuge accommodation for Women and children. Lighthouse received a 2% uplift to the 2020/2021 levels of funding through to September 2022. Children services were supported through a kind grant from Children In Need and through donations from a supportive Suffolk Community. LWA will continue to seek other donors to support this important support service for children living in refuge.
- Secure ongoing funding for the Women's Centre beyond 2022. Lottery funding renewed for a further three years from April 2019 together with a grant from the PCC secured much of the funding required by the Women's Centre for the year. Despite demand for services continuing to develop and grow, COVID-19 restrictions reduced some activities and the Women's Centre was able to break even in the year. Further funding will still be needed to sustain these Community Services in the longer term and efforts to secure the funding shortfall continue. In the meantime a designated Reserve Fund to meet funding shortfalls at the Women's Centre will remain in place for at least another year.
- Secure funding for the Women's Centre Community Support Worker. This important post, only partially funded, was created in the year to identify and communicate with underrepresented community groups. The important nature of this post in reaching out to underrepresented groups is well recognised, however, and LWA is working hard to secure long term future funding.

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Achievements and performance (continued)

- Develop and deliver Domestic Abuse awareness courses in schools; work places; and to professional organisations likely to come into contact with Domestic Abuse. Demand for training and awareness of Domestic Abuse fell sharply as the result of COVID-19 in 2020 and we were not able to achieve all our targets in our third year of the service. The demand for courses online, however, increased 5 fold. LWA see educating people and young people about the effect of Domestic Abuse as central to the Charities objectives. As such LWA will continue to commit resources in developing this important service and believe that as efficacy of courses grows the service, so will it become more self-sustainable.
- Diversify fund raising options and develop community fund raising activities. After a very successful 2019 LWA's Community Fund Raising Team in 2020 was given the challenge of both raising in excess of £80,000 from the community and other funding institutions. The team were successful on both counts raising more than £82,000 from our local community and some £45,000 from funder organisations. The contacts, friendships and support networks with member of the public and business communities developing during our 44rd year were expanded and support for LWA continued to grow. Despite the ongoing COVID-19 difficulties. We hope to achieve similar levels of support in 2021-22.

b. Review of activities

In the year to 31 March 2021 we continued to roll out our strategy to develop financial sustainability and grow community based services. The pandemic, notwithstanding, domestic Abuse remains a significant issue in our community and demand for victim support services continues to grow. To remain viable and sustainable during a period of unprecedented change and in economic environment where funding continues to precarious and competition is fierce, LWA has had to remain nimble and adaptable with an operating structure able to respond quickly to changing circumstances.

• **Refuge & Resettlement**

As a result of COVID-19 restrictions the Refuge was only able to operate at around 50% capacity for much of 2020. The loss of income as a result had a significant effect on the Service that resulted in the postponement of some projects. The replacement of three large but very dated kitchens was one such project in danger of being delayed, however, due to the generosity of our supporters and by taking advantage of the low occupancy rates we completed the project in early 2021 and brought these facilities up to a modern standard. Long term victim support funding is still under consideration by Local Government and in the absence of clear policies Suffolk County Council have confirmed our funding at 2020-levels plus 2% until September 2022. Children services, previously supported by Suffolk County Council, is now largely funded by Children in Need and community donations. With funding very tight and at these levels of activity, the flexibility, the ability to partnership work and control costs embraced by our professional staff enabled the Refuge Service to successfully maintain a breakeven position in 2020-21.

• **The Women's Centre and Community Services**

The demand for Women's Community Services continued to grow COVID-19 notwithstanding. The delivery of needed support, therefore, did need to change in significant ways and follow safety protocols. Equipping staff, employing new technologies and adopting changed working practises staff successfully continued to support clients appropriately throughout the year. Although centred in Ipswich the work done by Community Services is countywide. Largely Lottery funded for the year Community Services also received significant support from the PCC. Despite this support, growing demand and increasing service initiatives means we continue to see a funding shortfall that is currently met from donations and from reserves. The funding gap was expected and contingencies were put in place by LWA with £60,000 put aside into a designated fund for the purpose of meeting the anticipated shortfall.

