

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1074736

Details

Other names ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS

Status Registered

Legal form Charitable company

Company number [03470182](#)

Registered 1999-03-19

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

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE SUCH CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS THE TRUSTEES SHALL IN THEIR ABSOLUTE DISCRETION THINK FIT, IN PARTICULAR TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF YOUNG PERSONS WHO ARE RESIDENT IN ROCHDALE AND THE SURROUNDING AREA WHO ARE EX-OFFENDERS OR AT RISK OF OFFENDING, THROUGH THE PROVISION OF SUCH TRAINING FACILITIES AS WILL ENABLE SUCH PERSONS TO ACQUIRE AND DEVELOP VOCATIONAL SKILLS AND THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE OF SUCH PERSONS

Activities: Return disaffected people who are finding life difficult in some way, to education, training or employment. One to one mentoring activities to increase self esteem and self worth. Counselling adults and young people and providing domestic abuse support.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training, Accommodation/housing, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Economic/community Development/employment, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** ROCHDALE
- Bury
- Lancashire
- Oldham
- Rochdale

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-01	£616,083	£671,445	£217,927	24
2024-04-01	£795,261	£854,585	£271,462	24
2023-04-01	£755,815	£754,453	£330,786	24
2022-04-01	£608,556	£555,543	£329,424	23
2021-04-01	£666,852	£555,003	£276,411	17

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Glyn Hockenhull	Chair	2025-09-30
Azeem Javed		2024-03-19
David Broome		2024-03-19
Elizabeth Nicholls		2018-04-01
JOHN FREDERICK KAY		
JOHN WEETMAN		2016-04-01
Jody Eaton		2026-02-24
Lizl Donnelly		2025-03-04

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Accounts

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

Trustees Report

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Financial Statements

Year Ended 1 April 2025

Charity No. 1074736

Company No. 3470182

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 1 APRIL 2025

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ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST

CHAIR'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 APRIL 2025

The 2024/2025 financial year continued to challenge RCT as economic pressures affected public and private organisations and their ability to provide ongoing or new charitable donations. The year saw a reduction in income of £177,352. Meanwhile, through the hard and considered work of all involved in the charity, expenditure was reduced by £183,140. This position, as previously reported, is by no means limited to RCT and is impacting all charitable organisations across the UK.

Notwithstanding these financial pressures, the trust has still secured over £222,000 in new funding from 12 new sources. The most notable of these being The Lottery Community Fund and Victim Support – Time 4 Me Delivery. In addition, 5 previous donors increased their funding by approximately £73,000 in total. However, along with general economic and other business pressures, RCT has seen a reduction or total withdrawal of funding from 18 previous donors amounting to approximately £487,000. The most notable reductions were seen from The National Lottery, GMCA (Greater Manchester Combined Authority), RBC (Rochdale Borough Council) and the BBC CIN (Children in Need). Whilst RCT ended the financial year with a deficit of £53,535, it's encouraging to see, given the financial challenges, that this was a reduction in deficit on the previous financial year by £5,789.

Fund raising continues to be a high priority and whilst National Lottery funding ceases in November 2025 a new application will be submitted in the next financial year.

As always, nothing could be achieved without our dedicated staff. We continue to find ways to show our appreciation of the work they do. Some of these include our;

- “Employee of the Month” award
- Volunteer of the Year award
- “Jacobs Join “(Christmas get together)
- Wellbeing days, days off for birthdays
- “Brookway Lodge” away days
- 2 days a year where everyone is invited to have a ‘support’ day together. This helps with communication between the teams and staff and everyone gets to relax for the day
- “Employee Assistance Program”. Staff have access to 24hr support for anything ranging from GP’s to Counselling. Our Counsellors have their own external support and RCT pays a portion of that cost
- Other than normal Annual Leave and Public Holidays, staff are also offered increasing extra days for every year that they work (up to 5 days). So, for example, a staff member’s first year will offer 21 days holidays plus Bank Holidays. The following year will be 22 days plus Bank Holidays etc
- Careful and considered focus has been on staff retention and their wellbeing and we’re optimistic that the measures outlined above go some way to achieve our staffing objectives. Through proactive management, staffing costs have significantly reduced over the previous financial year’s position and savings of £79,742 have been realised in the 2024/2025 financial year.

We offer a range of programs and interventions designed to support our local community who continue to face a variety of ongoing social and mental challenges. During this past year we’ve worked with 461 children and young people, 329 women and 125 men. In response to the needs of our service-users, the scope of our work continues to expand as demonstrated by the increase in service provision to children, young people and women. This has been to address a broader array of issues. These include a practical support hub for women who needed some extra support, residential breaks for young people and for women and their children to provide some space to start to rebuild their relationships after experiencing domestic abuse. While we remain committed to our original focus of mentoring young people to reduce truancy and support their return to education, we continue to evolve our services to address domestic violence, health and wellbeing, and other emerging needs in response to the challenges we encounter through our work. Given Rochdale's status as a highly deprived area, the demand for all of our services remains significant.

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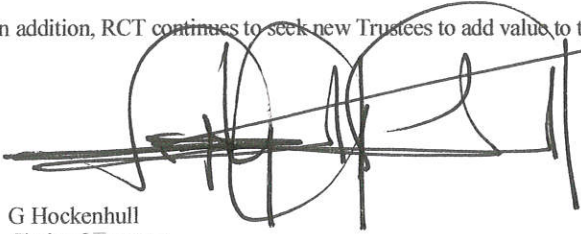
CHAIR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 APRIL 2025

It is with great regret we have to report the retirement of our longstanding chair of Trustees and Director of RCT Viv Carter due to ill health. We send her our heartfelt thanks for all she's done for the charity and offer her our best wishes for the future.

With effect from October 2025, Glyn Hockenull, an existing Trustee, will step into Viv's shoes as Chair of Trustees.

In addition, RCT continues to seek new Trustees to add value to the Charity going forward.



G Hockenull
Chair of Trustees

25/11/2025

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COMPANY INFORMATION

YEAR ENDED 1 APRIL 2025

TRUSTEES & DIRECTORS

Mrs BV. Carter – Director (resigned 30/09/2025)
Mr J.F. Kay - Director
Mr J. Weetman - Director
Mrs E Nicholls - Director
Mr G Hockenhull - Chair
Mr A Javid
Mr D Broome
Mrs L Donnelly (appointed 4 March 2025)

COMPANY SECRETARY

Mr J.F. Kay

REGISTERED OFFICE

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ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 APRIL 2025

The directors who are the trustees of the Charity, present their annual report and the consolidated financial statements of the Charity and its subsidiary for the year ended 1 April 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Report by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the Charity.

The Charity is commonly known as Rochdale Connections.

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Trust is a Registered Charity No. 1074736 and was registered in March 1999. It is managed on a day-to-day basis by the Chief Executive Officer, Kathy Thomas.

Governing Document

The Charity is a company limited by guarantee in England and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 24 November 1998 as amended on 26 January 1999. It became registered as a charity with the Charity Commission on 19 March 1999. The directors have the power to admit any person or organisation to membership and also have the power to permit members to retire. The members of the company each agree to contribute a sum not exceeding £10 in the event of the charity being wound up.

Appointment of Directors and Trustees

The directors, who are the trustees, are appointed by the members at a general meeting. At each AGM, one third of the directors retire by rotation, being the longest in office, and are eligible for re-election. Other than a retiring trustee, the only people eligible for election as trustees are those either recommended by the trustees or by a member giving not less than 14 and not more than 35 clear days notice of the intention to propose a person for appointment or re-appointment. Directors must be over the age of 18.

Trustee recruitment, induction and training

Rochdale Connections Trust inducts new trustees according to a Trustee Induction Policy. New and existing trustees are made aware of training which may be delivered.

Organisation

The Board, which must not be less than four members, administers the Charity and meets as necessary. The day-to-day operations of the Charity are the responsibility of the CEO Kathy Thomas, to whom the trustees have delegated authority for operational matters including finance, employment and development, within the overall strategy agreed by the Board.

Risk management

The directors have identified the major risks, both financial and other, facing the company and have taken the appropriate action to mitigate those risks.

Volunteers

Rochdale Connections Trust has a policy on recruiting, training, supporting and retaining volunteers. RCT recruits volunteers from the communities around Rochdale by self referral and through local agencies (CVS etc). Volunteers have to make a written application, attend an interview and undergo a rigorous training programme. All volunteers have an enhanced CRB check before we can match them to a young person or family, and they have to attend regular supervision sessions with the Volunteer Co-ordinator. Up-to-date training is an integral part of their time with us.

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 APRIL 2025

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The charity's objectives are :“To promote such charitable purposes as the trustees shall in their absolute discretion think fit, in particular to advance the education and training of young persons who are resident in Rochdale and the surrounding area who are ex-offenders or at risk of offending, through the provision of such training facilities as will enable such persons to acquire and develop vocational skills and the provision of facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life of such persons”.

Public Benefit

The charity has had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission in respect of public benefit.

ACTIVITIES IN THE PERIOD

Details of activities engaged in during the year are included in the Chair's Report on page 1.

Rochdale Connections (Trading) Limited

The charity has a wholly owned subsidiary, Rochdale Connections Trust (Trading) Limited.
The subsidiary company ceased trading on 13 August 2018.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Overview

The company had a deficit on unrestricted funds for the year of £53,535 (2024 - £59,324 deficit).

Reserves Policy

In these difficult times, the charity's prime concern is to continue to provide the services covered in its objectives and to have sufficient funds for this. At the year end the company had free reserves of £217,927 (2024 – £271,462). The trustees recognise that the charity is unlikely to be able to build reserves significantly in the near future, and are continuing to monitor the situation.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES - Key activities planned for year 25/26

To develop our fundraising activities to ensure that the charity is more financially stable and does not incur any further deficits in the coming years. We aim to do this by raising the number of fundraising activities, generating income through renting out our training and counselling rooms and developing links with philanthropists. As well as seeking out funding from grant making bodies and funding organisations.

We will continue to innovate and develop programmes to meet the needs of our service users, in particular a programme currently in development is aimed at South Asian men, to challenge their ideas around relationships based on their cultural and religious interpretations.

We also hope to find funding to develop a support programme for women who are involved in cases in both the Family Courts and Criminal Courts. Our experience of working with women who are going through the court process highlights that it can be an extremely difficult time, very confusing, stressful and complicated and women need some extra support to navigate their way through, so that they are in a better position to attend court and fight for justice.

RCT's flagship mentoring project comes to an end in November 2025, so one of our priorities for the next 6 months will be to secure funding so that we can continue to offer mentoring to young people.

We will continue to develop relationships with local funders to ensure we maximise potential opportunities to continue our work.

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 APRIL 2025

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees (who are also directors of Rochdale Connections Trust for the purpose of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year 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 these 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 2015 (FRS 102)
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable UK 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 operation.

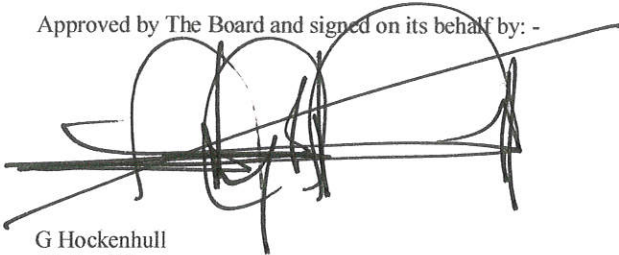
The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets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

CHANGES IN FIXED ASSETS

Movements in fixed assets are shown in note 8 to the accounts.

This report has been prepared having taken advantage of the small companies exemption in the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by The Board and signed on its behalf by: -

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'G Hockenull', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is somewhat abstract and loops around itself.

G Hockenull
Chair of Trustees
Date: 25/11/2025

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 1 April 2025 which are set out on pages 7 to 16.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity 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 company'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 the company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

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.



Michael J Pickup (FCA)
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Date: 25/11/2025

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
(including Income and Expenditure Account)
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 1 APRIL 2025

	Notes	2025 Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	2024 £
Income from:					
Donations	2	3,391	-	3,391	4,729
Charitable activities	3	96,118	456,198	552,316	720,208
Other Trading activities	4	60,374	-	60,374	68,795
Investments		1,828	-	1,828	1,529
Total Income		<u>161,711</u>	<u>456,198</u>	<u>617,909</u>	<u>795,261</u>
Expenditure on: -					
Charitable Activities	5	211,398	456,198	667,597	851,550
Other	5	3,848	-	3,848	3,035
Total Expenditure		<u>215,246</u>	<u>456,198</u>	<u>671,445</u>	<u>854,585</u>
Net (Expenditure)/ Income		(53,535)	-	(53,535)	(59,324)
Reconciliation of Funds:					
Fund Balances Brought Forward		<u>271,462</u>	-	<u>271,462</u>	<u>330,786</u>
Fund Balances Carried Forward	12	<u>217,927</u>	-	<u>217,927</u>	<u>271,462</u>

The company had no other realised gains or losses other than those shown above.

