



Newbury Community Resource Centre Limited

(a company limited by guarantee)

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Charity number 1082243

Annual Report and Accounts

2023 - 2024



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Simon Hunt
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Trustee Board

The Trustees serving during the year
and since the year-end were as
follows:

Chair - John Unsworth

Vice- Chair - Gillian Durrant

Treasurer - Alex Money

Trustees

Pat Phipps

Peter Hulme (resigned 25.4.2024)

Sally-Ann Jay

Lesley Reilly

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30.01.2025)

Senior Management Team

Kelvin Hughes, Chief Executive and
Company Secretary

Jo Exelby, Finance and Administration
Manager

Christine Newman, Project Manager –
Community Furniture Project (Newbury)

Phelim O'Hagan, Project Manager –
Community Furniture Project
(Basingstoke)

Joe McKay, Project Manager – Training
& Community Support

Sharon Chapman, Project Manager –
Growing 2gether

Statement from our Chair

Welcome to our 2023 – 2024 Annual Report

As we move towards our 25th year of operation, it is sad to reflect that the issues we set out to address are as relevant now as they were in 2000. But whilst this may be the case, when reviewing the impact and achievements of the charity over the last year, it is heartening to note that there remains in the community, be it amongst staff and volunteers or the wider community, the same desire to help those less fortunate than themselves.

We continued to do 'more of the same' throughout the year - both in providing household goods for those in need, as well as supported training and volunteering activities to some of the most vulnerable members of our community.

What is described in the media as the Cost-of-Living Crisis has become a continuing reality for many, and is perhaps better described as on-going poverty. An increased number of individuals and families are finding it hard, if not impossible, to meet their essential needs, despite often being engaged in full-time employment.

Providing a rapid, practical and empathetic response to people who are in such urgent need or crisis is at the heart of what we do. Whether it be delivering a bed within the hour to a person returning from a hospital stay or fully equipping a home for a family moving out of emergency accommodation, the charity will always try to help.

We could not deliver our services without the hard work and dedication of our staff and volunteers. During the course of the year over 300 adults and young people gave their time and skills to assist in the delivery of our services. Similarly, without the support of our donors, who provide financial support and donations of reusable items, we would be unable to continue our work.

Many vulnerable and disabled adults in the local community are long-term participants in our supported volunteering and accredited training projects. Each year, they are joined by more newcomers both young and old. Last year, 78 adults with learning disabilities undertook various Supported Volunteering activities. These person-centred services are provided using a community-based approach to enable vulnerable people

to take an active and meaningful role in delivering essential services that support the wider community.

Our work in promoting environmental education, through the provision of The Forest School, supported volunteering and community horticulture activities, continued to evolve. Members of the team offered ever more creative ways of passing on these vital life lessons to young people and families during the year.

Our financial performance last year was up on budget. A surplus of £64,329 was recorded against a budgeted surplus of £19,804. Grant income was up on budget by £60,489, with sales income up by £112,160, putting total income at £2,217,568. Total expenditure was £2,153,239.

Due to the wide range of activities undertaken during the year, the following report can only provide a snapshot of the outputs and outcomes achieved. We trust that you will find it informative and inspiring.

John Unsworth

Chair of Trustees



STRATEGY AND PERFORMANCE

Providing Help and Hope to Those in Most Need

With an almost seamless transition from the challenges of Covid to those of the Cost-of- Living Crisis, many people we support have had little or no respite in the challenges of keeping afloat, not only financially but also in terms of their mental health. Those who were already at a disadvantage prior to these additional challenges often feel even more of a sense of hopelessness and despair.

The NCRC has always aimed to help those who are most in need in our local community, including residents who are struggling financially, adults and young people with learning disabilities, physical disabilities, mental health issues, the unemployed and young people who are excluded from mainstream education and/or are youth offenders.

We run a number of community projects, including two furniture recycling centres, a training and community support centre, where we repair donated items, and a community food growing and environmental education project. Those who join us are able to learn new skills, gain accredited training, make new friends and become part of a caring community.

Our People

The NCRC is fortunate to have a team of experienced and highly committed staff and volunteers. Their wide range of skills and empathetic approach ensures that all services are delivered in an efficient, effective and respectful way.



Services Provided in 2023 - 2024

the**community**
furnitureproject



Community Furniture Project (CFP) (Newbury)

The Project's extremely popular used furniture and household goods reuse service, together with its lively volunteering opportunities, continued to operate successfully, despite the additional challenges. Our Project enables people to donate items, knowing that they will be put to good use in helping others to improve their living conditions and benefiting the most vulnerable members of our local community.



Community Furniture Project (CFP) (Basingstoke)

The Project, like the Newbury Project, provides practical support for people through furniture, household goods and appliance reuse, together with varied volunteering, supported volunteering and accredited training opportunities.





Training and Community Support (T&CS)

T&CS focuses on the delivery of services for adults with complex learning disabilities, people with mental health issues and young people not engaged in mainstream education. Services include opportunities for individuals to learn practical, transferable skills and build relationships in a flexible, supportive environment. We seek to inspire them to “think big” in terms of what they can achieve.



Growing 2gether (G2G)

Based on a 1.5 ha site at Cottismore Park near Kingsclere, Growing 2gether functions primarily as a horticultural therapy and environmental education centre for adults and young people with learning disabilities, physical disabilities and mental health issues. It also functions as a food growing hub for all members of the local community and provides a range of environmental education activities for children.