Data evaluation revealed a number of women groups not accessing services offered by the Women's Centre. To address this issue a Community Worker post was specified to engage with these identified groups and

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Achievements and performance (continued)

provide access to DV services across the board. The funding of this important service has initially come from some small grants; donations and general reserves. Work to secure more long term funding continues.

Domestic Abuse Awareness courses and training services now in its third year was adversely affected by COVID-19. The closure of many business and schools in particular stopped the delivery of planned courses in its tracks. Online remote systems were quickly employed and whilst the number of courses then increased they were always only a stop gap until schools and business opened for business once again. These high quality courses are very relevant for today and are beneficial to both individuals and organisation alike. We expect the growing acceptance of the benefits of these courses to pick up when normality returns and that the training service achieves self-sustainability within the next four years.

Many of the initiatives planned will take time and securing overall funding for the Women's Centre is proving challenging in the face of rising demand for, and growth in, services. Despite an improvement in receipts this year the Women's Centre will continued to run at a deficit for 2021 - 22 at around £30,000. The shortfall will be met partly from community fund raising, the bulk, however, will come from reserves where LWA have designated £60,000 to meet requirements over the next two years. Efforts to secure external funding are ongoing with a number of applications under consideration. Reserve designation notwithstanding the financial strength and integrity of Lighthouse Women's Aid will remain robust and we are confident in our support for the future of the Women's Centre.

c. Investment policy and performance

The Trustees, in periods of low interest rate and economic uncertainty have adopted a low risk investment policy with the aim of securing capital without jeopardising the value of the charity's resources. As such funds have been kept in interest bearing deposit accounts and seek to achieve a rate on deposit which matches or exceeds inflation as measured by the retail prices index. Due to the wider economic circumstances deposit rates remained depressed and so this aim was not achieved in the year.

The investment funds held on deposit achieved an average rate of 0.1% against the retail price index of 2.9% for the year.

Financial review

a. Review of performance during the year

In the face of continuing economic uncertainty and the impact COVID-19 Lighthouse in 2020-21 continued to develop its profile and work to increase income from our local community as a proportion of total funds needed to meet service demands. Overall work done to change the way services were delivered in the difficult COVID-19 environment was successfully implemented by the LWA team. As a result LWA supported by the people, businesses and institutions of Suffolk was successfully funded in the year and we were able to post a small surplus to help fund future service delivery when society returns to normal and an expected surge in demand is realised. Efforts to maintain and grow receipts from community fundraising will remain a key financial strategy to broaden and diversify funding sources and the team are continually looking for and pursuing a wide range of fund raising initiatives. We look forward to maintaining and developing earlier year's success in 2021-22. It is likely to take some time, however, and the financing of demand growth for services in the short term will require continuing the designation of some funds from our reserves. This position was recognised early on and from the surplus raised in 2018 £60,000 was put into a designated fund to support Community Services. Some £20,000 of this designated fund was used in the previous year. To continue the necessary support for the Women's Centre and associated community projects the Trustees have agreed that the designated fund be topped up and remain in place for 2021 -22.

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Changes to the way we all had to work in 2020 had a profound effect on cost of running our Charity and on the income we received for supporting and helping victims of Domestic Abuse. Staff were re-equipped and technologies expanded to ensure that we were able to continue working delivering support under unprecedented circumstances and restrictions. Our volunteer programme had to be suspended, we had to close our public buildings and offices, Refuge occupancy was severely restricted and we were forced to furlough a few of our staff for a limited period. The difficulties and restrictions, notwithstanding, Lighthouse was able to meet its support delivery targets whilst remaining within budget and grant constraints.

The impact of COVID-19 on Services and activities and the subsequent reduction in receipts was more than made up for in donations and community giving. So much so that total income at £770,376 was some £19,396 higher than last year. Challenges to manage costs during the pandemic were many and various, efforts and vigilance by all staff, however, enabled Lighthouse to continue delivering ongoing charitable activities without incurring additional expenses. The cost of delivering charitable activities in 2020-21 was £744,744 whilst fund raising costs fell to £304 against £745,765 and £2,871 respectively in 2019-20. As a result LWA, I'm pleased to report, managed to deliver a small surplus for the year at £25,328. This was better than that expected. Given the continued short term funding gap expected in Community Services in 2022 and the time it's taking to develop other opportunities the Trustees have agreed that the designated fund at £60,000 created in 2019 to support the Women's Centre and associated community projects be retained for 2021-22. Our assessment is that, designated fund notwithstanding, LWA's balance sheet remains strong and within Charity Commission Guidance. We are confident that LWA will remain financially able to meet all our liabilities and commitments to victims, staff, suppliers and supporters alike.