The notes on pages 10 to 16 form part of these financial statements

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 1 APRIL 2025

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2025</u>		<u>2024</u>
		£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS				
Tangible Assets	8		133,160	148,348
Investments	9		1	1
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors	10	58,856		11,531
Cash at Bank and In Hand		<u>98,212</u>		<u>186,851</u>
		<u>157,068</u>		<u>198,382</u>
CREDITORS				
Amount falling due in one year	11	<u>72,302</u>		<u>75,269</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>84,766</u>	<u>123,113</u>
NET ASSETS			<u>217,927</u>	<u>271,462</u>
FUNDS				
Unrestricted	13		<u>217,927</u>	<u>271,462</u>
TOTAL FUNDS			<u>217,927</u>	<u>271,462</u>

The notes on pages 10 to 16 form part of these accounts

For the year ending 1 April 2025 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

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

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

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS 102 SORP.

These financial statements were approved and authorized for issue by the Trustees and Board of Directors on

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees

G. Hockenhill
Chair of Trustees
Date: 25/11/2025

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 1 APRIL 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Net cash flow from operating activities	(85,091)	(30,073)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Interest received	1,828	1,529
Purchase of PPE	<u>(5,376)</u>	<u>(16,589)</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	(88,639)	(45,133)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year	186,851	231,984
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Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	<u>98,212</u>	<u>186,851</u>
Reconciliation of net income and net cash flow from operating activities		
Net (expenditure)/ Income	(53,535)	(59,324)
Adjustments for:		
Interest receivable	(1,828)	(1,529)
Depreciation	20,564	20,229
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	(15,364)	36,403
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	<u>(34,928)</u>	<u>(25,852)</u>
Net cash flow from operating activities	<u>(85,091)</u>	<u>(30,073)</u>

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 APRIL 2025

1. Summary of significant accounting policies

General information and basis of preparation

Rochdale Connections Trust is a company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £10 per member of the charity. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 2 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are detailed on page 4 of the financial statements.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

Fund Accounting

General funds are available at the discretion of the directors in furtherance of the general objectives of the company. Restricted funds are funds subject to specific restrictive conditions imposed by funders or by the purpose of the grant.

Incoming Resources

Income is recognized in the accounting period in which it is receivable, except in the following circumstances, when the income is deferred and included in creditors:

- The income relates to a future accounting period
- A sales invoice has been raised ahead of the work being carried out and the Trust is not contractually entitled to the income until the work has been done
- Not all the terms and conditions of the grant have been met, including the incurring of expenditure and the grant conditions are such that unspent grant must be refunded.

Income includes grants in respect of revenue and capital items. Grants for the purchase of fixed assets are credited to restricted incoming resources when receivable, provided that all the conditions for their receipt have been met. When there are continuing restrictions over use of the assets acquired, then the grants are transferred to a separate restricted fund when the asset is acquired and depreciation is charged against this fund over the useful economic life of the assets. If the restrictions are met or lifted before the assets are fully depreciated, then the balance on the related restricted fund is transferred to unrestricted funds.

Funds administered on behalf of third parties, where the charity is merely acting as agent, are not included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Expenditure

Costs are defined as follows:

Charitable Expenditure	The costs of delivering the charitable activities
Other Costs	The costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include fees for external scrutiny of the accounts and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 APRIL 2025

All costs are allocated between expenditure categories of the SOFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of resources. Costs directly relating to a particular activity are allocated directly and other costs (support costs) are allocated on an appropriate basis to reflect the usage of resources.

Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Assets costing less than £500 are not capitalised, but written off to revenue in the year of acquisition.

Depreciation is provided on the cost of tangible fixed assets in order to write off the cost after taking account of scrap values over the expected useful lives as follows:-

Land and Buildings	2% straight line
Fixtures and Fittings	20% straight line
Office Equipment	33% straight line
Leasehold Improvements	20% straight line

Debtors and Creditors Receivable/Payable Within One Year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price.

Deferred Income

Deferred income relates to income received but repayable if the resources are not expended.

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 APRIL 2025

2. INCOME FROM DONATIONS

	<u>2025</u>			<u>2024</u>
	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>	
	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	
	£	£	£	£
General Donations	3,391	-	3,391	4,729

3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

Damhill Expenses Reclaim	-	7,590	7,590	-
Your Trust	-	15,041	15,041	-
CCG/Gaddum	26,249	-	26,249	-
Manchester GUA – Safe Space	-	2,000	2,000	-
Training – DA Awareness	-	500	500	250
Outdoors For All	-	-	-	600
7Stars – Damhill Youth Equipment	-	-	-	800
Action Together	1,000	17,201	18,201	7,000
HAF – 2024 Summer Holiday	-	6,000	6,000	-
Cash4Kids	-	5,362	5,362	-
Trauma Informed Training	-	-	-	1,500
National Lottery – Early Break	-	-	-	86,250
Greater Manchester Walking Fund - Salford	-	-	-	1,915
Mental Health co production network	-	7,500	7,500	-
Victim Support – Time 4 Me Delivery	-	59,000	59,000	-
Answer Cancer	-	2,000	2,000	2,000
RBH Limited - Counselling	-	-	-	2,520
GroundWork Refurb	-	6,902	6,902	-
BBC CIN Main	-	9,954	9,954	40,814
Matthew Moss – Deliver of Happier Children Programme	-	-	-	3,750
Support Sessions	-	-	-	4,325
RBC	-	78,450	78,450	194,806
St Cuthberts	16,667	-	16,667	-
Pheonix Group 22/23	24,058	-	24,058	16,058
GMCA	-	14,895	14,895	132,840
St Vincents Student Support	2,640	-	2,640	1,440
NHS – Peer Support	-	144	144	13,940
Gaddum – Thinking Ahead Grant	-	-	-	26,249
Damhill Expenses Reclaim	-	-	-	21,397
National Lottery – Know Your Neighbour	-	-	-	22,000
St Cuthbert’s Student Support	-	-	-	33,150
Hopwood Hall - NLDC	25,504	-	25,504	36,336
The Big Life - GM Wellbeing and Integration Services	-	82,180	82,180	31,917
Sherriff’s Police Trust	-	3,701	3,701	-
Small Project Income	-	3,352	3,352	-
Lottery Community Fund – Mentor Motivator	-	95,019	95,019	-
Duchy of Lancaster	-	2,000	2,000	-
National Lottery	-	37,407	37,407	35,351
GMCVO Grant 2022	-	-	-	3,000
	<u>96,118</u>	<u>456,198</u>	<u>552,316</u>	<u>720,208</u>

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 APRIL 2025

4. INCOME FROM OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	£	£
Rental Income	56,786	65,500
Room Hire	1,510	448
Other	2,078	2,847
	60,374	68,795

5. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE

	<u>Charitable</u> <u>Activities</u>	<u>2025</u> <u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>2024</u>
	£	£	£	£
Direct Costs:-				
Staff Costs	533,121	-	533,121	612,863
Mentoring and Training	6,667	-	6,667	4,954
Professional Fees & Consultancy	2,387	-	2,387	6,491
Insurance	7,493	-	7,493	5,041
Depreciation	20,564	-	20,564	20,232
Activities, Trips and Residentials	37,269	-	37,269	127,664
Support Costs:-				
Accountancy	-	3,553	3,553	2,744
Printing, Stationery and Post	870	-	870	2,750
Marketing and Publicity	268	-	268	268
Telephone and Internet	6,158	-	6,158	3,958
Travel and Accommodation	92	-	92	334
Repairs, Maintenance and Refurbishment	2,225	-	2,225	3,326
IT Equipment and Support Costs	3,842	-	3,842	5,232
Other Office Costs	46,318	-	46,318	58,437
Bank Charges	323	295	618	291
	667,597	3,848	671,445	854,585

6. STAFF COSTS

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	£	£
Staff costs are as follows: -		
Salaries	399,399	458,205
Social Security Costs	103,852	121,213
Pension Costs	29,870	33,445
	533,121	612,863

The average number of employees during the year was 30 (2024-26)

No employee earned more than £60,000 per annum.

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST

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7. NET EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	£	£
This is stated after charging: -		
Independent Examination and Accountancy	2,450	2,744
Depreciation of Tangible Fixed Assets	20,564	20,232
Trustees Expenses	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Leasehold Improvements	Land & Buildings	Fixtures & Fittings	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
As at 2 April 2024	16,589	165,633	84,596	266,818
Additions	-	5,376	-	-
As at 1 April 2025	<u>16,589</u>	<u>171,009</u>	<u>84,596</u>	<u>272,194</u>
Depreciation				
As at 2 April 2024	-	72,387	46,082	118,470
Charge for the Year	332	3,313	16,919	20,564
As at 1 April 2025	<u>332</u>	<u>75,700</u>	<u>63,001</u>	<u>139,034</u>
Net Book Value				
As at 1 April 2025	<u>16,257</u>	<u>95,308</u>	<u>21,595</u>	<u>133,160</u>
As at 1 April 2024	<u>16,589</u>	<u>93,245</u>	<u>38,514</u>	<u>148,348</u>

9. INVESTMENT IN SUBSIDIARY UNDERTAKING

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	£	£
Cost of shares in subsidiary	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

The Charity holds 1 Share of £1 in its wholly owned subsidiary company, Rochdale Connections Trusting (Trading) Limited, which is incorporated in England (Company number: 04466194). Rochdale Connections Trust (Trading) Limited is a dormant company and has had no transactions during this or the preceding year, and hence no consolidated accounts are required.

10. DEBTORS

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	£	£
Trade Debtors	53,888	-
Prepayments and Accrued Income	4,968	11,531
	<u>58,856</u>	<u>11,531</u>

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11.CREDITORS (falling due within one year)

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	£	£
Accruals & Deferred Income	35,285	61,063
Social Security and Other Taxes	37,017	14,206
	72,302	75,269

12.STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Balance</u>
	<u>1 April 2024</u>			<u>1 April 2025</u>
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds:				
General Fund	271,462	161,711	(215,246)	217,927

	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Balance</u>
	<u>1 April 2024</u>			<u>1 April 2025</u>
	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds				
Training – DA Awareness	-	500	(500)	-
Darnhill Expenses Reclaim	-	7,590	(7,590)	-
Your Trust	-	15,041	(15,041)	-
Manchester GUA – Safe Space	-	2,000	(2,000)	-
Action Together	-	17,201	(17,201)	-
HAF – 2024 Summer Holiday	-	6,000	(6,000)	-
Cash4Kids	-	5,362	(5,362)	-
Mental Health co production network	-	7,500	(7,500)	-
Victim Support – Time 4 Me Delivery	-	59,000	(59,000)	-
Answer Cancer	-	2,000	(2,000)	-
GroundWork Refurb	-	6,902	(6,902)	-
BBC CIN Main	-	9,954	(9,954)	-
RBC	-	78,450	(78,450)	-
GMCA	-	14,895	(14,895)	-
NHS – Peer Support	-	144	(144)	-
The Big Life - GM Wellbeing and Integration Services	-	82,180	(82,180)	-
Sherriff's Police Trust	-	3,701	(3,701)	-
Small Project Income	-	3,352	(3,352)	-
Lottery Community Fund – Mentor Motivator	-	95,019	(95,019)	-
Duchy of Lancaster	-	2,000	(2,000)	-
National Lottery	-	37,407	(37,407)	-
	-	456,198	(456,198)	-

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 APRIL 2025

13.ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	<u>Unrestricted</u> £	<u>Restricted</u> £	<u>Total</u> £
Fund balances at 1 April 2024 held by the charity and its subsidiary are represented by:-			
Tangible Fixed Assets	131,759	-	131,795
Investment in Subsidiary company	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>
Net Current Assets	<u>131,760</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>131,760</u>

14.TAXATION

The company is a registered charity and is entitled to claim annual exemption from UK corporation Tax under Sections 466 to 493 of the CTA 2010.

15.CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

The company had no capital commitments at the year end.

16.TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION

The Trustees neither received nor waived any emoluments during the year (2024-£nil).

No expenses were reimbursed to Trustees during the year (2024-£nil).

17.TRANSACTIONS WITH DIRECTORS

There are no transactions with directors in the year which require disclosure in these accounts.

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST

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Accounts

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

Trustees Report

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Financial Statements

Year Ended 1 April 2024

Charity No. 1074736

Company No. 3470182

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 1 APRIL 2024

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ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST

CHAIR'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 APRIL 2024

In last year's report we outlined our concerns about our forthcoming financial position. In common with most other charities, we have seen visible evidence of this during this year but we have tried to work round this and, with the help of our staff, we have come through relatively unscathed.

We have had support (not always financial but nevertheless very helpful) from a number of new sources. These have included YHA, Howdens Builders Merchants, The High Sheriff's Police Fund, The 7 Stars Foundation and The Charles Hayward Foundation.

Nothing could be achieved without our dedicated staff. We try to reinforce our appreciation of the work they do and one of the ways we do this is our "Employee of the Month" award. The staff nominate the person they feel is most deserving. The employee with the most votes is then invited to a lunch with the Chairman as a token of appreciation for their contributions.

