

WOOD STREET MISSION
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

TRUSTEES REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

COMPANY NUMBER: 03849322

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1078337

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TRUSTEES AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The Trustees of the charitable company present the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024. The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST

The Charity was founded in 1869. The aim of the Charity is to provide services to the community with a particular emphasis on mitigating the effects of poverty and deprivation on children, young people and their families in Manchester and Salford.

Our vision is a world where no child in Manchester or Salford is living in poverty.

Our mission is to offer practical help to alleviate the effect of poverty on Manchester and Salford families.

We will do this through the following strategic objectives:

- Increase our impact in the delivery of frontline services.
- Use our assets and resources to develop a sustainable organisation responsive to the needs of local families.
- Develop our work to improve the life chances of children in Manchester and Salford and break the cycle of poverty.
- Modernise our services and ways of working so they are in line with best practice.
- Increase our profile in order to generate funds, attract supporters and build relationships.

In planning and delivering our services and activities, the Trustees and management of Wood Street Mission confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance by the Charity Commission in delivering the activities undertaken by the Charity.

Wood Street Mission's charitable objective is the relief of persons who are in need hardship or distress and without in any way limiting the generality of the foregoing in particular those persons resident in the former administrative areas of Manchester and Salford.

Wood Street Mission's activities as described in this report are considered to meet the public benefit requirement as specified in the Charities Act 2011.

RESULTS

The results for the year and their impact on the Charity's funds are set out in detail on page 8. The net movement on funds was a deficit of £93,848 (2023: deficit of £11,237). As at 31 December 2024, the Charity had total funds of £2,230,806 (2023: £2,324,654) including cash of £83,280 (2023: £90,730).

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

As a long-established children's charity started by local businessman Alfred Alsop in 1869, Wood Street Mission provides practical support to families living in the cities of Manchester and Salford, helping to alleviate the day-to-day impact of poverty, whilst working to improve the life chances of local children.

Some 155 years after its inception, Wood Street Mission continues to deal with the negative effects which struggling families endure on a daily basis. Through the projects that the charity delivers, the aim is to break the cycle of child poverty, which exists throughout the two cities.

Families receiving assistance from Wood Street Mission are, in the first instance, referred by professionals, who are aware of each family's circumstances. These include Health Visitors, Community Health Care, Social Workers, Housing Officers, Teachers and Educational Support Workers.

Once the initial referral has been received, families may then access the charities services for a 12 month period, after which those families which are still deemed to be in need of help, must once again be re-referred by a professional/support worker, in order to receive additional ongoing support.

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The five projects delivered by the charity in 2024 were as follows:

Family Basics

This project distributed children's clothing, underwear, bedding, toiletries and toys to 2,545 children. 424 items of nursery equipment (including cots, prams, safety gates etc) were also distributed, together with refurbished laptops which enable children to access and complete their homework.

In addition, two Family Basics Outreach services have now been established in Little Hulton (Salford) and in Wythenshawe (Manchester). These were set up in order to help those families wishing to access our services, who reside in these two areas, both of which would mean a 20-mile round trip ordinarily, if accessing this service from our base in Manchester City Centre.

Smart Start

The provision of new school uniform, together with school accessories and new school coats, again provided much needed support in assisting and encouraging children to not only access education but also to encourage them to participate fully in the learning process, once they are in the school environment.

2,170 children received new school uniform packages. The project now runs throughout the year as opposed to just through the summer months as it once did. Thus, recognising that the demand for school uniform is an all-year-round requirement.

Books Forever

This project once again proved to be extremely popular. Book Roadshows were delivered to ten schools, distributing 15,285 books in total (the majority of which were new).

The purpose of this project is to enable as many children as is possible to have access to their own books, which they themselves have chosen, in order to improve literacy rates throughout the cities of Manchester and Salford.

Childhood Experiences

Working with a variety of community and youth groups, 11 Childhood Experiences were delivered in 2024. The aim of this project is to enable children to experience something which may be new to them or participate in an activity or experience, which they may not ordinarily be able to access.