Our Work

The NCRC works across three main areas:

- Poverty alleviation
- Training, skills development and community support
- Promoting education and environmentally beneficial activities

The Year in Numbers

- Supplied free of charge to **477** families and individual household goods to the value of **£143,334**
- 1,324 bed/nights provided for people who were street homeless
- Reused **78,934** household items
- Reused **840** bicycles
- Constructed **505** new items of furniture
- **145,610** customer visits
- **18,483** donations of furniture and household goods received
- **4,187** household collections of donated goods completed; **3,272** deliveries of furniture to people's homes
- **78** adults and young people with learning disabilities were engaged in accredited learning
- Tested and repaired **3,560** electrical items
- Reused & recycled **721** tonnes of furniture, appliances and other bulky waste
- Through selling furniture and electrical items at low cost we saved people at least **£4,182,681**
- Saved **1,502** tonnes of CO2 equivalent through diversion of household items from landfill
- Volunteers contributed **89,431** hours of their time
- Over **8,200** sessions attended at our Projects by young people and adults with learning disabilities or mental health issues.

POVERTY ALLEVIATION

Despite operating the charity in one of the wealthiest areas of one of the wealthiest countries in the world, on an almost daily basis we come across families without access to the most basic items needed to set up and maintain a safe and healthy home. Whether it be a child without a bed to sleep in, or a whole family without access to a cooker or other means to prepare hot food, sadly the need for support is not diminishing.

'Furniture poverty' defined by the Campaign to End Furniture Poverty as 'an inability to access, or afford to buy or maintain, basic household furniture and appliances needed to achieve a safe and healthy living environment'.

Basic furniture and white goods are the most expensive, and therefore unaffordable, items for many families suffering from financial insecurity. Delivering cost effective and timely support to families in this position is one of the absolute priorities of our work.

When families and individuals are already in financial distress, additional costs can lead them to borrow from companies charging very high rates of interest. Where people are setting up

home and all items are needed at the same time, it is even more unaffordable.

Through the Essential Household Goods Support Scheme (EHGS), the charity continued to provide support to these most vulnerable members of our local community during the year. EHGS cases supported rose by 16% to 477 (since 2021-22 total increase has been 64%). EHGS has been, and continues to be, invaluable in helping people in desperate need, including the homeless, victims of domestic violence and people struggling with poor mental health.

The majority of people helped through our EHGS scheme continue to be either facing financial hardship, homeless and moving into temporary accommodation, victims of domestic violence or people returning from a period of detention under the Mental Health Act.

Demand for bicycles for travelling to and from work and school also grew as a result of increased costs of transport.

TRAINING, SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

The Projects continued to provide a range of opportunities for the most vulnerable members of our community to engage in supported volunteering. **T&CS** and **CFP (Basingstoke)** operate woodwork, furniture, electrical and bicycle workshops that produce finished goods for the shops. In addition, they also deliver a range of accredited training courses. Delivered in a supportive environment, these courses give opportunities to people who might not otherwise readily access training.

Participants are predominantly adults and young people (aged 14-19) with learning disabilities, adults with physical disabilities and/or mental health issues. We work in partnership with a wide range of organisations to provide opportunities for these groups to participate in meaningful work experience, training and volunteering activities.

Support is provided based on an on-going assessment of an individual's requirements, with a focus on maximizing independence. This may require 1:1 support on occasion (which we provide). The Projects also operate transport that enables people to access our services from even the most remote rural areas of the District,

both during the day and for evening events.

The Projects are widely acknowledged as an example of the positive impact people with very complex disabilities can have in their community when they are well supported by trained and experienced staff and volunteers.

A range of targeted schemes are run by the Projects including:

Rebike – repairs and reuses donated bicycles. The scheme is entirely volunteer-run and supports volunteers with disabilities and young people excluded from school. The project supplies schools with bikes to enable pupils from more remote areas to cycle to school, as well as undertaking rider training.

Bicycles are also supplied free of charge to enable people who have secured employment but have no access to personal transport to get to work, as well as to refugees to enable them to access volunteering activities.

Kitchenwise – is a training kitchen providing opportunities for volunteers and trainees to develop independent living skills by producing a range of nutritious meals throughout the week.



Community Crew – supports people with learning and physical disabilities by engaging in countryside and environmental maintenance activities, such as footpath clearance. The group is responsible for keeping 96 footpaths across West Berkshire clear of litter and obstruction from encroaching hedges and trees.

Winter Homeless Project – local homeless support charities came together in the autumn of 2023 to provide people who would otherwise have been street homeless in West Berkshire with access to a safe place to sleep during the winter months. Emergency accommodation in local hotels and bed and breakfasts provided a break for rough sleepers to get some essential respite from the harsh reality of their daily lives on the streets, as well as providing time for people who were newly homeless to put together a moving-on plan. A total of 37 people were supported by the project, with a total of 1,324 beds/nights provided.

The NCRC took on the project management and coordination and acted as the accountable body for the partnership with West Berkshire Homeless, Newbury Soup Kitchen, Loose Ends Newbury and West Berkshire Council's Rough Sleeper Team. Funding was provided by the Greenham Trust, Sheepdrove Trust and the Government's Household Support Fund.