We offer a range of programmes and interventions designed to support various sections of the community facing a variety of challenges. During this past year we have worked with 433 children and young people, 278 women and 167 men. Over time and in response to the needs of our service-users, the scope of our work has expanded to address a broader array of issues. While we remain committed to our original focus of mentoring young people to reduce truancy and support their return to education, we have evolved to now also provide services that address domestic violence, gambling addiction, health and wellbeing, and other emerging needs in response to the challenges we encounter through our work.

Arising from our reputation for dealing with these problems we were invited, along with the Sanctuary Trust, to form a Welfare Service for the Rochdale borough which is provided for those on Probation and offers a 'needs-led', person-centred support which includes sentence planning and risk-management, in conjunction with the Probation Service. The partnership approach provides a vast range of support interventions required for people on probation. We predominantly offer domestic abuse services, alongside complementary programmes relating to Parenting, Health and Wellbeing, Family Relationships, Gambling, 1:1 Mentoring and an In-house Counselling service. Sanctuary's services focus on housing and homelessness, addictions, abstinence and recovery, facilitation of social groups and out of hours emergency support. By working together we provide a bespoke package of support, utilising services from across the two organisations that can best respond to and address the presenting needs of each individual.

Unfortunately one of our major programmes funded for the past 7 years through BBC Children in Need has ended. This programme focused on supporting primary school aged children who experienced domestic abuse, incorporating tailored activities to meet their individual needs. Over the course of this 7 year grant we have worked with 545 children. The following quote is from Chris Turner, our BBC CIN grant manager after reading our final report.

"I've just finished reading your end of grant report and I thought it conveyed some incredibly powerful work. The difference you and your staff have made for children and young people impacted by domestic abuse is amazing. Your description which stated how 'sessions have focused on loudness, laughter and fun to show them it is safe to play' will really stay with me. I'm so pleased that BBC Children in Need got to be a part of your work over the past seven years."

Given Rochdale's status as a highly deprived area, the demand for all of our services remains significant.

BV. Carter.

Vivien Carter MBE JP DL
Chair

18/12/2024

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST

COMPANY INFORMATION

YEAR ENDED 1 APRIL 2024

TRUSTEES & DIRECTORS

Mrs B.V. Carter MBE JP DL Chair
Mr J.F. Kay
Mr J. Weetman
Mrs E Nicholls
Mr G Hockenhill
Mr A Javid (Appointed 19 March 2024)
Mr D Broome (Appointed 19 March 2024)

COMPANY SECRETARY

Mr J.F. Kay

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ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 APRIL 2024

The directors who are the trustees of the Charity, present their annual report and the consolidated financial statements of the Charity and its subsidiary for the year ended 1 April 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Report by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the Charity.

The Charity is commonly known as Rochdale Connections.

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Trust is a Registered Charity No. 1074736 and was registered in March 1999. It is managed on a day-to-day basis by the Chief Executive Officer, Kathy Thomas.

Governing Document

The Charity is a company limited by guarantee in England and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 24 November 1998 as amended on 26 January 1999. It became registered as a charity with the Charity Commission on 19 March 1999. The directors have the power to admit any person or organisation to membership and also have the power to permit members to retire. The members of the company each agree to contribute a sum not exceeding £10 in the event of the charity being wound up.

Appointment of Directors and Trustees

The directors, who are the trustees, are appointed by the members at a general meeting. At each AGM, one third of the directors retire by rotation, being the longest in office, and are eligible for re-election. Other than a retiring trustee, the only people eligible for election as trustees are those either recommended by the trustees or by a member giving not less than 14 and not more than 35 clear days notice of the intention to propose a person for appointment or re-appointment. Directors must be over the age of 18.

Trustee recruitment, induction and training

Rochdale Connections Trust inducts new trustees according to a Trustee Induction Policy. New and existing trustees are made aware of training which may be delivered.

Organisation

The Board, which must not be less than four members, administers the Charity and meets as necessary. The day-to-day operations of the Charity are the responsibility of the CEO Kathy Thomas, to whom the trustees have delegated authority for operational matters including finance, employment and development, within the overall strategy agreed by the Board.

Risk management

The directors have identified the major risks, both financial and other, facing the company and have taken the appropriate action to mitigate those risks.

Volunteers

Rochdale Connections Trust has a policy on recruiting, training, supporting and retaining volunteers. RCT recruits volunteers from the communities around Rochdale by self referral and through local agencies (CVS etc). Volunteers have to make a written application, attend an interview and undergo a rigorous training programme. All volunteers have an enhanced CRB check before we can match them to a young person or family, and they have to attend regular supervision sessions with the Volunteer Co-ordinator. Up-to-date training is an integral part of their time with us.

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 APRIL 2024

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The charity's objectives are :“To promote such charitable purposes as the trustees shall in their absolute discretion think fit, in particular to advance the education and training of young persons who are resident in Rochdale and the surrounding area who are ex-offenders or at risk of offending, through the provision of such training facilities as will enable such persons to acquire and develop vocational skills and the provision of facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life of such persons”.

Public Benefit

The charity has had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission in respect of public benefit.

ACTIVITIES IN THE PERIOD

Details of activities engaged in during the year are included in the Chair's Report on page 1.

Rochdale Connections (Trading) Limited

The charity has a wholly owned subsidiary, Rochdale Connections Trust (Trading) Limited.
The subsidiary company ceased trading on 13 August 2018.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Overview

The company had a deficit on unrestricted funds for the year of £59,324 (2023 - £1,362 Surplus).

Reserves Policy

In these difficult times, the charity's prime concern is to continue to provide the services covered in its objectives and to have sufficient funds for this. At the year end the company had free reserves of £271,462 (2023 – £330,786). The trustees recognise that the charity is unlikely to be able to build reserves significantly in the near future, and are continuing to monitor the situation.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES - Key activities planned for year 24/25

The trustees are committed to continuing our work on the Darnhill estate in Heywood and we plan to develop the Darnhill youth group over the coming year. We have secured funds from the Charles Hayward Foundation to work with young people on the verge of criminal behaviour and this project is based on the Darnhill estate. The staff on the project work with serving offenders in prison to prepare them to work with boys who we select and take into prison for the day to show them the realities of prison life, in the hope of steering them away from going down a criminal route and ending up in prison.

Our Lead partner, The Big Life Group were successful in being commissioned to continue the programme working with ex-offenders in the community on a well-being programme, as a result we will continue to deliver this programme in a local partnership with the Sanctuary Trust.

Our BBC Children in Need Happier Children programme comes to an end over the summer, but we hope to be able to continue this programme working with children who have experienced domestic abuse. We have seen some amazing outcomes for the children that we have worked with over the past 3 years and we have had wonderful feedback from parents and schools, telling us that the programme has had such a positive impact on the lives of the children.

We will continue to offer counselling to the people that we work with on our adult programmes and work with student counsellors to be able to offer this free of charge to those people who would not be able to afford to access counselling.

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 APRIL 2024

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees (who are also directors of Rochdale Connections Trust for the purpose of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year 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 these 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 2015 (FRS 102)
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable UK 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 operation.

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

CHANGES IN FIXED ASSETS

Movements in fixed assets are shown in note 9 to the accounts.

This report has been prepared having taken advantage of the small companies exemption in the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by The Board and signed on its behalf by: -

B.V. Carter.

Director: B V CARTER

Date: 18/12/2024

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 1 April 2024 which are set out on pages 7 to 16.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity 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 company'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.

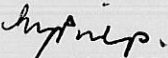
Independent examiner's statement

Since the company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

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.


Michael J Pickup (FCA)
Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

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Date: 18/12/2024

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
(including Income and Expenditure Account)

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 1 APRIL 2024

	Notes	2024 Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	2023 £
Income from:					
Donations	2	4,729	-	4,729	4,422
Charitable activities	3	117,233	602,975	720,208	667,987
Other Trading activities	4	68,795	-	68,795	83,398
Government Grants	5	-	-	-	-
Investments		1,529	-	1,529	8
Total Income		<u>192,286</u>	<u>602,975</u>	<u>795,261</u>	<u>755,815</u>
Expenditure on: -					
Charitable Activities	6	248,575	602,975	851,550	749,599
Other	6	3,035	-	3,035	4,854
Total Expenditure		<u>251,610</u>	<u>602,975</u>	<u>854,585</u>	<u>754,453</u>
 Net (Expenditure)/ Income		 (59,324)	 -	 (59,324)	 1,362
Reconciliation of Funds:					
Fund Balances Brought Forward		<u>330,786</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>330,786</u>	<u>329,424</u>
Fund Balances Carried Forward	14	<u>271,462</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>271,462</u>	<u>330,786</u>

The company had no other realised gains or losses other than those shown above.

The notes on pages 10 to 16 form part of these financial statements

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 1 APRIL 2024

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
		£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible Assets	9		151,991
Investments	10	148,348	1
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	11	11,531	47,934
Cash at Bank and In Hand		186,851	231,984
		<u>198,382</u>	<u>279,918</u>
CREDITORS			
Amount falling due in one year	12	<u>75,269</u>	<u>101,124</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>123,113</u>	<u>178,794</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>271,462</u>	<u>330,786</u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted	13	<u>271,462</u>	<u>330,786</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>271,462</u>	<u>330,786</u>

The notes on pages 10 to 16 form part of these accounts

For the year ending 1 April 2024 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

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

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

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS 102 SORP.

These financial statements were approved and authorized for issue by the Trustees and Board of Directors on 18/12/2024

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees

B.V. Carter

B.V. CARTER
Chair of Trustees

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 1 APRIL 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Net cash flow from operating activities	(30,073)	(71,332)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Interest received	1,529	8
Purchase of PPE	<u>(16,589)</u>	<u>(8,263)</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	(45,133)	(79,587)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year	<u>231,984</u>	<u>311,571</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	<u>186,851</u>	<u>231,984</u>
Reconciliation of net income and net cash flow from operating activities		
Net (expenditure)/ Income	(59,324)	1,362
Adjustments for:		
Interest receivable	(1,529)	(8)
Depreciation	20,229	4,276
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	36,403	(16,571)
(Increase)/decrease in creditors	<u>(25,852)</u>	<u>(60,391)</u>
Net cash flow from operating activities	<u>(30,073)</u>	<u>(71,332)</u>

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 APRIL 2024

1. Summary of significant accounting policies

General information and basis of preparation

Rochdale Connections Trust is a company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £10 per member of the charity. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 2 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are detailed on page 4 of the financial statements.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

Fund Accounting

General funds are available at the discretion of the directors in furtherance of the general objectives of the company. Restricted funds are funds subject to specific restrictive conditions imposed by funders or by the purpose of the grant.

Incoming Resources

Income is recognized in the accounting period in which it is receivable, except in the following circumstances, when the income is deferred and included in creditors:

- The income relates to a future accounting period
- A sales invoice has been raised ahead of the work being carried out and the Trust is not contractually entitled to the income until the work has been done
- Not all the terms and conditions of the grant have been met, including the incurring of expenditure and the grant conditions are such that unspent grant must be refunded.

Income includes grants in respect of revenue and capital items. Grants for the purchase of fixed assets are credited to restricted incoming resources when receivable, provided that all the conditions for their receipt have been met. When there are continuing restrictions over use of the assets acquired, then the grants are transferred to a separate restricted fund when the asset is acquired and depreciation is charged against this fund over the useful economic life of the assets. If the restrictions are met or lifted before the assets are fully depreciated, then the balance on the related restricted fund is transferred to unrestricted funds.

Funds administered on behalf of third parties, where the charity is merely acting as agent, are not included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Expenditure

Costs are defined as follows:

Charitable Expenditure	The costs of delivering the charitable activities
Other Costs	The costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include fees for external scrutiny of the accounts and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST

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All costs are allocated between expenditure categories of the SOFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of resources. Costs directly relating to a particular activity are allocated directly and other costs (support costs) are allocated on an appropriate basis to reflect the usage of resources.

Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Assets costing less than £500 are not capitalised, but written off to revenue in the year of acquisition.

Depreciation is provided on the cost of tangible fixed assets in order to write off the cost after taking account of scrap values over the expected useful lives as follows:-

Land and Buildings	2% straight line
Fixtures and Fittings	20% straight line
Office Equipment	33% straight line
Leasehold Improvements	20% straight line

Debtors and Creditors Receivable/Payable Within One Year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price.