The "experiences" sponsored by supporters, enabled 278 children to take part, in experiencing theatre productions, skateboarding, padel tennis, trips to an outdoor adventure park and a music project run in conjunction with Chetham's School of Music. Thereby broadening horizons and creating happy childhood memories.

Christmas

Another successful Christmas project took place in 2024 which meant that the charity was able to distribute new toys and gifts to 1,182 families and some 3,024 children in total. This project has run throughout the history of the charity and encourages parents/carers to choose the toys and gifts they wish to give to their children, with each child receiving a minimum of three toys/gifts, together with selection boxes and wrapping paper. In all, well over 11,500 toys were distributed.

As with all the projects that Wood Street Mission delivers, toys and gifts are free at the point of delivery. Wood Street Mission makes no charge for any of the services which are delivered to families being supported by the charity.

In addition to the staff team and the small team of regular volunteers, a further 240 volunteers from a range of companies assisted throughout the 13 days of distribution. The response from donors was once again, incredible. The quality and quantity of the donations astonishing, with so many acts of generosity.

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FUTURE PLANS

The intention of the charity is to increase the impact it has on alleviating the effects of child poverty by continuing to focus on those "harder to reach" families and to continue to work more collaboratively with other organisations and agencies, in order that we may, ultimately break the cycle of child poverty.

In the cities of Manchester and Salford, there are an estimated 85,000 children deemed to be living in poverty.

In 2023 we launched our second Family Basics outreach facility in the Wythenshawe area of Manchester. This follows the launch of our first outreach facility in Little Hulton, Salford in 2022. Through these facilities we are seeking to expand the scope of our work and become more embedded within the communities we serve.

Given the Little Hulton outreach is now firmly established and with improving attendances at our Wythenshawe operation, the aim in future years is to further expand our work in the heart of other communities in a similar manner.

Of course, for Wood Street Mission to further enhance the services the charity provides, this will involve additional resources. Together with other organisations within the voluntary sector, we face some very real fundraising challenges, to provide the most effective levels of service in support of vulnerable families.

Wood Street Mission remains determined to adapt to the ever-changing needs of those children and families who struggle the most in our society and will continue to provide support by improving the life chances of local children.

STAFF/VOLUNTEERS/SUPPORTERS

All concerned once again worked incredibly hard for the charity in 2024.

Wood Street Mission is, therefore, immensely grateful to all its supporters and donors who yet again proved to be so generous whether with their time, gifts in kind or with financial contributions. Whether these came via, individuals, corporate supporters, churches, schools, community organisations or trusts. Wood Street Mission would simply not have been able to help so many local children without this incredible level of support. We would like to express our sincere thanks to all concerned.

2,140 volunteer hours were donated to the charity in 2024, with the majority of those hours being associated with the Christmas project, with 260 volunteers in attendance over 13 days of distribution. Over the year, these donated hours, brought in an estimated value to the organisation of £25,680. Many thanks to all who contributed.

During the year, the staff team worked tirelessly to provide struggling families with as much support as possible, as the cost-of-living crisis continued. The Trustees would once again like to thank all the members of the team for their dedication and commitment.

In conclusion, Wood Street Mission staff, volunteers and Trustees remain committed to working to improve the life chances of local children in alleviating the effects of child poverty, throughout the cities of Manchester and Salford.

INVESTMENT POLICY AND RETURNS

Surplus resources are invested until they are required for charitable purposes, having taken into account immediate requirements by reference to the Charity's performance and projected cashflow for the next six months. The Charity has adopted a total return policy for its investment income. The Trustees regularly review the Charity's investments in consultation with the Investment Managers within an investment objective and agreed risk profile.

KEY RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Board has established policies and systems to mitigate risks, which are reviewed each year to ensure they still meet the needs of the Charity.

The principle risks of the Charity are:

- Reputational risk
- The risk of safeguarding incidents
- Investment risk including liquidity and performance

POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS AND GOING CONCERN

The Trustees have reviewed the likely demands which will be placed on the Charity in 2025 and beyond and have reasonable expectation it has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

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RESERVES POLICY

The Charity has substantial reserves of £2,230,806 (2023: £2,324,654), but not all are directly available to spend on its charitable activities. They include:

- Reserves tied up in buildings, other fixed assets and working capital.
- Investment revaluation surpluses.
- Restricted reserves which are only available for the purposes they were donated.
- Accumulated depreciation on fixed assets which is retained as a sinking fund for replacements.
- Six months' operating costs of the Charity.