The project focused on supporting homeless people in West Berkshire who are categorised as 'non-priority'. As such, the local authority does not have a duty to accommodate them. During the winter period, the risk to the health and well-being of people rough sleeping is considerably higher and so the local charities and West Berkshire Council designed the project to alleviate this risk for at least the winter period.

The project partners worked together and with other relevant organisations, including other charities, WBC departments, DWP and the NHS, to provide tailored support for each individual to help them to move on as soon as possible from the temporary accommodation provision to a longer-term solution to meet their needs.

Refugee Support – We continued to provide support to a wide-ranging group of refugees being hosted or resettled in West Berkshire under various Government schemes.

This included Ukrainian refugees being settled under the Homes for Ukraine Scheme. Afghan refugees being settled in West Berkshire under the two Government schemes (ARAP and ACRS) were also supported. Support included furniture and household goods as well as bicycles, sports equipment and laptop computers. In addition, we continued to support

those hosted temporarily in hotels whilst awaiting settlement.

Asylum Seeker Support - We expanded our partnership work with West Berkshire Action for Refugees.

This has included providing them with free office and training facilities at our Newbury site. Material support provided for asylum seekers included the provision of household goods, bicycles and laptops as well as volunteering activities at T&CS.

CFP FC – is our football team, which competes in the Berks, Bucks and Oxon Social Inclusion Football League as well as playing friendly matches against other local and regional teams. For the second year in succession the team won the Conference League.

Christmas Toy Appeal – was run in Newbury and Basingstoke and provided over 1,600 children with a range of presents which otherwise their parents and guardians would have been unable to afford.



ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

All our Projects generate positive environmental outcomes. By engaging in the circular economy, we generate both social (see above) and environmental benefits. Our **Growing 2gether Project** delivers both social and environmental education services. The project functions as a horticultural therapy centre, providing outdoor volunteering and training opportunities for adults and young people with learning disabilities, physical disabilities and mental health issues. It also delivers a range of environmental education services aimed primarily at children, including:

Nature Knowledge – delivers sessions for local primary schools and children's groups, focusing on teaching children about nature and wildlife through outdoor play.

Forest First – is a free toddler group run by the Project to enable children and parents to engage in learning about the natural world through play, craft and storytelling activities.

Grounds Maintenance – G2G undertakes grounds maintenance at the New Greenham Business Park (a 114-acre site) and a number of other smaller sites around Newbury. This is undertaken in order to deliver opportunities for volunteers and trainees to undertake accredited

training and develop a range of skills, including landscaping, site maintenance, arboriculture and basic mechanical plant maintenance.

Forest School Activities - based at a six-acre wood on the River Lambourn in Newbury provides children with an education in the importance of biodiversity and wildlife for the future, using outdoor play and learning. This involves the children in habitat building, river dipping and the identification of wildlife as well as learning about environmental stewardship.



GOVERNANCE

NCRC's objects are to:

- *The support of persons who are in need by reason of their youth, infirmity, or disablement, poverty or social and economic circumstances in particular but not exclusively by providing re-used furniture and household goods to support independent living.*
- *The support of people with special needs or at social disadvantage in particular by the provision of training and work opportunities.*
- *To advance the education of members of the general public, particularly in environmental matters.*
- *To promote the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment for the public benefit by promotion of sustainable waste management practices including waste minimization, reduction of pollution and harm from waste, reuse of waste, recycling of waste, and waste recovery activities.*

Public Benefit

The Trustees have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

The company is a registered charity who -

- a) provide re-used furniture and household goods to relieve those in need by reason of poverty, social or economic circumstances, youth, disability or infirmity;
- b) provide training, work and volunteering opportunities, particularly to those with special needs, or at a social disadvantage, and
- c) promote conservation and protection of the natural environment, through our sustainable waste management practices, our environmental projects and through educating the general public.

Governing Document

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 22 May 2000 and registered as a charity on 31 August 2000. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the

company being wound up, members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £10.

Good Governance

Trustees recognise the importance of good governance as fundamental to the success of the NCRC and have adopted the Charity Governance Code.

The Board of Trustees

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law.

Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the members of the board are elected to serve for a period of three years, after which they must seek re-election at the next Annual General Meeting.

All members of the Board of Trustees give their time voluntarily and received no benefits from the charity.



Board Composition

The more traditional business and professional skills are well represented on the board of trustees. In an effort to maintain this broad skill mix, members of the board are requested to provide a list of their skills (and update it each year) and in the event of particular skills being lost due to retirements, individuals are sought who possess the required skills. Methods of recruitment include approaches to individuals to offer themselves for election to the board, posting of vacancies through the local Volunteer Centre (and recruiting from the existing volunteers supporting the organisation).

Risks

The trustees are responsible for the management of the risks faced by the organisation. Detailed considerations of risk are delegated to the Chief Executive. Risks are identified, assessed and controls are established throughout the year. A formal review of the charity's risk management processes is undertaken on an annual basis.

Through the risk management processes established, the trustees are satisfied that any major risks identified have been adequately mitigated where necessary. It is recognised that systems can only provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that major risks have been adequately managed.

Safeguarding

NCRC believes that it is always unacceptable for a child, young person or vulnerable adult to experience abuse of any kind and recognises its responsibility to safeguard the welfare of all children, young people and vulnerable adults, by a commitment to practice which protects them.

