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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1069612

Report of the Trustees and
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025
For
SAHWR (Company Limited by Guarantee)

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Chair's Report **for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

Overview

This has proved to be an exciting year for SAHWR.

After a robust recruitment process at the end of 2023, SAHWR Trustees expanded the Senior Management Team by appointing a new overall Head of Domestic Abuse Services: Mrs. Gemma Magee-Herd. Gemma commenced her employment in the spring of 2024 and since then her feet have not touched the ground with the introduction of new ideas and improvements to SAHWR services, and offering much needed support to our two existing managers.

One of her first tasks was to remodel the existing on-call system. Following consultation with and approval by the staff, this resulted in the introduction of a protocol for the future and, after a trial period of three months, continues to work well.

Child support workers' roles were reviewed to ensure all children and young people in our care were properly catered for.

A revised business continuity plan has been implemented, and all properties now have emergency bags which include high-viz jackets, blankets, torches etc.

Where necessary, policies were revised/updated, and new ones added to conform with the requirements of the HCC contract.

Facts:

SAHWR has:

- Directly supported 1,189 people including children and young people.
- Provided safe accommodation for 65 families and 48 children.
- Provided 32,496 hours of support to survivors of domestic abuse in Hertfordshire.
- Supported 980 individuals via its Outreach Service
- Helped 591 individuals to complete DASH assessments.
- Supported 182 individuals via their participation in its Triple R Programme courses.
- Offered support to 24 males.
- Worked with 16-partner referral agencies.

In Addition:

- 96% of clients rated the support offered by SAHWR as excellent.
- 100% of clients would recommend SAHWR.
- 93% of clients rated SAHWR bedrooms as of high quality.
- 69% of clients stated that SAHWR accommodation exceeded their expectation.

Many of our clients and families have complex issues: mental, physical, immigration and safeguarding. All these are very challenging for staff, who manage to support residents in all these areas with the upmost care and professionalism.

GENERAL ORGANISATION/MANAGEMENT:

HCC/ Safer Places/SAHWR Contract: Teething problems with the new contract having been sorted, staff continue to complete all requirements.

Safer Places: SAHWR continues to have a good working relationship with Safer Places, with regular review/monitoring meetings of the Safer Places/SAHWR contract.

HCC - Welwyn/Hatfield and Hertsmere Areas - Outreach/Community Contract: The Safer Places/SAHWR tender having been accepted by HCC, the contract was put in place in the summer of 2024; Safer Places covering the Welwyn Hatfield Council area, and SAHWR covering the Hertsmere Borough Council area. Following a slow start within the HCC area, demand has now improved considerably.

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SAHWR Outreach/Community Work covered within the St Albans District Council/Dacorum Borough Council areas continues to function well, with a good supply of clients.

SAHWR Weekly Outreach/Community Service Hubs located in the council offices of St. Albans, Dacorum and Hertsmere are well supported, and work in line with contract commitments.

SAHWR Safe Accommodation: Following notice of Safer Places' intention to reduce their funding of SAHWR bed spaces from 21 to 16, negotiations took place and resulted in a revised number spread across different SAHWR housing locations.

SAHWR Move-on Accommodation: Increased concern from staff regarding the 95% of clients leaving the refuge and, before being housed permanently, going into council temporary accommodation in local hotels [sometimes on a long term basis], had resulted in thought being given to the provision of move-on accommodation within SAHWR housing/flats, where they could stay for 4/6 months with the benefit of cooking and washing facilities. An initial approach to St Albans District Council was well received and negotiations are continuing regarding the possibility of funding for the project.

DASH Risk Assessments: Completion and submission of these by SAHWR continue to be a useful tool in verifying residents' housing applications and a great help to St Albans District Council in making appropriate decisions.

All Staff working practices continue to be regularly inspected by HCC, with very positive feedback.

EXISTING AND NEW INITIATIVES:

Triple R Programme: Courses have continued to be well attended by residents and Outreach Service clients; these courses cover risk, recovery and resilience, and the impact of domestic abuse on children. The feedback remains positive, with clients feeling empowered to move forward with their lives.

Drug link: As a result of a local agreement with this organisation, several homeless clients who were making good progress after completion of rehabilitation courses were admitted to SAHWR

Strong Survivors: This was a new initiative started in January 2025, focusing on residents between the ages of 17/21. Discussions were held with the group of residents that belonged to this age group who were currently with us, to see what they felt was needed in the form of support, and what activities they would like to participate in. So far:

- We have set up days for therapeutic activities and training in learning useful life skills.
- We hired a community kitchen for a cooking challenge with food being donated by the Food Bank - lots of fun and laughter on this venture
- Another day, we had pampering afternoon consisting of facial lessons for everyone, plus sound baths promoting relaxation and reducing stress, thus potentially enhancing mental clarity and wellbeing.
- We set up work experience for a few hours each week, to help prepare everyone for life outside the refuge.
- One or two young people undertook some voluntary work at the places where they had done work experience.
- Other activities were organised throughout the year much appreciated by all who attended.

