

EMBRACE WIGAN & LEIGH

England & Wales · Charity number 1082663

Details

Other names Embrace North

Status Registered

Legal form Charitable company

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Activities

Objects: The objects of the Charity are for the public benefit: • The relief of those in need because of disability or physical or mental ill-health, including (but not limited to) by the provision of support, advice and information to persons experiencing disability or ill-health and their families and carers; and • The promotion of social inclusion by preventing people from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society. For the purpose of this clause 'socially excluded' includes being excluded from society, or parts of society, because of one or more of the following factors: disability, old age, ill health (physical or mental), financial hardship, discrimination or relationship or family breakdown.

Activities: To promote the care, welfare, interest, treatment, education and advancement in primarily the Wigan and Leigh area and surrounding districts of people with any form of disability, their families and carers and to provide information, advice, support and personal advocacy.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability
- **Who:** People With Disabilities

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** WIGAN & LEIGH (OR IN THE EVENT OF ANY LOCAL GOVERNMENT RE-ORGANISATION IN AN EQUIVALENT AREA)
- Lancashire
- Sheffield City
- Wigan

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-02-28	£782,886	£800,937	£536,133	27
2024-02-29	£727,118	£681,132	£554,184	25
2023-02-28	£570,548	£554,250	£508,197	26
2022-02-28	£502,838	£529,188	£491,899	18
2021-02-28	£586,487	£493,685	£518,250	23

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
JOANNE BARROW	Chair	
Barend Philip Anthon		2024-06-20
Martin John Mellor		2025-04-02
Michael Charles Hassall		2022-07-22
Sheila Marie Robinson		2018-01-30
Tiffany Parsons		2026-01-28

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Accounts

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(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 28 February 2025

Embrace Wigan & Leigh

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Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 28 February 2025.

Purpose

We work to ensure that disabled people have equality by influencing positive change, challenging barriers, and providing choice and opportunity.

Annual Objectives

- Influence positive strategic change across the region to enhance the lives of disabled people of all ages.
- Provide advocacy to as many disabled people as possible, ensuring their existing rights are upheld.
- Offer assistance to disabled people in relation to active citizenship, such as developing skills for employment and independence.
- Remain financially sustainable, ensuring the service is available for disabled people in the years to come.

Main Activities

Strategic

We committed time to various strategic boards and forums this year. Notably, we co-chaired the Greater Manchester Disabled People's Panel, working on issues such as social care, benefits, and access to work across the region.

Nationally, we represented personal assistants and individual employers on the Skills for Care PA Framework Steering Group. Through this, we had opportunities to influence policy and engage directly with the Department of Health and Social Care, including speaking at the launch of the Adult Social Care Strategy in London.

Locally, we continued strong involvement in Wigan Borough, chairing the Family Forum, participating in the Learning Disability Partnership Board, and being an active member of the Personalisation Board.

Advocacy and Information, Advice and Guidance

- Continued to offer services for disabled people of all ages.
- Supported 1,256 families through SEND work, offering advice, form filling, advocacy in meetings, and emotional support.
- Provided Care Act Advocacy to over 200 individuals, ensuring their voices were heard across various settings.
- Delivered Child Protection Advocacy to around 100 parents, often helping families remain together and reducing involvement from children's social care.

Assistance Projects

- Supported over 120 individuals in recruiting their own personal assistants in Wigan Borough.
- Delivered behavioural support to families of disabled children and young people via peer groups, workshops, and outreach.
- Provided travel training for approximately 50 individuals to support independence.
- Funded a youth development group through our reserves, helping young people build independence skills.
- Hosted a community café, sensory rooms, and a range of community groups, promoting skill-building, social connection, and volunteering.
- Offered mediation services to help parents of disabled children resolve education-related disputes with the local authority.

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Trustees' Report

What's New

- Expanded into Sheffield to deliver a new self-directed support service and develop peer support for PA employers.
- Opened our first charity shop in central Wigan to raise awareness, generate income, and create employment skill-building opportunities.
- Launched a joint project with Happy Smiles to carry out access audits, with most activity scheduled for the following year.

Challenges

- Staffing challenges due to reliance on small teams, long-term absences, and difficulties in recruitment due to non-competitive salaries amid rising living costs.
- Worsening conditions for disabled people, including reduced access to care, education difficulties, and financial strain.

Future Plans

- Continue expansion in Sheffield with new peer support initiatives.
- Enhance travel training provision following recommissioning and added staff capacity.
- Monitor and grow impact of newly opened charity shop.
- Maintain strategic influence through continued participation in key forums and boards.
- Navigate contract renewals for SENDIASS, Mediation, and PA Recruitment, with confidence due to strong service delivery.

Financial Review

Income and Expenditure Summary

The organisation remains financially healthy with sufficient reserves to manage short-term funding losses. Nonetheless, most resources are directed to frontline project delivery, making it challenging to afford administrative and management staffing.

Reserves and Financial Position

Our reserves policy will be revised in the coming year to reflect inflationary pressures, ensuring our restricted funds provide adequate financial stability.

Plans to Address Financial Needs

We aim to diversify income sources to reduce our reliance on grants, providing greater control over finances and planning. Our reserves may also be allocated to explore new projects that both align with our mission and have the potential to generate income.

Future Plans

Aims for the Next Financial Year

The end of our National Lottery grant in the coming year poses a major funding gap (approximately £85,000, including match funding from Wigan Council). However, income from our café and sensory room will help us tackle this challenge.

Embrace Wigan & Leigh Trustees' Report

Investment Policy and objectives

We continue to maintain enough funds to manage any contingencies. We also continue to invest a proportion of our reserves in fixed rate bonds, with a greater return than that of the bank reserve accounts, which can be liquidated without loss to capital element if the need arises.

Risk management

The trustees recognise their responsibility to identify and review the risks to which the Charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Governing document

The Charity is controlled by its governing document, Memorandum, and Articles of Association, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies' regime under the Companies Act 2006.

Structure, governance and management

Objectives and policies

The charity faces financial risks including credit risk, cash flow risk, and liquidity risk. No speculative use of financial instruments is made.

Cash flow risk

Interest bearing assets and liabilities are held at fixed rate to ensure certainty of cash flows.

Credit risk

The charity's primary financial assets are bank balances and trade debtors. These are mainly public sector or large charity partners, reducing overall credit risk. No doubtful debts were recorded during the year.


Liquidity risk

The trustees consider that sufficient funds are available for ongoing operations and future developments.

Restricted Funds

Restricted funds include unspent income from grants or contracts limited to specific activities. At present, no restricted funds are held.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 27th August 2025 and signed on its behalf by:


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Andrew Taylor
Trustee

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

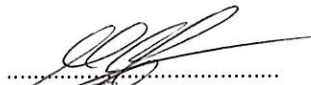
The trustees (who are also the directors of Embrace Wigan & Leigh for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

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 apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company 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.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 27th August 2025 and signed on its behalf by:


.....
Mr Andrew Taylor
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Embrace Wigan & Leigh

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 28 February 2025 which are set out on pages 7 to 14.

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 accounts. The 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. The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales..

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my 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 my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My 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 examiner's statement

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date: 27th August 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 28 February 2025 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	84,251	-	84,251
Contracts	5	623,574	-	623,574
Other trading activities	4	69,610	-	69,610
Other income	5	5,451	-	5,451
Total Income		782,886	-	782,886
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities		749,795	-	749,795
Raising Donations and Legacies		-	-	-
Other Trading Activities		51,142	-	51,142
Total Expenditure		800,937	-	800,937
Net income/(expenditure)		(18,051)	-	(18,051)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		554,184	-	554,184
Total funds carried forward	13	536,133	-	536,133
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	42,655	-	42,655
Contracts	5	613,509	-	613,509
Other trading activities	4	65,193	-	65,193
Other income	5	5,761	-	5,761
Total Income		727,118	-	727,118
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities		632,329	-	632,329
Raising Donations and Legacies		-	-	-
Other trading activities		48,803	-	48,803
Total Expenditure		681,132	-	681,132
Net income/(expenditure)		45,986	-	45,986
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		508,198	-	508,198
Total funds carried forward	13	554,184	-	554,184

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Statement of Financial Position as at 28 February 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	10	<u>12,459</u>	<u>12,450</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	11	165,907	113,420
Cash at bank and in hand	14	<u>470,693</u>	<u>517,535</u>
		636,600	630,955
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>(112,926)</u>	<u>(89,221)</u>
Net current assets		<u>523,674</u>	<u>541,734</u>
Net assets		<u>536,133</u>	<u>554,184</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted income funds			
Restricted funds		-	-
Unrestricted funds		<u>536,133</u>	<u>554,184</u>
Total funds	13	<u>536,133</u>	<u>554,184</u>


For the financial year ending 28 February 2025 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

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

The financial statements on pages 7 to 14 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 27th August 2025 and signed on their behalf by:


.....
Mr Andrew Taylor
Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 28 February 2025

1 Charity status

The charity is a charity limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £Nil towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

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

Statement of compliance

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 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of preparation

Embrace Wigan & Leigh 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 notes.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

The charity opted to adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

Income and endowments

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of the income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

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Deferred income

Deferred income represents amounts received for future periods and is released to incoming resources in the period for which, it has been received. Such income is only deferred when:

- The donor specifies that the grant or donation must only be used in future accounting periods; or
- The donor has imposed conditions which must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement.