The NCRC provides staff and volunteers with on-going training and guidance on procedures they should adopt in the event that they suspect a child, young person or vulnerable adult may be experiencing, or be at risk of, harm.

The NCRC also has policies and procedures to deter those unsuitable to work with children and vulnerable adults, including an application process that takes up references and carries out DBS checks on staff and volunteers where applicable.

NCRC believes that the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults takes priority over the individual's right to confidentiality, and we have a duty to disclose abuse to the appropriate agency if deemed necessary, without consent. In these circumstances, the Confidentiality Policy as set out in the NCRC Code of Conduct together with NCRC data protection procedures, may be overridden.

The NCRC is subject to annual inspection by West Berkshire Council's Care Quality Team with a focus on safeguarding and the quality of care delivered by the NCRC to children, young people and vulnerable adults.

The trained and supported safeguarding lead for NCRC is Joe McKay, Project Manager, Training and Community Support Centre, NCRC.

Partnerships

We maintain good working partnerships with a large number of statutory and private organisations, including Greenham Trust, West Berkshire Council, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, Hampshire County Council, Hart District Council, Reuse Network, Veolia Environmental Services, SNG Housing Group, Vivid Housing and Newbury Town Council. These relationships enable us to extend the range of services we offer to everyone's benefit.



FINANCIAL REVIEW

Finance

Incoming resources during the year increased by £441,287 (24.84 %), with total resources expended increasing by £347,838 (19.26%), resulting in a surplus of £64,329 (2023: deficit of £29,120). Of total resources expended, 97.87% were direct costs of charitable activities, in line with the objectives of the organisation.

The charity raised 77.5% of its income (£1,718,662) through primary purpose trading during the year, with a £147,140 (9.36%) increase in income on the previous year. Total income from donations and legacies received during the year increased by £294,138 (143.62%) to £498,934. Cash and cash equivalents reduced by increased by £100,945 to £390,271.

In line with current legislation, the organisation contributes towards a Defined Contribution Pension Provision for all eligible staff. The organisation contributes 4%, with the employee contributing 3%. Should an employee wish to increase their contribution rate beyond this, the organisation will match fund up to a maximum of 6%.

The organisation also has obligations under a Final Salary scheme, from which it withdrew in 2010. As at the 30th November 2024, this stood at £45,592, which was the net present value of the deficit reduction contributions payable under the agreement relating to the deficit. This was a decrease in the year of £20,691.

Reserves

The Trustees believe that the charity should hold financial reserves because:

- 1) It has no endowment funding and is entirely dependent for income upon donor funding and sales income from year to year which is inevitably subject to fluctuation and;
- 2) It requires protection against and the ability to continue operating despite catastrophic or lesser but damaging events.

The trustees believe that the minimum level of reserves should be equivalent to three months operating costs, costs of closure and costs of clearing leasehold obligations calculated and reviewed annually, and believe that the reserves should be built up to the desired level in stages consistent with the charity's overall financial position, and its need to develop and maintain its charitable activities.

The free reserves, i.e. those not tied up in fixed assets and designated funds, held at 30th November 2024, amounted to £240,101, whereas three months' expenditure (excluding depreciation) is £546,024.

Fundraising

The NCRC limits fundraising activity to applications to funders who publicly promote themselves as providers of grant support to charities. In order to ensure that such applications are not overly speculative, the organisation subscribes to a number of directories which provide updated information on active funders and the criteria they apply in availing support to applicants. The NCRC does not carry out direct marketing to individuals but does accept donations freely offered by the public.

The charity is registered with the Fundraising Regulator and abides by the Code of Fundraising Practice.

Outlook

The charity plans to continue the activities outlined above in the forthcoming years, subject to satisfactory funding arrangements.

As reported above what began as the Cost-of-Living Crisis has for many become a situation of persistent poverty. Through the charity's Essential Household Goods Support

Scheme, we aim to continue meeting the need as best we can. Through a combination of support from the Greenham Trust, West Berkshire Council (Household Support Fund) and self-generated income we believe that we will be able to meet the challenge.

The work to secure new premises for the Community Furniture Project (Basingstoke) will continue to be the main development aim of the charity. Major advances were made during the year with both the Greenham Trust and Basingstoke and Deane Council agreeing to support the endeavour. In addition to the new premises, significant additional funding above and beyond that which can be realised from regular trading activities, will be required and the fundraising campaign launched last year will continue.

In addition, the following development activities will be undertaken in order to ensure that the charity's human and material assets generate the best outcomes for our beneficiaries:

- Continuation of the upgrade to the charity's IT systems to reduce duplication and enhance data sharing.
- Formalising the partnership with the West Berkshire Poverty Forum in order

to ensure the continuation of the essential household items to the most vulnerable members of the community.

- Seeking to increase the supply and fitting of flooring for families with young children
- In partnership with the Reuse Network promoting the positive benefits of reuse and its contribution to the Circular Economy

We are confident that despite the financial pressures, we will continue to offer the highest levels of service, performance and cost effectiveness in the coming year.