2024-25 FINANCE:

The Treasurer and part-time accountant continue to work well together on all aspects of SAHWR finance, particularly in the planning of budgets. However, due to the extra work incurred by the increasing number of staff, a decision was taken to outsource the work of the monthly payroll.

Competitive Solutions: Its help as SAHWR's official fund-raisers in obtaining new grants throughout the year allowed finances to continue to improve, resulting in the decision in spring 2025 to investigate the possibilities of purchasing another property; this would be used for move-on accommodation. Enquiries were subsequently made to the Charities Aid Foundation for a mortgage loan, and a positive response awaited.

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Donations/Grants:

- We continue to be indebted to all those people and organisations who make grants and donations plus gifts and goods, however big or small. All were greatly appreciated.
- Special thanks for their continued support must also go to St Albans Abbey, Soroptimists, Garfield Weston, Samuel Ryder Academy, Loreto College and STAGS.
- In addition, major grants were received from HCC/Safer Places, The National Lottery, St Albans District Council and Hertsmere Borough Council without whose financial support SAHWR would not be able to continue.

PROPERTIES:

Two Properties - London Colney and Watford: Given the uncertain financial position of the landlord, notice was given at the beginning of June 2024 to terminate the rental contracts of both properties at the end of that month, with SAHWR moving out on 1 July 2024.

Two Properties – St Albans: Moving-in took place on 1 July 2024. These replaced the London Colney and Watford properties [but with a different landlord]. Both were recently refurbished and presented as a seven-bedroom house and a five-bedroom bungalow. They already had HMO registration, with re-licensing of the properties, due to change of use, in hand with the local authority. Grateful thanks to our hard-working staff, but particularly to Gemma [HDAS], whose organisational skills ensured the moves were extremely smooth.

Maintenance/Repair: All SAHWR properties continue to be maintained to a very high standard.

STAFF - RESIGNATIONS/APPOINTMENTS:

2024/25 Internal Changes:

GP – Maternity leave completed, a return to work as a DAPW but on a part-time basis.

TB – Appointment to a new full-time role - Senior Professional Officer, reporting to the managers, and providing extra help with the management of staff and running of the houses.

CSW Team – resignation of two team members

External Appointment: Appointment of a replacement clinical supervisor for all staff who wish to participate in external supervision.

TRAINING:

- Existing staff continued to attend all mandatory courses required throughout the year.
- New staff obtained the necessary qualifications required to offer specialist domestic abuse services.
- Other staff members organised domestic abuse training for/at HBC, with good attendance and positive feedback on their presentations.
- Trauma Informed online workshops for staff took place from September 2024 in preparation for the acquisition of the One Small Thing - Trauma Informed Accreditation [Bronze Level] later in 2025. An application was subsequently submitted, and a positive result awaited.

TRUSTEES – RETIREMENTS/RESIGNATIONS/APPOINTMENTS:

- Retirement/resignation of Rachel Houlden (24 September 2024), Davina Wilson (15 November 2024), and Theresa Bradstreet (19 November 2024), due to outside pressures.
- Appointment of Sarah Llewellyn-Jones (19 April 2024) and Nicola Mitchell at the SAHWR 2023/24 AGM (15 January 2025) for a three-year term of office.
- Sarah Llewellyn-Jones agreed to undertake the role of Safeguarding Trustee.
- Nicky Mitchell agreed to undertake the role of Trauma Informed Trustee.

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Chair's Report
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

CHAIR'S FINAL COMMENTS:

DAPWs, Outreach, CSW, Housekeeping staff and Barbara our Administrator have had a busy year and as always work exceptionally well, supporting all our clients, often under extreme pressure - with the support of line managers, and the addition of Gemma [HDAS] this year.

On behalf of all the trustees, I would like to say a huge thank you to Gemma, Liz, Sara and their teams for their very hard work in continuing to provide a superb service throughout the year to SAHWR clients who, together with their many complex needs, require hours of support.

I also cannot finish without saying very grateful thanks from me personally to our small board of trustees who have given their time so freely to ensure everything continues to run smoothly for SAHWR; thanks also to Billie for her help to Hilary, and exceptional work in the finance department.

