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Swindon Advocacy Movement

Annual Report 2024/2025



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SAM worked with **96** vulnerable people, to support giving them a voice through the adult safeguarding process.

Oliver McGowan Mandatory Training

SAM enabled **15** trainers with learning disabilities to work in paid employment with the NHS delivering Oliver McGowan training. The trainers and the SAM Enabler have travelled to Devizes, Salisbury, Chippenham, Bath, Bradford upon Avon as well as Swindon to deliver their essential insights and life experience.



Oliver McGowan
Mandatory
Training in
Learning Disability
and Autism



Project Boost enabled 101 people with learning disabilities to gain confidence, independence and learn new skills.



70 People have been supported to access community activities, employment, volunteering, sports and other organisations.



With funding from Good Things Foundation we worked with **62** people on computer skills, safety online and scams and accessing the internet.



South Swindon Parish awarded Boost funding to deliver the cookery project at Broadgreen Community centre for 6 people to achieve skills in cookery and achieve a AQA unit award.



Henry Smith Community project

142 individuals who have a Learning Disability or/and Autism accessed help on a range of goals and challenges.

Accessing a mental health diagnosis & challenging housing when accommodation is inappropriate.

Voicing views to professionals when client's feel they aren't being heard.

Challenging when client's benefits are being refused.

Helping clients access volunteering and paid roles and helping clients recognise and understand their Right to Family Life.

Launch of the Independent Advocacy for Independent Lives Report

Over the past 3 years, Social Finance and Henry Smith formed a report of all the work the advocacy services they fund had been doing.

They formally launched the report at the House of Parliament where Georgie and Harry attended.



What did the report tell us?

For every £1 invested in non-statutory advocacy, there are an estimated £12 of savings (£7 for the NHS and £5 for local authorities).

94% of individuals reached or made progress towards their self-determined goals

Statutory Advocacy

Independent Mental Health Advocates (IMHA)

These specialist advocates support people detained under the Mental Health Act to:

- understand their rights whilst detained
- talk to their doctors
- share how they feel about their treatment and
- challenge their detention through tribunal or hearing

This service supported **148** people.

Independent Mental Capacity Advocates (IMCA)

These highly skilled advocates are trained in the Mental Capacity Act. They ensure that those who lack capacity to make important decisions for themselves are represented when other professionals make a best interest decision on their behalf:

- Serious Medical Treatment
- Where the individual should live
- Safeguarding

This service supported **112** people.

Independent Care Act Advocates

The Care Act 2014 is a powerful piece of legislation written to ensure (amongst other things) promotion of individual wellbeing.

These knowledgeable advocates help those living with care and support needs and who have substantial difficulty engaging or be represented in vital processes such as:

- Care assessment
- Carers assessment
- Safeguarding

This service supported **224** people.

Relevant Person's Representative (RPR)

It is often a family member or friend of the person.

Where there is not an appropriate person to be an RPR for a person, then a paid RPR (PRPR) is appointed.

All of our PRPRs are qualified IMCA's and play an essential role representing and protecting the human rights of those who lack capacity to agree to decide or where and how they live.

This service supported **116** people.

Case Study

Ben came to SAM via Citizens Advice who were trying to help him with some arrears; he was having difficulty understanding what was being said and what choices he had available. Ben was allocated an advocate from our Community Advocacy project funded by the Henry Smith Foundation. The relationship between Ben and the advocate became so trusting that Ben shared many of his life events; he had experienced abuse, was a care leaver, had his son removed from his care and was not currently having contact. Ben very much wanted to spend time with his son. He also shared that he was struggling with his mental health due to worrying about money and feeling lonely. Ben told his advocate that he 'forgets' to eat and often runs out of money.

Ben's advocate helped him to understand his choices around arrears and supported him to contact housing to set up the payment plan. Ben joined SAM Project Boost to gain independence and confidence. Ben was supported to contact Children's social services and ask how he could go about getting in contact with his son. There were lots of complex court bundles that Ben did not understand. The advocate spent time going through the documents, breaking down the information so that Ben could understand. An essential piece of information in this bundle was that Ben has a diagnosis of 'learning disability' which he did not know. The longer that Ben and the advocate worked together the more areas of need were discovered and with the help of his advocate Ben requested a Care needs assessment. The advocate also worked with Ben to find out different types of Mental Health support in Swindon available to him.