Donors and Supporters

We could not operate without the generosity of the Greenham Trust, the thousands of people who give us items for re-use and the many grant-making trusts, companies, organisations and individuals who, with their generous donations, enable us to provide a range of services that benefit those in need in our local community.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' 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. Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, 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 of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) 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 keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable 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 charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditor is unaware, and
- the Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 24th April 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



John Unsworth
Chair of Trustees



THE NEWBURY COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE LIMITED

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of The Newbury Community Resource Centre Limited

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Newbury Community Resource Centre Limited (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 30 November 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheets and Statements of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of charitable company's affairs as at 30 November 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue. Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the trustees' annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report, which includes the Directors' Report prepared for the purposes of company law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Directors' Report included within the Trustees' Annual Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Report included within the Trustees' Annual Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the parent charitable company financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 17, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of a trustees' annual report and financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The specific procedures for this engagement and the extent to which these are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

THE NEWBURY COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE LIMITED
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have considered:

- the nature of the charity and sector, control environment and operating performance;
- the charity's own assessment, including assessments made by key management, of the risks that irregularities may occur either as a result of fraud or error;
- any matters we identified having reviewed the charity's policies and procedures relating to:
 - identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations and whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance;
 - detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud; and
 - the internal controls established to mitigate risks of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- the matters discussed amongst the audit engagement team.

As a result of these procedures, we considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud and identified the greatest potential for fraud in the areas in which management is required to exercise significant judgement, such as the disclosure of adjusting items. In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override.

We also obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework that the charity operates in, focusing on provisions of those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context were the Companies Act, Charities Act and tax legislation.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

THE NEWBURY COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE LIMITED
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor'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 charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Caroline Webster (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of UHY Ross Brooke, Statutory Auditor

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Date **24/4/25**

THE NEWBURY COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE LIMITED
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2024

		Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
	Note				
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	282,098	216,836	498,934	204,796
Charitable activities	4	1,718,622	-	1,718,622	1,571,482
Investments		12	-	12	3
Total income		2,000,732	216,836	2,217,568	1,776,281
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	5	45,217	527	45,744	37,511
Charitable activities	6	1,916,593	190,902	2,107,495	1,767,890
Total expenditure		1,961,810	191,429	2,153,239	1,805,401
Net (expenditure)/income		38,922	25,407	64,329	(29,120)
Transfers between funds	15	15,451	(15,451)	-	-
Net movement in funds		54,373	9,956	64,329	(29,120)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		276,645	187,412	464,057	493,177
Net movement in funds		54,373	9,956	64,329	(29,120)
Total funds carried forward		331,018	197,368	528,386	464,057

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All activities derived from continuing operations during the above two financial periods.

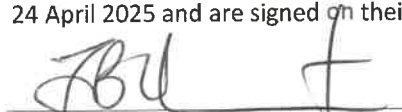
The notes on pages 29 to 48 form part of these financial statements.

THE NEWBURY COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE LIMITED
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NUMBER: 03998851

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 NOVEMBER 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	265,908	282,109
		<u>265,908</u>	<u>282,109</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	12	160,002	213,189
Cash at bank and in hand		390,271	289,326
		<u>550,273</u>	<u>502,515</u>
Liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(256,297)	(269,368)
Net current assets		<u>293,976</u>	<u>233,147</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>559,884</u>	<u>515,256</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	14	(31,498)	(51,199)
Total net assets		<u><u>528,386</u></u>	<u><u>464,057</u></u>
Funds			
Unrestricted funds	15	331,018	276,645
Restricted funds	15	197,368	187,412
Total funds		<u><u>528,386</u></u>	<u><u>464,057</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees, and authorised for issue on 24 April 2025 and are signed on their behalf, by:



John Unsworth
Chair of Trustees

The notes on pages 29 to 48 form part of these financial statements.

THE NEWBURY COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE LIMITED
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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2024

	Note	2024	2023
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash provided by operating activities	17	112,248	(17,867)
Cash flows from investing activities	19	(11,303)	(17,676)
Cash flows from financing activities	18	-	-
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		100,945	(35,543)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		289,326	324,869
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		390,271	289,326

The notes on pages 29 to 48 form part of these financial statements.

THE NEWBURY COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE LIMITED
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2024

1. Accounting policies

The Newbury Community Resource Centre Limited is a Charitable Company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. In the event of the charitable company being wound up, the liability of the guarantee is £10 per member of the charitable company. The address of its principal place of business is given on page 1 and the nature of its operations are set out in the trustees' report.

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The Charitable Company constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the 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) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting 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 and rounded to the nearest £.

A summary of the principal accounting policies adopted (which have been applied consistently, except where noted), judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty, is set out below.

1.2 Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the Charitable Company to be able to continue as a going concern.

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1.3 Income

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

Donated facilities and donated professional services are recognised in income at their fair value when their economic benefit is probable, it can be measured reliably and the charity has control over the item. Fair value is determined on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity. For example, the amount the charity would be willing to pay in the open market for such facilities and services. A corresponding amount is recognised in expenditure.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP. Further detail is given in the Trustees' Annual Report.

Furniture and other items donated for resale are not included in the financial statements until they are sold, as it is not considered practicable to determine and record the fair value of such items. Therefore, such items are not included as stock

Income from trading activities includes income earned from fundraising events and trading activities to raise funds for the charity. Income is received in exchange for supplying goods and services in order to raise funds and is recognised when entitlement has occurred.

Income from government and other grants are recognised at fair value when the charity has entitlement after any performance conditions have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. If entitlement is not met then these amounts are deferred.