M. Pollard

Maralyn Pollard

Chair of Trustees

St Albans and Hertsmere Women's Refuge

19 November 2025

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

The Trustees' Report is a Directors' Report as required by s417 of the Companies Act 2006. The accounts comply with current statutory requirements.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The principal aims of the charity are to provide

- a) private refuges where men, women and their children may have temporary rest and protection from attack and persecution.
- b) arrangements for medical care, advice and treatment, legal advice and counselling for women and their children who have suffered injury or impairment of physical health or have been seriously threatened with the same.
- c) and to raise awareness generally of domestic abuse
- d) provide an outreach service for victims in the community

Significant activities

Please see chairperson's report (appended) for details of activities, achievements and developments for the year.

Public benefit

The trustees have complied with the duty in part 1, chapter 1, section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

The trustees believe that the projects listed above and the achievements and outcomes recorded in this report, demonstrate that SAHWR meets the principal aims of the charity.

Volunteers

With the exception of the trustees the charity does not rely on volunteers to fulfil its obligations.

STRATEGIC REPORT

Achievement and performance

Charitable activities

Please see chairperson's report.

Fundraising activities

Please see chairperson's report.

Internal and external factors

The trustees have made a full assessment of the internal and external factors that may affect these financial statements and do not deem any factor material enough to have an impact.

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Financial review

Principal funding sources

The charity's main sources of funding are from housing benefits and grants receivable from St Albans City & District Council, Hertsmere Borough Council, Dacorum Borough Council, Herts County Council, Watford Borough Council, The National Lottery and funding from Safer Places. We are very grateful for all of those who contribute so generously.

Reserves policy

In accordance with guidelines issued by the Charity Commissioners, the Trustees have adopted a policy regarding reserves which aims to ensure that:

- a) Excluding those funds represented by fixed assets, and any designated funds, general reserves do not exceed more than 6 months anticipated expenditure;
- b) There are adequate funds to enable the charity to meet all current and known future liabilities.

The level of reserves is considered and reviewed at regular intervals throughout the year.

Going concern

The directors have considered whether the charity is a going concern when preparing these financial statements. We have looked at all available information for at least the next 12 months and believe there are no going concerns.

Future plans

Please see chairperson's report.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is a company, limited by guarantee, incorporated on 12 March 1998 and registered as a charity on 19 May 1998. The company was created under a memorandum of association which established its objects and powers and is governed by its articles of association. In the event of the company being wound up members may be required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Trustees are appointed and removed by the members at the Annual General Meeting.

Organisational structure

There is a board of trustees of up to 11 members, who meet regularly to administer the charity. There are three sub-committees which cover human resources, properties and finance. Three managers are appointed by the trustees to manage the day to day operations of the charity.

Induction and training of new trustees

All trustees are given a copy of the trustee induction pack to familiarise themselves with the organisation of the charity, and may shadow a fellow trustee if so required.

Wider network

SAHWR is an autonomous organisation, but works closely with other Refuges.

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Related parties

The charity works closely with Hertfordshire Constabulary, St Albans City & District Council, Hertsmere Borough Council, MARAC (multi-agency risk assessment conference), Children's Centres and Hertfordshire County Council, including the Supporting People and Safer Places teams.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

03526335 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1069612

Registered office

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Trustees

M Pollard Chairperson

HJ Walker

F Skene

S Benett

S Llewellyn-Jones appointed 19 April 2024

N Mitchell appointed 15 January 2025

R Houlden resigned 24 September 2024

T Bradstreet resigned 19 November 2024

D Wilson resigned 15 November 2024

In accordance with the Articles of Association, F Skene and HJ Walker will retire at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting and, being eligible, will stand for re-election.

Company Secretaries

S Benett

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of SAHWR (Company Limited by Guarantee) for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

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

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

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

AUDITORS

The auditors, Hancock and Hastings, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, and signed on the board's behalf by:

M Pollard

M Pollard Chairperson - Trustee

Date *19th November 2025*

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees of
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Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- the charitable company has not kept adequate accounting records; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

We obtained a general understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to the charity through enquiry and discussion with management concerning their understanding of relevant laws and regulations, and the entity's policies and procedures regarding compliance, and through our understanding of the charity's industry and regulations. These included but were not limited to compliance with Charities Act 2011 and FRS 102.

We designed audit procedures to respond to the risk, recognizing that the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment.

We focused on laws and regulations that could give rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements. Our tests included, but were not limited to:

- Inquiring of management and, where appropriate, those charged with governance, as to whether the company is in compliance with laws and regulations, and discussing their policies and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations;
- Inspecting correspondence, if any, with relevant licensing or regulatory authorities;
- Communicating identified laws and regulations to the engagement team and remaining alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout our audit;

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- Review of minutes of board meetings throughout the period; and
- Considering the risk of acts by the charity which were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud.