Lighthouse Women's Aid cost base in 2020/21 remained, despite the impact of the pandemic, in line with the Charity's strategy to grow and develop a countywide sustainable organisation capable of meeting the growing demands for Domestic Abuse services.

At the end of the year the total funds of the charity were £1,260,858, of which £458,393 relates to restricted funds and £60,000 to designated funds. Of the £742,465 general fund £405,158 relates to the value of buildings on which we have a mortgage of £164,127. Under Charity Commission rules Lighthouse Women's Aid have a policy to maintain unrestricted reserves equating to 3 months expenditure and in 2021 is £222,385.

b. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

LIGHTHOUSE WOMEN'S AID LIMITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

c. Principal funding

The principal funding sources for the year were as follows:

- Suffolk County Council – provides funding for support services to Women in Refuge and those moving to independent living.
- Children In Need – part finance children services both within Refuge and Community Support.
- Ipswich Borough Council – provides funding for premises and premises maintenance.
- The Big Lottery Fund – provides funding for programmes run by Women's Centre.
- The Police and Crime Commissioner - provides funding Community Service and Crisis Support.
- Sodexo – provide funding for ex-offender support and rehabilitation
- The Rope Trust – provides funding in support for the Crisis Support
- Suffolk Community Foundation – provided smaller funding grants in support of specific victim support projects and programmes.
- Other services are funding through smaller funding grants from a variety of sources and community funding initiatives.

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

Lighthouse Women's Aid Limited is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by Memorandum of Association on 17 March 1998.

The company is constituted under a Trust Deed dated 17 March 1998 and is registered charity, number 1069296.

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

The Trustees may at any time appoint any individual who is qualified to be appointed as a Trustee to fill a vacancy in their number or as an additional Trustee.

c. Policies adopted for the induction and training of Trustees

New Trustees undergo three months' probation and are appointed a mentor. During this time the new trustee receives instruction on their obligations under charity and company law, the Charity Commission guidance on public benefits, governance obligations, the committee and decision making processes, the business plan and recent financial performances of the charity. During induction the new trustee will attend appropriate external training events on both Trusteeship and on Domestic Abuse where these will facilitate the undertaking of their role.

d. Pay policy for key management personnel

All Trustees give of their freely and no Trustee received remuneration in the year. Details of Trustee expenses are disclosed in note 10 to the accounts.

The pay of senior staff is reviewed annually and normally increased in accordance with average earnings subject to funding. In view of the nature of the Charity, the directors benchmark against pay levels in other specialised victim service provision organisation of a similar size run on a voluntary basis.

Structure, governance and management (continued)

e. Organisational structure and decision making

The directors consider the board of directors, who are the Charity's Trustees, and the senior management team comprise the key management personnel of the Charity. The Board of Directors have responsibility of the strategic direction of the Organisation and its operation within Charity Commission Guidance, company law and Memorandum of Association. The senior management team, reporting to the board of directors is in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating the Charity on a day to day basis in accordance with the policies rules and strategic directions as set out by the board of directors.

f. Reserves

Unrestricted reserves

It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds, which are free reserves of the charity, at a level which equates to approximately three months unrestricted expenditure to protect against a decline or interruption of future sources of income. Three months being deemed suitable to enable the business of the charity in respect of funding allocations, continuity in provision of service and responsibilities to staff to be fulfilled.

Designated Funds

The Trustees provide funds to be designated for a specific project. The amount of any funds held will be appropriate to the purpose or use for which they have been designated. The precise purpose of designating funds will be stated in the notes to the accounts.