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1.4 Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is categorised under the following headings:

- Costs of raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the charitable company to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.
- Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the charitable company's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Assets costing £500 or more are capitalised as tangible fixed assets and are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset on a straight-line basis over its expected useful life, as follows:

Motor Vehicles	Straight line over 10 years
Warehouse equipment	Straight line over 5 years
Orchard	Straight line over 40 years
Office equipment	Straight line over 3 years
Improvements to property	Straight line over 20 years
Horticultural equipment	Straight line over 20 years

1.6 Debtors

Debtors with no stated interest rate and receivable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

1.7 Liabilities

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 Charitable Company 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.

Loans and borrowings are initially recognised at the transaction price including transaction costs. Subsequently, they are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, less impairment. If an arrangement constitutes a finance transaction it is measured at present value.

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1.8 Leased assets

Rentals under operating leases are charged on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

1.9 Taxation

The Charitable Company is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a Charitable Company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the Charitable Company is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by chapter 3 part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

1.10 Pensions benefits

The charitable company operates a defined benefit pension scheme. The scheme is a multi-employer scheme where it is not possible, in the normal course of events, to identify on a consistent and reasonable basis, the share of underlying assets and liabilities belonging to individual participating employers. Therefore, as required by FRS102 'Retirement and post-employment benefits', the charitable company accounts for this scheme as if it was a defined contribution scheme. The charitable company is under obligation to make payments to fund the deficit on the scheme, and as such the net present value of these contributions are recognised as a liability. Any change in the liability is recognised as an expense in the Statement of Financial Activities.

The charitable company also operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable for the year are charged in the Statement of Financial Activities.

1.11 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charitable company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements

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2. Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

Accounting estimates and Judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions

The charitable company makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

Critical areas of Judgement

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are depreciated over their useful lives taking into account residual values, where appropriate. The actual lives of the assets and residual values are assessed annually and may vary depending on a number of factors. Residual value assessments consider issues such as the remaining life of the asset and projected disposal values.

Pensions

The present value of the Social Housing Pension Scheme defined benefit liability depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a variety of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost (income) for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions, which are disclosed in note 23, will impact the carrying amount of the pension liability. Furthermore a roll forward approach which projects results from the latest full actuarial valuation performed at 30 September 2023 has been used by the actuary in valuing the pensions liability at 30 November 2024. Any differences between the figures derived from the roll forwards approach and a full actuarial valuation would impact on the carrying amount of the pension liability.

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3. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Donations	7,212	3,650	10,862	4,600
Capital grants	-	22,430	22,430	3,164
Grant making funds	241,472	70,376	311,848	159,374
Statutory grants	33,414	120,380	153,794	37,658
	282,098	216,836	498,934	204,796

4. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Shop sales and training placements	1,718,622	-	1,718,622	1,571,482

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5. Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Staff	32,775	-	32,775	16,431
Fundraising	686	-	686	290
Publicity	11,756	527	12,283	20,790
	<u>45,217</u>	<u>527</u>	<u>45,744</u>	<u>37,511</u>

6. Expenditure on charitable activities

	Directly undertaken 2024 £	Support 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Cost of charitable activities	<u>1,877,035</u>	<u>230,460</u>	<u>2,107,495</u>

Comparatives for the previous year

	Directly undertaken 2023	Support 2023	Total 2023
Cost of charitable activities	<u>1,553,390</u>	<u>214,500</u>	<u>1,767,890</u>

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7. Support costs

		Total 2024	Total 2023
	Note	£	£
Support staff costs		76,103	90,641
Depreciation and amortisation		28,683	27,902
Bad debt expense		725	700
Office expenses		63,946	17,244
Telephone expenses		-	7,213
Training and travel expenses		11,920	4,988
Bank charges		12,477	10,805
Premises expenses		-	15,677
Payroll Fees		5,295	5,040
Legal and professional fees		7,527	7,879
Pension deficit cost		(5,674)	2,267
Loss on disposal of fixed asset		1,167	959
Irrecoverable VAT		19,741	15,885
Governance costs	8	8,550	7,300
		230,460	214,500

8. Governance costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fees payable to the charitable company's auditor for the audit of the annual accounts	6,450	5,500
Fees payable to the charitable company's auditor in respect of: All non-audit services not included above	2,100	1,800
	8,550	7,300

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9. Staff costs

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	1,148,777	1,041,392
Social security costs	91,522	79,970
Pension costs	44,358	48,965
	<u>1,284,657</u>	<u>1,170,327</u>
Other staff related costs	3,560	3,585
	<u><u>1,288,217</u></u>	<u><u>1,173,912</u></u>

Staff numbers

The average numbers of persons (including senior management team) employed by the Charitable Company during the period was as follows:

	2024 No.	2023 No.
Administration and support	2	2
Marketing and fundraising	1	-
Operational staff	47	45
	<u>50</u>	<u>47</u>

Higher paid staff

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) exceeded £60,000, was:

	2024 No.	2023 No.
£60,001 - £70,000	1	1

Key management personnel

The total amount of employee benefits received by key management personnel is £331,315 (2023: £341,618).

10. Trustee remuneration and expenses

The trustees neither received nor waived any remuneration during the year (2023: £Nil).

No trustee received expenses in the year (2023: nil).