In addition, we evaluated the trustees' and management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements, including the risk of management override of controls, and determined that the principal risks related to: posting manual journal entries to manipulate financial performance, management bias through judgements and assumptions in significant accounting estimates, in particular in relation to revenue recognition (which we pinpointed to the completeness assertion), and significant one-off or unusual transactions.

Our audit procedures in relation to fraud included but were not limited to:

- Making enquiries of the trustees' and management on whether they had knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
- Gaining an understanding of the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud;
- Discussing amongst the engagement team the risks of fraud; and
- Addressing the risks of fraud through management override of controls by performing journal entry testing

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of irregularities including fraud rests with management. As with any audit, there remained a risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal controls.

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

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Amy Claire Hancock (Senior Statutory Auditor)
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Date: 27/11/2025

Statement of Financial Activities

For the Year Ended 31 March 2025

| | Notes | Un-Restricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | 2025 Total Funds £ | 2024 Total Funds £ |
|-----------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM | | | | | |
| Donations and Legacies | 3 | 17,676 | 2,987 | 20,663 | 47,095 |
| Charitable Activities | 5 | | | | |
| General | | 489,216 | 614,398 | 1,103,613 | 1,014,059 |
| Children's Work | | - | - | - | - |
| Investment Income | 4 | 14,624 | - | 14,624 | 7,417 |
| Total | | 521,515 | 617,385 | 1,138,900 | 1,068,571 |
| EXPENDITURE ON | | | | | |
| Charitable Activities | 6 | | | | |
| General | | 429,942 | 617,971 | 1,047,914 | 909,262 |
| Children's Work | | - | - | - | 4,508 |
| Total | | 429,942 | 617,971 | 1,047,914 | 913,770 |
| NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) | | 91,573 | (586) | 90,987 | 154,801 |
| Transfer Between Funds | 17 | - | - | - | - |
| Net movement in funds | | 91,573 | (586) | 90,987 | 154,801 |
| RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS | | | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | | 743,199 | 53,117 | 796,316 | 641,515 |
| TOTAL FUNDS CARRY FORWARD | | 834,772 | 52,531 | 887,303 | 796,316 |

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Balance Sheet

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| | | Un-Restricted Funds | Restricted Funds | 2025 Total Funds | 2024 Total Funds |
|--|-------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| | Notes | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| FIXED ASSETS | | | | | |
| Tangible Assets | 12 | 304,996 | 2,340 | 307,336 | 328,235 |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | | | |
| Debtors | 13 | 52,760 | - | 52,760 | 17,830 |
| Cash at bank and in Hand | | 555,306 | 142,148 | 697,454 | 611,432 |
| | | 608,066 | 142,148 | 750,214 | 629,262 |
| CREDITORS | | | | | |
| Amounts falling due within one year | 14 | (73,290) | (91,957) | (165,247) | (155,181) |
| NET CURRENT ASSETS | | 534,776 | 50,191 | 584,966 | 474,081 |
| TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES | | 839,772 | 52,531 | 892,303 | 802,316 |
| CREDITORS | | | | | |
| Amounts falling due after more than one year | 15 | (5,000) | - | (5,000) | (6,000) |
| NET ASSETS | | 834,772 | 52,531 | 887,303 | 796,316 |
| FUNDS | 17 | | | | |
| Unrestricted funds | | | | 834,772 | 743,199 |
| Restricted funds | | | | 52,531 | 53,117 |
| TOTAL FUNDS | | | | 887,303 | 796,316 |

These financial statements have been audited under the requirements of Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 19 November 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

M. Pollard 19/Nov/2025
M Pollard Chairperson -Trustee

Cash Flow Statement
For the Year Ended 31 March 2025

| | Notes | 2025 £ | 2024 £ |
|---|-------|----------------|-----------------|
| Cash flows from operating activities | | | |
| Cash generated from operations | 1 | 81,080 | 285,581 |
| Interest paid | | - | (18) |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | | 81,080 | 285,563 |
| Cash flows from investing activities | | | |
| Purchase of tangible fixed assets | | (12,770) | (21,633) |
| Interest received | | 14,624 | 7,417 |
| Net cash used in investing activities | | 1,854 | (14,216) |
| Cash flows from financing activities | | | |
| New loans in year | | 26,078 | 3,259 |
| Loans repayment in year | | (22,990) | (54,548) |
| Net cash used in financing activities | | 3,088 | (51,289) |
| Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period | | 86,022 | 220,058 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period | | 611,432 | 391,374 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period | | 697,454 | 611,432 |