Restricted Funds

It is our policy to spend restricted funds within a reasonable time of receipt. Each restricted fund is treated separately (see note 17).

Plans for future periods

Future developments

- Continue to develop the Women's Centre services, roll out programmes countywide and seek continuation funding beyond 2022.
- Secure sustainable funding to continue safe and supportive refuge accommodation for women and children.
- Develop proposals for the long term purpose of the smaller, now closed, refuge.
- Continue to develop Domestic Abuse training programmes delivered to Schools, Young People, Professionals and Businesses.
- Raise the profile of Lighthouse Women's Aid by raising the awareness, through public presentations, group talks and educational sessions, on the effects of domestic violence and abuse.
- Develop a fund raising strategy to diversify and improve our ability to secure funding for the long term sustainability of the Charity.

To achieve these goals the Charity has set up a number of Working Groups to review and develop recommendations for consideration by senior management and the directors during the year.

LIGHTHOUSE WOMEN'S AID LIMITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 10/11/21 and signed on their behalf by:


Margaret Parry
Chair


Sarah Harvey
Vice-Chair

LIGHTHOUSE WOMEN'S AID LIMITED

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Lighthouse Women's Aid Limited ('the company')

I report to the trustees (who are also Directors for the purpose of company law) on my examination of the financial statements of Lighthouse Women's Aid Limited ('the charitable company') for the year ended 30 March 2021 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the statement of cashflows and related notes.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the Trustees of the company (and 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 the company's accounts 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 the charitable company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ICAEW, 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.

LIGHTHOUSE WOMEN'S AID LIMITED

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

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Sharon Gravener

FCCA (Independent examiner)

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19 November 2021

LIGHTHOUSE WOMEN'S AID LIMITED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	95,830	45,222	141,052	90,948
Charitable activities	4	315,572	289,633	605,205	635,530
Investments	5	24,119	-	24,119	24,502
		<u>435,521</u>	<u>334,855</u>	<u>770,376</u>	<u>750,980</u>
Total income					
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	6	202	102	304	2,871
Charitable activities	7	457,540	287,204	744,744	745,765
		<u>457,742</u>	<u>287,306</u>	<u>745,048</u>	<u>748,636</u>
Total expenditure					
Net (expenditure)/income					
Transfers between funds	17	(22,221) 39,935	47,549 (39,935)	25,328 -	2,344 -
		<u>17,714</u>	<u>7,614</u>	<u>25,328</u>	<u>2,344</u>
Net movement in funds					
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		784,751	450,779	1,235,530	1,233,186
Net movement in funds		17,714	7,614	25,328	2,344
		<u>802,465</u>	<u>458,393</u>	<u>1,260,858</u>	<u>1,235,530</u>
Total funds carried forward					

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 17 to 35 form part of these financial statements.

LIGHTHOUSE WOMEN'S AID LIMITED
REGISTERED NUMBER: 03532428

**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2021**

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	725,464	716,823
Investment property	12	375,000	375,000
		<u>1,100,464</u>	<u>1,091,823</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	13	29,786	29,120
Investments	14	158,625	158,579
Cash at bank and in hand		252,297	223,267
		<u>440,708</u>	<u>410,966</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	(84,835)	(63,347)
Net current assets		<u>355,873</u>	<u>347,619</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>1,456,337</u>	<u>1,439,442</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	16	(195,479)	(203,912)
Total net assets		<u>1,260,858</u>	<u>1,235,530</u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	17	458,393	450,779
Unrestricted funds	17	802,465	784,751
Total funds		<u>1,260,858</u>	<u>1,235,530</u>

LIGHTHOUSE WOMEN'S AID LIMITED

BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

The company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

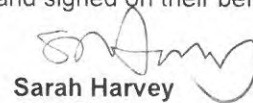
The members have not required the company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of Companies Act 2006.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 10/11/21 and signed on their behalf by:


Margaret Parry
Chair


Sarah Harvey
Vice Chair

The notes on pages 17 to 35 form part of these financial statements.