Investment income

Income is recognised once it has been declared and notification has been received of the amount due.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £0.00 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses. Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Leasehold Improvements	18 years straight line.
Fixtures and fittings	25% reducing balance

Taxation

The charity 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 charity 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.

Trade debtors and creditors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business and are recognised initially at the transaction price. Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers and are recognised initially at the transaction price

Financial instruments

The charity holds only basic financial instruments, as defined under Section 11 of FRS 102

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 28 February 2025

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Donations from individuals	5,652	3,732
Grants from local authority and other bodies	78,599	38,923
	<u>84,251</u>	<u>42,655</u>

Children in Need

During the year, the charity was grateful for the award of a grant of £13,000 from Children In Need. £6,502 of this was used to fund activities in the year to 28 February 2025 and £6,498 is included in deferred income to be spent in the following year.

4 Income from other trading activities

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Fundraising Income	2,101	596
Income from DBS checks	3,869	4,492
Income from Embrace Design	16,646	13,337
Community Hub income	33,581	43,244
Family Forum Admin	1,188	3,524
Charity Shop Income	12,225	-
	<u>69,610</u>	<u>65,193</u>

5 Income from Charitable Activities

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Activity Contracts	623,574	613,509
Other Income	5,451	5,761
	<u>629,025</u>	<u>619,270</u>

6 Net incoming/outgoing resources

Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year include:

	2025 £	2024 £
Depreciation of fixed assets	3,290	4,149

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 28 February 2025

7 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

8 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	587,425	594,918
Social security costs	47,784	40,374
Other pension costs	12,165	9,688
	647,374	644,980

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

9 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £	Leasehold Improvements £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 March 2024	77,558	-	77,558
Additions in year	2,426	3,300	5,726
Disposals in year	(2,725)	-	(2,725)
At 28 February 2025	77,259	3,300	80,559
Depreciation			
At 1 March 2024	65,108	-	65,108
Charge for the year	3,112	178	3,290
Eliminated on Disposal	(298)	-	(298)
At 28 February 2025	67,922	178	68,100
Net book value			
At 28 February 2025	9,337	3,122	12,459
At 29 February 2024	12,450	-	12,450

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11 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	161,479	110,423
Other debtor	1,000	1,000
Prepayments and accrued income	3,428	1,997
	165,907	113,420

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	5,115	1,099
Accruals and deferred income	78,811	56,867
Other creditors	29,000	31,255
	112,926	89,221

13 Funds

	Balance at 1 March 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 28 February 2025 £
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	395,184	782,886	(800,937)	-	377,133
Designated office, admin and support	159,000	-	-	-	159,000
Total Unrestricted funds	554,184	782,886	(800,937)	-	536,133
	Balance at 1 March 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 29 February 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
General	349,198	727,118	(681,132)	-	395,184
Designated	159,000	-	-	-	159,000
Total unrestricted funds	508,198	727,118	(681,132)	-	554,184

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14 Analysis of net funds

	At 1 March 2024 £	Cash flow £	At 28 February 2025 £
Cash at bank and in hand	517,535	(46,842)	470,693
Net cash and cash equivalents	517,535	(46,842)	470,693

15 Related Party Disclosures

Bryan Atkinson, a trustee during the year to 29 February 2024, was also a trustee and director of Abram Ward Community Charity (AWCC) during that year. AWCC owns the premises from which Embrace Wigan & Leigh operates. Rental charges of £23,988 were paid by Embrace Wigan & Leigh to AWCC during the year to 29 February 2024. The balance outstanding to AWCC at 29 February 2024 was nil. Mr Atkinson resigned as a trustee of Embrace Wigan & Leigh on 1 February 2024. There were no transactions with related parties in the year to 28 February 2025.

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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees Bryan Atkinson (resigned 1.2.24)
Joanne Barrow
Sheila Marie Robinson
Jordan Burns (resigned 15.2.24)
Andrew Taylor
Michael Hassall
Barend Philip Anthon (appointed 10.9.24)

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The charity is incorporated in England.

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Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 29 February 2024.

Purpose and Objectives

Our charity is committed to:

- Assisting more disabled people into paid and unpaid employment, both within and outside of our organisation.
- Strengthening our community hub by increasing footfall and income generation.
- Continuing to deliver our core advocacy services, protecting and promoting the rights of disabled people in Wigan.

Main Activities

- Our SENDIASS (Special Educational Needs and Disability Information, Advice, and Support Service) has continued to thrive, led by an autistic staff member, showing our commitment to services that are by and for disabled people. This year, referrals have doubled due to the challenges faced by disabled young people in schools. In response, we restructured the team, achieving nearly 100% success in contacting families within two working days, with consistently high satisfaction ratings.
- Personal Assistant (PA) Support: We promoted the role of personal assistants extensively. Our CEO was a keynote speaker at the PA summit in Sheffield, which enhanced our visibility. We also joined Skills for Care's national PA Framework, giving us a voice at a national level. Locally, we helped over 100 individuals secure employment as PAs in Wigan.
- Advocacy Services: Our advocacy work, especially for disabled parents undergoing assessments from children's services, has made an impactful difference. We continue to champion person-centered working in Wigan, setting a regional standard of good practice in our unique services.
- Community Hub: Our community hub offered paid employment to four disabled individuals, supporting their journey to work. Additionally, our sensory rooms provided a safe and relaxing environment for both children and adults across the borough.

Achievements and Performance

Impact Overview

This year, we:

- Benefited over 4,000 individuals.
- Supported over 100 people in finding PAs.
- Assisted 50 individuals in gaining qualifications.
- Continued as co-chair of the Greater Manchester Disabled People's Panel, influencing regional policy.
- Helped young disabled people integrate into community groups through our advocacy and support services.
- Hosted a 12-month workshop series teaching independence skills to young disabled people.

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Challenges Faced

- **Funding Limitations:** It remains challenging to secure funding for non-project staff, meaning most management team members also deliver services. We continue seeking funders open to supporting core operational needs.
- **Visibility:** Creating and sharing content on our achievements takes considerable time and resources. This has limited our reach and promotion efforts.
- **Community Hub Sustainability:** Operating a welcoming and safe community hub that offers employability skills and support has been rewarding but financially challenging to sustain.

Financial Review

- **Income and Expenditure Summary**

Our primary income source is public sector contracts, as we deliver services that must be provided by organisations independent from the local authority. We also receive funding from the National Lottery Community Fund, which supports the operation of our community hub. Staff salaries account for the majority of our expenditure since much of our work requires face-to-face delivery. We make a concerted effort to retain employees to maintain service quality and continuity.
- **Reserves and Financial Position**

Our reserves policy will be revised in the coming year to reflect inflationary pressures, ensuring our restricted funds provide adequate financial stability.
- **Plans to Address Financial Needs**

We aim to diversify income sources to reduce our reliance on grants, providing greater control over finances and planning. Our reserves may also be allocated to explore new projects that both align with our mission and have the potential to generate income.

Future Plans

- **Aims for the Next Financial Year**

We are exploring the potential of establishing a charity shop to support employment opportunities while generating additional revenue. As we approach our 25th anniversary, we will seek external professionals to help us craft a strategic plan to guide us into this milestone year. We remain committed to expanding our advocacy work as disabled people continue to face increasing inequalities, and we are determined to amplify their voices in the public arena.

Investment Policy and objectives

We continue to maintain enough funds to manage any contingencies. We also continue to invest a proportion of our reserves in fixed rate bonds, with a greater return than that of the bank reserve accounts, which can be liquidated without loss to capital element if the need arises.

Risk management

The trustees recognise their responsibility to identify and review the risks to which the Charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

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Embrace Wigan & Leigh Trustees' Report

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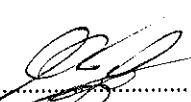
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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

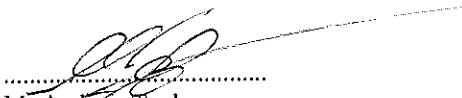
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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Embrace Wigan & Leigh

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- 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 my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My 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 examiner's statement

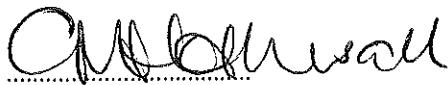
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date: 11th November 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 29 February 2024 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	42,655	-	42,655
Contracts	5	613,509	-	613,509
Other trading activities	4	65,193	-	65,193
Other income	5	5,761	-	5,761
Total Income		727,118	-	727,118
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities		632,329	-	632,329
Raising Donations and Legacies		-	-	-
Other Trading Activities		48,803	-	48,803
Total Expenditure		681,132	-	681,132
Net income/(expenditure)		45,986	-	45,986
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		508,198	-	508,198
Total funds carried forward	13	554,184	-	554,184
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Donations and legacies	3	84,534	-	84,534
Contracts	5	436,214	-	436,214
Other trading activities	4	37,194	-	37,914
Other income	5	12,606	-	12,606
Total Income		570,548	-	570,548
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities		526,071	-	526,071
Raising Donations and Legacies		-	-	-
Other trading activities		28,179	-	28,179
Total Expenditure		554,250	-	554,250
Net income/(expenditure)		16,298	-	16,298
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		491,900	-	491,900
Total funds carried forward	13	508,198	-	508,198