The notes form part of these financial statements

Notes to the Cash Flow Statement
For the Year Ended 31 March 2025

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|---|---------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Net income for the reporting period | | |
| (as per statement of financial activities) | 90,987 | 154,801 |
| Adjustments for: | | |
| Depreciation charges | 33,669 | 18,166 |
| Interest received | (14,624) | (7,417) |
| Interest paid | - | 18 |
| (Increase)/decrease in debtors | (34,930) | (3,747) |
| Increase in creditors | 5,979 | 123,760 |
| Net cash provided by operations | 81,080 | 285,581 |

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN FUNDS

| | At 01-04-24 | Cash Flow | At 31-03-25 |
|---------------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ | £ |
| Net cash | | | |
| Cash at bank and in hand | 611,432 | 86,022 | 697,454 |
| | 611,432 | 86,022 | 697,454 |
| Debt | | | |
| Debts falling due within 1 year | (4,259) | (4,088) | (8,347) |
| Debts falling due after 1 year | (6,000) | 1,000 | (5,000) |
| | (10,259) | (3,088) | (13,347) |
| Total | 601,173 | 82,934 | 684,107 |

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 March 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, 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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Trade debtors

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

Cash and cash equivalents

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

Income

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

Investment income

Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method except where it relates to a transaction where payment is deferred beyond normal credit terms.

Charitable activities

Income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.

Income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted in accordance with the provisions of the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, 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 is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Allocation and apportionment of costs

All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs

Tangible fixed assets

Fixed assets are being depreciated evenly over the below no. of years on a straight line basis –

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Long leasehold | - Over 50 years |
| House furniture & fittings | - Over 10 Years |
| Computer & office equipment | - Over 5 Years |

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost and are subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses.

The assets' residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed and adjusted prospectively if appropriate, or if there is an indication of significant change since the last reporting date. Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost and are subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Change in depreciation rates

During the year, the charity reviewed the estimated useful lives of its tangible fixed assets and revised the depreciation rates applied to certain asset categories. This change reflects updated expectations regarding the pattern of economic benefits derived from these assets.

As a result, the depreciation rate for house furniture and fittings was changed from 25% on cost and 25% on reducing balance method to 10% straight-line method (i.e. depreciated over 10 years) and for computer & office equipment from 25% reducing balance method to 20% straight-line method (i.e. depreciated over 5 years).

This change in estimate has resulted in an increase in depreciation expense of £ 15,204 for the year ended 31 March 2025. The impact on future periods is expected to be in the form of an increase in annual depreciation expense as the charge is spread evenly over the remaining useful life of assets.

Comparative figures have not been restated in accordance with FRS 102 Section 10, as this is a change in accounting estimate rather than a change in accounting policy.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Going concern

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

2. Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees have made the following judgements:

Tangible fixed assets are depreciated over their useful lives taking into account residual values, where appropriate. The actual lives of the assets and residual values are assessed annually and may vary depending on a number of factors, such as their product life cycles and maintenance programmes. Residual value assessments consider issues such as future market conditions, the remaining life of the asset and projected disposal values.

Trade debtors are reviewed for impairment loss on an annual basis and provision is made for any balances where there is uncertainty against the recoverability of the balance. This methodology is applied on a customer by customer basis. Future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

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3. DONATION AND LEGACIES

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|-----------|---------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Donations | <u>20,663</u> | <u>47,095</u> |

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|--------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Deposit account interest | <u>14,624</u> | <u>7,417</u> |

5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

| | Activity | 2025 | 2024 |
|----------------------------|----------|------------------|------------------|
| | | £ | £ |
| House accommodation charge | General | 40,414 | 24,677 |
| Housing benefits | General | 414,494 | 339,071 |
| Grants | General | 284,351 | 260,130 |
| Sundry income | General | 3,600 | 700 |
| Safer Places | General | 360,754 | 389,481 |
| | | <u>1,103,613</u> | <u>1,014,059</u> |

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ |
| St Albans City & District Council | 45,756 | 35,294 |
| Hertsmere Borough Council | 7,400 | 7,400 |
| Hertfordshire County Council | 141,521 | 110,141 |
| National Lottery Cost of living fund | - | 65,734 |
| National Lottery - Reaching communities | 79,674 | 41,561 |
| Hertfordshire Community Foundation | 10,000 | - |
| | <u>284,351</u> | <u>260,130</u> |

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

| | Direct Costs | Support Costs | Total |
|---------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| | | (See Note-6) | |
| | £ | £ | £ |
| General | <u>947,849</u> | <u>100,066</u> | <u>1,047,914</u> |
| | <u>947,849</u> | <u>100,066</u> | <u>1,047,914</u> |

7. SUPPORT COSTS

| | Management | Finance | Governance | Total |
|---------|---------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| General | <u>31,810</u> | <u>1,179</u> | <u>67,077</u> | <u>100,066</u> |
| | <u>31,810</u> | <u>1,179</u> | <u>67,077</u> | <u>100,066</u> |

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8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

| | 2025 £ | 2024 £ |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting): | | |
| Auditors' remuneration | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| Depreciation - owned assets | 33,669 | 18,166 |

9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

No trustee was paid for any services during the year.