Outcomes

Ben reports feeling more confident and improvement in his mental health.

Ben feels less lonely as he has made friends through joining Project Boost activities.

Ben now has 3 hours support per week to help him open and read letters, prepare food and pay his bills.

Ben has spent time with his son 3 times this year.

Ben knows what services are available to him.

X is incredible, she speaks up on behalf of the young people. She knows her stuff”

"It has been good to speak with you, as a lot of people are too afraid to talk about how dementia affects them.“

“Thanks for making my leave happen. I can buy a coffee at Costa and sit by that lake on the hospital grounds. I am going to go to town too. Its lovely to be able to get off the ward for a while. I am going to buy new clothes and have my hair done.”

“Thank you for giving me my voice back, should that happen again I will be sure to contact you.”

“You have done so much to make things work out right for me; I am so happy it has turned out all ok. It is what I wanted”

“Thank you very much for the quick response and very detailed and informative report. You are a great advocate and have represented the situation very well.”

SBC MH team Social Worker

“our time spent was greatly appreciated by me.”

Family member

“Absolutely amazing, X! We are so lucky to have you here, advocating!”

Referrer

“Thank you so much for making a real difference, it has helped client to understand what is going on, also have seen her confidence grow by having you on her side. Thank you for your support. It has been a pleasure to work with you”

Solicitor

Treasurer's Report and Financial Statement.

SAM Year end figures 2024/25

Income	£649,065
Expenditure	£659,348
Difference	-£10,283

Funds

Unrestricted **£234,570**



**HENRY SMITH
FOUNDATION**



Bath and North East Somerset,
Swindon and Wiltshire
Integrated Care Board

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 03388017 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1070038

SWINDON ADVOCACY MOVEMENT

**UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2025**

SWINDON ADVOCACY MOVEMENT
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 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).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The charity's objective and principle activity is the provision of an independent accessible advocacy service to protect and empower people with care and support needs in the Swindon area.

Public benefit

The trustees have paid due regard to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when deciding what activities the charity should undertake. It is the view of the trustees that the activities summarised in this report demonstrate the commitment of the charity to provide an identifiable benefit that applies to a section of the public.

STRATEGIC REPORT

Achievements and performance

Charitable activities

Swindon Advocacy Movement (SAM) provided a wide range of 1-1 statutory and community based advocacy services to 773 children, young people and adults with care and support needs; standing up for Human Rights and enabling individuals to have choice and control over their own lives.

SAM worked with 96 people vulnerable to abuse giving them a voice through the adult safeguarding process.

The SAM Community Advocacy service for people with learning disabilities and/or Autism worked with 142 individuals enabling people to:

- access mental health services and to have a voice.
- have the best chance of the right to a family life.
- maintain housing tenancies, independence and wellbeing.

The service encourages self advocacy with over 60% of people referring themselves and driving the work. Most of those referrals from people wanting support to maintain tenancies and access debt or benefit advice to enable them to live independently.

Project Boost saw 101 people attend courses with 193 sessions on cookery, shopping skills, budgeting, travel training, accessing community activities, digital skills and healthy living courses being delivered. With funding from Good Things Foundation we worked with 62 people on computer skills, safety online and scams and accessing the internet.

27 people achieved an AQA certificate in cooking, money management, independent travel training and shopping skills.

SAM enabled 15 trainers with learning disabilities to work in paid employment with the NHS delivering Oliver McGowan training. The trainers and the SAM Enabler have travelled to Devizes, Salisbury, Chippenham, Bath, Bradford upon Avon as well as Swindon to deliver their essential insights and life experience.

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

STRATEGIC REPORT

Financial review

Financial position

For the year ended 31st March 2025 the charity's income grew by just over 4.6% to £649,065. This was aided by the continuation of our joint working with the NHS to deliver Oliver McGowan training and new opportunities to provide advocacy services in the local community. We were successful in bidding for an additional year's contract with the Local Authority for Statutory Advocacy services however, as expected, the contract value decreased.