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Statement of Financial Position as at 29 February 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	10	<u>12,450</u>	<u>16,599</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	11	113,420	47,962
Cash at bank and in hand	14	<u>517,535</u>	<u>502,266</u>
		630,955	550,228
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>(89,221)</u>	<u>(58,629)</u>
Net current assets		<u>541,734</u>	<u>491,599</u>
Net assets		<u>554,184</u>	<u>508,198</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted income funds			
Restricted funds		-	-
Unrestricted funds		<u>554,184</u>	<u>508,198</u>
Total funds	13	<u>554,184</u>	<u>508,198</u>

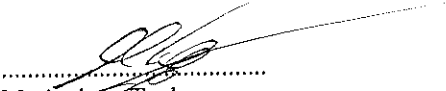
For the financial year ending 29 February 2024 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

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

The financial statements on pages 7 to 14 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 11 November 2024 and signed on their behalf by:


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Mr Andrew Taylor
Trustee

Embrace Wigan & Leigh

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 29 February 2024

1 Charity status

The charity is a charity limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £Nil towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

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

Statement of compliance

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 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of preparation

Embrace Wigan & Leigh 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 notes.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

The charity opted to adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

Income and endowments

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of the income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 29 February 2024

Deferred income

Deferred income represents amounts received for future periods and is released to incoming resources in the period for which, it has been received. Such income is only deferred when:

- The donor specifies that the grant or donation must only be used in future accounting periods; or
- The donor has imposed conditions which must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement.

Investment income

Income is recognised once it has been declared and notification has been received of the amount due.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £0.00 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses. Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Fixtures and fittings	25% reducing balance

Taxation

The charity 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 charity 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.

Trade debtors and creditors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business and are recognised initially at the transaction price. Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers and are recognised initially at the transaction price

Financial instruments

The charity holds only basic financial instruments, as defined under Section 11 of FRS 102

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 29 February 2024

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£
Donations from individuals	3,732	6,806
Grants from local authority and other bodies	38,923	77,728
	42,655	84,534

4 Income from other trading activities

	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£
Fundraising Income	596	2,007
Income from DBS checks	4,492	5,491
Income from Embrace Design	13,337	6,272
Community Hub income	43,244	19,627
Family Forum Admin	3,524	997
Placement fees received	-	2,800
	65,193	37,194

5 Income from Charitable Activities

	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£
Activity Contracts	613,509	436,214
Other Income	5,761	12,606
	619,270	448,820

6 Net incoming/outgoing resources

Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year include:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Depreciation of fixed assets	4,149	3,840

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 29 February 2024

7 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

8 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	594,918	395,105
Social security costs	40,374	29,697
Other pension costs	9,688	7,667
	<u>644,980</u>	<u>432,469</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

9 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £
Cost	
At 1 March 2023	77,558
Additions in year	<u>-</u>
At 29 February 2024	<u>77,558</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 March 2023	60,959
Charge for the year	<u>4,149</u>
At 29 February 2024	<u>65,108</u>
Net book value	
At 29 February 2024	<u>12,450</u>
At 28 February 2023	<u>16,599</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 29 February 2024

11 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	110,423	44,976
Other debtor	1,000	1,000
Prepayments and accrued income	1,997	1,986
	113,420	47,962

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	1,099	783
Accruals and deferred income	56,867	56,129
Other creditors	31,255	1,717
	89,221	58,629

13 Funds

	Balance at 1 March 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 29 February 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	349,198	727,118	(681,132)	-	395,184
Designated office, admin and support	159,000	-	-	-	159,000
Total Unrestricted funds	508,198	727,118	(681,132)	-	554,184
	Balance at 1 March 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 28 February 2023 £
Unrestricted funds					
General	332,900	570,548	(554,250)	-	349,198
Designated	159,000	-	-	-	159,000
Total unrestricted funds	491,900	570,548	(554,250)	-	508,198

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 28 February 2024

14 Analysis of net funds

	At 1 March 2023 £	Cash flow £	At 28 February 2024 £
Cash at bank and in hand	502,266	15,269	517,535
Net cash and cash equivalents	502,266	15,269	517,535

15 Related Party Disclosures

Bryan Atkinson, a trustee during the year, was also a trustee and director of Abram Ward Community Charity (AWCC) during the year ended 29 February 2024. AWCC owns the premises from which Embrace Wigan & Leigh operates. Rental charges of £23,988 were paid by Embrace Wigan & Leigh to AWCC during the year (2023: £17,000) together with additional room hire charges totalling £nil (2023: £885.00). The balance outstanding to AWCC at 29 February 2024 was nil (2023: nil).

EMBRACE WIGAN & LEIGH

England & Wales - Charity number 1082663

Accounts

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Embrace Wigan & Leigh

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 28 February 2023

Embrace Wigan & Leigh

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Embrace Wigan & Leigh

Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Bryan Atkinson Joanne Barrow Sheila Marie Robinson Jordan Burns Andrew Taylor Michael Hassall (appointed 22.7.22)
Registered Office	81 Ribble Road Platt Bridge Wigan WN2 5EG The charity is incorporated in England.
Company Registration Number	03936727
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Lead Officer	Lynne Hamnett
Independent Examiner	P A Hull & Co 30 Bolton Road Aspull Wigan WN2 1YY

Embrace Wigan & Leigh

Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 28 February 2023.

Objectives and activities

This year has been one of significant progress for our organisation. We have begun a new venture opening a community hub and creating more paid/unpaid roles for disabled people locally. This report provides greater insight into the work we have been undertaking this year and some of the difficulties we have encountered as well. The report begins with the sad news of a much loved member of staffs passing and how we have attempted to honour her memory. This is followed by details of our regional work and core advocacy activity.

In February, a long standing member of our organisation sadly passed away. Jane Roberts supported hundreds of disabled people across Wigan Borough to find personal assistants. Jane's enthusiasm for the personal assistant workforce was such, that alongside her job with us, she began working as a personal assistant herself. Jane was always eager to be busy and help others. When she was not working here or as a personal assistant, she was volunteering supporting our fund raising endeavours and activities for children and young people. Jane loved her local community and wanted to bring people together and give back at every opportunity.

Jane's passing is responsible for much of our fundraising income this year, as she requested that funds raised at her funeral went to help our community work. Jane's death also connected us to a local organisation called AMSPEC. AMSPEC are a design and build company, who's CEO was personal friends with Jane and her family. After learning more about Jane's work and passion for our organisation, AMSPEC approached us to understand how they could assist in our charitable endeavours. This coincided with our decision to open a community space within our office building, which AMSPEC, subsequently, offered to renovate.

The space includes a café, a food pantry and a place for community activities. As the year progressed, we also opened a community garden. We have called the space 'The Hidden Gem' and it is filled with reminders of Jane. This includes a plaque on a wall of the café and a bench within the community garden. We believe that these are spaces Jane would have loved and spent much time in supporting the local community.

The Hidden Gem was made to feel modern and comfortable by AMSPEC and with assistance from The National Lottery Community Fund and Wigan Council, we have been able to open the space to community 5/6 days per week. The primary objective of the space is to offer training and employment opportunities to disabled people. In only six months we have been able to offer opportunities to over 30 people. This includes a mixture of paid employment, student internships and volunteer opportunities. In addition, we have begun to host a range of community activities led by volunteers. This includes a range of subjects such as art, cooking, wellbeing, gaming and much more. Over one hundred people have attended the community groups we host, after just six months of being open.

Alongside our efforts to develop a stronger community presence, we have been focused on raising our profile across Greater Manchester. Our rationale for this is that by working alongside colleagues from across the region we are better able to influence policy that impacts on the lives of disabled people. An example of our progress in this area is our involvement with The Greater Manchester Disabled Peoples Panel. This is one of Andy Burnham's equality panels and feeds directly into The Greater Manchester Combined Authority. We have been able to take a key role within this panel, with our Executive Officer holding the position of Co-Chair. The panels work includes a survey of disabled people across the region, which is beginning to influence change at a strategic level.

In addition, we have been able to create our own greater Manchester wide network which focusses on Personal Assistants and the people who employ them. We have called the network, The Greater Manchester Personal Assistant Network. At present, we have representation on the network from most areas in the region. We have been considering what the greater issues are and how they can be overcome. This network has been funded by Greater Manchester NHS, which also, presents us with an opportunity to raise the concerns shared within the network at a strategic level.

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Trustees' Report

Alongside these new developments, we remain committed to our core advocacy work. This includes, Care Act Advocacy and Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities Information Advice and Support Service. We have worked hard to ensure these services remain efficient and effective, promoting the rights of disabled people within our borough. We are proud to say that well over a thousand people have benefitted from our support this year. We aim to carry on this work in the new year, assisting more people as times are becoming increasingly difficult.

This year feels like a spring board to a new chapter for the organisation. Our hope is that we continue to build next year and new opportunities to expand our work and support more people come to fruition. The community centre has been an exciting new challenge, however, next year we will need to focus more on the sustainability of the space. For now, however, thank you to all the staff and volunteers at Embrace for their hard work and dedication.