10. STAFF COSTS

| | 2025 £ | 2024 £ |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Wages and salaries | 533,355 | 423,605 |
| Social security costs | 39,948 | 30,029 |
| Other pension costs | 10,519 | 9,979 |
| | <u>583,822</u> | <u>463,613</u> |

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Refuge Managers | 3 | 2 |
| Child Workers | 4 | 5 |
| Refuge & Outreach Workers | 13 | 13 |
| Administrator | 1 | 1 |
| Housekeepers | 2 | 2 |
| | <u>23</u> | <u>23</u> |

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total Funds £ |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM | | | |
| Donations and Legacies | 42,383 | 4,712 | 47,095 |
| Charitable Activities | | | |
| General | 394,123 | 619,936 | 1,014,059 |
| Investment Income | 7,417 | - | 7,417 |
| Total | <u>443,923</u> | <u>624,648</u> | <u>1,068,571</u> |
| EXPENDITURE ON | | | |
| Charitable Activities | | | |
| General | 162,557 | 746,705 | 909,262 |
| Children's Work | - | 4,508 | 4,508 |
| Total | <u>162,557</u> | <u>751,213</u> | <u>913,770</u> |
| NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) | 281,366 | (126,565) | 154,801 |
| Transfer Between Funds | 6,564 | (6,564) | - |
| Net movement in funds | 287,930 | (133,129) | 154,801 |
| RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | 455,270 | 186,245 | 641,515 |
| TOTAL FUNDS CARRY FORWARD | <u>743,200</u> | <u>53,116</u> | <u>796,316</u> |

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| | Long Leasehold £ | House Furniture & Fittings £ | Computer & Office Equipment £ | Totals £ |
|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|----------------|
| COST | | | | |
| At 01 April 2024 | 299,137 | 246,997 | 79,755 | 625,889 |
| Additions | - | 5,179 | 7,591 | 12,770 |
| Disposals | - | (50,000) | (50,000) | (100,000) |
| At 31 March 2025 | <u>299,137</u> | <u>202,176</u> | <u>37,346</u> | <u>538,659</u> |
| DEPRECIATION | | | | |
| At 01 April 2024 | 5,982 | 221,943 | 69,729 | 297,654 |
| On Disposals | - | (50,000) | (50,000) | (100,000) |
| Charge for the year | 5,982 | 20,218 | 7,469 | 33,669 |
| At 31 March 2025 | <u>11,964</u> | <u>192,161</u> | <u>27,198</u> | <u>231,323</u> |
| NET BOOK VALUE | | | | |
| At 31 March 2025 | <u>287,173</u> | <u>10,016</u> | <u>10,148</u> | <u>307,336</u> |
| At 31 March 2024 | <u>293,155</u> | <u>25,054</u> | <u>10,026</u> | <u>328,235</u> |

13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

| | 2025 £ | 2024 £ |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Trade Debtors | 2,100 | 6,292 |
| Prepayments and accrued income | 41,060 | - |
| Other Debtors | 9,600 | 11,538 |
| | <u>52,760</u> | <u>17,830</u> |

14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

| | 2025 £ | 2024 £ |
|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Other loans (see note-15) | 8,347 | 4,259 |
| Trade creditors | 17,756 | 14,006 |
| Social security and other taxes | 10,463 | 8,675 |
| Other creditors | 829 | 2,639 |
| Accruals and deferred income | 127,851 | 125,602 |
| | <u>165,247</u> | <u>155,181</u> |

15. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

| | 2025 £ | 2024 £ |
|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Other loans (see note-15) | <u>5,000</u> | <u>6,000</u> |

16. LOANS

| | 2025 £ | 2024 £ |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below: | | |
| Amounts falling due within one year on demand: | | |
| Other loans | <u>8,347</u> | <u>4,259</u> |
| Amounts falling between one and two years: | | |
| Other loans - 1-2 years | <u>2,000</u> | <u>2,000</u> |
| Amounts falling due between two and five years: | | |
| Other loans- 2-5 years | <u>2,000</u> | <u>2,000</u> |
| Amounts falling due in more than five years: | | |
| Repayable by instalments: | | |
| Other loans more than 5yrs instal | 1,000 | 2,000 |
| Repayable otherwise than by instalments: | | |
| Other loans more than 5yrs non-inst | - | - |