Deferred Income

Deferred income relates to income received but repayable if the resources are not expended.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 APRIL 2024

2. INCOME FROM DONATIONS

	2024			2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	
	Funds	Funds	Funds	£
	£	£	£	£
General Donations	4,729	-	4,729	4,422

3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

Rochdale MBC	-	-	-	284,210
Big Lottery	-	-	-	21,556
Lloyds TSB	-	-	-	27,275
CCG/Gaddum	-	-	-	26,210
Hopwood Hall College	-	-	-	17,120
Youth Justice Service	-	-	-	10,000
Training – DA Awareness	-	250	250	-
BBC Children in Need	-	-	-	68,528
Outdoors For All	-	600	600	-
7Stars – Darnhill Youth Equipment	-	800	800	-
Action Together	4,000	3,000	7,000	17,490
Greater Manchester Combined Authority	-	-	-	60,236
Bauers Radio Station	-	-	-	5,100
Trauma Informed Training	-	1,500	1,500	-
National Lottery – Early Break	-	86,250	86,250	-
Greater Manchester Walking Fund - Salford	-	1,915	1,915	-
Home Start	-	-	-	2,150
Oldham Council	-	-	-	300
Answer Cancer	-	2,000	2,000	-
RBH Limited - Counselling	-	2,520	2,520	-
Dudley CSC	-	-	-	500
BBC CIN Main	-	40,814	40,814	-
Matthew Moss – Deliver yof Happier Children Programme	-	3,750	3,750	-
Phoenix Group	-	-	-	5,000
Support Sessions	-	4,325	4,325	-
RBC	-	194,806	194,806	-
St Cuthberts	-	-	-	31,500
Pheonix Group 22/23	16,058	-	16,058	-
GMCA	-	132,840	132,840	-
St Vincents Student Support	1,440	-	1,440	-
NHS – Peer Support	-	13,940	13,940	-
Gaddum – Thinking Ahead Grant	26,249	-	26,249	-
Darnhill Expenses Reclaim	-	21,397	21,397	-
National Lottery – Know Your Neighbour	-	22,000	22,000	-
St Cuthbert’s Student Support	33,150	-	33,150	-
Hopwood Hall - NLDC	36,336	-	36,336	-
The Big Life - GM Wellbeing and Integration Services	-	31,917	31,917	-
Sport England	-	-	-	5,690
GMP	-	-	-	6,000
Greater Manchester Walking Fund	-	-	-	5,000
CO-OP	-	-	-	377
National Lottery	-	35,351	35,351	66,745
GMCVO Grant 2022	-	3,000	3,000	7,000
	<u>117,233</u>	<u>602,975</u>	<u>720,208</u>	<u>667,987</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 APRIL 2024

4. INCOME FROM OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
Rental Income	65,500	68,000
Room Hire	448	2,763
Insurance Claim	-	8,520
Other	2,847	4,115
	68,795	83,398

5. GOVERNMENT GRANTS

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
RMBC Coronavirus Small Business Grant	-	-
	-	-

6. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE

	<u>Charitable Activities</u>	<u>2024 Other</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£	£	£
Direct Costs:-				
Staff Costs	612,863	-	612,863	539,001
Mentoring and Training	4,954	-	4,954	15,655
Professional Fees & Consultancy	6,491	-	6,491	4,966
Insurance	5,041	-	5,041	9,190
Depreciation	20,232	-	20,232	4,276
Activities, Trips and Residentials	127,664	-	127,664	79,162
Insurance work	-	-	-	8,520
Support Costs:-				
Accountancy	-	2,744	2,744	4,530
Printing, Stationery and Post	2,750	-	2,750	3,738
Marketing and Publicity	268	-	268	4,018
Telephone and Internet	3,958	-	3,958	9,005
Travel and Accommodation	334	-	334	198
Repairs, Maintenance and Refurbishment	3,326	-	3,326	13,430
IT Equipment and Support Costs	5,232	-	5,232	9,031
Other Office Costs	58,437	-	58,437	49,409
Bank Charges	-	291	291	324
	851,550	3,035	854,585	754,453

7. STAFF COSTS

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
Staff costs are as follows: -		
Salaries	458,205	408,029
Social Security Costs	121,213	100,817
Pension Costs	33,445	30,155
	612,863	539,001

The average number of employees during the year was 26 (2023-26)

No employee earned more than £60,000 per annum.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 APRIL 2024

8. NET EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
This is stated after charging: -		
Independent Examination and Accountancy	2,744	4,530
Depreciation of Tangible Fixed Assets	20,232	4,276
Trustees Expenses	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Leasehold Improvements	Land & Buildings	Fixtures & Fittings	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
As at 2 April 2023	-	165,633	84,596	250,229
Additions	16,589	-	-	16,589
As at 1 April 2024	<u>16,589</u>	<u>165,633</u>	<u>84,596</u>	<u>266,818</u>
Depreciation				
As at 2 April 2023	-	69,075	29,163	98,239
Charge for the Year	-	3,313	16,919	20,232
As at 1 April 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>72,387</u>	<u>46,082</u>	<u>118,470</u>
Net Book Value				
As at 1 April 2024	<u>16,589</u>	<u>93,245</u>	<u>38,514</u>	<u>148,348</u>
As at 1 April 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>96,558</u>	<u>55,433</u>	<u>151,991</u>

10. INVESTMENT IN SUBSIDIARY UNDERTAKING

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
Cost of shares in subsidiary	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

The Charity holds 1 Share of £1 in its wholly owned subsidiary company, Rochdale Connections Trusting (Trading) Limited, which is incorporated in England (Company number: 04466194). Rochdale Connections Trust (Trading) Limited is a dormant company and has had no transactions during this or the preceding year, and hence no consolidated accounts are required.

11. DEBTORS

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
Trade Debtors	-	42,966
Prepayments and Accrued Income	11,531	4,968
	<u>11,531</u>	<u>47,934</u>

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 APRIL 2024

12. CREDITORS (falling due within one year)

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
Accruals & Deferred Income	61,063	82,563
Social Security and Other Taxes	14,206	15,564
Other Creditors	-	2,997
	75,269	101,124

13. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	<u>Balance</u> <u>1 April 2023</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>1 April 2024</u>
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds:				
General Fund	330,786	192,286	251,614	271,462

	<u>Balance</u> <u>1 April 2023</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>1 April 2024</u>
	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds				
Training – DA Awareness	-	250	(250)	-
Outdoors For All	-	600	(600)	-
7Stars – Darnhill Youth Equipment	-	800	(800)	-
Trauma Informed Training	-	1,500	(1,500)	-
National Lottery – Early Break	-	86,250	(86,250)	-
Greater Manchester Walking Fund - Salford	-	1,915	(1,915)	-
Answer Cancer	-	2,000	(2,000)	-
RBH Limited - Counselling	-	2,520	(2,520)	-
BBC CIN Main	-	40,814	(40,814)	-
Matthew Moss – Deliver Happier Children Programme	-	3,750	(3,750)	-
Support Sessions	-	4,325	(4,325)	-
RBC	-	194,806	(194,806)	-
GMCA	-	132,840	(132,840)	-
NHS – Peer Support	-	13,940	(13,940)	-
Darnhill Expenses Reclaim	-	21,397	(21,397)	-
National Lottery – Know Your Neighbour	-	22,000	(22,000)	-
The Big Life - GM Wellbeing and Integration Services	-	31,917	(31,917)	-
National Lottery	-	35,351	(35,351)	-
Action Together	-	3,000	(3,000)	-
GMCVO Grant 2022	-	3,000	(3,000)	-
	-	602,975	(602,975)	-

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 APRIL 2024

14. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	<u>Unrestricted</u> £	<u>Restricted</u> £	<u>Total</u> £
Fund balances at 1 April 2023 held by the charity and its subsidiary are represented by:-			
Tangible Fixed Assets	148,348	-	148,348
Investment in Subsidiary company	1	-	1
Net Current Assets	148,349	-	148,349

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 APRIL 2024

15.TAXATION

The company is a registered charity and is entitled to claim annual exemption from UK corporation Tax under Sections 466 to 493 of the CTA 2010.

16.CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

The company had no capital commitments at the year end.

17.TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION

The Trustees neither received nor waived any emoluments during the year (2023-£nil).

No expenses were reimbursed to Trustees during the year (2023-£nil).

18.TRANSACTIONS WITH DIRECTORS

There are no transactions with directors in the year which require disclosure in these accounts.

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1074736

Accounts

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 APRIL 2023

FOR

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

Trustees Report

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Financial Statements

Year Ended 1 April 2023

Charity No. 1074736

Company No. 3470182

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 1 APRIL 2023

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ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST

CHAIR'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 APRIL 2023

The year ended 1 April 2023 has been something of a milestone- principally because we have celebrated 25 years as a registered charity. It is not boasting to say they have been very happy years and, without dispute they have been very happy and very successful.

We have clearly grown as an organisation. Our initial purchase, over 20 years ago, of the building on Drake Street, has been a great asset but, amazingly, we have now out grown this property and in the coming year we will require more space yet again.

The fact that we have clearly outgrown our office/ meeting space is indicative of the success of the work we are doing - in large part, driven by the enthusiasm and an ethos of our staff, to whom, once again, we owe a debt of gratitude.

B.V. Carter

Vivien Carter MBE JP DL
Chair

20 December 2023

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST

COMPANY INFORMATION

YEAR ENDED 1 APRIL 2023

TRUSTEES & DIRECTORS

Mrs B.V. Carter MBE JP DL Chair
Mr J.F. Kay
Mr J. Weetman
Mrs E Nicholls

COMPANY SECRETARY

Mr J.F. Kay

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ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 APRIL 2023

The directors who are the trustees of the Charity, present their annual report and the consolidated financial statements of the Charity and its subsidiary for the year ended 1 April 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Report by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the Charity.

The Charity is commonly known as Rochdale Connections.

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Trust is a Registered Charity No. 1074736 and was registered in March 1999. It is managed on a day-to-day basis by the Chief Executive Officer, Kathy Thomas.

Governing Document

The Charity is a company limited by guarantee in England and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 24 November 1998 as amended on 26 January 1999. It became registered as a charity with the Charity Commission on 19 March 1999. The directors have the power to admit any person or organisation to membership and also have the power to permit members to retire. The members of the company each agree to contribute a sum not exceeding £10 in the event of the charity being wound up.

Appointment of Directors and Trustees

The directors, who are the trustees, are appointed by the members at a general meeting. At each AGM, one third of the directors retire by rotation, being the longest in office, and are eligible for re-election. Other than a retiring trustee, the only people eligible for election as trustees are those either recommended by the trustees or by a member giving not less than 14 and not more than 35 clear days notice of the intention to propose a person for appointment or re-appointment. Directors must be over the age of 18.

Trustee recruitment, induction and training

Rochdale Connections Trust inducts new trustees according to a Trustee Induction Policy. New and existing trustees are made aware of training which may be delivered.

Organisation

The Board, which must not be less than four members, administers the Charity and meets as necessary. The day-to-day operations of the Charity are the responsibility of the CEO Kathy Thomas, to whom the trustees have delegated authority for operational matters including finance, employment and development, within the overall strategy agreed by the Board.

Risk management

The directors have identified the major risks, both financial and other, facing the company and have taken the appropriate action to mitigate those risks.

Volunteers

Rochdale Connections Trust has a policy on recruiting, training, supporting and retaining volunteers. RCT recruits volunteers from the communities around Rochdale by self referral and through local agencies (CVS etc). Volunteers have to make a written application, attend an interview and undergo a rigorous training programme. All volunteers have an enhanced CRB check before we can match them to a young person or family, and they have to attend regular supervision sessions with the Volunteer Co-ordinator. Up-to-date training is an integral part of their time with us.

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 APRIL 2023

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The charity's objectives are :“To promote such charitable purposes as the trustees shall in their absolute discretion think fit, in particular to advance the education and training of young persons who are resident in Rochdale and the surrounding area who are ex-offenders or at risk of offending, through the provision of such training facilities as will enable such persons to acquire and develop vocational skills and the provision of facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life of such persons”.

Public Benefit

The charity has had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission in respect of public benefit.

ACTIVITIES IN THE PERIOD

Details of activities engaged in during the year are included in the Chair's Report on page 1.

Rochdale Connections (Trading) Limited

The charity has a wholly owned subsidiary, Rochdale Connections Trust (Trading) Limited. The subsidiary company ceased trading on 13 August 2018.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Overview

The company had a surplus on unrestricted funds for the year of £1,362 (2022 - £51,031).

Reserves Policy

In these difficult times, the charity's prime concern is to continue to provide the services covered in its objectives and to have sufficient funds for this. At the year end the company had free reserves of £330,786 (2022 – £329,424). The trustees recognise that the charity is unlikely to be able to build reserves significantly in the near future, and are continuing to monitor the situation.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES - Key activities planned for year 23/24

Our plans for the coming financial year include building on several current programmes for children, young people, families and individual adults, including.

- Strengthening our programmes for children and young people, continuing therapeutic sessions for children who have experienced domestic abuse and providing them with safe spaces to play, have fun and make friends.
- Continuing to deliver healthy relationship courses for children attending high schools, this work is so important if we want our children to have a good sense of what a healthy relationship is and to spot the signs of unhealthy relationships.
- Mentoring young people who are on the verge of the criminal justice system, to show them they have choices. We hope to re-establish a project working with HMP Buckley Hall prison, training current prisoners to work with some of our young men, to identify what strategies they need to implement to stop them going down a path of criminality.