Our expenditure increased by around 5.8% to £659,348, resulting in a £10,283 deficit. This was primarily due to staff costs, with staffing decisions having been necessarily made before the Statutory Advocacy contract was finalised. Staff working hours increased year on year to meet the demands of the service. We remain committed to invest in our staff and maintain the high quality of our service whilst being mindful of our operational costs to ensure the long term sustainability of the charity.

Principal funding sources

The charity's principle funding source is the Local Authority with additional funding raised from independent grant funders.

Reserves policy

The Trustees always work on the principle of having 3 months running costs in reserves.

Future plans

We will continue to seek to improved engagement and communication with members of 'The Crew' and other stakeholders on the Management Committee. As part of this we will work with SAM members with a view to them contributing to the committee.

We will update SAM's Objects to ensure that they are fit for the organisation.

We will also continue to review staff terms, conditions and benefits which support staff wellbeing and encourage staff retention.

We will looking at ways to celebrate SAM's 30th anniversary in 2025.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The appointment of trustees is governed by the Articles of Association.

We actively recruit for a broad range of life experience and skills on the board. As a user led charity, we encourage service users to participate in its development by attending one or more Management Committee meetings and then explore with them the option to serve as a trustee. Any appointment is subject to ratification at the next Annual General Meeting.

All new trustees receive a full induction in to the organisation which includes prior access to financial accounts and governing documents.

Organisational structure

The Management committee oversees the work of the charity.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

03388017 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1070038

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

Registered office

Sanford House
Sanford Street
SWINDON
Wiltshire
SN1 1HE

Trustees

Ms A Cooper (resigned 13.11.24)
Mr A B Dixon
Ms T Hardman (resigned 13.11.24)
Mr R James
Mr M Boden
Ms N Woods
Mr M Dickinson (appointed 13.11.24)

Independent Examiner

Morris Owen
Chartered Accountants
43-45 Devizes Road
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Wiltshire
SN1 4BG

Bankers

HSBC Bank Plc
Unit 6 The Lock
Canal Walk
SWINDON
Wiltshire
SN1 1LD

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Swindon Advocacy Movement for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) 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. Under that law, the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law).

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- 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.

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 17 October 2025 and signed on the board's behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr R James', written in a cursive style.

Mr R James - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
SWINDON ADVOCACY MOVEMENT**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Swindon Advocacy Movement ('the Company')

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, 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.

1. *Sumbler*

Mr Ian Sumbler FCCA

Morris Owen
Chartered Accountants
43-45 Devizes Road
SWINDON
Wiltshire
SN1 4BG

17 October 2025

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

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	3	190	100	290	993
Charitable activities	6				
Charitable activities		-	610,755	610,755	602,761
Fund generating activities	4	13,443	20,179	33,622	13,515
Investment income	5	4,398	-	4,398	2,897
Total		18,031	631,034	649,065	620,166
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	7				
Charitable activities		12,689	646,659	659,348	620,895
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		5,342	(15,625)	(10,283)	(729)
Transfers between funds	15	(15,625)	15,625	-	-
Net movement in funds		(10,283)	-	(10,283)	(729)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		244,853	-	244,853	245,582
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		234,570	-	234,570	244,853

The notes form part of these financial statements

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
31 MARCH 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	13	5,085	2,558	7,643	16,449
Cash at bank		244,392	42,242	286,634	283,218
		249,477	44,800	294,277	299,667
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	14	(14,907)	(44,800)	(59,707)	(54,814)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		234,570	-	234,570	244,853
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		234,570	-	234,570	244,853
NET ASSETS		234,570	-	234,570	244,853
FUNDS	15				
Unrestricted funds				234,570	244,853
TOTAL FUNDS				234,570	244,853

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) 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 17 October 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:


Mr R James - Trustee

SWINDON ADVOCACY MOVEMENT
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	<u>(982)</u>	<u>(127,201)</u>
Net cash used in operating activities		<u>(982)</u>	<u>(127,201)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest received		<u>4,398</u>	<u>2,897</u>
Net cash provided by investing activities		<u>4,398</u>	<u>2,897</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		<u>3,416</u>	<u>(124,304)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		<u>283,218</u>	<u>407,522</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u><u>286,634</u></u>	<u><u>283,218</u></u>

