

**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 Hockenhull  
Mr A Javid (Appointed 19 March 2024)  
Mr D Broome (Appointed 19 March 2024)

**COMPANY SECRETARY**

Mr J.F. Kay

**REGISTERED OFFICE**

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**ACCOUNTANTS**

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**BANKERS**

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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.

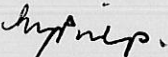
**Independent examiner's statement**

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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Chartered Accountants  
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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**

		<u>2024</u>			<u>2023</u>
	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> £	£
<b>Income from:</b>					
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
<b>Total Income</b>		<u>192,286</u>	<u>602,975</u>	<u>795,261</u>	<u>755,815</u>
 <b>Expenditure on: -</b>					
Charitable Activities	6	248,575	602,975	851,550	749,599
Other	6	3,035	-	3,035	4,854
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<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
 <b>Reconciliation of Funds:</b>					
Fund Balances Brought Forward		<u>330,786</u>	-	<u>330,786</u>	<u>329,424</u>
Fund Balances Carried Forward	14	<u>271,462</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>
		£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible Assets	9	148,348	151,991
Investments	10	1	1
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	11	11,531	47,934
Cash at Bank and In Hand		186,851	231,984
		<u>198,382</u>	<u>279,918</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amount falling due in one year	12	<u>75,269</u>	<u>101,124</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>123,113</u>	<u>178,794</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>271,462</u>	<u>330,786</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>			
Unrestricted	13	<u>271,462</u>	<u>330,786</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<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
	£	£
<b>Net cash flow from operating activities</b>	(30,073)	(71,332)
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Interest received	1,529	8
Purchase of PPE	<u>(16,589)</u>	<u>(8,263)</u>
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>	(45,133)	(79,587)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year</b>	<u>231,984</u>	<u>311,571</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>	<u><u>186,851</u></u>	<u><u>231,984</u></u>
<b>Reconciliation of net income and net cash flow from operating activities</b>		
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>
<b>Net cash flow from operating activities</b>	<u><u>(30,073)</u></u>	<u><u>(71,332)</u></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**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 APRIL 2024**

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 2024**

**2. INCOME FROM DONATIONS**

	<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>
	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u>
	£	£	£
General Donations	4,729	-	4,729
	<u>4,729</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,729</u>

**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>



**ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST**

**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
	<u>68,795</u>	<u>83,398</u>

**5. GOVERNMENT GRANTS**

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

**6. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE**

	<u>Charitable</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>2023</u>
	<u>Activities</u>	<u>Other</u>		
	£	£	£	£
<b>Direct Costs:-</b>				
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
<b>Support Costs:-</b>				
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
	<u>851,550</u>	<u>3,035</u>	<u>854,585</u>	<u>754,453</u>

**7. STAFF COSTS**

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

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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**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
	£	£	£	£
<b>Cost</b>				
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>
<b>Depreciation</b>				
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>
<b>Net Book Value</b>				
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>



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**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
	<u>75,269</u>	<u>101,124</u>

**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>
	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted Funds:</b>				
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>
	£	£	£	£
<b>Restricted Funds</b>				
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)	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>602,975</u>	<u>(602,975)</u>	<u>-</u>

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**14.ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS**

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>£</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>£</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>£</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	<u>148,349</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>148,349</u>

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**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.