Financial Review

We are extremely pleased with our financial position. Securing the new adult advocacy contract with the local authority provides us with a great deal of stability. We now have two statutory services, with long-term contracts. We have recorded a modest surplus this year, which will be reinvested in our charitable activities we are confident that organisation will continue to prosper. The stability of our funding allows us to have greater confidence in our financial forecasts than in previous years and the next year will be another strong year for the charity which will benefit those that we aim to serve.

Principle funding sources

Our income continues to derive primarily from public sector contracts and charitable grants. We invest these resources in frontline staff; administration and management to make sure our services are delivered to local residents.

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Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my 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 my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My 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 examiner's statement

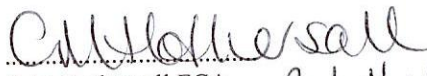

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(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.


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Date: 31st October 2023

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 28 February 2023 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	84,534	-	84,534
Contracts	5	436,214	-	436,214
Other trading activities	4	37,194	-	37,914
Other income	5	12,606	-	90,333
Total Income		570,548	-	570,548
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities		526,071	-	526,071
Raising Donations and Legacies		-	-	-
Other Trading Activities		28,179	-	28,179
Total Expenditure		554,250	-	554,250
Net income/(expenditure)		16,298	-	16,298
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		491,899	-	491,899
Total funds carried forward	14	508,197	-	508,197
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	86,773	-	86,773
Contracts	5	394,760	-	394,760
Other trading activities	4	14,065	-	14,065
Other income	5	7,240	-	7,240
Total Income		502,838	-	502,838
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities		513,810	9,388	523,198
Raising Donations and Legacies		523	-	523
Other trading activities		5,467	-	5,467
Total Expenditure		519,800	9,388	529,188
Net income/(expenditure)		(16,962)	(9,388)	(26,350)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		508,861	9,388	518,249
Total funds carried forward	14	491,899	-	491,899

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Statement of Financial Position as at 28 February 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	16,599	8,245
Current assets			
Debtors	12	47,962	118,219
Cash at bank and in hand		502,266	370,418
		550,228	488,637
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13	(58,630)	(4,983)
Net current assets		491,598	483,654
Net assets		508,197	491,899
Funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted income funds			
Restricted funds		-	-
Unrestricted funds		508,197	491,899
Total funds	15	508,197	491,899

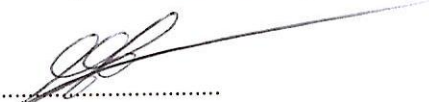
For the financial year ending 28 February 2023 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

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

The financial statements on pages 7 to 15 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 31 October 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



 Mr Andrew Taylor
 Trustee

Embrace Wigan & Leigh

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 28 February 2023

1 Charity status

The charity is a charity limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £Nil towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

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

Statement of compliance

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 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of preparation

Embrace Wigan & Leigh 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 notes.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

The charity opted to adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

Income and endowments

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of the income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

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Deferred income

Deferred income represents amounts received for future periods and is released to incoming resources in the period for which, it has been received. Such income is only deferred when:

- The donor specifies that the grant or donation must only be used in future accounting periods; or
- The donor has imposed conditions which must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement.

Investment income

Income is recognised once it has been declared and notification has been received of the amount due.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £0.00 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses. Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Fixtures and fittings	25% reducing balance

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 28 February 2023

Research and development

Development expenditure incurred on an individual project is carried forward when its future recoverability can reasonably be regarded as assured. Any expenditure carried forward is amortised in line with the expected future income from the related project.

Taxation

The charity 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 charity 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.

Trade debtors and creditors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business and are recognised initially at the transaction price. Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers and are recognised initially at the transaction price

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity. Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Financial instruments

The charity holds only basic financial instruments, as defined under Section 11 of FRS 102

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Donations from individuals	6,806	3,831
Grants from local authority and other bodies	77,728	82,942
	<u>84,534</u>	<u>86,773</u>

4 Income from other trading activities

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Fundraising Income	2,007	1,564
Income from DBS checks	5,491	7,679
Income from Embrace Design	6,272	1,022
Café income	19,627	-
Family Forum Admin	997	-
Placement fees received	2,800	3,800
	<u>37,194</u>	<u>14,065</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 28 February 2023

5 Income from Charitable Activities

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Activity Contracts	436,214	394,760
Other Income	12,606	7,240
	<hr/> 448,820	<hr/> 402,000

6 Net incoming/outgoing resources

Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year include:

	2023 £	2022 £
Depreciation of fixed assets	3,840	2,748

8 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

9 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	395,105	406,610
Social security costs	29,697	33,361
Other pension costs	7,667	15,678
	<hr/> 432,469	<hr/> 455,649

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 28 February 2023

10 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £
Cost	
At 1 March 2022	65,362
Additions in year	<u>12,194</u>
At 28 February 2023	<u>77,556</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 March 2022	57,117
Charge for the year	<u>3,840</u>
At 28 February 2023	<u>60,957</u>
Net book value	
At 28 February 2023	<u>16,599</u>
At 28 February 2022	<u>8,245</u>

12 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade debtors	44,976	115,329
Other debtor	1,000	1,000
Prepayments and accrued income	1,986	1,890
	<u>47,962</u>	<u>118,219</u>

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	783	1,225
Accruals and deferred income	56,129	3,758
Other creditors	1,718	-
	<u>58,630</u>	<u>4,983</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 28 February 2023

14 Funds

	Balance at 1 March 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 28 February 2023 £
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	332,899	570,548	(554,250)	-	349,197
Designated office, admin and support	159,000	-	-	-	159,000
Total Unrestricted funds	491,899	570,548	(554,250)	-	508,197
Restricted Funds					
Children in Need ASC	-	-	-	-	-
Children in Need	-	-	-	-	-
Total Restricted Funds	-	-	-	-	-
Total funds	491,899	570,548	(554,250)	-	508,197
	Balance at 1 March 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 28 February 2022 £
Unrestricted funds					
General	349,831	502,838	(519,800)	-	332,899
Designated	159,000	-	-	-	159,000
Total unrestricted funds	508,831	502,838	(519,800)	-	491,899
Restricted Funds					
Children in Need ASC	7,268	-	(7,268)	-	-
Children in Need	2,120	-	(2,120)	-	-
Total Restricted Funds	9,388	-	(9,388)	-	-
Total funds	518,219	502,838	(529,188)	-	491,899

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 28 February 2023

15 Analysis of net funds

	At 1 March 2022 £	Cash flow £	At 28 February 2023 £
Cash at bank and in hand	370,418	131,848	502,266
Net cash and cash equivalents	370,418	131,848	502,266

16 Related Party Disclosures

Bryan Atkinson, a trustee, was also a trustee and director of Abram Ward Community Charity (AWCC) during the year ended 28 February 2023. AWCC owns the premises from which Embrace Wigan & Leigh operates. Rental charges of £24,231 were paid by Embrace Wigan & Leigh to AWCC during the year (2022: £17,000) together with additional room hire charges totalling £885.00 (2022: £1666.15). The balance outstanding to AWCC at 28 February 2023 was nil (2022: nil).

Embrace Wigan & Leigh provided goods and services to the value of £1,698 (2022: £6,486) during the year to 28 February 2023 and a balance of £1,152.00 was outstanding at the year end (2022:£ 408.66).

EMBRACE WIGAN & LEIGH

England & Wales - Charity number 1082663

Accounts

Company registration number: 03936727 (England and Wales)

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Embrace Wigan & Leigh

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 28 February 2022

Embrace Wigan & Leigh

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Reference and Administrative Details

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Joanne Barrow
Sheila Marie Robinson
Andrew Taylor
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Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 28 February 2022.

Objectives and activities

Writing this year's report gives us the opportunity to reflect on what has been a hugely successful year. Securing a contract extension for our Information, Advice and Support Service, at the end of 2020, has given us the opportunity to develop the service, we have also been fortunate enough to open new services, which we believe will help our local community. Finally, we have been proud of the volume of people we have been able to support and we are thrilled that our capacity to do this continues to grow. The following report will expand on this and provide a brief overview of our plans for the year ahead.

As mentioned, extending the contract with Wigan Council for our Information Advice and Guidance Service was extremely significant. We have been offering assistance to the families of disabled children/young people for over two decades; this contract ensures we can continue to do this. On winning the contract, we implemented some changes. Firstly, was reorganising the team and installing a manager dedicated to the service. This allowed us to concentrate on our primary aims, including; reducing waiting times, enhancing our digital offer and developing our efficiency, which are all targets designed to enhance the experience of our local community. Whilst these goals are ones we will always continue to strive for, we have made significant progress. A service specific website was launched for the first time, this includes a range of informational articles and videos for local families. We managed to significantly reduce waiting times and provide information advice and guidance to over 1000 families. The feedback we received was overwhelmingly positive too, with 100% of people feeling our service was fair and independent and all people surveyed saying our support made a positive difference to their lives. This is a start to the new contract we are extremely proud of and we are determined to continue developing over the next four years.