Excluding these reserves, the Trustees regard all remaining reserves available to spend on charitable activities. At 31 December 2024 this amounted to approximately £Nil (2023: £50,000).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

STATUS OF CHARITY

The Charity is a registered Charity and is incorporated under the Companies Act as a company limited by guarantee. The guarantee of each member is limited to £10 per Trustee, who are the same people as the voting members of the charitable company and is payable in the event of the Charity being wound up and being unable to meet its debts and liabilities. Wood Street Mission is overseen by a Board of Trustees, which meets approximately eight times a year to supervise the operational activities undertaken by the office staff. One third of the Board retire each year and are eligible for reappointment at the Charity's General Meeting.

DIRECTORS

The Directors, who are also the Trustees, who served during the year are listed on page 1. The day to day running and operation of Wood Street Mission is delegated to the Chief Executive. Trustee meetings are held at least every three months at which Trustees approve items that are their sole responsibility, for example approving annual budgets and the Trustees Annual Report and Accounts.

INDUCTION AND TRAINING OF TRUSTEES

New Trustees are introduced to the Charity, usually by existing Trustees, and given a full background to the Charity's history and current work with families in Manchester and Salford. The Chief Executive and other members of staff provide a tour of the facilities and, together with the information on the website, new Trustees have a good grounding in the Charity's activities.

All Trustees are encouraged to attend appropriate external training events where these will facilitate the undertaking of their role.

SUB COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

There are three subcommittees of the Board, these being the Finance Committee, the Investment Committee and the Remuneration Committee. During the financial year to 31 December 2024 these committees had the following members:

Finance Committee	Mr R T Race BSc Hons Chartered FCSI ASIP Mr M N G Evans MBE BSc FCA Mr C A Hadfield FRICS Mrs E Willder FCMA CGMA
Investment Committee	Mr M N G Evans MBE BSc FCA Mr C A Hadfield FRICS Mrs E Willder FCMA CGMA
Remuneration Committee	Mrs N D Guy Mrs E Willder FCMA CGMA Dr K Parkinson

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STAFF PAY AND REMUNERATION

Remuneration of the key management personnel is agreed by the Board based on recommendations of the Remuneration Committee.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees (who are also the directors of Wood Street Mission for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

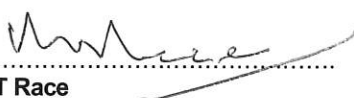
Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the profit and loss of the charitable company for the year. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements 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 Charity will continue in business.

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

The Trustees of a Charity must, in determining how amounts are presented within items in the profit and loss account and Charity balance sheet, have regard to the substance of the reported transaction or arrangement, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and practice.

By order of the Board


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R T Race
Chairman

16 July 2025

WOOD STREET MISSION

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES ON THE UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS OF WOOD STREET MISSION

We report on the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2024 set out on pages 8 to 20.

This report is made solely to the company's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's Trustees those matters that we are required to state to them in an Independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's Trustees as a body, for our work or this report.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006. The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act') and that an independent examination is needed. We are qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

Having satisfied ourselves that the Charity is not subject to audit under part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and is eligible for independent examination, it is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.


BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' STATEMENT

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

- (1) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - accounting records have not been kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006;
 - the accounts do not accord with such records;
 - where accounts are prepared on an accruals basis, whether they fail to comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006, or are not consistent with the Charities SORP (FRS 102)
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- (2) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.