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17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

| | At 01-04-2024 £ | Net Movement in funds £ | Transfer between funds £ | At 31-03-2025 £ |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Unrestricted funds | | | | |
| Refuge Work | 743,199 | 91,574 | (0) | 834,772 |
| Restricted funds | | | | |
| Support workers | 11,409 | - | 0 | 11,409 |
| Safer Places | - | 278 | 0 | 278 |
| Children's Fund | 1,292 | 14 | 0 | 1,306 |
| Interpreting services | 4,527 | (811) | 0 | 3,716 |
| Reaching Communities | 34,801 | 21 | 0 | 34,822 |
| HCC additional funding | 101 | (101) | (0) | - |
| Outreach Contract - Lot 5 | 987 | 11 | (0) | 998 |
| | <u>53,117</u> | <u>(587)</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>52,531</u> |
| Total funds | <u>796,316</u> | <u>90,986</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>887,303</u> |

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

| | Incoming resources £ | Resources expended £ | Movement in funds £ |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Unrestricted funds | | | |
| Refuge Work | 521,515 | (429,942) | 91,574 |
| Restricted funds | | | |
| HCF | 10,000 | (10,000) | - |
| Support workers | 30,014 | (30,014) | - |
| Safer Places | 353,189 | (352,911) | 278 |
| Children's Fund | 1,940 | (1,926) | 14 |
| Interpreting services | - | (811) | (811) |
| Reaching Communities | 79,674 | (79,653) | 21 |
| HCC additional funding | - | (101) | (101) |
| Jasper foundation | 1,047 | (1,047) | - |
| Outreach Contract - Lot 5 | <u>141,521</u> | <u>(141,510)</u> | <u>11</u> |
| | <u>617,385</u> | <u>(617,973)</u> | <u>(587)</u> |
| Total funds | <u>1,138,900</u> | <u>(1,047,914)</u> | <u>90,986</u> |

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Comparatives for movement in funds

| | At 01-04-2023 £ | Net Movement In funds £ | Transfer between funds £ | At 31-03-2024 £ |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Unrestricted funds | | | | |
| Refuge Work | 455,270 | 281,365 | 6,564 | 743,199 |
| Restricted funds | | | | |
| HCF | | | | |
| HCC re outreach | (636) | 22 | 614 | - |
| Support workers | 11,162 | 247 | - | 11,409 |
| BBC Children in Need | 2,781 | (2,755) | (26) | - |
| Access to Work | 170 | - | (170) | - |
| Safer Places | 80,138 | (80,695) | 557 | - |
| Children's Fund | 1,286 | 6 | - | 1,292 |
| Christmas Fund for clients and their families | 3,450 | - | (3,450) | - |
| Interpreting services | 6,622 | (2,095) | - | 4,527 |
| Macklers Farm Cottage | 4,269 | - | (4,269) | - |
| Reaching Communities | 34,839 | (38) | - | 34,801 |
| SADC for client vouchers | 480 | - | (480) | - |
| HCC additional funding | 41,684 | (41,583) | - | 101 |
| National Lottery cost of living fund | - | (660) | 660 | - |
| Outreach Contract - Lot 5 | - | 987 | - | 987 |
| | <u>186,245</u> | <u>(126,564)</u> | <u>(6,564)</u> | <u>53,117</u> |
| Total funds | <u>641,515</u> | <u>154,801</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>796,316</u> |

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

| | Incoming resources £ | Resources expended £ | Movement in funds £ |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Unrestricted funds | | | |
| Refuge Work | 443,922 | (162,557) | 281,365 |
| Restricted funds | | | |
| HCC re outreach | 32,549 | (32,527) | 22 |
| Support workers | 20,010 | (19,763) | 247 |
| BBC Children in Need | (1) | (2,754) | (2,755) |
| Safer Places | 349,941 | (430,636) | (80,695) |
| Children's Fund | 1,760 | (1,754) | 6 |
| Interpreting services | - | (2,095) | (2,095) |
| Reaching Communities | 41,561 | (41,599) | (38) |
| HCC additional funding | 1 | (41,584) | (41,583) |
| National Lottery cost of living fund | 65,732 | (66,392) | (660) |
| Jaspar Foundation | 2,953 | (2,953) | - |
| Hertfordshire County Council Voucher scheme | 4,000 | (4,000) | - |
| Outreach Contract - Lot 5 | 106,143 | (105,156) | 987 |
| | <u>624,649</u> | <u>(751,213)</u> | <u>(126,564)</u> |
| Total funds | <u>1,068,571</u> | <u>(913,770)</u> | <u>154,801</u> |