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11. Tangible fixed assets

	Property improvements £	Equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Horticultural equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation					
At 1 December 2023	236,283	85,821	140,242	118,815	581,161
Additions	3,733	755	9,994	-	14,482
Disposals	-	-	(3,500)	-	(3,500)
At 30 November 2024	240,016	86,576	146,736	118,815	592,143
Depreciation					
At 1 December 2023	98,429	65,171	57,387	78,065	299,052
Charge for the year	10,457	2,705	12,672	2,849	28,683
On disposals	-	-	(1,500)	-	(1,500)
At 30 November 2024	108,886	67,876	68,559	80,914	326,235
Net book value					
At 30 November 2024	131,130	18,700	78,177	37,901	265,908
At 01 December 2023	137,854	20,650	82,855	40,750	282,109

12. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	86,088	156,284
Prepayments and accrued income	62,363	53,781
Other debtors	-	488
VAT receivable	11,551	2,636
	160,002	213,189

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13. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors		19,308	76,951
Accruals and deferred income		194,126	147,597
Other creditors		9,613	9,176
Pension liability	22	14,094	15,084
Other taxation and social security		19,156	20,560
		256,297	269,368

Deferred income	2024 £	2023 £
Deferred income at start of year	132,326	64,378
Resources deferred during the year	178,408	132,326
Amounts released from previous periods	(132,326)	(64,378)
Deferred income at end of year	178,408	132,326

Deferred income relates to:

- a) Grant income received in advance of meeting income recognition criteria; and
- b) Essential Household Goods Scheme unspent funds.

14. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Pension liability	22	31,498	51,199

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15. Funds

	Balance at 1 Dec 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains, losses & transfers £	Balance at 30 Nov 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	276,645	2,000,732	(1,961,810)	15,451	331,018
Restricted general funds					
Income funds	30,968	216,836	(191,429)	(2,500)	53,875
Fixed Asset funds	156,444			(12,951)	143,493
	187,412	216,836	(191,429)	(15,451)	197,368
Total funds	464,057	2,217,568	(2,153,239)	-	528,386

Included within unrestricted income is core costs funding from Greenham Trust amounting to £241,472. This funding is accounted for in the period to which it relates, with any amounts received in advance for future periods being carried as deferred income as set out in note 13.

Comparative information in respect of the preceding period is as follows:

	Balance at 1 Dec 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains, losses & transfers £	Balance at 30 Nov 2023 £
General unrestricted funds	308,056	1,610,631	(1,652,255)	10,213	276,645
Restricted funds					
Income funds	18,464	165,650	(153,146)		30,968
Fixed Asset funds	166,657			(10,213)	156,444
	185,121	165,650	(153,146)	(10,213)	187,412
Total funds	493,177	1,776,281	(1,805,401)	-	464,057

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Restricted funds

	Balance at 1 Dec 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains, losses & transfers £	Balance at 30 Nov 2024 £
Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council	1,480	13,300	(11,989)	-	2,791
B&Q Neighbourly Foundation	-	6,700	-	-	6,700
Greenham Trust	3,261	41,053	(32,598)	-	11,716
Hampshire County Council	1,968	-	(674)	-	1,294
Berkshire Community Foundation	-	7,500	(5,100)	-	2,400
Gerald Palmer Eling Trust Company	-	2,000	(2,000)	-	-
Newbury Town Council	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
Sheepdrove Trust	-	24,000	(24,000)	-	-
The Alchemy Foundation	-	1,000	(446)	-	554
The Ammco Charitable Trust	-	500	-	-	500
First MTR South West Trains	4,492	-	(4,492)	-	-
Calleva Foundation	18,860	-	(18,860)	-	-
The Lord Faringdon Charitable Trust	-	1,000	-	-	1,000
The Payne-Gallwey Charitable Trust	-	2,500	-	-	2,500
The Peter Baker Foundation	-	2,500	-	(2,500)	-
The Souter Charitable Trust	-	2,000	-	-	2,000
The Syder Foundation	-	2,000	-	-	2,000
West Berkshire Council	-	106,080	(86,014)	-	20,066
Donations from individuals	907	3,703	(4,256)	-	354
Restricted fixed assets	156,444	-	-	(12,951)	143,493
Total restricted funds	187,412	216,836	(191,429)	(15,451)	197,368

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16. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	143,493	122,415	265,908
Current assets	53,875	496,398	550,273
Creditors due within one year	-	(256,297)	(256,297)
Creditors due after more than one year	-	(31,498)	(31,498)
	<u>197,368</u>	<u>331,018</u>	<u>528,386</u>

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Restricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	156,444	125,665	282,109
Current assets	30,968	471,547	502,515
Creditors due within one year	-	(269,368)	(269,368)
Creditors due after more than one year	-	(51,199)	(51,199)
	<u>187,412</u>	<u>276,645</u>	<u>464,057</u>

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17. Reconciliation of net expenditure to net cash flow from operating activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Net income / (expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	64,329	(29,120)
Adjusted for:		
Interest receivable	(12)	(3)
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	28,683	27,902
(Profit) / loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	(1,167)	(959)
(Increase) / decrease in debtors	53,187	(97,386)
Increase / (decrease) in creditors	(32,772)	81,699
Net cash provided by / (used in) Operating Activities	112,248	(17,867)

18. Cash flows from financing activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Repayments of borrowing	-	-

19. Cash flows from investing activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Proceeds from the sale of tangible fixed assets	3,167	2,189
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(14,482)	(19,868)
Interest received	12	3
Net cash provided by / (used in) Operating Activities	(11,303)	(17,676)

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20. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash in hand and at bank	390,271	289,326
Total cash and cash equivalents	390,271	289,326

21. Analysis of changes in net cash/(debt)

	At 1 September 2023	Cashflows	At 30 November 2024
	£	£	£
Cash	289,326	100,945	390,271
Net cash	289,326	100,945	390,271

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22. Pension and similar obligations

The charitable company participates in two defined contribution pension schemes; one with Scottish Widows and one with the Social Housing Pension Scheme. Total contributions paid to these schemes and recognised as an expense in the year amounted to £44,358 (2023: £48,965).