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Independent Examiners and Chartered Accountants
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16 July 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024 (INCORPORATING THE INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

		Year ended 31 December 2024			Year ended 31 December 2023		
		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Income and endowments from:							
Donations, gifts & legacies	3	371,215	379,884	751,099	484,542	274,420	758,962
Investments	4	32,373	-	32,373	32,150	-	32,150
Other Income		923	-	923	1,025	-	1,025
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Total Income and endowments		404,511	379,884	784,395	517,717	274,420	792,137
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Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	5	482,575	421,183	903,758	595,725	302,357	898,082
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Net expenditure before other recognised gains		(78,064)	(41,299)	(119,363)	(78,008)	(27,937)	(105,945)
Other recognised gains:							
Net gains on investments	9	25,515	-	25,515	94,708	-	94,708
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Net movement on funds		(52,549)	(41,299)	(93,848)	16,700	(27,937)	(11,237)
Reconciliation of funds							
Total funds brought forward		2,170,224	154,430	2,324,654	2,153,524	182,367	2,335,891
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Total funds carried forward	14	2,117,675	113,131	2,230,806	2,170,224	154,430	2,324,654
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The above all relate to continuing operations.

There are no other recognised gains or losses other than those noted above and therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been prepared.

The notes on pages 11 to 20 form part of the financial statements.

WOOD STREET MISSION**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024**

COMPANY NUMBER: 03849322

	Note	31 December 2024 £	31 December 2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	8	1,013,191	1,046,580
Investment – securities	9	1,100,899	1,125,384
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		2,114,090	2,171,964
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Current assets			
Debtors	10	54,695	75,879
Cash at bank and in hand	11	83,280	90,730
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		137,975	166,609
Current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(21,259)	(13,919)
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Net current assets		116,716	152,690
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Net assets		2,230,806	2,324,654
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The funds of the Charity			
Unrestricted funds		1,915,175	1,961,724
Revaluation reserve		202,500	208,500
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Unrestricted funds	14b	2,117,675	2,170,224
Restricted funds	14c	113,131	154,430
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Total Charity funds at 31 December 2024	14	2,230,806	2,324,654
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The Trustees consider that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to have an audit under the provisions of section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 ("the Act") and members have not required the company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements on pages 8 to 20 were approved by the Board of Trustees on 16 July 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



R T Race



M N G Evans

The notes on pages 11 to 20 form part of the financial statements.

WOOD STREET MISSION**CASHFLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

COMPANY NUMBER: 03849322

	Note	31 December 2024 £	31 December 2023 £
Cashflows from operating activities			
Net expenditure for the year		(93,848)	(11,237)
Depreciation		33,389	38,072
(Gains)/losses on investments		(25,515)	(94,708)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors		21,184	(19,059)
Increase in creditors		7,340	3,219
Net cash used from operating activities		(57,450)	(83,711)
Cashflows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		-	(1,041)
Proceeds on sale of investments		50,000	-
Net cash generated/(used) in investing activities		50,000	(1,043)
Decrease in cash and cash equivalents in the year		(7,450)	(84,754)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		90,730	175,484
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	11	83,280	90,730

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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) (effective 1 January 2019) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Wood Street Mission meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

Company status

The Charity is limited by guarantee and incorporated in England and Wales, registered number 03849322. The address of its registered office is Wood Street Mission, 26 Wood Street, Off Deansgate, Manchester, M3 3EF.

In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £10 per Trustee who are the same people as the voting members of the charitable company.

Going concern

The Trustees have reviewed the likely demands which will be placed on the Charity and have reasonable expectation it has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention as modified to include the revaluation of land and buildings and investments.

Basis of accounting for income and expenditure

All incoming and outgoing resources are accounted for in the Statement of Financial Activities and include:

Incoming resources

(a) Investment income

Investment income is accounted for when receivable.

(b) Legacies and donations

Legacies and donations are accounted for when received by the Charity.

(c) Gifts in kind

Gifts in kind are included as an incoming resource in the Statement of Financial Activities at market value, except where it is difficult to ascribe a value to the benefit received by the Charity.

(d) Grants

Grants of a revenue nature are recognised in the statement of financial activities in the same period as the related expenditure.

Resources expended – costs

Charitable expenditure

Charitable expenditure includes all expenditure directly related to the objectives of the Charity. Where expenditure is incurred on several activities, it is apportioned based on the percentage of that resource utilised. Management and Administration costs represent expenditure incurred in the management of the Charity's assets and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements and are apportioned to charitable expenditure.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (*continued*)

Taxation

The Charity has been granted exemption by the Commissioners of the Inland Revenue from taxation on its charitable activities under the provisions of Section 505 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988. Irrecoverable value added tax is included in the cost of the item to which it relates.