LIGHTHOUSE WOMEN'S AID LIMITED

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net cash used in operating activities	70,455	16,172
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Cash flows from investing activities		
Dividends, interests and rents from investments	47	543
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(33,378)	(10,173)
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Net cash used in investing activities	(33,331)	(9,630)
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Repayments of borrowing	(8,048)	(9,206)
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Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	29,076	(2,664)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	381,846	384,510
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Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	410,922	381,846
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The notes on pages 17 to 35 form part of these financial statements

LIGHTHOUSE WOMEN'S AID LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1. General information

The company is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company are the Trustees named on page 1. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the company.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

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

Lighthouse Women's Aid 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.

2.2 Going concern

The financial statements have been drawn up on a going concern basis.

The Trustees confirm that at the time of approving the financial statements, there are no material uncertainties regarding the Charity's ability to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

In arriving at this conclusion the Trustees have taken account of current and anticipated financial performance in the current economic conditions, including the impact of Covid-19. For this reason, the going concern basis continues to be adopted in the preparation of the Charity's financial statements.

2.3 Income

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

Income is deferred only when the charity has to fulfill conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.

Grants are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance Sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and when it is earned.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the company to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses including support costs and governance costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure headings.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the expenditure heading for which it was incurred.

2.5 Government grants

Government grants relating to tangible fixed assets are treated as deferred income and released to the Statement of Financial Activities over the expected useful lives of the assets concerned. Other grants are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities as the related expenditure is incurred.

2.6 Interest receivable

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

2.7 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing more than £500 are capitalised, along with any incidental expenses of acquisition.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is not charged on freehold land.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful life on the following bases:

Freehold property	- 2% or 5% straight line on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% on net book value
Computer equipment	- 25% on net book value

2.8 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and 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 or similar account.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.9 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities as a finance cost.

2.10 Financial instruments

The company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.11 Pensions

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the company to the fund in respect of the year.

2.12 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the company for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

2.13 Current asset investments

Current asset investments are included at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

LIGHTHOUSE WOMEN'S AID LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.14 Investment property

Investment properties are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the Balance Sheet date, unless fair value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment.

Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and shown in the heading 'Gains/(losses) on investments' in the Statement of Financial Activities.

2.15 Taxation

Lighthouse Women's Aid Limited is a charity within the meaning of the Charities Acts 1993 and 2006 and as such is a charity within the meaning of Part 11, Corporation Tax Act 2010. Accordingly Lighthouse Women's Aid Limited is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or gains received within categories covered by Part 11, 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 its charitable purposes.

2.16 Operating leases

Rentals under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

3. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Donations	82,599	45,222	127,821	90,948
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme Income	13,231	-	13,231	-
	<u>95,830</u>	<u>45,222</u>	<u>141,052</u>	<u>90,948</u>

In 2020, of the total income from donations & legacies, £73,599 was to unrestricted funds and £17,349 was to restricted funds.

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4. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Grants receivable	14,730	289,633	304,363	267,259
Accommodation based services and rent	231,049	-	231,049	296,559
Non-accommodation based services	66,480	-	66,480	66,481
Sundry residents income	3,313	-	3,313	5,231
	<u>315,572</u>	<u>289,633</u>	<u>605,205</u>	<u>635,530</u>

In 2020, of the total income from charitable activities, £372,653 was to unrestricted funds and £262,877 was to restricted funds.

5. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Investment properties	24,072	24,072	23,959
Bank interest receivable	47	47	543
	<u>24,119</u>	<u>24,119</u>	<u>24,502</u>

In 2020, of the total income from investments, £24,502 was to unrestricted funds and £nil was to restricted funds.

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6. Expenditure on raising funds

Costs of raising voluntary income

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Fundraising and publicity	202	102	304	2,871

In 2020, of the total expenditure from raising voluntary income, £2,010 was to unrestricted funds and £861 was to restricted funds.

7. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Staff costs	350,229	217,851	568,080	569,050
Depreciation	14,577	9,616	24,193	23,432
Women's centre running costs	12,325	17,083	29,408	37,228
Building running costs	42,046	22,740	64,786	60,101
Children's expenses	-	1,932	1,932	1,109
Support costs	31,749	14,515	46,264	43,369
Communications	1,679	-	1,679	1,637
General expenses	4,935	3,467	8,402	9,839
	<u>457,540</u>	<u>287,204</u>	<u>744,744</u>	<u>745,765</u>
Total 2020	<u>468,909</u>	<u>276,856</u>	<u>745,765</u>	

LIGHTHOUSE WOMEN'S AID LIMITED

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

8. Net income/(expenditure)

	2021 £	2020 £
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets - owned by the charity	23,432	24,452
Examiner's fee	4,560	4,440
Operating lease rentals:		
-Land and buildings	18,300	18,300
-Other	6,624	6,624
Interest payable	8,652	9,875
	<u>61,568</u>	<u>63,691</u>

9. Staff costs

	2021 £	2020 £
Wages and salaries	507,153	507,349
Social security costs	36,372	36,177
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	24,555	25,524
	<u>568,080</u>	<u>569,050</u>

The average monthly number of employees was 29 (2019: 30) and the average monthly number of persons employed by the company during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows (including casual and part-time staff):

	2021 No.	2020 No.
Charitable activities	14	15
Governance and administration of the charity	4	4
	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

10. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2020 - £NIL).

LIGHTHOUSE WOMEN'S AID LIMITED

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

10. Trustees' remuneration and expenses (continued)

During the year ended 31 March 2021, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2020 - £NIL).

11. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation				
At 1 April 2020	824,926	146,174	40,925	1,012,025
Additions	20,311	3,330	9,737	33,378
Disposals	-	(12,565)	(911)	(13,476)
At 31 March 2021	<u>845,237</u>	<u>136,939</u>	<u>49,751</u>	<u>1,031,927</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2020	141,810	125,325	28,067	295,202
Charge for the year	15,855	4,432	3,906	24,193
On disposals	-	(12,173)	(759)	(12,932)
At 31 March 2021	<u>157,665</u>	<u>117,584</u>	<u>31,214</u>	<u>306,463</u>
Net book value				
At 31 March 2021	<u>687,572</u>	<u>19,355</u>	<u>18,537</u>	<u>725,464</u>
At 31 March 2020	<u>683,116</u>	<u>20,849</u>	<u>12,858</u>	<u>716,823</u>

The freehold property was revalued in June 2010 and is included in accordance with a valuation undertaken by Penn Commercial at that time. The trustees are not aware of any material changes to the valuation of the property since this date. The historical depreciated cost of the freehold property is £238,489 (2020: £252,716).

LIGHTHOUSE WOMEN'S AID LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

12. Investment property

	Freehold investment property £
Valuation	
At 1 April 2020	375,000
At 31 March 2021	<u>375,000</u>

The 2017 valuations were made by Fenn Wright, an independent valuer, on an open market value for existing use basis.

13. Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	10,521	11,383
Prepayments and accrued income	19,265	17,737
	<u>29,786</u>	<u>29,120</u>

14. Current asset investments

	2021 £	2020 £
Deposit bank account	<u>158,625</u>	<u>158,579</u>

LIGHTHOUSE WOMEN'S AID LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

15. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Bank loans	9,058	8,673
Trade creditors	12,274	7,899
Other taxation and social security	10,232	10,161
Accruals	16,059	11,351
Deferred income	37,212	25,263
	<u>84,835</u>	<u>63,347</u>
	2021 £	2020 £
Deferred income at 1 April 2020	25,263	35,106
Resources deferred during the year	-	23,925
Amounts released from previous periods	-	(33,768)
	<u>25,263</u>	<u>25,263</u>

The mortgage of £9,058 (2019: £8,673) shown within creditors falling due within one year is secured by a charge on freehold property.

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16. Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Bank loans	195,479	203,912

Included within the above are amounts falling due as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Between one and two years		
Mortgage	9,460	9,058
Between two and five years		
Mortgage	30,950	29,635
Over five years		
Mortgage	155,069	165,219

The aggregate amount of liabilities payable or repayable wholly or in part more than five years after the reporting date is:

	2021 £	2020 £
Repayable by instalments	155,069	165,219

Creditors due after more than one year comprise a mortgage which is secured by a charge on freehold property. It is repayable by 300 monthly instalments at an interest rate of 4.35%.