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SWINDON ADVOCACY MOVEMENT

NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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

	2025 £	2024 £
Net expenditure for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	(10,283)	(729)
Adjustments for:		
Interest received	(4,398)	(2,897)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	8,806	(697)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	4,893	(122,878)
Net cash used in operations	(982)	(127,201)

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.4.24 £	Cash flow £	At 31.3.25 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank	283,218	3,416	286,634
	<u>283,218</u>	<u>3,416</u>	<u>286,634</u>
Total	<u>283,218</u>	<u>3,416</u>	<u>286,634</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

SWINDON ADVOCACY MOVEMENT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1. COMPANY INFORMATION

The company is a company limited by guarantee and incorporated in England and Wales, and a registered charity with the Charity Commission in England and Wales.

The registered office address is Sanford House, Sanford Street, Swindon, Wiltshire, SN1 1HE.

These financial statements are presented in British Pounds (GBP), which is the company's functional and presentational currency.

2. 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.

Tangible assets

Small equipment such as laptops for projects are expended through the Statement of Financial Activities.

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.

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.

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.

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.

SWINDON ADVOCACY MOVEMENT

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Donations	290	993
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

4. FUND GENERATING ACTIVITIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Fundraising events	73	-
Other income	33,549	13,515
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	33,622	13,515
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2025	2024
	£	£
Deposit account interest	4,398	2,897
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

6. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Grants	610,755	602,761
Activity Charitable activities	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 8) £	Totals £
Charitable activities	653,246	6,102	659,348
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

8. SUPPORT COSTS

	Finance £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Charitable activities	79	6,023	6,102
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There was no remuneration to the trustees in 2025 or 2024.

Trustees' expenses

No expenses were paid to the trustees in 2025 or 2024.

SWINDON ADVOCACY MOVEMENT

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

10. STAFF COSTS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	531,256	502,776
Social security costs	40,064	31,235
Other pension costs	18,512	17,321
	<u>589,832</u>	<u>551,332</u>

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

	2025	2024
	24	26
Staff	<u>24</u>	<u>26</u>

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

11. INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS FEES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Statutory accounts production & external scrutiny	<u>3,300</u>	<u>3,120</u>
	<u>3,300</u>	<u>3,120</u>

12. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	742	251	993
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	1,239	601,522	602,761
Fund generating activities	13,499	16	13,515
Investment income	<u>2,897</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,897</u>
Total	<u>18,377</u>	<u>601,789</u>	<u>620,166</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	<u>8,648</u>	<u>612,247</u>	<u>620,895</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	9,729	(10,458)	(729)
Transfers between funds	<u>(10,458)</u>	<u>10,458</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds	(729)	-	(729)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	245,582	-	245,582
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>244,853</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>244,853</u>

SWINDON ADVOCACY MOVEMENT

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade debtors	4,839	5,848
Prepayments	2,804	10,601
	<u>7,643</u>	<u>16,449</u>

14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	3,494	4,113
Social security and other taxes	10,328	10,611
Accrued expenses	4,385	3,120
Deferred income	41,500	36,970
	<u>59,707</u>	<u>54,814</u>

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.24 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.25 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	244,853	5,342	(15,625)	234,570
Restricted funds				
Swindon Borough Council General				
Advocacy	-	(9,558)	9,558	-
Community Advocacy	-	(6,067)	6,067	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>(15,625)</u>	<u>15,625</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>244,853</u>	<u>(10,283)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>234,570</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	18,030	(12,688)	5,342
Restricted funds			
Swindon Borough Council General			
Advocacy	447,961	(457,519)	(9,558)
Project Boost	64,231	(64,231)	-
Community Advocacy	70,632	(76,699)	(6,067)
Oliver McGowan	48,211	(48,211)	-
	<u>631,035</u>	<u>(646,660)</u>	<u>(15,625)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>649,065</u>	<u>(659,348)</u>	<u>(10,283)</u>