For the adults that we work with we will continue developing our offer for people who are on Probation, and people who have just been released from prison. The contract for this work will end in the summer, but we are hoping that Big Life will be successful in their bid to continue to be the Prime Contractor and we can continue our work in partnership with them.

RCT staff have delivered the first new Free From Harm course that they have written for women who have experienced domestic abuse and this has been very successful. The course is up to date and includes information on the new offences of strangulation and coercive control, we also include a session delivered by the CPS, which covers what happens when a case of domestic abuse is taken to court, this gives the women an opportunity to ask questions and talk to the CPS staff about their own experiences and demystifies the court for women who may have to attend court in the future. We hope to continue delivering this course as we constantly have a waiting list for women who want to attend.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 APRIL 2023

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees (who are also directors of Rochdale Connections Trust for the purpose of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year 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 these 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 2015 (FRS 102)
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable UK 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 operation.

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

CHANGES IN FIXED ASSETS

Movements in fixed assets are shown in note 9 to the accounts.

This report has been prepared having taken advantage of the small companies exemption in the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by The Board and signed on its behalf by: -

B.V. Carter

Director: B V CARTER

Date: 20 December 2023

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 1 April 2023 which are set out on pages 7 to 16.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity 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 company'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 the company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

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.



Michael J Pickup (FCA)
Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

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Date: 20 December 2023

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
(including Income and Expenditure Account)
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 1 APRIL 2023

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>2023</u> <u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>2022</u> £
Income from:					
Donations	2	4422	-	4422	6684
Charitable activities	3	117305	550682	667987	522450
Other Trading activities	4	83398	-	83398	71462
Government Grants	5	-	-	-	7938
Investments		8	-	8	22
Total Income		<u>205133</u>	<u>550682</u>	<u>755815</u>	<u>608556</u>
Expenditure on: -					
Charitable Activities	6	198917	550682	749599	549645
Other	6	4854	-	4854	5898
Total Expenditure		<u>203771</u>	<u>550682</u>	<u>754453</u>	<u>555543</u>
 Net Income / (Expenditure)		 1362	 -	 1362	 53013
 Reconciliation of Funds:					
Fund Balances Brought Forward		<u>329424</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>329424</u>	<u>276411</u>
Fund Balances Carried Forward	14	<u>330786</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>330786</u>	<u>329424</u>

The company had no other realised gains or losses other than those shown above.

The notes on pages 10 to 16 form part of these financial statements

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 1 APRIL 2023

	<u>Notes</u>	£	<u>2023</u>	£	£	<u>2022</u>	£
FIXED ASSETS							
Tangible Assets	9			151991			148004
Investments	10			1			1
CURRENT ASSETS							
Debtors	11	47934			31363		
Cash at Bank and In Hand		231984			311571		
		<u>279918</u>			<u>342934</u>		
CREDITORS							
Amount falling due in one year	12	<u>101124</u>			<u>161515</u>		
NET CURRENT ASSETS				<u>178794</u>			<u>181419</u>
NET ASSETS				<u>330786</u>			<u>329424</u>
FUNDS							
Unrestricted	13			<u>330786</u>			<u>329424</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>330786</u>			<u>329424</u>

The notes on pages 10 to 16 form part of these accounts

For the year ending 1 April 2023 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

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

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

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS 102 SORP.

These financial statements were approved and authorized for issue by the Trustees and Board of Directors on 20 December 2023.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees

B.V. Carter

B.V. CARTER
Chair of Trustees

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 1 APRIL 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Net cash flow from operating activities	(71332)	74845
Cash flows from investing activities		
Interest received	8	22
Purchase of PPE	<u>(8263)</u>	<u>(48286)</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	(79587)	26581
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year	<u>311571</u>	<u>284990</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	231984	311571
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Reconciliation of net income and net cash flow from operating activities		
Net income	1362	53013
Adjustments for:		
Interest receivable	(8)	(22)
Depreciation	4276	3464
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	(16571)	(20975)
(Increase)/decrease in creditors	<u>(60391)</u>	<u>39365</u>
Net cash flow from operating activities	<u>(71332)</u>	<u>74845</u>

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 APRIL 2023

1. Summary of significant accounting policies

General information and basis of preparation

Rochdale Connections Trust is a company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £10 per member of the charity. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 2 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are detailed on page 4 of the financial statements.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

Fund Accounting

General funds are available at the discretion of the directors in furtherance of the general objectives of the company. Restricted funds are funds subject to specific restrictive conditions imposed by funders or by the purpose of the grant.

Incoming Resources

Income is recognized in the accounting period in which it is receivable, except in the following circumstances, when the income is deferred and included in creditors:

- The income relates to a future accounting period
- A sales invoice has been raised ahead of the work being carried out and the Trust is not contractually entitled to the income until the work has been done
- Not all the terms and conditions of the grant have been met, including the incurring of expenditure and the grant conditions are such that unspent grant must be refunded.

Income includes grants in respect of revenue and capital items. Grants for the purchase of fixed assets are credited to restricted incoming resources when receivable, provided that all the conditions for their receipt have been met. When there are continuing restrictions over use of the assets acquired, then the grants are transferred to a separate restricted fund when the asset is acquired and depreciation is charged against this fund over the useful economic life of the assets. If the restrictions are met or lifted before the assets are fully depreciated, then the balance on the related restricted fund is transferred to unrestricted funds.

Funds administered on behalf of third parties, where the charity is merely acting as agent, are not included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Expenditure

Costs are defined as follows:

Charitable Expenditure	The costs of delivering the charitable activities
Other Costs	The costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include fees for external scrutiny of the accounts and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST

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All costs are allocated between expenditure categories of the SOFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of resources. Costs directly relating to a particular activity are allocated directly and other costs (support costs) are allocated on an appropriate basis to reflect the usage of resources.

Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Assets costing less than £500 are not capitalised, but written off to revenue in the year of acquisition.

Depreciation is provided on the cost of tangible fixed assets in order to write off the cost after taking account of scrap values over the expected useful lives as follows:-

Land and Buildings	2% straight line
Fixtures and Fittings	20% straight line
Office Equipment	33% straight line

Debtors and Creditors Receivable/Payable Within One Year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price.

Deferred Income

Deferred income relates to income received but repayable if the resources are not expended.

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 APRIL 2023

2. INCOME FROM DONATIONS

	<u>2023</u>			<u>2022</u>
	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>	
	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	£
	£	£	£	
General Donations	4422	-	4422	6684

3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

Rochdale MBC	-	284210	284210	12636
Big Lottery	-	21556	21556	-
Lloyds TSB	27275	-	27275	50000
CCG/Gaddum	26210	-	26210	30770
Hopwood Hall College	17120	-	17120	5568
Youth Justice Service	-	10000	10000	-
Tudor Trust	-	-	-	2000
BBC Children in Need	-	68528	68528	77964
Henry Smith Grant	-	-	-	30450
Workers Educational Association	-	-	-	7960
Action Together	7750	9740	17490	31809
Greater Manchester Combined Authority	-	60236	60236	51835
Bauers Radio Station	-	5100	5100	1785
SIBF Youth Endowment Fund	-	-	-	28789
AB Charitable Trust	-	-	-	13500
Garfield Weston Foundation	-	-	-	10000
Home Start	2150	-	2150	-
Oldham Council	300	-	300	450
Answer Cancer	-	-	-	2499
Digital Inclusion	-	-	-	40577
Dudley CSC	-	500	500	500
Employability Programme	-	-	-	3600
Home Start	-	-	-	420
Phoenix Group	5000	-	5000	15000
Rochdale Community Safety	-	-	-	56668
Safelives	-	-	-	3000
St Cuthberts	31500	-	31500	8250
EMR	-	-	-	1000
NLDC	-	-	-	19920
NHS Haven	-	-	-	8000
LA Mentoring	-	-	-	7500
Sport England	-	5690	5690	-
GMP	-	6000	6000	-
Greater Manchester Walking Fund	-	5000	5000	-
CO-OP	-	377	377	-
National Lottery	-	66745	66745	-
GMCVO Grant 2022	-	7000	7000	-
	117305	550682	667987	522450

4. INCOME FROM OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	£	£
Rental Income	68000	60833
Room Hire	2763	10075
Insurance Claim	8520	-
Other	4115	554

8339871462**ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST****NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 APRIL 2023****5. GOVERNMENT GRANTS**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	£	£
RMBC Coronavirus Small Business Grant	-	7938
	<u>-</u>	<u>7938</u>

6. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE

	<u>Charitable</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>2022</u>
	<u>Activities</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
	£	£	£	£
Direct Costs:-				
Staff Costs	539001	-	539001	422653
Mentoring and Training	15655	-	15655	10375
Professional Fees & Consultancy	4966	-	4966	3804
Insurance	9190	-	9190	2692
Depreciation	4276	-	4276	3464
Activities, Trips and Residentials	79162	-	79162	23558
Insurance work	8520	-	8520	-
Support Costs:-				
Accountancy	-	4530	4530	5490
Printing, Stationery and Post	3738	-	3738	1616
Marketing and Publicity	4018	-	4018	1340
Telephone and Internet	9005	-	9005	5034
Travel and Accommodation	198	-	198	281
Repairs, Maintenance and Refurbishment	13430	-	13430	7745
IT Equipment and Support Costs	9031	-	9031	20645
Other Office Costs	49409	-	49409	46465
Bank Charges	-	324	324	381
	<u>749599</u>	<u>4854</u>	<u>754453</u>	<u>555543</u>
Year Ended 1 April 2022	<u>549645</u>	<u>5898</u>		

7. STAFF COSTS

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	£	£
Staff costs are as follows: -		
Salaries	408029	306435
Social Security Costs	100817	91860
Pension Costs	30155	24358
	<u>539001</u>	<u>422653</u>

The average number of employees during the year was 26 (2022-19)

No employee earned more than £60,000 per annum.

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST

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8. NET EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	£	£
This is stated after charging: -		
Independent Examination and Accountancy	4530	4530
Depreciation of Tangible Fixed Assets	4278	3464
Trustees Expenses	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Land & Buildings	Fixtures & Fittings	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
As at 2 April 2022	165633	76333	241966
Additions	<u>-</u>	<u>8263</u>	<u>8263</u>
As at 1 April 2023	<u>165633</u>	<u>84596</u>	<u>250229</u>
 Depreciation			
As at 2 April 2022	65761	28201	93962
Charge for the Year	<u>3314</u>	<u>962</u>	<u>4276</u>
As at 1 April 2023	<u>69075</u>	<u>29163</u>	<u>98238</u>
 Net Book Value			
As at 1 April 2023	<u>96558</u>	<u>55433</u>	<u>151991</u>
As at 1 April 2022	<u>99872</u>	<u>48132</u>	<u>148004</u>

10. INVESTMENT IN SUBSIDIARY UNDERTAKING

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	£	£
Cost of shares in subsidiary	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

The Charity holds 1 Share of £1 in its wholly owned subsidiary company, Rochdale Connections Trusting (Trading) Limited, which is incorporated in England (Company number: 04466194). Rochdale Connections Trust (Trading) Limited is a dormant company and has had no transactions during this or the preceding year, and hence no consolidated accounts are required.

11. DEBTORS

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	£	£
Trade Debtors	42966	30080
Prepayments and Accrued Income	<u>4968</u>	<u>1283</u>
	<u>47934</u>	<u>31363</u>

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 APRIL 2023

12. CREDITORS (falling due within one year)

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	£	£
Accruals & Deferred Income	82563	143820
Social Security and Other Taxes	15564	-
Other Creditors	2997	17695
	<u>101124</u>	<u>161515</u>

13. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	<u>Balance</u> <u>1 April 2022</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>1 April 2023</u>
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds:				
General Fund	329424	205133	203771	330786

	<u>Balance</u> <u>1 April 2022</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>1 April 2023</u>
	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds				
Rochdale MBC	-	284210	284210	-
Big Lottery	-	21556	21556	-
Youth Justice Service	-	10000	10000	-
BBC Children In Need	-	68528	68528	-
Action Together	-	9740	9740	-
Greater Manchester Combined Authority	-	60236	60236	-
Bauers Radio Station	-	5100	5100	-
Dudley CSC	-	500	500	-
Sport England	-	5690	5690	-
GMP	-	6000	6000	-
Greater Manchester Walking Fund	-	5000	5000	-
CO-OP	-	378	378	-
National Lottery	-	66745	66745	-
GMCVO Grant 2022	-	7000	7000	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>550682</u>	<u>550682</u>	<u>-</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 APRIL 2023

14. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	<u>Unrestricted</u> £	<u>Restricted</u> £	<u>Total</u> £
Fund balances at 1 April 2022 held by the charity and its subsidiary are represented by:-			
Tangible Fixed Assets	151991	-	151991
Investment in Subsidiary company	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>
Net Current Assets	<u>178794</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>330786</u>

15. TAXATION

The company is a registered charity and is entitled to claim annual exemption from UK corporation Tax under Sections 466 to 493 of the CTA 2010.

16. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

The company had no capital commitments at the year end.

17. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION

The Trustees neither received nor waived any emoluments during the year (2022-£nil).