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17. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds					
Women's Centre and community projects	60,000	-	-	-	60,000
Property	394,060	-	-	11,098	405,158
	<u>454,060</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,098</u>	<u>465,158</u>
General funds					
General Funds - all funds	330,691	435,521	(457,742)	28,837	337,307
	<u>784,751</u>	<u>435,521</u>	<u>(457,742)</u>	<u>39,935</u>	<u>802,465</u>
Total Unrestricted funds					
Restricted funds					
Refuge 1 - National Lottery	118,154	-	(8,614)	-	109,540
Refuge 1 - Other funding	128,947	-	-	-	128,947
Revaluation reserve	197,221	-	-	-	197,221
Play equipment	2,109	2,207	(2,060)	-	2,256
PCC - COVID grant	-	30,791	(209)	(28,541)	2,041
Norfolk & Suffolk Probation Trust	13	-	-	-	13
Suffolk Community Foundation	1,745	-	-	-	1,745
Community service donations	-	8,708	(8,708)	-	-
SCC - Housing Support	1,005	-	-	-	1,005
Sodexo Norfolk & Suffolk Community Rehabilitation Service	-	30,788	(30,788)	-	-
Big Lottery Fund grant	-	98,558	(87,164)	(11,394)	-
Children & Young people donors	1,151	762	(1,913)	-	-
Suffolk Foundation - Crisis Worker	-	9,942	(9,942)	-	-

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17. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - current year (continued)

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
Locality Budget - computer purchases	-	3,516	(583)	-	2,933
Summer Playscheme	-	1,932	(1,932)	-	-
Donations - refuge services	434	15,400	(3,328)	-	12,506
Resettlement fund	-	14,977	(14,791)	-	186
Children in Need	-	40,274	(40,274)	-	-
Ipswich Borough Council	-	17,000	(17,000)	-	-
PCC - Women's Centre	-	60,000	(60,000)	-	-
	<hr/> 450,779	<hr/> 334,855	<hr/> (287,306)	<hr/> (39,935)	<hr/> 458,393
Total of funds	<hr/> <hr/> 1,235,530	<hr/> <hr/> 770,376	<hr/> <hr/> (745,048)	<hr/> <hr/> -	<hr/> <hr/> 1,260,858

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The National Lottery and other funds represent the net book value of Refuge 1. The fund balances are reduced by depreciation charged on the facility.

The revaluation reserve represents the revaluation of assets held as restricted funds.

The play equipment fund represents the funds received to purchase a new sun shelter at Refuge 1, along with other equipment for children at the refuge.

Women's Centre donations represents funds donated by members of the public in respect of the Women's Centre which have not yet been spent.

The Norfolk & Suffolk Community Rehabilitation Company grant has been awarded in order to develop and set up a programme to support women offenders in the local area.

The Big Lottery Fund Grant has been awarded in order to run a Women and Children's Wellbeing Centre in Ipswich.

The Rope Trust grant has been awarded to help victims needing immediate and urgent help.

The Resettlement Fund grant was awarded to help victims of domestic violence moving to independent accommodation.

The SCC (Suffolk County Council) grant has been awarded to support victims that have no recourse to public funds.

The Summer Playscheme fund is the grant awarded towards the funding of a six week play scheme for resident children.

The Children In Need grant has been awarded in order to fund two Children and Young People's Transitional Workers.

Children & Young People Donors help to meet the cost of running the Children and Young People Support Services in Refuge following the grant withdrawal from Suffolk County Council.

Locality Budget is a grant from Labour Party Councillors at Suffolk County Council for the purchase of new computers.

Donations-Refuge Service provides community support for victims at refuge and looking for help to move on.

Suffolk Foundation-crisis worker represents a grant to help meet the cost of expanding the crisis support service necessary to meet the growing demand from victims in urgent need of safety from further abuse risk.

The PCC (Police & Crime Commissioner) Women's Centre grant has been awarded to support the charity during the pandemic.

Transfers from restricted funds to unrestricted funds arise where grants are given either to purchase fixed assets or to cover a proportion of administration expenses.

The designated funds represent money designated for the Women's Centre and community projects and resources held in property.