SWINDON ADVOCACY MOVEMENT

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

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	245,582	9,729	(10,458)	244,853
Restricted funds				
Swindon Borough Council General				
Advocacy	-	(4,131)	4,131	-
Project Boost	-	(6,327)	6,327	-
	-	(10,458)	10,458	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>245,582</u>	<u>(729)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>244,853</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	18,377	(8,648)	9,729
Restricted funds			
Swindon Borough Council General			
Advocacy	457,920	(462,051)	(4,131)
Project Boost	68,058	(74,385)	(6,327)
Community Advocacy	59,333	(59,333)	-
Oliver McGowan	16,478	(16,478)	-
	601,789	(612,247)	(10,458)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>620,166</u>	<u>(620,895)</u>	<u>(729)</u>

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

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.25 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	245,582	15,071	(26,083)	234,570
Restricted funds				
Swindon Borough Council General				
Advocacy	-	(13,689)	13,689	-
Project Boost	-	(6,327)	6,327	-
Community Advocacy	-	(6,067)	6,067	-
	-	(26,083)	26,083	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>245,582</u>	<u>(11,012)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>234,570</u>

SWINDON ADVOCACY MOVEMENT

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

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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			
General fund	36,407	(21,336)	15,071
Restricted funds			
Swindon Borough Council General			
Advocacy	905,881	(919,570)	(13,689)
Project Boost	132,289	(138,616)	(6,327)
Community Advocacy	129,965	(136,032)	(6,067)
Oliver McGowan	64,689	(64,689)	-
	<u>1,232,824</u>	<u>(1,258,907)</u>	<u>(26,083)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,269,231</u>	<u>(1,280,243)</u>	<u>(11,012)</u>

Details of Restricted Funds

Statutory and General Advocacy (Swindon Borough Council)

Contains the material funding by Swindon Borough Council for Statutory Advocacy under The Care Act, The Mental Capacity Act and The Mental Health Act. This also includes non-statutory advocacy for parents with learning disabilities going through Child Protection and for providing administration for the Swindon Learning Disability Partnership Board.

Project Boost (Swindon Borough Council)

Funding from Swindon Borough Council for Day Opportunities for people with learning disabilities; enabling members to take up new work, volunteering or leisure opportunities in the community.

Community Advocacy (Henry Smith Charity)

Funding from the Henry Smith Charity to provide advocacy for people with learning disabilities and autism in Swindon.

Oliver McGowan

Funding from NHS Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) enabling co-trainers with learning disabilities to deliver mandatory Oliver McGowan training to health staff across the region..

Transfers between funds

Transfers are made between restricted and unrestricted funds at the end of every accounting period in cases where the restricted fund is in deficit and has either come to an end or there is no prospect of a surplus in a later period, when the deficit is eliminated by transfer from unrestricted funds.

SWINDON ADVOCACY MOVEMENT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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16. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Various funders retain the right to claw back grants should the use of the funds not be in accordance with the terms of the grant. In the opinion of the Trustees no such liability exists at the year end.

17. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

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

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 03388017 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1070038

SWINDON ADVOCACY MOVEMENT

**UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2025**

SWINDON ADVOCACY MOVEMENT
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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).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The charity's objective and principle activity is the provision of an independent accessible advocacy service to protect and empower people with care and support needs in the Swindon area.

Public benefit

The trustees have paid due regard to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when deciding what activities the charity should undertake. It is the view of the trustees that the activities summarised in this report demonstrate the commitment of the charity to provide an identifiable benefit that applies to a section of the public.

STRATEGIC REPORT

Achievements and performance

Charitable activities

Swindon Advocacy Movement (SAM) provided a wide range of 1-1 statutory and community based advocacy services to 773 children, young people and adults with care and support needs; standing up for Human Rights and enabling individuals to have choice and control over their own lives.

SAM worked with 96 people vulnerable to abuse giving them a voice through the adult safeguarding process.

The SAM Community Advocacy service for people with learning disabilities and/or Autism worked with 142 individuals enabling people to:

- access mental health services and to have a voice.
- have the best chance of the right to a family life.
- maintain housing tenancies, independence and wellbeing.