Depreciation

All tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or valuation less depreciation. Depreciation is provided using the following rates which reflect the anticipated useful lives of the assets after allowing for estimated residual values:

Buildings	2% straight line
Furniture fixtures and fittings	10%-20% straight line/reducing balance
Computer equipment	25%-33⅓% straight line
Motor vehicles	33⅓% straight line

Investment securities

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently restated at market value. Realised and unrealised gains and losses are shown separately in the heading 'net gains/losses on investment' in the Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating the income and expenditure account).

The Charity invests in a pooled fund and therefore there are no fees directly attributable to the Charity. The annual management charge is 0.60% with the total ongoing charges figure 0.89%.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Financial instruments

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Funds

(a) Restricted

Represents funds where the use has been restricted by the donor or by the terms of an appeal.

(b) Unrestricted

Represents the general fund of the Charity which receives all other income and to which Direct Charitable Expenditure not covered by Restricted funds is charged together with Indirect Expenditure.

Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability.

Pensions

The Charity operates a defined contributions pension scheme. The scheme and its assets are held by independent managers. The pension charge represents contributions due from the Charity in the year.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

2. JUDGEMENTS IN APPLYING ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

Preparation of the financial statements requires management to make significant judgements and estimates. The items in the financial statements where their judgements and estimates have been made include:

Tangible fixed assets

The management of the Charity exercises judgement in estimating the useful economic life of the freehold property, fixtures and fittings, computer equipment and motor vehicles. The net book value of these assets is disclosed in note 8.

Accruals

Accruals are entered in the financial statements based on management expectations, taking into account various business and economic factors relevant to each individual item. The total value of accruals is disclosed in note 12.

3. INCOME FROM DONATIONS, GIFTS & LEGACIES

	Restricted (2024) £	Unrestricted (2024) £	Total Funds (2024) £	Restricted (2023) £	Unrestricted (2023) £	Total Funds (2023) £
Grants, donations and gifts	221,216	360,584	581,800	186,242	478,600	664,842
Legacies	-	10,631	10,631	-	5,942	5,942
Gifts in kind	158,668	-	158,668	88,178	-	88,178
	<u>379,884</u>	<u>371,215</u>	<u>751,099</u>	<u>274,420</u>	<u>484,542</u>	<u>758,962</u>

During the year, the Charity received donations in kind to the value of £158,668 (2023: £88,178) in the form of Christmas gifts, school stationery, coats and bedding. They were distributed to families as required throughout the year.

Similarly, during the year, donations of clothing, bedding, toys and food were received for distribution to families. However, without considerable time and expense it is not practicable to quantify the value attributable to them.

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Year ended 31 December 2024 £	Year ended 31 December 2023 £
Dividends received	31,167	30,895
Interest receivable	1,206	1,255
	<u>32,373</u>	<u>32,150</u>

All investment income in both years is unrestricted.

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5. RESOURCES EXPENDED

(a) Resources expended in 2024

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Charitable activities			
Family Basics	190,699	158,428	349,127
Smart Start (school uniform)	96,242	80,749	176,991
Christmas Appeal	-	118,528	118,528
Books for Ever	24,047	45,793	69,840
Other activities	15,425	17,685	33,110
Fund raising	156,162	-	156,162
Total resources expended 2024	482,575	421,183	903,758

(b) Resources expended in 2023

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Charitable activities			
Family Basics	256,229	35,594	291,823
Smart Start (school uniform)	97,051	99,993	197,044
Christmas Appeal	-	108,869	108,869
Books for Ever	48,167	51,129	99,296
Other activities	14,082	6,772	20,854
Fund raising	180,196	-	180,196
Total resources expended 2023	595,725	302,357	898,082

(c) Resources expended by type in 2024

	Family Basics £	Smart Start (school uniform) £	Christmas Appeal £	Books for Ever £	Other Activities £	Fund Raising £	Total £
Staff costs	174,289	42,858	32,428	23,455	26,800	101,965	401,795
Establishment costs	27,502	8,218	13,846	13,846	-	2,739	66,151
Administration costs	9,194	9,193	9,194	5,265	-	49,494	82,340
Project costs	124,394	110,829	57,168	21,382	6,310	-	320,083
Depreciation	13,748	5,893	5,892	5,892	-	1,964	33,389
Total resources expended in 2024	349,127	176,991	118,528	69,840	33,110	156,162	903,758

Expenditure is allocated on an actual basis.