No expenses were reimbursed to Trustees during the year (2022-£nil).

18. TRANSACTIONS WITH DIRECTORS

There are no transactions with directors in the year which require disclosure in these accounts.

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1074736

Accounts

TRUSTEES REPORT
&
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR YEAR ENDED 1 APRIL 2022

Rochdale Connections Trust

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ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

Trustees Report

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Financial Statements

Year Ended 1 April 2022

Charity No. 1074736

Company No. 3470182

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 1 APRIL 2022

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ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST

CHAIR'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 APRIL 2022

RCT feels to be going from strength to strength - despite all the problems raised by Covid and it's aftermath. The value of the work being undertaken is clearly appreciated, principally by funders but by other organisations too.

Funding is clearly the reason we can undertake the tasks with which we are involved, however we are fortunate to have received funding from some organisers who are happy and willing to support us in other ways - offering professional assistance where this is appropriate. This can include topics such as financial advice, legal advice, and a seminar on good governance amongst others.

Clearly the funds we are granted are essential and we have received generous funding from a spread of benefactors.

We have been very fortunate in the staff we employ. Some of the tasks they have to undertake are difficult and harrowing but they each support one another where this is appropriate, which takes off some of the pressure and also helps spread the expertise - it also makes some of the problem solving they have to face, easier and more successful.

Today, we have a wide spread of different programmes - all of which have raised from our original objectives. We started by working with young people who were not attending school. We soon discovered that often, this was due to the problems they were experiencing at home. It became obvious that their parents/ parent were suffering problems of their own, so you had to deal with one to alleviate the other. This led to us working with women who were suffering abuse. These courses proved very successful and, some time later, we began to deal with men who abused their partners but wanted help to stop. We continue to run programmes for young people, sometimes using mentors. This year RCT will celebrate 25 years of operating as a fully fledged charity. We are working hard to make the next 25 years just as successful

Vivien Carter MBE JP DL

Chair

13/12/2022

BV. Carter

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST

COMPANY INFORMATION

YEAR ENDED 1 APRIL 2022

TRUSTEES & DIRECTORS

Mrs B.V. Carter MBE JP DL Chair
Mr J.F. Kay
Mr J. Weetman
Mrs E Nicholls

COMPANY SECRETARY

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ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 APRIL 2022

The directors who are the trustees of the Charity, present their annual report and the consolidated financial statements of the Charity and its subsidiary for the year ended 1 April 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Report by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the Charity.

The Charity is commonly known as Rochdale Connections.

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Trust is a Registered Charity No. 1074736 and was registered in March 1999. It is managed on a day-to-day basis by the Chief Executive Officer, Kathy Thomas.

Governing Document

The Charity is a company limited by guarantee in England and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 24 November 1998 as amended on 26 January 1999. It became registered as a charity with the Charity Commission on 19 March 1999. The directors have the power to admit any person or organisation to membership and also have the power to permit members to retire. The members of the company each agree to contribute a sum not exceeding £10 in the event of the charity being wound up.

Appointment of Directors and Trustees

The directors, who are the trustees, are appointed by the members at a general meeting. At each AGM, one third of the directors retire by rotation, being the longest in office, and are eligible for re-election. Other than a retiring trustee, the only people eligible for election as trustees are those either recommended by the trustees or by a member giving not less than 14 and not more than 35 clear days notice of the intention to propose a person for appointment or re-appointment. Directors must be over the age of 18.

Trustee recruitment, induction and training

Rochdale Connections Trust inducts new trustees according to a Trustee Induction Policy. New and existing trustees are made aware of training which may be delivered.

Organisation

The Board, which must not be less than four members, administers the Charity and meets as necessary. The day-to-day operations of the Charity are the responsibility of the CEO Kathy Thomas, to whom the trustees have delegated authority for operational matters including finance, employment and development, within the overall strategy agreed by the Board.

Risk management

The directors have identified the major risks, both financial and other, facing the company and have taken the appropriate action to mitigate those risks.

Volunteers

Rochdale Connections Trust has a policy on recruiting, training, supporting and retaining volunteers. RCT recruits volunteers from the communities around Rochdale by self referral and through local agencies (CVS etc). Volunteers have to make a written application, attend an interview and undergo a rigorous training programme. All volunteers have an enhanced CRB check before we can match them to a young person or family, and they have to attend regular supervision sessions with the Volunteer Co-ordinator. Up-to-date training is an integral part of their time with us.

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 APRIL 2022

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The charity's objectives are:

"To promote such charitable purposes as the trustees shall in their absolute discretion think fit, in particular to advance the education and training of young persons who are resident in Rochdale and the surrounding area who are ex-offenders or at risk of offending, through the provision of such training facilities as will enable such persons to acquire and develop vocational skills and the provision of facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life of such persons".

Public Benefit

The charity has had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission in respect of public benefit.

ACTIVITIES IN THE PERIOD

Details of activities engaged in during the year are included in the Chair's Report on page 1.

Rochdale Connections (Trading) Limited

The charity has a wholly owned subsidiary, Rochdale Connections Trust (Trading) Limited. The subsidiary company ceased trading on 13 August 2018.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Overview

The company had a surplus on unrestricted funds for the year of £53,031 (2021 - £111,849).

Reserves Policy

In these difficult times, the charity's prime concern is to continue to provide the services covered in its objectives and to have sufficient funds for this. At the year end the company had free reserves of £181,419 (2021 – £173,226). The trustees recognise that the charity is unlikely to be able to build reserves significantly in the near future, and are continuing to monitor the situation.

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 APRIL 2022

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

Key activities planned for year 21/22

Enhancing our commitment to support women who have experienced domestic abuse we plan to write our own course which will replace the Freedom Programme which we have delivered over the past 9 years, The new course will help participants gain more knowledge around domestic abuse, feel safer and able to risk assess situations, have improved self-esteem, feel empowered, increase their resilience & feel less isolated. Participants will also learn about the new domestic violence offences which have been introduced recently and have the opportunity to speak to representatives of the Crown Prosecution Service.

Working with children and young people who have experienced domestic abuse has been a key part of our work in recent years and we plan to develop and embed this work, to enable us to directly work with more children and young people who have had this experience.

We also plan to seek the funding to expand our work mentoring young people, after the pandemic it is no surprise to find that children and young people are more isolated and vulnerable than before and would benefit from spending time with their own mentor.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 APRIL 2022

We have been successful in applying for another 3 year grant from BBC Children in Need so we are able to continue to deliver small group and one to one support to children who have experienced domestic abuse and we are thrilled to be able to continue this vital work.

We aim to work more in partnership with other local organisations through developing our links with action Together networks and writing joint applications for funding with Early Break.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees (who are also directors of Rochdale Connections Trust for the purpose of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year 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 these 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 2015 (FRS 102)
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable UK 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 operation.

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

CHANGES IN FIXED ASSETS

Movements in fixed assets are shown in note 9 to the accounts.

This report has been prepared having taken advantage of the small companies exemption in the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by The Board and signed on its behalf by: -

B.V. Carter

Director: B V CARTER

Date: 13/12/2022

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 1 April 2022 which are set out on pages 8 to 18.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity 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 company'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 the company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

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.

Michael J Pickup (FCA)
Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

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Date: 13/12/2022

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
(including Income and Expenditure Account)
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 1 APRIL 2022

		<u>2022</u>			<u>2021</u>
	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u> £	<u>Restricted Funds</u> £	<u>Total Funds</u> £	£
Income from:					
Donations	2	6684	-	6684	4832
Charitable activities	3	124852	397,598	522450	570776
Other Trading activities	4	71462	-	71462	36247
Government Grants	5	7938	-	7938	54846
Investments		22	-	22	151
Total Income		<u>210958</u>	<u>397598</u>	<u>608556</u>	<u>666852</u>
Expenditure on: -					
Charitable Activities	6	152047	397598	549645	548011
Other	6	5898	-	5898	6992
Total Expenditure		<u>157945</u>	<u>397598</u>	<u>555543</u>	<u>555003</u>
 Net Income/(Expenditure)		 53013	 -	 53013	 111849
Reconciliation of Funds:					
Fund Balances Brought Forward		<u>276411</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>276411</u>	<u>164562</u>
Fund Balances Carried Forward	14	<u>329424</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>329424</u>	<u>276411</u>

The company had no other realised gains or losses other than those shown above.

The notes on pages 11 to 18 form part of these financial statements

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 1 APRIL 2022

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2022</u>		<u>2021</u>	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Assets	9		148004		103184
Investment	10		1		1
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	11	31363		10387	
Cash at Bank and In Hand		311570		284989	
		<u>342934</u>		<u>295376</u>	
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due in one year	12	161515		122150	
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
			<u>181419</u>		<u>173226</u>
NET ASSETS					
			<u>329424</u>		<u>276411</u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted	13		<u>329424</u>		<u>276411</u>
TOTAL FUNDS					
			<u>329424</u>		<u>276411</u>

The notes on pages 11 to 18 form part of these accounts

For the year ending 1 April 2022 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

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

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

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS 102 SORP.

These financial statements were approved and authorized for issue by the Trustees and Board of Directors on 26/10/2022.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees

B.V. Carter

B.V. CARTER
Chair of Trustees

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST
CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 1 APRIL 2022

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	£	£
Net cash flow from operating activities	74845	115839
Cash flows from investing activities		
Interest received	22	151
Purchase of PPE	(48286)	-
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Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	26581	115990
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year	284989	168999
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Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	<u>311570</u>	<u>284989</u>
Reconciliation of net income and net cash flow from operating activities		
Net income	53013	111849
Adjustments for:		
Interest receivable	(22)	(151)
Depreciation	3464	3313
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	(20975)	5378
Decrease in creditors	39365	(4550)
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Net cash flow from operating activities	<u>74845</u>	<u>115839</u>

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 APRIL 2022

1. Summary of significant accounting policies

General information and basis of preparation

Rochdale Connections Trust is a company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £10 per member of the charity. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 2 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are detailed on page 4 of the financial statements.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

Fund Accounting

General funds are available at the discretion of the directors in furtherance of the general objectives of the company. Restricted funds are funds subject to specific restrictive conditions imposed by funders or by the purpose of the grant.

Incoming Resources

Income is recognized in the accounting period in which it is receivable, except in the following circumstances, when the income is deferred and included in creditors:

- The income relates to a future accounting period
- A sales invoice has been raised ahead of the work being carried out and the Trust is not contractually entitled to the income until the work has been done
- Not all the terms and conditions of the grant have been met, including the incurring of expenditure and the grant conditions are such that unspent grant must be refunded.

Income includes grants in respect of revenue and capital items. Grants for the purchase of fixed assets are credited to restricted incoming resources when receivable, provided that all the conditions for their receipt have been met. When there are continuing restrictions over use of the assets acquired, then the grants are transferred to a separate restricted fund when the asset is acquired and depreciation is charged against this fund over the useful economic life of the assets. If the restrictions are met or lifted before the assets are fully depreciated, then the balance on the related restricted fund is transferred to unrestricted funds.

Funds administered on behalf of third parties, where the charity is merely acting as agent, are not included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Expenditure

Costs are defined as follows:

Charitable Expenditure	The costs of delivering the charitable activities
Other Costs	The costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include fees for external scrutiny of the accounts and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 APRIL 2022

All costs are allocated between expenditure categories of the SOFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of resources. Costs directly relating to a particular activity are allocated directly and other costs (support costs) are allocated on an appropriate basis to reflect the usage of resources.

Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Assets costing less than £500 are not capitalised, but written off to revenue in the year of acquisition.

Depreciation is provided on the cost of tangible fixed assets in order to write off the cost after taking account of scrap values over the expected useful lives as follows:-

Land and Buildings	2% straight line
Fixtures and Fittings	20% straight line
Office Equipment	33% straight line

Debtors and Creditors Receivable/Payable Within One Year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price.

Deferred Income

Deferred income relates to income received but repayable if the resources are not expended.