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17. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2020 £
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds					
Women's Centre and community projects	60,000	-	-	-	60,000
Property	399,672	-	-	(5,612)	394,060
	<u>459,672</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,612)</u>	<u>454,060</u>
General funds					
General Funds - all funds	<u>313,850</u>	<u>470,754</u>	<u>(470,919)</u>	<u>17,006</u>	<u>330,691</u>
Restricted funds					
Refuge 1 - National Lottery	126,768	-	(8,614)	-	118,154
Refuge 1 - Other funding	128,947	-	-	-	128,947
Revaluation reserve	197,221	-	-	-	197,221
Play equipment	1,352	1,864	(1,107)	-	2,109
Women's centre donations	754	13,485	(14,239)	-	-
Norfolk & Suffolk Probation Trust	13	-	-	-	13
Suffolk Community Foundation	1,840	-	(95)	-	1,745
The Rope Trust	576	-	(576)	-	-
SCC - Housing Support	2,193	-	(1,188)	-	1,005
Sodexo Norfolk & Suffolk Community Rehabilitation Service	-	30,184	(30,184)	-	-
Big Lottery Fund grant	-	98,558	(87,164)	-	-
Children & Young people donors	-	5,000	(3,849)	-	1,151
Suffolk Foundation - Crisis Worker	-	11,001	(11,001)	-	-
Locality Budget - computer purchases	-	2,000	(2,000)	-	-

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17. Statement of funds (continued)**Statement of funds - prior year (continued)**

	Balance at 1 April 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2020 £
Summer Playscheme	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
Donations - refuge services	-	1,237	(803)	-	434
Resettlement fund	-	1,400	(1,400)	-	-
Children in Need	-	37,497	(37,497)	-	-
Ipswich Borough Council	-	17,000	(17,000)	-	-
PCC - Women's Centre	-	60,000	(60,000)	-	-
	<u>459,664</u>	<u>280,226</u>	<u>(277,717)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>450,779</u>

18. Analysis of net assets between funds**Analysis of net assets between funds - current year**

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	274,048	451,416	725,464
Investment property	375,000	-	375,000
Current assets	433,731	6,977	440,708
Creditors due within one year	(84,835)	-	(84,835)
Creditors due in more than one year	(195,479)	-	(195,479)
Total	<u>802,465</u>	<u>458,393</u>	<u>1,260,858</u>

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18. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Tangible fixed assets	272,501	444,322	716,823
Investment property	375,000	-	375,000
Current assets	404,509	6,457	410,966
Creditors due within one year	(63,347)	-	(63,347)
Creditors due in more than one year	(203,912)	-	(203,912)
Total	<u>784,751</u>	<u>450,779</u>	<u>1,235,530</u>

19. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2021 £	2020 £
Net income for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	25,328	2,344
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	24,193	23,432
Dividends, interests and rents from investments	(47)	(543)
Loss on the sale of fixed assets	544	585
Increase in debtors	(666)	(631)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	21,103	(9,015)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>70,455</u>	<u>16,172</u>

20. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2021 £	2020 £
Cash in hand	252,297	223,267
Notice deposits (less than 3 months)	158,625	158,579
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>410,922</u>	<u>381,846</u>

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21. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 April 2020	Cash flows	At 31 March 2021
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	223,267	29,030	252,297
Debt due within 1 year	(8,673)	(385)	(9,058)
Debt due after 1 year	(203,912)	8,433	(195,479)
Liquid investments	158,579	46	158,625
	<u>169,261</u>	<u>37,124</u>	<u>206,385</u>

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22. Pension commitments

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the group in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the group to the fund and amounted to £24,442 (2020 - £23,033). Contributions totaling £Nil (2020 - £Nil) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date.

23. Operating lease commitments

At 31 March 2021 the company had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Not later than 1 year	12,366	24,924
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	1,500	4,536
	<u>13,866</u>	<u>29,460</u>

24. Related party transactions

The key management personnel of the charity received remuneration of £119,071 (2020: £117,873).

There were no other related party transactions.

25. Controlling party

The charity is a Company Limited by Guarantee. There is no ultimate controlling party.