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5. RESOURCES EXPENDED (*continued*)

(d) Resources expended by type in 2023

	Family Basics £	Smart Start (school uniform) £	Christmas Appeal £	Books for Ever £	Other Activities £	Fund Raising £	Total £
Staff costs	150,464	41,685	22,656	19,002	10,999	141,893	386,699
Establishment costs	32,302	9,832	19,193	19,194	-	3,279	83,800
Administration costs	12,569	12,571	12,570	6,560	-	32,784	77,054
Project costs	80,811	126,238	47,731	47,822	9,855	-	312,457
Depreciation	15,677	6,718	6,719	6,718	-	2,240	38,072
Total resources expended in 2023	291,823	197,044	108,869	99,296	20,854	180,196	898,082

Expenditure is allocated on an actual basis.

6. INDEPENDENT EXAMINER REMUNERATION

The independent examiners' remuneration amounts to £600 (2023: £600).

7. STAFF COSTS

	Year ended 31 December 2024 £	Year ended 31 December 2023 £
Wages and salaries	351,560	339,448
Social security costs	23,914	21,146
Other pension costs	20,284	18,239
Other staff costs	6,037	7,866
	401,795	386,699

Neither the chairman nor any other member of the Board received any remuneration for their services or reimbursement of expenses during the year, nor were any trustee expenses incurred.

There were no employees with emoluments above £60,000 (2023: £nil).

The average weekly number of full-time equivalent employees who were paid was as follows:

	Year ended 31 December 2024	Year ended 31 December 2023
Direct charitable activities	10	10
Management and administration	2	2
	12	12

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8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Van £	Furniture & equipment £	Total £
At 1 January and 31 December 2024	1,500,501	15,000	41,237	1,556,738
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2024	457,310	15,000	37,848	510,158
Charge	30,000	-	3,389	33,389
At 31 December 2024	487,309	15,000	41,237	543,547
Net book value				
At 31 December 2024	1,013,191	-	-	1,013,191
Net book value				
At 31 December 2023	1,043,192	-	3,388	1,046,580

The Charity has chosen to retain the book values of land and buildings which were previously revalued, and not to revalue the assets in the future. All assets are held for charitable purposes.

If freehold property had not been revalued, it would have been included in the financial statements at the following amounts:

	31 December 2024 £	31 December 2023 £
Historical cost	1,200,501	1,200,501
Accumulated depreciated based on cost	(389,739)	(365,739)
	810,762	834,762

The property was last valued in 2007 by an independent valuer using market-based evidence of similar properties in the local area. The Trustees review this annually for impairment.

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9. INVESTMENTS - SECURITIES

Listed Investments

	31 December 2024 £	31 December 2023 £
Market value		
At 1 January 2024	1,125,384	1,030,676
Sale proceeds	(50,000)	-
Realised and unrealised profits/(loss)	25,515	94,708
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Market Value at 31 December 2024	1,100,899	1,125,384
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The historical cost of the investments is £1,000,000 at 31 December 2024 (2023: £1,050,000).

The Charity's investments are in a pooled fund which is managed by CCLA.

10. DEBTORS

	31 December 2024 £	31 December 2023 £
Amounts falling due within one year		
Income tax recoverable	3,790	10,300
Accrued income	35,720	36,811
Investment income	7,627	7,786
Prepayments	7,558	20,982
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	54,695	75,879
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An impairment loss of £nil (2023: £nil) was recognised against trade debtors.

11. ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	31 December 2024 £	31 December 2023 £
Cash in hand and at bank	83,280	90,730
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12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31 December 2024 £	31 December 2023 £
Other creditors	12,108	4,024
Accruals	9,151	9,895
	<u>21,259</u>	<u>13,919</u>

13. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

	31 December 2024 £	31 December 2023 £
Financial assets		
Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure	1,100,899	1,125,384
	<u>1,100,899</u>	<u>1,125,384</u>

Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure comprise fixed asset investments.

14. THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY

(a) General

Total reserves are represented by the following:

	31 December 2024 £	£	31 December 2023 £	£
Freehold building & other fixed assets		1,013,191		1,046,580
Investments		1,100,899		1,125,384
Net current assets:				
Unrestricted	(3,585)		(1,742)	
Restricted	113,131		154,430	
	<u>116,716</u>		<u>152,690</u>	
		<u>2,230,806</u>		<u>2,324,654</u>

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14. THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY (*continued*)

(b) Unrestricted funds 2024

	Unrestricted funds £	Revaluation reserve £	Total £
At 1 January 2024	1,961,724	208,500	2,170,224
Net movement of funds during the year	(52,549)	-	(52,549)
Depreciation on revalued portion of land and building	6,000	(6,000)	-
	<u>1,915,175</u>	<u>202,500</u>	<u>2,117,675</u>
At 31 December 2024	1,915,175	202,500	2,117,675

Unrestricted funds 2023

	Unrestricted funds £	Revaluation reserve £	Total £
At 1 January 2023	1,939,024	214,500	2,153,524
Net movement of funds during the year	16,700	-	16,700
Depreciation on revalued portion of land and building	6,000	(6,000)	-
	<u>1,961,724</u>	<u>208,500</u>	<u>2,170,224</u>
At 31 December 2023	1,961,724	208,500	2,170,224

(c) Restricted funds 2024

These are restricted funds to be used exclusively for expenses relating to the areas below:

	31 December 2023 £	Movement in resources		31 December 2024 £
		Income £	Expenditure £	
Christmas Appeal	154,430	77,229	(118,528)	113,131
Smart Start (school uniform)	-	80,749	(80,749)	-
Family Basics	-	158,428	(158,428)	-
Books for Ever	-	45,793	(45,793)	-
Others	-	17,685	(17,685)	-
	<u>154,430</u>	<u>379,884</u>	<u>(421,183)</u>	<u>113,131</u>

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14. THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY (*continued*)

Restricted funds 2023

These are restricted funds to be used exclusively for expenses relating to the areas below:

	31 December 2022 £	Movement in resources		31 December 2023 £
		Income £	Expenditure £	
Christmas Appeal	182,367	80,932	(108,869)	154,430
Smart Start (school uniform)	-	99,993	(99,993)	-
Family Basics	-	35,594	(35,594)	-
Books for Ever	-	51,129	(51,129)	-
Others	-	6,772	(6,772)	-
	<u>182,367</u>	<u>274,420</u>	<u>(302,357)</u>	<u>154,430</u>

15. ANALYSIS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES BY FUND

	31 December 2024			31 December 2023		
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Fixed assets	2,114,090	-	2,114,090	2,171,964	-	2,171,964
Current assets	24,844	113,131	137,975	12,179	154,430	166,609
Current liabilities	(21,259)	-	(21,259)	(13,919)	-	(13,919)
	<u>2,117,675</u>	<u>113,131</u>	<u>2,230,806</u>	<u>2,170,224</u>	<u>154,430</u>	<u>2,324,654</u>

16. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Key management are considered to be the Board of Trustees and they received no remuneration in either 2023 or 2024.

During the year, Wood Street Mission was charged £190 by a company controlled by a Trustee for its accounting software subscription.

There were no related party transactions in the prior year.

17. PENSION COMMITMENTS

The Charity operates a defined contributions pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Charity in an independently administered fund. The pension charge represents contributions payable by the Charity to the fund and amounted to £20,284 (2023: £18,239). There were no contributions payable to the fund at the balance sheet date (2023: £nil). The pension liability and expense are allocated from unrestricted funds.

18. MEMBERS OF THE COMPANY AND ULTIMATE CONTROL

The members of the company have no entitlement to distribution on dissolution of the company. They each have limited liability of up to £10. There is no overall control of this charitable company.