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 APRIL 2022

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>		
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	£
2. INCOME FROM DONATIONS				
General Donations	6684	-	6684	4832
3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES				
Rochdale MBC	-	12636	12636	47970
Big Lottery	-	-	-	54256
Lloyds TSB	50000	-	50000	7775
CCG/Gaddum	30770	-	30770	18462
Hopwood Hall College	5568	-	5568	29922
Youth Justice Service	-	-	-	30000
Tudor Trust	-	2000	2000	16666
BBC Children in Need	-	77964	77964	13076
Henry Smith Grant	-	30450	30450	55816
Smallwood Trust	-	-	-	25000
Workers Educational Association	-	7960	7960	26902
Action Together	5809	26000	31809	29750
Uber Community Foundation	-	-	-	2000
Greater Manchester Combined Authority	-	51835	51835	61329
Paul Hamlyn Foundation	-	-	-	20000
Cooperative Community Grant	-	-	-	500
Guinness Trust	-	-	-	18000
Community Foundation - Tampax Tax Funding	-	-	-	8500
Forever Manchester	-	-	-	21575
Pennine Care	-	-	-	1890
Kashmir Youth Project	-	-	-	1966
Bauers Radio Station	1785	-	1785	3465
Unlimited Potential	-	-	-	5000
SIBF Youth Endowment Fund	-	28789	28789	30056
Early Break	-	-	-	36400
AB Charitable Trust	-	13500	13500	1500
Garfield Weston Foundation	10000	-	10000	1500
Apprenticeship Grant	-	-	-	1500
Oldham Council	-	450	450	-
Answer Cancer	-	2499	249	-
Digital Inclusion	-	40577	40577	-
Dudley CSC Caring Dads Support	-	500	500	-
Employability Programme	-	3600	3600	-
Home Start	-	420	420	-
Pheonix Group	-	15000	15000	-
Rochdale Community Safety Partnership	-	56668	56668	-
Safelives	-	3000	3000	-
St Cuthberts Student Support	-	8100	810	-
Support Sessions	-	150	150	-
EMR – European Metal Recycling	1000	-	1000	-
NLDC	19920	-	19920	-
NHS Haven	-	8000	8000	-
LA Mentoring	-	7500	7500	-
	<u>124852</u>	<u>397598</u>	<u>522450</u>	<u>570776</u>

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 APRIL 2022

4. INCOME FROM OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	£	£
Fundraising Events	60833	36097
Rental Income	10075	150
Room Hire	554	-
DBS & Report income	-	-
	<u>71462</u>	<u>36247</u>

5. GOVERNMENT GRANTS	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	£	£
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme	-	39846
RMBC Coronavirus Small Business Grant	7938	15000
	<u>7938</u>	<u>54846</u>

	<u>2022</u>			<u>2021</u>
	<u>Charitable</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>	£
	Activities	£	£	£
	£	£	£	£
6. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE				
Direct Costs:-				
Staff Costs	422653	-	422653	387573
Mentoring and Training	10375	-	10375	5911
Professional Fees & Consultancy	3804	-	3804	21328
Insurance	2697	-	2697	1409
Depreciation	3464	-	3464	3313
Activities, Trips and Residentials	23588	-	23588	2707
Covid Food and Activity Parcels	-	-	-	6645
M6 Theatre Company Onward Funding	-	-	-	12644
Support Costs:-				
Accountancy	-	5589	5589	5490
Printing, Stationery and Post	1616	-	1616	2852
Marketing and Publicity	1340	-	1340	-
Telephone and Internet	5034	-	5034	4933
Travel and Accommodation	281	-	281	2796
Repairs, Maintenance and Refurbishment	7745	-	7745	29364
IT Equipment and Support Costs	20645	-	20645	33170
Other Office Costs	46403	-	46403	33366
Bank Charges	-	309	309	333
Mortgage Interest	-	-	-	1169
	<u>549645</u>	<u>5898</u>	<u>555543</u>	<u>555003</u>
Year Ended 1 April 2021	<u>548011</u>	<u>6992</u>		

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 APRIL 2022

7. STAFF COSTS

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	£	£
Staff costs are as follows: -		
Salaries	306435	353155
Social Security Costs	91860	24343
Pension Costs	24358	10075
	422653	387573
	422653	387573

The average number of employees during the year was 19 (2021-17)

No employee earned more than £60,000 per annum.

8. NET EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	£	£
This is stated after charging: -		
Independent Examination and Accountancy	4530	4530
Depreciation of Tangible Fixed Assets	3464	3313
Trustees Expenses	-	-
	4530	4530
	4530	4530

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	<u>Land & Buildings</u>	<u>Fixtures & Fittings</u>	<u>Total</u>
	£	£	£
Cost			
As at 2 April 2020	165633	28049	193682
Additions	-	48284	48284
	165633	76333	241966
As at 1 April 2021	165633	76333	241966
Depreciation			
As at 2 April 2020	62449	28049	90498
Charge for the Year	3312	152	3464
	65761	28201	93962
As at 1 April 2021	65761	28201	93962
Net Book Value			
As at 1 April 2022	99872	48132	148004
As at 1 April 2021	103184	-	103184

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 APRIL 2022

10. INVESTMENT IN SUBSIDIARY UNDERTAKING	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	£	£
Cost of shares in subsidiary	1	1
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The Charity holds 1 Share of £1 in its wholly owned subsidiary company, Rochdale Connections Trusting (Trading) Limited, which is incorporated in England (Company number: 04466194). Rochdale Connections Trust (Trading) Limited is a dormant company and has had no transactions during this or the preceding year, and hence no consolidated accounts are required.

11. DEBTORS	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	£	£
Trade Debtors	30080	54
Prepayments and Accrued Income	1283	10333
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	31363	10387
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12. CREDITORS (falling due within one year)	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	£	£
Accruals & Deferred Income	143820	100693
Social Security and Other Taxes	-	12875
Other Creditors	17695	8582
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	161515	122150
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ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 APRIL 2022

13. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	<u>Balance</u> <u>1 April 2021</u> £	<u>Income</u> £	<u>Expenditure</u> £	<u>Balance</u> <u>1 April 2022</u> £
Unrestricted Funds:				
General Fund	276411	210958	157945	329424
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Restricted Funds:				
RMBC (Rochdale Council)	-	12636	12636	-
Tudor Trust	-	2000	2000	-
BBC Children In Need	-	77964	77964	-
Henry Smith Grant	-	30450	30450	-
Workers Educational Association	-	7960	7960	-
Action Together	-	26000	26000	-
Greater Manchester Combined Community	-	51835	51835	-
SIBF – Youth Endowment Fund	-	28789	28789	-
AB Charitable Trust	-	13500	13500	-
Oldham Council	-	450	450	-
Answer Cancer	-	2499	2499	-
Digital Inclusion	-	40577	40577	-
Dudley CSC Caring Dads Support	-	500	500	-
Employability Programme	-	3600	3600	-
Home Start	-	420	420	-
Pheonix Group	-	15000	15000	-
Rochdale Community Safety Partnership	-	56668	56668	-
Safelives	-	3000	3000	-
ST Cuthberts Student Support	-	8100	8100	-
Support Sessions	-	150	150	-
NHS Haven	-	8000	8000	-
LA Mentoring	-	7500	7500	-
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	-	397598	397598	-
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Total funds	276411			329424

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 APRIL 2022

14. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	<u>Unrestricted</u> £	<u>Restricted</u> £	<u>Total</u> £
Fund balances at 1 April 2022 held by the charity and its subsidiary are represented by:-			
Tangible Fixed Assets	148004	-	148004
Investment in Subsidiary company	1	-	1
Net Current Assets	181419	-	181419
	<u>329424</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>329424</u>

15. TAXATION

The company is a registered charity and is entitled to claim annual exemption from UK corporation Tax under Sections 466 to 493 of the CTA 2010.

16. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

The company had no capital commitments at the year end.

17. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION

The Trustees neither received nor waived any emoluments during the year (2021-£nil).

No expenses were reimbursed to Trustees during the year (2021-£nil).

18. TRANSACTIONS WITH DIRECTORS

There are no transactions with directors in the year which require disclosure in these accounts.

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1074736

Accounts

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 1 APRIL 2021

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ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

Trustees Report

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Financial Statements

Year Ended 1 April 2021

Charity No. 1074736

Company No. 3470182

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 1 APRIL 2021

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ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST
CHAIR'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 APRIL 2021

The predominant factor in this financial year has been, inevitably, the Covid Pandemic. This has dramatically changed the way in which we had to work.

However, we have adapted and changed our ways of working and have also had to adapt them to suit the widely varying needs of our clients and the working styles of the staff.

They are to be congratulated on the way they have adapted and continued to support, not only those who still – probably more than ever – require our support but also each other.

It is common knowledge that the third sector has found life under Covid both strenuous and financially demanding. In the light of this, we appear to have been very lucky. We have met all the targets set by funders and, in return, they have been very generous. They have expressed delight in the work we are undertaking and subsequently, where possible, have re-funded the projects in which they are interested.

We have struggled without the support of our fund raiser who has not been able to work due to long covid and we are currently exploring other ways in which can cope as this is an essential staff post.

The building on Darnhill is now up and running and as well as providing RCT with a useful base from which to work. It has also contributed to our annual income.

We have renovated and restored all of our building on Drake Street which makes the space much more attractive and consequently, we also have organisations wanting to hire some of this space.

All in all, despite the difficulties we have experienced, we can largely reflect on this as a very successful year both financially and in the aims we set out to achieve.

B.V. Carter.

Vivien Carter MBE JP DL
Chair
30 November 2021

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST

COMPANY INFORMATION

YEAR ENDED 1 APRIL 2021

TRUSTEES & DIRECTORS

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Mr J.F. Kay
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Mrs E Nicholls

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ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 APRIL 2021

The directors who are the trustees of the Charity, present their annual report and the consolidated financial statements of the Charity and its subsidiary for the year ended 1 April 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Report by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the Charity.

The Charity is commonly known as Rochdale Connections.

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Trust is a Registered Charity No. 1074736 and was registered in March 1999. It is managed on a day-to-day basis by the Chief Executive Officer, Kathy Thomas.

Governing Document

The Charity is a company limited by guarantee in England and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 24 November 1998 as amended on 26 January 1999. It became registered as a charity with the Charity Commission on 19 March 1999. The directors have the power to admit any person or organisation to membership and also have the power to permit members to retire. The members of the company each agree to contribute a sum not exceeding £10 in the event of the charity being wound up.

Appointment of Directors and Trustees

The directors, who are the trustees, are appointed by the members at a general meeting. At each AGM, one third of the directors retire by rotation, being the longest in office, and are eligible for re-election. Other than a retiring trustee, the only people eligible for election as trustees are those either recommended by the trustees or by a member giving not less than 14 and not more than 35 clear days notice of the intention to propose a person for appointment or re-appointment. Directors must be over the age of 18.

Trustee recruitment, induction and training

Rochdale Connections Trust inducts new trustees according to a Trustee Induction Policy. New and existing trustees are made aware of training which may be delivered.

Organisation

The Board, which must not be less than four members, administers the Charity and meets as necessary. The day-to-day operations of the Charity are the responsibility of the CEO Kathy Thomas, to whom the trustees have delegated authority for operational matters including finance, employment and development, within the overall strategy agreed by the Board.

Risk management

The directors have identified the major risks, both financial and other, facing the company and have taken the appropriate action to mitigate those risks.

Volunteers

Rochdale Connections Trust has a policy on recruiting, training, supporting and retaining volunteers. RCT recruits volunteers from the communities around Rochdale by self referral and through local agencies (CVS etc). Volunteers have to make a written application, attend an interview and undergo a rigorous training programme. All volunteers have an enhanced CRB check before we can match them to a young person or family, and they have to attend regular supervision sessions with the Volunteer Co-ordinator. Up-to-date training is an integral part of their time with us.

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 APRIL 2021

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The charity's objectives are:

"To promote such charitable purposes as the trustees shall in their absolute discretion think fit, in particular to advance the education and training of young persons who are resident in Rochdale and the surrounding area who are ex-offenders or at risk of offending, through the provision of such training facilities as will enable such persons to acquire and develop vocational skills and the provision of facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life of such persons".

Public Benefit

The charity has had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission in respect of public benefit.

ACTIVITIES IN THE PERIOD

Details of activities engaged in during the year are included in the Chair's Report on page 1.

Rochdale Connections (Trading) Limited

The charity has a wholly owned subsidiary, Rochdale Connections Trust (Trading) Limited. The subsidiary company ceased trading on 13 August 2018.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Overview

The company had a surplus on unrestricted funds for the year of £111,849 (2020 - £20,453).

Reserves Policy

In these difficult times, the charity's prime concern is to continue to provide the services covered in its objectives and to have sufficient funds for this. At the year end the company had free reserves of £173,226 (2020 – £58,064). The trustees recognise that the charity is unlikely to be able to build reserves significantly in the near future, and are continuing to monitor the situation.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

Key activities planned for year 21/22

Since the first lockdown for the pandemic in March 2020 we had to change the way we worked. We were very fortunate to be able to tap into funding to provide practice and emotional support to the people we were working with and we started to deliver as much as we could online, through phone calls and, when we could, one to one meetings, keeping to the government guidelines.

For those people who came to prefer attending sessions and training online, we will continue to provide this service and for those people desperate to have face to face contact, we will bring people back into our building as soon as we are able.

Through delivering the Haven project for women who had had their children removed into care, mostly because of domestic abuse, we have become more aware that woman who have experienced domestic abuse but still have their children with them still need ongoing and longer term support. We aim to find some funding to develop this support to embed the learning from the Freedom programme and to continue to support women to increase their confidence, build their resilience and feel that they are worth more.

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 APRIL 2021

We have been successful in applying for another 3 year grant from BBC Children in Need so we are able to continue to deliver small group and one to one support to children who have experienced domestic abuse and we are thrilled to be able to continue this vital work.

We aim to work more in partnership with other local organisations through developing our links with action Together networks and writing joint applications for funding with Early Break.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees (who are also directors of Rochdale Connections Trust for the purpose of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year 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 these 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 2015 (FRS 102)
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable UK 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 operation.