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A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

| | At 01-04-2023 £ | Net Movement In funds £ | Transfer between funds £ | At 31-03-2025 £ |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Unrestricted funds | | | | |
| Refuge Work | 455,270 | 372,939 | 6,564 | 834,772 |
| Restricted funds | | | | |
| HCC re outreach | (636) | 22 | 614 | - |
| Support workers | 11,162 | 247 | 0 | 11,409 |
| BBC Children in Need | 2,781 | (2,755) | (26) | - |
| Access to Work | 170 | - | (170) | - |
| Safer Places | 80,138 | (80,417) | 557 | 278 |
| Children's Fund | 1,286 | 20 | 0 | 1,306 |
| Christmas Fund for clients and their families | 3,450 | - | (3,450) | - |
| Interpreting services | 6,622 | (2,906) | 0 | 3,716 |
| Macklers Farm Cottage | 4,269 | - | (4,269) | - |
| Reaching Communities | 34,839 | (17) | 0 | 34,822 |
| SADC for client vouchers | 480 | - | (480) | - |
| HCC additional funding | 41,684 | (41,684) | (0) | 0 |
| National Lottery cost of living fund | - | (660) | 660 | - |
| Outreach Contract - Lot 5 | - | 998 | (0) | 998 |
| | <u>186,245</u> | <u>(127,151)</u> | <u>(6,564)</u> | <u>52,530</u> |
| Total funds | <u>641,515</u> | <u>245,787</u> | <u>(0)</u> | <u>887,302</u> |

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

| | Incoming resources £ | Resources expended £ | Movement in funds £ |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Unrestricted funds | | | |
| Refuge Work | 965,437 | (592,499) | 372,939 |
| Restricted funds | | | |
| HCF | 10,000 | (10,000) | - |
| HCC re outreach | 32,549 | (32,527) | 22 |
| Support workers | 50,024 | (49,777) | 247 |
| BBC Children in Need | (1) | (2,754) | (2,755) |
| Safer Places | 703,130 | (783,547) | (80,417) |
| Children's Fund | 3,700 | (3,680) | 20 |
| Interpreting services | - | (2,906) | (2,906) |
| Reaching Communities | 121,235 | (121,252) | (17) |
| HCC additional funding | 1 | (41,685) | (41,684) |
| National Lottery cost of living fund | 65,732 | (66,392) | (660) |
| Jaspar Foundation | 4,000 | (4,000) | - |
| Hertfordshire County Council Voucher scheme | 4,000 | (4,000) | - |
| Outreach Contract - Lot 5 | 247,664 | (246,666) | 998 |
| | <u>1,232,034</u> | <u>(1,359,186)</u> | <u>(127,151)</u> |
| Total funds | <u>2,197,471</u> | <u>(1,951,684)</u> | <u>245,787</u> |

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18. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

There are no known contingent liabilities, other than those arising in the usual course of activities.

19. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2025.

20. DESCRIPTION OF FUNDS

Refuge Work

All income and expenditure not allocated to a specific fund is included in this unrestricted fund.

Safer Places – Main Refuge Contract

There is a long standing contract with Safer Places for the provision of safe accommodation and related support to high risk victims of domestic abuse.

Safer Places – Child Support Worker

Safer Places provided funding to cover the annual salary of one child support worker for the year from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.

Safer Places – Lot 3

The contract signed with Safer Places for the provision of community outreach for medium risk victims of domestic abuse expired on 30 Jun 2025 but was extended for a further nine months until 31 March 2026.

Children's Fund

SAHWR has dedicated child support workers who support children and young people aged 0-16 years, both in accommodation and within the community. All children and young people we work with have suffered the trauma of living in households where there is domestic abuse and are often hidden victims. Our role with children and young people is to start the process of recovery; our work is about allowing children to be children and helping them make positive memories through play, outings and activities, developing safe, consistent relationships with adults and supporting the resident parent in providing consistent care and support. This work is a vital part of the services we provide, stopping the cycle of domestic abuse experienced.

GMSP Foundation (Interpreting services)

The donation is for interpreting and translation services for our clients, both residential and outreach. There was a balance of £3,716 left on the grant at the year end to be carried forward against future costs.

National Lottery - Reaching Communities

This grant is for Outreach staff salaries, energy supplies and associated costs for training, travel and IT equipment. The contract was extended for a further six months until end of August 2025.

Hertfordshire County Council Outreach Contract - Lot 5

This 2 year grant to cover staff costs and other charges was extended for a further six months until 31 March 2026.

Hertfordshire Community Foundation

This £10,000 annual grant is to support families and victims of domestic abuse with purchasing fuel, food, clothing and household items.

St Albans City & District Council Support Worker

The St Albans City & District Council provided a grant to cover the salary of a Specialist Domestic Worker for the period from 1 August 2023 to 31 July 2024. Since then funding has been extended annually until 31 July 2026.