The strength of our existing services presented us with a platform to build from. We therefore, identified an opportunity to tender for a new statutory advocacy service. This contract would have similar monetary value to our Information Advice and Guidance work, if we were successful. More importantly it would provide us with the opportunity to assist anyone 18+ with health and social care needs, which we felt fitted perfectly with our overarching mission of 'supporting disabled people to live the life they choose'. We tendered for the service at the start of the financial year and were fortunate enough to win the contract. This, we believe, was testimony to the great work we had been doing on our general advocacy and community connecting projects. Ultimately, this work provided us with the evidence needed to demonstrate our ability to manage such a service. Since June, we have been working tirelessly to embed our new service into our existing offer. Whilst this preliminary work is now complete, our efforts to develop and improve the service are ongoing. Whilst winning the contract was something we are extremely excited about, it has given us further opportunity to work with some of the most vulnerable people within our community. It is clear to see that a shortage of care staff, housing and care home spaces is having a dramatic impact on people's lives. We hope that our advocacy can help to inspire change on an individual and societal level.

In addition, to tendering for work, we make efforts to raise funds throughout the year. This gives us a greater level of autonomy as these funds are not attached to a service level agreement. Our fund raising income has always been a significantly small percentage of our annual revenue, therefore, we try to ensure that our fundraising has a social impact as well. At the start of this year, many of the lockdown restrictions still applied, however, going outside for exercise was encouraged. We, therefore, developed an inclusive fundraiser, which encouraged people to get active. The event was organised around our mascot Eddie the Bear and involved getting him home, after he had been left in a hotel room in York. We challenged participants to walk, roll or run 80 miles throughout February. One hundred and thirty people joined in, many of whom had rarely left their homes in the previous few months. We received lots of feedback from people saying that this challenge had provided them with the motivation they needed to go outdoors. This was brilliant feedback and we also managed to raise £3000. We were therefore, extremely satisfied with how this event unfolded.

Embrace Wigan & Leigh Trustees' Report

As this year ends, our charity is in a strong position. Next year, we will focus on sustainability by identifying new income streams that are not solely dependent on grants or public sector contracts. One plan we have for the year ahead is making greater use of our building. We intend to transform the space into a community hub, where we can undertake a variety of activities to benefit local people. A key aim of the hub will be supporting disabled people to develop skills, which will make it easier for them to secure paid employment. I am confident that next year's report will outline how this has been achieved.

In summary, we are pleased with our year. We have managed to strengthen our position financially, which means we can assist more people in our local community. Our team moral remains strong and we are excited to see what the New Year has in store.

Financial Review

We are extremely pleased with our financial position. Securing the new adult advocacy contract with the local authority provides us with a great deal of stability. We now have two statutory services, with long-term contracts. Therefore, despite recording a small deficit this year, we are confident that organisation will continue to prosper. Next year, only one of our core contracts will require a retender process. Therefore, we can have greater confidence in our financial forecasts than in previous years. We feel that next year will be a positive one, financially; we, therefore, want to make sure, that as many of our beneficiaries benefit from this as possible.

Principle funding sources

Our income continues to derive primarily from public sector contracts and charitable grants. We invest these resources in frontline staff; administration and management to make sure our services are delivered to local residents.

Investment Policy and objectives

We continue to maintain enough funds to manage any contingencies. We also continue to invest a proportion of our reserves in fixed rate bonds, with a greater return than that of the bank reserve accounts, which can be liquidated without loss to capital element if the need arises.

Risk management

The trustees recognise their responsibility to identify and review the risks to which the Charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Governing document

The Charity is controlled by its governing document, Memorandum, and Articles of Association, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies' regime under the Companies Act 2006.

Structure, governance and management

Objectives and policies

The charity's activities expose it to a number of financial risks including credit risk, cash flow risk and liquidity risk. The charity does not use derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes.

Embrace Wigan & Leigh Trustees' Report

Cash flow risk

Interest bearing assets and liabilities are held at fixed rate to ensure certainty of cash flows.

Credit risk

The charity's principal financial assets are bank balances trade debtors. The charity's credit risk is primarily attributable to its trade debtors. The amounts presented in the balance sheet are net of allowances for doubtful debts of which there have been none during the year. The credit risk on trade debtors is limited because the funding bodies are public authorities or large charities with whom the organisation has well established relationships.

The credit risk on liquid funds is limited because the counterparties are banks with high credit-ratings assigned by international credit-rating agencies.

The charity has no significant concentration of credit risk, with exposure spread over a large number of counterparties and customers.


Liquidity risk

The trustees consider that sufficient funds are available for ongoing operations and future developments.

Restricted Funds

Restricted funds include unspent grant and contract income that can only be used on specific activities and where any surplus funds would have to be repaid to the grant provider if unspent after the end of the project to which the funds relate. There are no such funds at the present time.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 16th January 2023 and signed on its behalf by:


.....
Andrew Taylor
Trustee

Embrace Wigan & Leigh

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities


The trustees (who are also the directors of Embrace Wigan & Leigh for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

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 apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company 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.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 16th January 2023 and signed on its behalf by:


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Mr Andrew Taylor
Trustee

Embrace Wigan & Leigh

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Embrace Wigan & Leigh

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 28 February 2022 which are set out on pages 7 to 15.

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 accounts. The 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. The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales..

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my 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
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Basis of independent examiner's report

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Independent examiner's statement

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(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

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Date: 16th January 2023

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	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	86,773		86,773
Contracts	3	394,760		394,760
Other trading activities	4	14,065		14,065
Other income	5	7,240		7,240
Total Income		502,838		502,838
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities		513,810	9,388	523,198
Raising Donations and Legacies		523		523
Other Trading Activities		5,467		5,467
Total Expenditure		519,800	9,388	529,188
Net income/(expenditure)		(16,962)	(9,388)	(26,350)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		508,861	9,388	518,249
Total funds carried forward	14	491,899	-	491,899
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	129,796	31,262	161,058
Contracts	3	329,331		329,331
Other trading activities	4	10,929		10,929
Other income	5	85,169		85,169
Total Income		555,225	31,262	586,487
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities		1,009		1,009
Raising Donations and Legacies		458,156	31,996	490,152
Other trading activities		2,524		2,524
Total Expenditure		461,689	31,996	493,685
Net income/(expenditure)		93,536	(734)	92,802
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		415,325	10,122	425,447
Total funds carried forward	14	508,861	9,388	518,249

Embrace Wigan & Leigh

Statement of Financial Position as at 28 February 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	8,245	10,993
Current assets			
Debtors	12	118,219	63,797
Cash at bank and in hand		370,418	447,909
		488,637	511,706
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13	(4,983)	(4,450)
Net current assets		483,654	507,256
Net assets		491,899	518,249
Funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted income funds			
Restricted funds		-	9,388
Unrestricted funds		491,899	508,861
Total funds	15	491,899	518,249

For the financial year ending 28 February 2022 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

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

The financial statements on pages 7 to 15 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 16 January 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



 Mr Andrew Taylor
 Trustee

Embrace Wigan & Leigh

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 28 February 2022

1 Charity status

The charity is a charity limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £Nil towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

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

Statement of compliance

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 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of preparation

Embrace Wigan & Leigh 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 notes.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

The charity opted to adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

Income and endowments

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of the income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

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Deferred income

Deferred income represents amounts received for future periods and is released to incoming resources in the period for which, it has been received. Such income is only deferred when:

- The donor specifies that the grant or donation must only be used in future accounting periods; or
- The donor has imposed conditions which must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement.

Investment income

Income is recognised once it has been declared and notification has been received of the amount due.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £0.00 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses. Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Fixtures and fittings	25% reducing balance

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Research and development

Development expenditure incurred on an individual project is carried forward when its future recoverability can reasonably be regarded as assured. Any expenditure carried forward is amortised in line with the expected future income from the related project.

Taxation

The charity 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 charity 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.

Trade debtors and creditors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business and are recognised initially at the transaction price. Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers and are recognised initially at the transaction price.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Financial instruments

The charity holds only basic financial instruments, as defined under Section 11 of FRS 102

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Donations from individuals	3,831	3,894
Grants from local authority and other bodies	82,942	157,164
	<u>86,773</u>	<u>161,058</u>

4 Income from other trading activities

	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Fundraising Income	1,564	2,755
Income from DBS checks	7,679	4,100
Income from Embrace Design	1,022	2,074
Placement fees received	3,800	2,000
	<u>14,065</u>	<u>10,929</u>

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5 Income from Charitable Activities

	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Activity Contracts	394,760	329,661
Other Income	7,240	85,169
	<u>402,000</u>	<u>414,830</u>

6 Net incoming/outgoing resources

Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year include:

	2022 £	2021 £
Depreciation of fixed assets	2,748	3,664

8 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

9 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	406,610	395,060
Social security costs	33,361	26,670
Other pension costs	15,678	7,529
	<u>455,649</u>	<u>429,259</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 28 February 2022

10 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £
Cost	
At 1 March 2021	65,362
Additions in year	-
At 28 February 2022	65,362
Depreciation	
At 1 March 2021	54,369
Charge for the year	2,748
At 28 February 2022	57,117
Net book value	
At 28 February 2022	8,245
At 28 February 2021	10,993

12 Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade debtors	115,329	50,074
Other debtor	1,000	1,367
Prepayments and accrued income	1,890	12,356
	118,219	63,797

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade creditors	1,225	516
Accruals	3,758	2,340
Other creditors	-	1,594
	4,983	4,450