The service encourages self advocacy with over 60% of people referring themselves and driving the work. Most of those referrals from people wanting support to maintain tenancies and access debt or benefit advice to enable them to live independently.

Project Boost saw 101 people attend courses with 193 sessions on cookery, shopping skills, budgeting, travel training, accessing community activities, digital skills and healthy living courses being delivered. With funding from Good Things Foundation we worked with 62 people on computer skills, safety online and scams and accessing the internet.

27 people achieved an AQA certificate in cooking, money management, independent travel training and shopping skills.

SAM enabled 15 trainers with learning disabilities to work in paid employment with the NHS delivering Oliver McGowan training. The trainers and the SAM Enabler have travelled to Devizes, Salisbury, Chippenham, Bath, Bradford upon Avon as well as Swindon to deliver their essential insights and life experience.

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

STRATEGIC REPORT

Financial review

Financial position

For the year ended 31st March 2025 the charity's income grew by just over 4.6% to £649,065. This was aided by the continuation of our joint working with the NHS to deliver Oliver McGowan training and new opportunities to provide advocacy services in the local community. We were successful in bidding for an additional year's contract with the Local Authority for Statutory Advocacy services however, as expected, the contract value decreased.

Our expenditure increased by around 5.8% to £659,348, resulting in a £10,283 deficit. This was primarily due to staff costs, with staffing decisions having been necessarily made before the Statutory Advocacy contract was finalised. Staff working hours increased year on year to meet the demands of the service. We remain committed to invest in our staff and maintain the high quality of our service whilst being mindful of our operational costs to ensure the long term sustainability of the charity.

Principal funding sources

The charity's principle funding source is the Local Authority with additional funding raised from independent grant funders.

Reserves policy

The Trustees always work on the principle of having 3 months running costs in reserves.

Future plans

We will continue to seek to improved engagement and communication with members of 'The Crew' and other stakeholders on the Management Committee. As part of this we will work with SAM members with a view to them contributing to the committee.

We will update SAM's Objects to ensure that they are fit for the organisation.

We will also continue to review staff terms, conditions and benefits which support staff wellbeing and encourage staff retention.

We will looking at ways to celebrate SAM's 30th anniversary in 2025.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The appointment of trustees is governed by the Articles of Association.

We actively recruit for a broad range of life experience and skills on the board. As a user led charity, we encourage service users to participate in its development by attending one or more Management Committee meetings and then explore with them the option to serve as a trustee. Any appointment is subject to ratification at the next Annual General Meeting.

All new trustees receive a full induction in to the organisation which includes prior access to financial accounts and governing documents.

Organisational structure

The Management committee oversees the work of the charity.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

03388017 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1070038

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

Registered office

Sanford House
Sanford Street
SWINDON
Wiltshire
SN1 1HE

Trustees

Ms A Cooper (resigned 13.11.24)
Mr A B Dixon
Ms T Hardman (resigned 13.11.24)
Mr R James
Mr M Boden
Ms N Woods
Mr M Dickinson (appointed 13.11.24)

Independent Examiner

Morris Owen
Chartered Accountants
43-45 Devizes Road
SWINDON
Wiltshire
SN1 4BG

Bankers

HSBC Bank Plc
Unit 6 The Lock
Canal Walk
SWINDON
Wiltshire
SN1 1LD

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Swindon Advocacy Movement for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) 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. Under that law, the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law).

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- 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.

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 17 October 2025 and signed on the board's behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr R James', written in a cursive style.

Mr R James - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
SWINDON ADVOCACY MOVEMENT**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Swindon Advocacy Movement ('the Company')

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, 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.

