

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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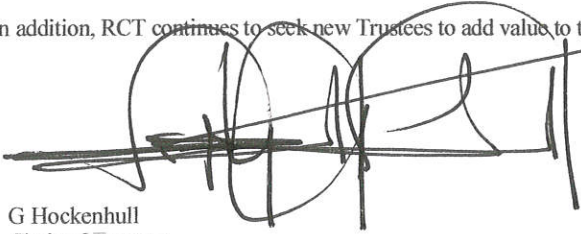
CHAIR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

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 Hockenhull, 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 Hockenhull
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.

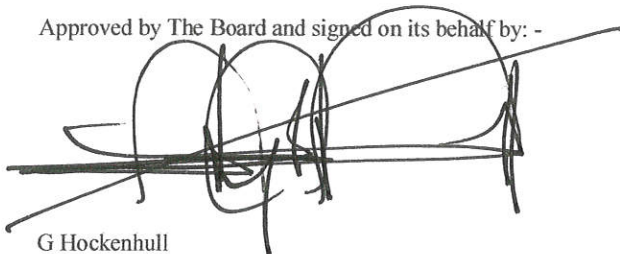
The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets 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', written over a horizontal line.

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

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
(including Income and Expenditure Account)

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 1 APRIL 2025

		<u>2025</u>		<u>2024</u>
	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> £
Income from:				
Donations	2	3,391	-	3,391
Charitable activities	3	96,118	456,198	552,316
Other Trading activities	4	60,374	-	60,374
Investments		1,828	-	1,828
Total Income		<u>161,711</u>	<u>456,198</u>	<u>617,909</u>
 Expenditure on: -				
Charitable Activities	5	211,398	456,198	667,597
Other	5	3,848	-	3,848
Total Expenditure		<u>215,246</u>	<u>456,198</u>	<u>671,445</u>
 Net (Expenditure)/ Income		(53,535)	-	(53,535)
 Reconciliation of Funds:				
Fund Balances Brought Forward		<u>271,462</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>271,462</u>
Fund Balances Carried Forward	12	<u>217,927</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>217,927</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. Hockenhull
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	<u>186,851</u>	<u>231,984</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	<u><u>98,212</u></u>	<u><u>186,851</u></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><u>(85,091)</u></u>	<u><u>(30,073)</u></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.

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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.

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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
	<u>3,391</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,391</u>
			<u>4,729</u>

3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

Darnhill 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 – Darnhill 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
Darnhill 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>

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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
	<u>60,374</u>	<u>68,795</u>

5. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE

	<u>Charitable</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>2024</u>
	<u>Activities</u>	<u>Other</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
	<u>667,597</u>	<u>3,848</u>	<u>671,445</u>	<u>854,585</u>

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
	<u>533,121</u>	<u>612,863</u>

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

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

ROCHDALE CONNECTIONS TRUST

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 APRIL 2025

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	<u>-</u>	<u>5,376</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
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	<u>332</u>	<u>3,313</u>	<u>16,919</u>	<u>20,564</u>
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	<u>4,968</u>	<u>11,531</u>
	<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
	<u>72,302</u>	<u>75,269</u>

12.STATEMENT OF FUNDS

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

	<u>Balance</u> <u>1 April 2024</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Balance</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)	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>456,198</u>	<u>(456,198)</u>	<u>-</u>

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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.