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14 Funds

	Balance at 1 March 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 28 February 2022 £
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	349,861	502,838	(519,800)	-	332,899
Designated office, admin and support	159,000	-	-	-	159,000
Total Unrestricted funds	508,831	502,838	(519,800)	-	491,899
Restricted Funds					
Children in Need ASC	7,268	-	(7,268)	-	-
Children in Need	2,120	-	(2,120)	-	-
Total Restricted Funds	9,388	-	(9,388)	-	-
Total funds	518,219	502,838	(529,188)	-	491,899
	Balance at 1 March 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 28 February 2021 £
Unrestricted funds					
General	256,295	555,225	(461,689)	-	349,831
Designated	159,000	-	-	-	159,000
Total unrestricted funds	415,295	555,225	(461,689)	-	508,831
Restricted Funds					
Children in Need ASC	8,002	31,262	(31,996)	-	7,268
Children in Need	2,120	-	-	-	2,120
Total Restricted Funds	10,122	-	-	-	9,388
Total funds	425,417	586,487	(493,685)	-	518,219

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15 Analysis of net funds

	At 1 March 2021 £	Cash flow £	At 28 February 2022 £
Cash at bank and in hand	447,910	(77,492)	370,418
Net cash and cash equivalents	447,910	(77,492)	370,418

16 Related Party Disclosures

Bryan Atkinson, a trustee, was also a trustee and director of Abram Ward Community Charity (AWCC) during the year ended 28 February 2022. AWCC owns the premises from which Embrace Wigan & Leigh operates. Rental charges of £17,000 were paid by Embrace Wigan & Leigh to AWCC during the year (2021: £17,000) together with additional room hire charges totalling £1666.15 (2021: £200). The balance outstanding to AWCC at 28 February 2022 was nil (2021: nil).

Embrace Wigan & Leigh provided goods and services to the value of £6,486 (2021: £2,618) during the year to 28 February 2022 and a balance of £408.66 was outstanding at the year end (2021:£910).

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England & Wales - Charity number 1082663

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 03936727 (England and Wales)

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1082663

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021
FOR
EMBRACE WIGAN & LEIGH
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)**

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021**

Trustees

Bryan Atkinson
Joanne Barrow
David Edward Baxter (resigned 29th January 2021)
Sarah Owen (resigned 24th November 2021)
Graham Henry Potter (resigned 26th March 2021)
Sheila Marie Robinson
Andrew Taylor (appointed 29th January 2021)
Jordan Burns (appointed 26th March 2021)

Company secretary

Graham Henry Potter (resigned 26th March 2021)
Andrew Taylor (appointed 29th January 2021)

Registered office

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Independent examiner

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Lead Officer

Lynne Hamnett

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 28 February 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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).

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021

Objectives and activities Objectives and aims

The principal activity of the charity is to promote the care, welfare, interest, treatment, education and advancement of people with any form of disability, their families and carers living in the Wigan and Leigh area. Also to provide information, advice, support and personal advocacy to disabled people and their families who live, work or use services in the Wigan and Leigh area. We actively promote choice, inclusion and opportunity and work with the local community to promote this through disability equality training and other community based services/support.

Embrace Wigan & Leigh aim to help disabled people and their families secure the future for themselves / their relatives and to provide them with peace of mind. This means ending isolation and loneliness, enabling financial security, enabling everyone to make a contribution, ensuring choice, and helping to secure genuine homes.

In all of our work, we will be guided and inspired by four core principles:

1. Caring relationships are the key to safety, security and a good life. Cultivating loving networks for individuals with disabilities is the heart of our work.
2. Contribution equals citizenship. People with disabilities have important contributions to make to our communities, and we work to ensure the people we serve are recognised for their contributions.
3. Self-sufficiency makes us more effective. We look to identify diverse funding streams from a range of grant makers to ensure we are not over reliant on one source which enables Embrace Wigan & Leigh to advocate on behalf of individuals and families without fear of consequence or a conflict of interest.
4. Commitment to family direction. Embrace Wigan & Leigh is structured to ensure it will always be directed by and accountable to disabled people and their families.

Through our activities we hope to make a difference to people's lives and ensure that everyone, regardless of disability, has access to a good life. Not surprisingly, a good life for people with disabilities is not very different from a good life for anyone else: friends and family, a place of one's own, financial security, choice, and the ability to make a contribution to society.

We envision a future where people with disabilities:

- Are supported by caring family and friends
- Are encouraged to participate in and contribute to their community
- Have their wishes and choices respected
- Live in a place of their own choice
- Are protected from abuse and exploitation

Our main objective for each financial year is always to continue to work towards and strive to achieve our main aim and vision: to ensure that we provide help and assistance to as many people with disabilities and their families as possible. A major part of that work too is to look longer term at the sustainability of our support and build a legacy for future generations.

In shaping our objectives for the year and planning our activities we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our trustee meetings, which is as described in the above Objectives and Activities.

The strategies put in place were to maintain current activities in place at the beginning of this financial year and to identify new avenues of funding for further projects/activities, to ensure continuity of our work with other agencies, to ensure our members voice is heard and to explore and identify opportunities for families to access further information and knowledge which may support them in their daily lives.

Significant activities which have taken place to enable us to do this have been via initiatives such as funded projects from grant making organisations, through partnership working with other statutory and voluntary organisations, training and seminar activities for members and identifying strategies to maintain sustainability of our core work.

The charity is well supported by over 60 volunteers who are actively involved in the running of the charity. We would like to extend our gratitude to all those who donate their time for the charity.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021

Achievement and performance Charitable activities

Trustee Report

At the start of this financial year, the spread of the Corona Virus caused the country to enter a national lockdown. This threw our plans into disarray and forced us to consider how we could best continue to assist disabled people in Wigan borough. This report will explain how we responded to this challenge initially, redesigned our services as the year progressed, what obstacles we encountered along the way and how we ultimately continued to deliver much-needed support for our community. The report will conclude, by providing an overview of our plans for the year ahead, and a summary of our current financial position.

The vast majority of our work involves seeing people face-to-face, therefore, when conversations relating to a national lockdown began, we immediately considered ways we could continue to assist disabled people. In the first weeks of lockdown, this involved regular welfare checks on people known to us. We identified those, we felt, the new rules would affect the most and contacted them first. In the first two weeks of lockdown, we called over one thousand local people to check on their support needs. The lockdown appeared to galvanise our community, so many of the people we called initially did not require assistance.

For those that did, we collected prescriptions, picked-up shopping and completed regular check-ins. This involved offering assistants to over seven hundred people in the early part of the year. In addition to this, we identified grant funding from the Lang Kelly Chase Foundation. This allowed us to purchase digital equipment such as Tablets and Laptops. We then distributed these items to disabled people at risk of digital exclusion. Whilst providing this support, we developed our internal systems to ensure our team was ready to work remotely for a, potentially, indefinite period.

Once the initial shock of the pandemic had subsided, we started to roll out our new ways of working. This involved connecting with our beneficiaries using virtual platforms such as Zoom and Microsoft Teams. The members of our organisation who work with adults created a timetable of events and activities people could access during the day, evenings and weekends. This included cooking, photography, quizzes, karaoke nights, art lessons, social evenings and more. Alongside these events, we continued to offer welfare calls and assist those in need of practical support.

We were extremely fortunate to enrol several volunteers during this period, who assisted with the delivery. Our team members, who assist children and families, adopted a similar approach. These involved regular workshops where our team provided information on behavioural support, sleep, sensory needs and more. These sessions were incredibly well-received, and essential, as many children struggled to cope with the drastic change in their routine. Whilst our entire team began to offer a range of new virtual support options, advocacy remained central. We provided advocacy for disabled people in relation to education, issues with social care, access to health, housing and much more. In addition, we continued to influence change at a local and regional level. An example of this was our work with the Greater Manchester Disabled Peoples Panel where we captured the experience of thousands of disabled people, in relation to the support they had received during the pandemic. This data was used to create a report and recommendations, which was distributed to local authority leads across the region.

Whilst some of the services we provide were able to adapt to the new climate, others could not. The clearest example of this is our Independent Travel Training project. This involves supporting people to use public transport independently; however, as our community were urged to stay inside, travel training was not feasible. We, therefore, reached an agreement with the project's funders, Wigan Council, to suspend the service. As a result, we placed the two members of our team who deliver Travel Training on furlough. These were the only members of our team who were furloughed this year.

This means that the funding we have received from the local authority will be used to continue delivering the service next year, should the lockdown rules change. Another project, which experienced a significant challenge during this period, was our Personal Assistant Recruitment Service. The number of new people applying for Personal Assistant (PA) roles dropped significantly, and we received much fewer requests from people looking to employ new staff. We did, however, take responsibility for delivering Personal Protective Equipment for all people who employ PAs, delivering hundreds of packages across the borough.

Throughout the year, rules of lockdowns fluctuated. This was difficult to manage as we had beneficiaries who were advised to remain in Lockdown, beneficiaries who chose to stay in Lockdown and others who were desperate for face-to-face interaction. We were therefore extremely fortunate to receive a top-up grant from The National Lottery Community Fund. This allowed us to expand our team and offer a blend of face-to-face and digital support options. We added events such as community dog walks, social distanced picnics and alike, to our schedule. In addition, we introduced a walk and talk service. This involved going for a walk with someone who was struggling emotionally to provide a listening ear and reassurance.