1. *Sumbler*

Mr Ian Sumbler FCCA

Morris Owen
Chartered Accountants
43-45 Devizes Road
SWINDON
Wiltshire
SN1 4BG

17 October 2025

SWINDON ADVOCACY MOVEMENT

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

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	3	190	100	290	993
Charitable activities	6				
Charitable activities		-	610,755	610,755	602,761
Fund generating activities	4	13,443	20,179	33,622	13,515
Investment income	5	4,398	-	4,398	2,897
Total		18,031	631,034	649,065	620,166
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	7				
Charitable activities		12,689	646,659	659,348	620,895
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		5,342	(15,625)	(10,283)	(729)
Transfers between funds	15	(15,625)	15,625	-	-
Net movement in funds		(10,283)	-	(10,283)	(729)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		244,853	-	244,853	245,582
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		234,570	-	234,570	244,853

The notes form part of these financial statements

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
31 MARCH 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	13	5,085	2,558	7,643	16,449
Cash at bank		244,392	42,242	286,634	283,218
		<u>249,477</u>	<u>44,800</u>	<u>294,277</u>	299,667
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	14	(14,907)	(44,800)	(59,707)	(54,814)
		<u>234,570</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>234,570</u>	244,853
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>234,570</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>234,570</u>	244,853
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>234,570</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>234,570</u>	244,853
NET ASSETS					
		<u>234,570</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>234,570</u>	244,853
FUNDS	15				
Unrestricted funds				234,570	244,853
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>234,570</u>	<u>244,853</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) 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 17 October 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:


Mr R James - Trustee

SWINDON ADVOCACY MOVEMENT
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	<u>(982)</u>	<u>(127,201)</u>
Net cash used in operating activities		<u>(982)</u>	<u>(127,201)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest received		<u>4,398</u>	<u>2,897</u>
Net cash provided by investing activities		<u>4,398</u>	<u>2,897</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		<u>3,416</u>	<u>(124,304)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		<u>283,218</u>	<u>407,522</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u><u>286,634</u></u>	<u><u>283,218</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

SWINDON ADVOCACY MOVEMENT

**NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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

	2025	2024
	£	£
Net expenditure for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	(10,283)	(729)
Adjustments for:		
Interest received	(4,398)	(2,897)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	8,806	(697)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	4,893	(122,878)
Net cash used in operations	(982)	(127,201)

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.4.24	Cash flow	At 31.3.25
	£	£	£
Net cash			
Cash at bank	283,218	3,416	286,634
	283,218	3,416	286,634
Total	283,218	3,416	286,634

The notes form part of these financial statements

SWINDON ADVOCACY MOVEMENT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1. COMPANY INFORMATION

The company is a company limited by guarantee and incorporated in England and Wales, and a registered charity with the Charity Commission in England and Wales.

The registered office address is Sanford House, Sanford Street, Swindon, Wiltshire, SN1 1HE.

These financial statements are presented in British Pounds (GBP), which is the company's functional and presentational currency.

2. 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.

Tangible assets

Small equipment such as laptops for projects are expended through the Statement of Financial Activities.

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.

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.

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.

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.

SWINDON ADVOCACY MOVEMENT

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Donations	290	993
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

4. FUND GENERATING ACTIVITIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Fundraising events	73	-
Other income	33,549	13,515
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	33,622	13,515
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2025	2024
	£	£
Deposit account interest	4,398	2,897
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

6. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Grants	610,755	602,761
Activity Charitable activities	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 8) £	Totals £
Charitable activities	653,246	6,102	659,348
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

8. SUPPORT COSTS

	Finance £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Charitable activities	79	6,023	6,102
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There was no remuneration to the trustees in 2025 or 2024.

Trustees' expenses

No expenses were paid to the trustees in 2025 or 2024.

SWINDON ADVOCACY MOVEMENT

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

10. STAFF COSTS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	531,256	502,776
Social security costs	40,064	31,235
Other pension costs	18,512	17,321
	<u>589,832</u>	<u>551,332</u>

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

	2025	2024
	24	26
Staff	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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

11. INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS FEES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Statutory accounts production & external scrutiny	<u>3,300</u>	<u>3,120</u>
	<u>3,300</u>	<u>3,120</u>

12. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	742	251	993
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	1,239	601,522	602,761
Fund generating activities	13,499	16	13,515
Investment income	<u>2,897</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,897</u>
Total	<u>18,377</u>	<u>601,789</u>	<u>620,166</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	<u>8,648</u>	<u>612,247</u>	<u>620,895</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	9,729	(10,458)	(729)
Transfers between funds	<u>(10,458)</u>	<u>10,458</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds	(729)	-	(729)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	245,582	-	245,582
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>244,853</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>244,853</u>