Defined benefit scheme

The charitable company also participates in a separate multi-employer scheme which provides benefits to some 500 non-associated employers, operated by the Social Housing Pension Scheme. The scheme is a defined benefit scheme in the UK. It is not possible for the charitable company to obtain sufficient information to enable it to account for the scheme as a defined benefit scheme. Therefore it accounts for the scheme as a defined contribution scheme.

The scheme is subject to the funding legislation outlined in the Pensions Act 2004 which came into force on 30 December 2005. This, together with documents issued by the Pensions Regulator and Technical Actuarial Standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council, set out the framework for funding defined benefit occupational pension schemes in the UK.

The scheme is classified as a 'last-man standing arrangement'. Therefore the charitable company is potentially liable for other participating employers' obligations if those employers are unable to meet their share of the scheme deficit following withdrawal from the scheme. Participating employers are legally required to meet their share of the scheme deficit on an annuity purchase basis on withdrawal from the scheme.

A full actuarial valuation for the scheme was carried out with an effective date of 30 September 2023. This actuarial valuation was certified on 08th August 2024 and showed assets of £2,570m, liabilities of £3,263m and a deficit of £693m. To eliminate this funding shortfall, the trustees and the participating employers have agreed that additional contributions will be paid, in combination from all employers, to the scheme.

Note that the scheme's previous valuation was carried out with an effective date of 30 September 2020; this valuation showed assets of £5,148m, liabilities of £6,708m and a deficit of £1,560m.

Where the scheme is in deficit and where the charitable company has agreed to a deficit funding arrangement, the charitable company recognises a liability for this obligation. The amount recognised is the net present value of the deficit reduction contributions payable under the agreement that relates to the deficit. The present value is calculated using the discount rate detailed in these disclosures. The unwinding of the discount rate is recognised as a finance cost.

Present value of liability

		2024	2023
	Note	£	£
Due within one year	13	14,094	15,084
Due after more than one year	14	31,498	51,199
		45,592	66,283

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Deficit contribution schedule

	2024	2023
	£	£
Year 1	14,313	15,084
Year 2	13,869	15,914
Year 3	14,147	16,789
Year 4	4,747	17,712
Year 5	-	6,009
Total	47,076	71,508

Reconciliation of opening and closing provision

	2024	2023
	£	£
Provision at start of period	66,283	78,314
Unwinding discount factor (interest expense)	1,596	2,267
Deficit contribution paid	(15,017)	(14,298)
Deficit revaluation	(7,270)	-
	45,592	66,283

Income and expenditure impact

	2024	2023
	£	£
Unwinding discount factor (interest expense)	1,596	2,267

Assumptions

	2024	2023
	%	%
Rate of discount	3.485	3.485

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23. Operating lease commitments

At 30 November 2024 the charitable company had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Amounts due within one year	157,603	20,475
Amounts due between one and five years	9,056	-
Amounts due after five years	-	-
	<u>166,659</u>	<u>20,475</u>

In the prior year the charitable company had the following leases that were directly funded by grants received from the Greenham Trust and therefore not included in the lease commitments disclosure above. As of 2024, these leases are no longer funded by Greenham Trust and the non-cancellable commitments are now included in the above disclosure.

The charity has a lease at Cottismore. In 2023, the annual rent and service charge of the premises of approximately £49,485 were met in full by the Greenham Trust.

The charity has a lease at Unit F Hambridge Road Industrial Estate. In 2023, the annual rent and service charge of the premises of approximately £20,500 were met in full by the Greenham Trust.

The amount of non-cancellable operating lease payments recognised as an expense during the period was £274,255 (2023: £110,935).

24. Related party transactions

During the year, the charitable company received income of £2,566 (2023: £1,292) and paid for goods of £25 (2023: £0) from Sonning Flowers Ltd, a company controlled by the daughter of a Trustee. No balance was outstanding at the year end.

25. Controlling party

The trustees as a body administer the charitable company in accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of Association, therefore there is no single controlling party.

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26. Comparative Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating Income and Expenditure Account)

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	40,888	163,908	204,796
Charitable activities:	1,569,740	1,742	1,571,482
Investments	3	-	3
Total income	1,610,631	165,650	1,776,281
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	34,032	3,479	37,511
Charitable activities:	1,618,223	149,667	1,767,890
Total expenditure	1,652,255	153,146	1,805,401
Net (expenditure)/income	(41,624)	12,504	(29,120)
Transfers between funds	10,213	(10,213)	-
Net movement in funds	(31,411)	2,291	(29,120)
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward	308,056	185,121	493,177
Net movement in funds	(31,411)	2,291	(29,120)
Total funds carried forward	276,645	187,412	464,057