Whilst this year has been difficult for everyone, it ended on a positive note for our team. Our largest contract, which involves supporting families of disabled children and young people, went out to tender. In December, we learned that our application had been successful and that we would be able to continue delivering the service for a further five years. Whilst this is extremely positive news, a number of our other contracts will end next year. This includes our Lottery Funded programme, Lets Connect, BBC Children in Need funded, Behaviour Support and Local Authority Funded Travel Training. A major focus of next year will be trying to secure renewed support for these services.

In conclusion, whilst this year has been different, we have demonstrated our ability to respond to the most unprecedented challenges. The changes we have made will undoubtedly strengthen the service we can provide moving forward. It is unlikely that work will ever be the same after this year and remote working will most likely become a more permanent feature. We now have the infrastructure in place to thrive in this new environment and continue offering assistance for disabled people in Wigan for years to come.

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021**

Financial Review

The organisation's financial position remains strong despite the effects of the pandemic. The Big Lottery funding received in the year has enabled us to provide additional services across the borough. The surplus generated in the year will be reinvested into projects to the benefit of the community in future years.

Principle funding sources

Our income continues to derive primarily from public sector contracts and charitable grants. We invest these resources in frontline staff, administration and management to make sure our services are delivered to local residents.

Investment Policy and objectives

We continue to maintain enough funds to manage any contingencies. We also continue to invest a proportion of our reserves in fixed rate bonds, with a greater return than that of the bank reserve accounts, which can be liquidated without loss to capital element if the need arises.

Financial review Financial position

Income has been maintained this year to a level comparable to the previous year in respect of Contract and Grants received. In addition Government grants have been received of £70,000 which result in a total income of £586,487 (2020 £523,834) and a surplus of £90,802 (2020 £6,445).

Principal funding sources

Our contracts and grants remain our primary source of income. We use these resources to cover salaries and administrative costs, which allow us to deliver the specific projects as described in the notes to the accounts. All of this work supports our key objectives.

Investment policy and objectives

The charity continues to ensure funds are held on deposit in case of contingencies. However, this year, the Management Committee have agreed to invest some of our reserves in fixed rate bonds, with a return greater than that of the bank reserve accounts which can be liquidated without loss to the capital element if the need arises.

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Reserves policy

We hold reserves to make sure that we can still provide services to our beneficiaries should there be a reduction in our incoming resources. Reserves in this context mean funds that are freely available for general purposes after all commitments have been met. The current reserves policy is that one year's core operating costs should be held as a Designated Office. The reserves policy also allows, subject to formal Management Committee agreement, for the continuation of a project should funding cease or the provision of new, innovative projects that will provide us with a cutting edge. No material uncertainties are casting significant doubt about the charity's ability to continue.

Future plans

The contract we secured at the end of this financial year was significant. It secures the vast majority of work we undertake with Children and Young People and gives us five years of stability. The aim for next year will be to explore what other advocacy work we can undertake locally, and attempt to secure other long-term agreements.

In addition, we must start to prepare for the eventuality that one of our charitable grants are not continued. We have been extremely fortunate until now, to have repeated success with organisations like Children in Need and The Lottery. However, we are planning for a future where this funding is no longer available. We understand that the chances of this have increased as a result of the funds grant makers have used during the pandemic.

Structure, governance and management Governing document

The charity was incorporated on 25 February 2000 and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association, as amended by special resolutions dated 15 June 2000, 28 February 2006, 26 November 2013 and 20 November 2015.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The trustees who have served during the year are set out on page 1. The trustees are appointed by the members of the charity. All of the trustees retire each year at the Annual General Meeting and may offer themselves for re-election in accordance with the Articles of Association.

Organisational structure

We are governed by a Management Committee which includes the trustees and meets five times per year to oversee our work and development.

Our Senior Management Team is responsible for overseeing the strategic development of the organisation, including long-term sustainability, recruitment, retention and supervision of staff, project developments and seeking funding, budget management and the day to day functioning of the organisation. The success of our senior management team has meant that we no longer require the assistance of external consultants, as we have bid writing and organisational development skills in-house.

Induction and training of new trustees

Initially, new trustees are inducted into the Organisation by attending the same induction course as staff, sessional workers, volunteers and placements. Additionally, trustees have access to guidance information provided by the Management Committee which covers such items as roles and responsibilities, legal obligations under charity and company law, the content of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, organisation structures and decision making processes, business planning and understanding financial information. The induction process also involves an opportunity for new trustees to meet key employees and other trustees. Trustees are encouraged to attend appropriate external training events which will facilitate their understanding of their role and meet their individual training needs.

Key management remuneration

The pay of the key management personnel is reviewed annually and is determined by performance and appraisal.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021

Structure, governance and management Risk analysis

The Charity has carried out a review to identify major risks and has taken steps to mitigate against them.

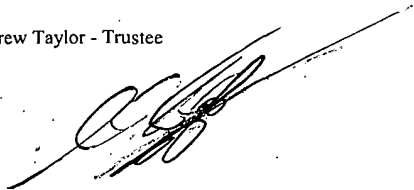
The major risks identified are:

Core funding not being sustained as a result of funding bodies' preference to fund short-term project work rather than core activities.
Inability to recruit and retain appropriately qualified and experienced staff.
Insufficient volunteers for fundraising and other activities.

It is the opinion of the trustees that the Charity has policies, procedures and controls adequate to maintain its future financial viability. Current staffing and volunteer levels are adequate.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 30 March 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

Andrew Taylor - Trustee

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Andrew Taylor', written over a horizontal line.

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
EMBRACE WIGAN & LEIGH**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Embrace Wigan & Leigh ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 28 February 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

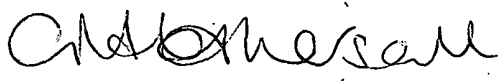
Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of ICAEW which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Catharine Hothersall FCA
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30-Mar-22


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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	28.2.21 Total funds £	29.2.20 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	3	129,796	31,262	161,058	144,659
Charitable activities					
Contracts	5	329,331	-	329,331	352,661
Other trading activities	4	10,929	-	10,929	22,646
Other income	6	85,169	-	85,169	3,868
Total		555,225	31,262.00	586,487	523,834
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds					
Raising donations and legacies	7	1,009	-	1,009	604
Other trading activities	8	2,524	-	2,524	5,089
		3,533	-	3,533	5,693
Charitable activities					
Training, support and activities	9	458,480	31,292	489,772	510,750
Grants		(324)	704	380	946
Total		461,689	31,996	493,685	517,389
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		93,536	(734)	92,802	6,445
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		389,679	29,324	419,003	425,418
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		483,215	28,590	511,805	431,863

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BALANCE SHEET
28 February 2021

	Notes	28.2.21 £	29.2.20 £
FIXED ASSETS	15	10,993	12,886
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	16	63,797	74,381
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>447,909</u>	<u>355,595</u>
		511,706	429,976
CREDITORS	17	<u>(4,450)</u>	<u>(17,414)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		507,256	412,562
		<u>518,249</u>	<u>425,448</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		518,249	425,448
		<u>518,249</u>	<u>425,448</u>
NET ASSETS		518,249	425,448
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds	20	508,861	416,029
Restricted funds		<u>9,389</u>	<u>9,419</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>518,250</u>	<u>425,448</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 29 February 2021. The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 29 February 2021. The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies. The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 30 March 2022 and
Andrew Taylor - Trustee



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**CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021**

	Notes	28.2.21	29.2.20
		£	£
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	94,086	27,097
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities		<u>94,086</u>	<u>27,097</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		<u>(1,771)</u>	<u>(1,195)</u>
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(1,771)</u>	<u>(1,195)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		 92,315	 25,902
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		 355,595	 329,693
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		 <u>447,910</u>	 <u>355,595</u>

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NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	28.2.21	29.2.20
	£	£
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	92,802	6,445
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	3,664	3,973
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	10,584	24,371
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(12,964)	(7,692)
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Net cash provided by/(used in) operations	94,086	27,097

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.3.19	Cash flow	At 29.2.20
	£	£	£
Net cash	355,595	92,314	447,909
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	355,595	92,314	447,909
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Total	355,595	92,314	447,909
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EMBRACE WIGAN & LEIGH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29 FEBRUARY 2020

1. STATUTORY INFORMATION

Embrace Wigan & Leigh is a charitable company, limited by guarantee and has no share capital and is registered in England and Wales. The company's registered number and registered office address can be found in the Report of the Trustees. The presentation currency of the financial statements is the Pound Sterling (£).

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

There are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue.

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

Income

All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Donations in kind are not reflected in the accounts because of the difficulty in quantifying their value. No amounts are included in the accounts for services donated by volunteers.

The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Investment income is included when receivable.

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 includes Input VAT which can not be recovered and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates. Where costs can not be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings - 25% on reducing balance

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Debtors/creditors

Debtors and creditors are included in the accounts at transactional value.

3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	28.2.21	29.2.20
	£	£
Donations	3,894	6,898
Gift aid	-	397
Grants received	<u>157,164</u>	<u>137,364</u>
	161,058	144,659

In 2021, of the above income, £140,286 (2020 - £9,295) was Unrestricted and £31,262 (2020 - £135,364) was Restricted.