SWINDON ADVOCACY MOVEMENT

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade debtors	4,839	5,848
Prepayments	2,804	10,601
	<u>7,643</u>	<u>16,449</u>

14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	3,494	4,113
Social security and other taxes	10,328	10,611
Accrued expenses	4,385	3,120
Deferred income	41,500	36,970
	<u>59,707</u>	<u>54,814</u>

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.24 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.25 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	244,853	5,342	(15,625)	234,570
Restricted funds				
Swindon Borough Council General				
Advocacy	-	(9,558)	9,558	-
Community Advocacy	-	(6,067)	6,067	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>(15,625)</u>	<u>15,625</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>244,853</u>	<u>(10,283)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>234,570</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	18,030	(12,688)	5,342
Restricted funds			
Swindon Borough Council General			
Advocacy	447,961	(457,519)	(9,558)
Project Boost	64,231	(64,231)	-
Community Advocacy	70,632	(76,699)	(6,067)
Oliver McGowan	48,211	(48,211)	-
	<u>631,035</u>	<u>(646,660)</u>	<u>(15,625)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>649,065</u>	<u>(659,348)</u>	<u>(10,283)</u>

SWINDON ADVOCACY MOVEMENT

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

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	245,582	9,729	(10,458)	244,853
Restricted funds				
Swindon Borough Council General				
Advocacy	-	(4,131)	4,131	-
Project Boost	-	(6,327)	6,327	-
	-	(10,458)	10,458	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>245,582</u>	<u>(729)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>244,853</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	18,377	(8,648)	9,729
Restricted funds			
Swindon Borough Council General			
Advocacy	457,920	(462,051)	(4,131)
Project Boost	68,058	(74,385)	(6,327)
Community Advocacy	59,333	(59,333)	-
Oliver McGowan	16,478	(16,478)	-
	601,789	(612,247)	(10,458)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>620,166</u>	<u>(620,895)</u>	<u>(729)</u>

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

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.25 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	245,582	15,071	(26,083)	234,570
Restricted funds				
Swindon Borough Council General				
Advocacy	-	(13,689)	13,689	-
Project Boost	-	(6,327)	6,327	-
Community Advocacy	-	(6,067)	6,067	-
	-	(26,083)	26,083	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>245,582</u>	<u>(11,012)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>234,570</u>

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15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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			
General fund	36,407	(21,336)	15,071
Restricted funds			
Swindon Borough Council General			
Advocacy	905,881	(919,570)	(13,689)
Project Boost	132,289	(138,616)	(6,327)
Community Advocacy	129,965	(136,032)	(6,067)
Oliver McGowan	64,689	(64,689)	-
	<u>1,232,824</u>	<u>(1,258,907)</u>	<u>(26,083)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,269,231</u>	<u>(1,280,243)</u>	<u>(11,012)</u>

Details of Restricted Funds

Statutory and General Advocacy (Swindon Borough Council)

Contains the material funding by Swindon Borough Council for Statutory Advocacy under The Care Act, The Mental Capacity Act and The Mental Health Act. This also includes non-statutory advocacy for parents with learning disabilities going through Child Protection and for providing administration for the Swindon Learning Disability Partnership Board.

Project Boost (Swindon Borough Council)

Funding from Swindon Borough Council for Day Opportunities for people with learning disabilities; enabling members to take up new work, volunteering or leisure opportunities in the community.

Community Advocacy (Henry Smith Charity)

Funding from the Henry Smith Charity to provide advocacy for people with learning disabilities and autism in Swindon.

Oliver McGowan

Funding from NHS Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) enabling co-trainers with learning disabilities to deliver mandatory Oliver McGowan training to health staff across the region..

Transfers between funds

Transfers are made between restricted and unrestricted funds at the end of every accounting period in cases where the restricted fund is in deficit and has either come to an end or there is no prospect of a surplus in a later period, when the deficit is eliminated by transfer from unrestricted funds.

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16. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Various funders retain the right to claw back grants should the use of the funds not be in accordance with the terms of the grant. In the opinion of the Trustees no such liability exists at the year end.

17. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

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