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

CHANGES IN FIXED ASSETS

Movements in fixed assets are shown in note 9 to the accounts.

This report has been prepared having taken advantage of the small companies exemption in the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by The Board and signed on its behalf by: -

B.V. Carter

Director: B V CARTER

Date: 30 November 2021

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 1 April 2021 which are set out on pages 7 to 16.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity 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 company'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 the company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

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.

Michael J Pickup (FCA)
Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

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Chartered Accountants
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Date:- 30 November 2021

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
(including Income and Expenditure Account)
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 1 APRIL 2021

		<u>2021</u>			<u>2020</u>
	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u> £	<u>Restricted Funds</u> £	<u>Total Funds</u> £	£
Income from:					
Donations	2	4832	–	4832	15372
Charitable activities	3	50384	520392	570776	477040
Other Trading activities	4	36247	–	36247	14455
Government Grants	5	54846	–	54846	–
Investments		151	–	151	292
Total Income		<u>146460</u>	<u>520392</u>	<u>666852</u>	<u>507159</u>
Expenditure on: -					
Charitable Activities	6	27619	520392	548011	479101
Other	6	6992	–	6992	7605
Total Expenditure		<u>34611</u>	<u>520392</u>	<u>555003</u>	<u>486706</u>
Net Income/(Expenditure)		111849	–	111849	20453
Reconciliation of Funds:					
Fund Balances Brought Forward		164562	–	164562	144109
Fund Balances Carried Forward	14	<u>276411</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>276411</u>	<u>164562</u>

The company had no other realised gains or losses other than those shown above.

The notes on pages 10 to 16 form part of these financial statements

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 1 APRIL 2021

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
		£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible Assets	9	103184	106497
Investment	10	1	1
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	11	10387	15765
Cash at Bank and In Hand		284989	168999
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		295376	184764
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due in one year	12	122150	126700
		<hr/>	<hr/>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		173226	58064
NET ASSETS		<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>
		276411	164562
FUNDS			
Unrestricted	13	276411	164562
		<hr/>	<hr/>
TOTAL FUNDS		<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>
		276411	164562

The notes on pages 10 to 16 form part of these accounts

For the year ending 1 April 2021 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

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

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

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS 102 SORP.

These financial statements were approved and authorized for issue by the Trustees and Board of Directors on 30 November 2021.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees

B.V. Carter
B.V. CARTER
Chair of Trustees

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST
CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 1 APRIL 2021

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
	£	£
Net cash flow from operating activities	115839	9621
Cash flows from investing activities		
Interest received	151	292
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	115990	9913
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year	168999	159086
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	<u>284989</u>	<u>168999</u>
Reconciliation of net income and net cash flow from operating activities		
Net income	111849	20453
Adjustments for:		
Interest receivable	(151)	(292)
Depreciation	3313	3313
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	5378	(3029)
Decrease in creditors	(4550)	(10824)
Net cash flow from operating activities	<u>115839</u>	<u>9621</u>

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 APRIL 2021

1. Summary of significant accounting policies

General information and basis of preparation

Rochdale Connections Trust is a company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £10 per member of the charity. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 2 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are detailed on page 4 of the financial statements.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

Fund Accounting

General funds are available at the discretion of the directors in furtherance of the general objectives of the company. Restricted funds are funds subject to specific restrictive conditions imposed by funders or by the purpose of the grant.

Incoming Resources

Income is recognized in the accounting period in which it is receivable, except in the following circumstances, when the income is deferred and included in creditors:

- The income relates to a future accounting period
- A sales invoice has been raised ahead of the work being carried out and the Trust is not contractually entitled to the income until the work has been done
- Not all the terms and conditions of the grant have been met, including the incurring of expenditure and the grant conditions are such that unspent grant must be refunded.

Income includes grants in respect of revenue and capital items. Grants for the purchase of fixed assets are credited to restricted incoming resources when receivable, provided that all the conditions for their receipt have been met. When there are continuing restrictions over use of the assets acquired, then the grants are transferred to a separate restricted fund when the asset is acquired and depreciation is charged against this fund over the useful economic life of the assets. If the restrictions are met or lifted before the assets are fully depreciated, then the balance on the related restricted fund is transferred to unrestricted funds.

Funds administered on behalf of third parties, where the charity is merely acting as agent, are not included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Expenditure

Costs are defined as follows:

Charitable Expenditure	The costs of delivering the charitable activities
Other Costs	The costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include fees for external scrutiny of the accounts and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 APRIL 2021

All costs are allocated between expenditure categories of the SOFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of resources. Costs directly relating to a particular activity are allocated directly and other costs (support costs) are allocated on an appropriate basis to reflect the usage of resources.

Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Assets costing less than £500 are not capitalised, but written off to revenue in the year of acquisition.

Depreciation is provided on the cost of tangible fixed assets in order to write off the cost after taking account of scrap values over the expected useful lives as follows:-

Land and Buildings	2% straight line
Fixtures and Fittings	20% straight line
Office Equipment	33% straight line

Debtors and Creditors Receivable/Payable Within One Year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price.

Deferred Income

Deferred income relates to income received but repayable if the resources are not expended.

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 APRIL 2021

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2021</u>		<u>2020</u>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	£
2. INCOME FROM DONATIONS				
General Donations	4832	–	4832	15372
3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES				
Rochdale MBC	–	47970	47970	38983
Big Lottery	–	54256	54256	123962
Lloyds TSB	–	7775	7775	39744
CCG/Gaddum	18462	–	18462	24616
Hopwood Hall College	29922	–	29922	52320
Youth Justice Service	–	30000	30000	–
Awards for All	–	–	–	15200
Tudor Trust	–	16666	16666	8334
BBC Children in Need	–	13076	13076	87432
Henry Smith Grant	–	55816	55816	21484
Church Urban Fund	–	–	–	940
Smallwood Trust	–	25000	25000	–
Workers Educational Association	–	26902	26902	4988
Action Together	–	29750	29750	1000
Uber Community Foundation	2000	–	2000	500
Home Office – Building a Stronger Britain	–	–	–	30120
Greater Manchester Combined Authority	–	61329	61329	–
Paul Hamlyn Foundation	–	20000	20000	20350
Cooperative Community Grant	–	500	500	3267
Guinness Trust	–	18000	18000	–
Big Life Seed Fund	–	–	–	2000
Community Foundation - Tampax Tax Funding	–	8500	8500	300
Forever Manchester	–	21575	21575	–
Pennine Care	–	1890	1890	–
Kashmir Youth Project	–	1966	1966	–
Bauers Radio Station	–	3465	3465	–
Unlimited Potential	–	5000	5000	–
SIBF Youth Endowment Fund	–	30056	30056	–
Early Break	–	36400	36400	–
AB Charitable Trust	–	1500	1500	–
Garfield Weston Foundation	–	1500	1500	–
Apprenticeship Grant	–	1500	1500	1500
	50384	520392	570776	477040
4. INCOME FROM OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES			<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
			£	£
Fundraising Events			–	2412
Rental Income			26667	–
Room Hire			150	11993
Counselling			9430	50
			36247	14455

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 APRIL 2021

5. GOVERNMENT GRANTS	<u>2021</u> £	<u>2020</u> £
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme	39846	-
RMBC Coronavirus Small Business Grant	15000	-
	54846	-

	<u>2021</u>			<u>2020</u>
	<u>Charitable Activities</u> £	<u>Other</u> £	<u>Total</u> £	£
6. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE				
Direct Costs:-				
Staff Costs	387573	-	387573	323886
Mentoring and Training	5911	-	5911	4631
Professional Fees & Consultancy	21328	-	21328	10479
Insurance	1409	-	1409	750
Depreciation	3313	-	3313	3313
Activities, Trips and Residentials	2707	-	2707	4403
Covid Food and Activity Parcels	6645	-	6645	-
Donations	-	-	-	380
M6 Theatre Company Onward Funding	12644	-	12644	51514
Support Costs:-				
Accountancy	-	5490	5490	4950
Printing, Stationery and Post	2852	-	2852	2879
Marketing and Publicity	-	-	-	1588
Telephone and Internet	4933	-	4933	4949
Travel and Accommodation	2796	-	2796	11050
Repairs, Maintenance and Refurbishment	29364	-	29364	29216
IT Equipment and Support Costs	33170	-	33170	7270
Other Office Costs	33366	-	33366	22793
Bank Charges	-	333	333	327
Mortgage Interest	-	1169	1169	2328
	548011	6992	555003	486706
Year Ended 1 April 2020	479101	7605		

STAFF COSTS	<u>2021</u> £	<u>2020</u> £
Staff costs are as follows: -		
Salaries	353155	295574
Social Security Costs	24343	20395
Pension Costs	10075	7917
	387573	323886

The average number of employees during the year was 17 (2020-16)

No employee earned more than £60,000 per annum.

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 APRIL 2021

8. NET EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
	£	£
This is stated after charging: -		
Independent Examination and Accountancy	4530	4470
Depreciation of Tangible Fixed Assets	3313	3313
Trustees Expenses	-	30
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	<u>Land & Buildings</u>	<u>Fixtures & Fittings</u>	<u>Total</u>
	£	£	£
Cost			
As at 2 April 2020 and 1 April 2021	<u>165633</u>	<u>28049</u>	<u>193682</u>
Depreciation			
As at 2 April 2020	59136	28049	87185
Charge for the Year	<u>3313</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3313</u>
As at 1 April 2021	<u>62449</u>	<u>28049</u>	<u>90498</u>
Net Book Value			
As at 1 April 2021	<u>103184</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>103184</u>
As at 1 April 2020	<u>106497</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>106497</u>

10. INVESTMENT IN SUBSIDIARY UNDERTAKING

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
	£	£
Cost of shares in subsidiary	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

The Charity holds 1 Share of £1 in its wholly owned subsidiary company, Rochdale Connections Trusting (Trading) Limited, which is incorporated in England (Company number: 04466194). Rochdale Connections Trust (Trading) Limited is a dormant company and has had no transactions during this or the preceding year, and hence no consolidated accounts are required.

11. DEBTORS

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
	£	£
Other Debtors	54	135
Prepayments and Accrued Income	<u>10333</u>	<u>15630</u>
	<u>10387</u>	<u>15765</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 APRIL 2021

12. CREDITORS (falling due within one year)

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
	£	£
Mortgage due in one year	–	54995
Accruals & Deferred Income	100693	64657
Social Security and Other Taxes	12875	6450
Other Creditors	8582	598
	<u>122150</u>	<u>126700</u>

13. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	<u>Balance</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Balance</u>
	<u>1 April 2020</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>1 April 2021</u>
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds:				
General Fund	164562	146460	34611	276411
	<u>164562</u>	<u>146460</u>	<u>34611</u>	<u>276411</u>
Restricted Funds:				
RMBC (Rochdale Council)	–	47970	47970	–
Big Lottery	–	54256	54256	–
Lloyds TSB	–	7775	7775	–
Youth Justice Service	–	30000	30000	–
Tudor Trust	–	16666	16666	–
BBC Children In Need	–	13076	13076	–
Henry Smith Grant	–	55816	55816	–
Smallwood Trust	–	25000	25000	–
Workers Educational Association	–	26902	26902	–
Action Together	–	29750	29750	–
Greater Manchester Combined Community	–	61329	61329	–
Paul Hamlyn Foundation	–	20000	20000	–
Guinness Trust	–	18000	18000	–
Community Foundation – Tampax Tax Funding	–	8500	8500	–
Forever Manchester	–	21575	21575	–
Pennine Care	–	1890	1890	–
Kasmir Youth Project	–	1966	1966	–
Co-op	–	500	500	–
Bauers Radio Station	–	3465	3465	–
Unlimited Potential	–	5000	5000	–
SIBF – Youth Endowment Fund	–	30056	30056	–
Early Break	–	36400	36400	–
AB Charitable Trust	–	1500	1500	–
Garfield Weston Foundation	–	1500	1500	–
Apprenticeship Grant	–	1500	1500	–
	<u>–</u>	<u>520392</u>	<u>520392</u>	<u>–</u>
Total Funds	<u>164562</u>			<u>276411</u>

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 APRIL 2021

14. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	<u>Unrestricted</u> £	<u>Restricted</u> £	<u>Total</u> £
Fund balances at 1 April 2021 held by the charity and its subsidiary are represented by:-			
Tangible Fixed Assets	103184	–	103184
Investment in Subsidiary company	1	–	1
Net Current Assets	173226	–	173226
	<u>276411</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>276411</u>

15. TAXATION

The company is a registered charity and is entitled to claim annual exemption from UK corporation Tax under Sections 466 to 493 of the CTA 2010.

16. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

The company had no capital commitments at the year end.

17. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION

The Trustees neither received nor waived any emoluments during the year (2020-£nil).

No expenses were reimbursed to Trustees during the year (2020-£30).

18. TRANSACTIONS WITH DIRECTORS

There are no transactions with directors in the year which require disclosure in these accounts.