4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	28.2.21	29.2.20
	£	£
Fundraising income	2,755	9,989
Income from DBS checks	4,100	8,326
Income from Embrace Design	2,074	2,934
Placement fees received	<u>2,000</u>	<u>1,397</u>
	<u>10,929</u>	<u>22,646</u>

In 2021 and 2020 all of the above income was Unrestricted.

5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	28.2.21	29.2.20
	£	£
Contracts		
Activity Contracts	<u>329,331</u>	<u>352,661</u>

All income from Contracts in 2021 and 2020 was Unrestricted.

6. OTHER INCOME

	28.2.21	29.2.20
	£	£
Other income		
All Other Income in 2020 and 2019 was Unrestricted.	<u>85,169</u>	<u>3,868.00</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021

7. RAISING DONATIONS AND LEGACIES	28.2.21	29.2.20
	£	£
Fundraising costs	<u>1,009</u>	<u>604</u>

All of this expenditure in 2021 and 2020 came from Unrestricted funds.

8. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES	28.2.21	29.2.20
	£	£
Purchases	<u>2,524</u>	<u>5,089</u>

All of this expenditure in 2021 and 2020 came from Unrestricted funds.

9. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS				
	Direct Costs	Grant funding of activities	Support costs	Totals
	£	(see note 10)	(see note 11)	£
		£	£	
Training, support and activities	298,700		191,072	489,772
Grants		380		380
	<u>298,700</u>	<u>380</u>	<u>191,072</u>	<u>490,152</u>

In 2021, Training, support and activities costs totalled £489,329 (2020 £510,751) of which £31,292 (2020 £155,269) was paid from Restricted funds and £458,037 (2020 - £355,482) from Unrestricted funds.

10. GRANTS PAYABLE	28.2.21	29.2.20
	£	£
Training, support and activities	-	-
Grants	<u>380</u>	<u>946</u>
	<u>380</u>	<u>946</u>

In 2021 and 2020 all of this expenditure came from Restricted Funds.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021

11. SUPPORT COSTS	Governance Management £	Finance £	costs £	Totals £
Training, support and activities	188,550	566	1,956	191,072
12. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)				
Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):			28.2.21 £	29.2.20 £
Accountancy			1,956	1,914
Depreciation - owned assets			3,664	3,973

13. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 28 February 2021 nor for the year ended 29 February 2020.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 28 February 2021 nor for the year ended 29 February 2020.

14. STAFF COSTS

	28.2.21 £	29.2.20 £
Wages and salaries	395,060	386,035
Social security costs	26,670	26,998
Other pension costs	7,529	6,941
	<u>429,259</u>	<u>419,974</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	28.2.21 £	29.2.20 £
Charitable activities	15	15
Administration	6	6
DBS and Design	1	1
Finance	1	1
	<u>23</u>	<u>23</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

The key management personnel of the charity is the Senior Management Team. The total remuneration paid in respect of the charity's key management personnel was £104,700 (2020 £94,501).

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021

15. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS		Fixtures and fittings
COST		
At 1 March 2020		63,591
Additions		<u>1,771</u>
At 29 February 2021		65,362
DEPRECIATION		
At 1 March 2020		50,705
Charge for year		<u>3,664</u>
At 29 February 2021		54,369
NET BOOK VALUE		
At 28 February 2021		<u>10,993</u>
At 29 February 2020		<u>12,886</u>
16. DEBTORS	28.2.21	29.2.20
Amounts falling due within one year:	£	£
Trade debtors	50,074	62,125
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>12,356</u>	<u>11,256</u>
	62,430	73,381
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Amounts falling due after more than one year: Other debtors	1,367	1,000
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Aggregate amounts	<u>63,797</u>	<u>74,381</u>
17. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	28.2.21	29.2.20
	£	£
Trade creditors	516	2,881
Social security and other taxes	-	8,070
Other creditors	1,594	1,977
Accrued expenses	<u>2,340</u>	<u>4,486</u>
	4,450	17,414
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021

18. LEASING AGREEMENTS

Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as
Within one year

28.2.21	29.2.20
£	£
17,000	17,000

19. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	28.2.21 Total funds £	28.2.20 Total funds £
Fixed assets	10,993		10,993	12,886
Current assets	502,317	9,389	511,706	429,976
Current liabilities	(4,450)		(4,450)	(17,414)
	508,860	9,389.00	518,249	425,448

20. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.3.20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 28.02.2021 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	257,029	92,832	-	349,861
Designated Office, Admin. & Support	159,000	-	-	159,000
	416,029	92,832	-	508,861
Restricted funds				
Children In Need	7,269	-	-	7,269
External Funding Grants	30	(30)	-	-
Children in Need ASC	2,120	-	-	2,120
	9,419	(30)	-	9,389
TOTAL FUNDS	425,448	92,802	-	518,250

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021

20. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £	
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	555,225	(462,393)	92,832	
	<u>555,225</u>	<u>(462,393)</u>	<u>92,832</u>	
Restricted funds				
Children In Need	29,142	(29,142)	-	
External Funding Grants		(30)	(30)	
Children in Need ASC	2,120	(2,120)	-	
	<u>31,262</u>	<u>(31,292)</u>	<u>(30)</u>	
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>586,487</u>	<u>(493,685)</u>	<u>92,802</u>	
Comparatives for movement in funds				
Unrestricted funds	At 1.3.19	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 29.2.20
General fund	242,679	26,350	(12,000)	257,029
Designated Office, Admin. & Support Services Fund	147,000	-	12,000	159,000
	<u>389,679</u>	<u>26,350</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>416,029</u>
Restricted funds				
Children In Need	-	2,120	-	2,120
External Funding Grants	620	(620)	-	-
The Deal - new shop funding	704	(704)	-	-
Children in Need ASC	-	7,269	-	7,269
Aviva Community Fund - All We Need is Love	25,000	(25,000)	-	-
TSB - Mindfulness and Meditation	3,000	(3,000)	-	-
	<u>29,324</u>	<u>(19,935)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,389</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>419,003</u>	<u>6,415</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>425,418</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021

20. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	386,469	(360,119)	26,350
Manchester Trust Duke of Edinburgh	2,000	(2,000)	-
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	388,469	(362,119)	26,350
Restricted funds			
Children In Need	28,168	(26,048)	2,120
External Funding Grants	357	(977)	(620)
Skills for Care	11,075	(11,075)	-
Big Lottery Fund	59,256	(59,256)	-
The Deal - new shop funding	-	(704)	(704)
Wigan Council Let's Connect	25,000	(25,000)	-
Children in Need ASC	11,509	(4,240)	7,269
Aviva Community Fund - All We Need is Love	-	(25,000)	(25,000)
TSB - Mindfulness and Meditation	-	(3,000)	(3,000)
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	135,365	(155,300)	(19,935)
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TOTAL	523,834	(517,419)	6,415
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21. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Bryan Atkinson, who is a trustee and director of Embrace Wigan & Leigh, was also a trustee and director of Abram Ward Community Charity (AWCC) during the year ended 28 February 2021. AWCC owns the premises from which Embrace Wigan & Leigh operates. Rental charges of £17,000 were paid by Embrace Wigan & Leigh to AWCC during the year ended 28 February 2021 together with additional room hire charges totalling £200. There was a balance outstanding at the year-end of £Nil (29.2.2020 £1,432).

Embrace Wigan & Leigh provided goods and services to the value of £2,618 to AWCC during the year ended 28 February 2021. A balance of £910 was outstanding at the year-end (29.2.2020 £389).

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29 FEBRUARY 2020

	28.2.21 £	29.2.20 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	3,894	6,898
Gift aid	-	397
Grants received	157,164	137,364
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	161,058	144,659
Other trading activities		
Fundraising income	2,755	9,989
Income from DBS checks	4,100	8,326
Income from Embrace Design	2,074	2,934
Placement fees received	2,000	1,397
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	10,929	22,646
Charitable activities		
Contracts	329,331	352,661
Other income		
Other	2,916	3,868
Government grants	82,253	-
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Total incoming resources	586,487	523,834
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Fundraising costs	1,009	604
Other trading activities		
Cost of DBS checks	2,383	4,448
Embrace Design costs	141	641
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	2,524	5,089
Charitable activities		
Wages and salaries	255,060	246,982
Social security	17,260	16,044
Staff pension costs	4,702	4,212
Mileage and expenses	6,230	18,993
Postage and stationery	2,208	4,603
General expenses	2,026	601
Room hire, catering and events	225	2,802
Outings and activities	7,377	5,856
Training	354	3,263
Professional charges	3,258	13,757
Grants to individuals	380	946
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	299,080	318,059

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29 FEBRUARY 2020

	28.2.21	29.2.20
	£	£
Support costs		
Management		
Wages and salaries	140,000	139,053
Social security	9,410	10,954
Staff pension costs	2,827	2,729
Rent	20,357	19,972
Insurance	2,753	2,516
Telephone	2,952	2,958
Advertising	-	65
Professional charges	-	2,905
Repairs and renewals	2,211	2,800
IT costs	4,376	3,043
Depreciation	3,664	3,973
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	188,550	190,968
Finance		
Bank charges	566	755
Governance costs		
Accountancy	1,956	1,914
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Total resources expended	493,685	517,389
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Net income	92,802	6,445
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