



GAP - A THANET COMMUNITY PROJECT

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND EXAMINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

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**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025**

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2025.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**Charity Registration Number**

1084622

Principal Address

Queens Road Baptist Church
Queens Road
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Key Management Personnel**Trustees (executive committee)**

Rev C Matthewman	Chair (as from 20.10.25) Ex Officio Trustee
Rev R Bonner	Chair (resigned 20.10.25)
Mrs J Shepherd	
Mr D Groves	Treasurer
Mr B Watson	(resigned 19.5.25)
Mr J Jervis	Secretary
Mr M Jupp	

Staff

Mrs O Bull	Operations Manager
Mrs A Pratt	Deputy Operations Manager

Bankers

Lloyds Bank Plc
CCLA Investment Management Limited

Independent Examiner

Mr S J Wren FCCA
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**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
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The GAP Project was registered as a charity on 19 January 2001 and serves the deprived community of Thanet in East Kent. The Project is inclusive and engages with all ages and backgrounds. The charity is an unincorporated association governed by its Constitution formulated on 26 September 2000 and amended 7 February 2005.

Trustees are appointed by the executive committee and meet on a monthly basis with further ad-hoc meetings being called as necessary. The responsibility for all operational activity, service quality and development, within a budget set and monitored by the board of Trustees was held by the Operations Manager assisted by the Deputy Operations Manager, which are considered to be the charity's Key Management Personnel.

The Gap Project employs 4 salaried staff who are all part-time: an Operations Manager, a Deputy Operations Manager, a Café Manager and a Children's & Family Co-Ordinator. There are also 4 sessional workers supporting the groups and activities.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

As recorded in the constitution The Gap Project's charity objectives are:-

To run a community project which will promote and further the well-being and quality of life, relieve poverty where possible, improve family relationships and advance educational opportunities of a wide age range of people, particularly the disadvantaged and vulnerable in the Thanet community? It is based on Christian principles, non-judgemental and holistic in its purposes. In these objects it seeks to work with other agencies, both statutory and voluntary.

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing their aims and objectives and in planning future activities. In particular the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the charity's aims and objectives.

The Gap Project serves the deprived community of Thanet in East Kent which is the most deprived local authority in Kent. The Project is inclusive and engages with all ages and backgrounds.

Our full weekly programme fulfils seven key areas:**1. Families & the under 5's**

This year, we have continued to invest in early years support, recognising the importance of giving families the best possible start. Provision included subsidised crèche session, a parent, toddler and baby focus group, Down with Friends, a group supporting babies and toddlers with Down's Syndrome and personalised home visits. Alongside this, our monthly Family Café, school holiday activity days, and the much-loved family camping weekend provided safe, affordable and welcoming spaces for families to connect, learn, and grow together.

2. Young people

We remain committed to supporting young people across Thanet, working closely with partner organisations to increase opportunities and build confidence. Wellbeing for Youth group, focusing on mental health and resilience. In addition, we strengthened our links with schools and colleges, providing meaningful work placements that help prepare young people for further education, training, and employment.

3. Older people

Our work with older members of the community continues to flourish. The Friday Club remains a cornerstone, offering a programme of crafts, games, and guest speakers to reduce isolation and promote social connection. Weekly Armchair Exercise sessions support physical health and mobility, while Music4Wellbeing harnesses the power of music to bring joy, particularly to those living with dementia and their carers.

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Inclusion is central to our ethos. The WEB (Welcome Everybody) group meets twice monthly, offering adults with learning disabilities opportunities to take part in physical, vocational, creative, and recreational activities. We also continue to provide supported work placements within our Café and volunteering opportunities across the project, enabling participants to develop skills, confidence, and independence.

5. Education & Training

We have continued to deliver accessible learning opportunities for the local community. Twice-weekly IT Support and Advice sessions, including certificated courses, help older adults, vulnerable individuals, and those isolated from technology to build digital confidence. In addition, our literacy and numeracy classes support adults facing barriers in these essential areas, helping to increase independence and employability.

6. Homeless & Community Support

Our Drop-In Service operates twice weekly, providing hot meals, shower and laundry facilities, and compassionate support to those experiencing homelessness and hardship. In partnership with two local charities, who offer pathways to resettlement and addiction recovery, ensuring people are not only supported in crisis but also given opportunities to rebuild their lives.

7. Wellbeing Café

The Wellbeing Café has continued to be a vital community hub, meeting weekly to support physical, emotional, social, spiritual, and intellectual wellbeing. Open to all, it reflects the diversity of our community and offers a safe, inclusive space where people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities can feel connected, valued, and supported.

There are two Social Enterprises:

1. Gap Café (Until 30th June 2025) - Open Monday to Saturday 9am-2pm. A popular hub located at the heart of the local community serving hot and cold food and beverages. Two thirds of the volunteers have additional needs or long-term health conditions. All profits are used by the charity for the benefit of the GAP Project. The café was incorporated into the Gap Community Café a private company limited by guarantee on 1st July 2025 (Company number 16553329). All net profits of the Gap Community Café are donated to Gap – A Thanet Community Project.

2. Gap Project Trading Company - A shop (a company owned by the charity called Gap Project Trading Company Limited, incorporated in England & Wales with company number 9696909) located in Broadstairs High Street selling high quality used clothes and bric-a-brack. The charity owns 5,000 ordinary shares of £1 each in this company which are held in the name of Christopher Matthewman on behalf of the charity. The company statutory accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024 show a profit of £19,264 all of which has been gifted to the Gap Project charity.

Social Investment & Contribution of Volunteers

There are 140 volunteers working in the Gap Project and a further 18 in the Gap in the Market shop. 40% of the volunteers have a learning disability or a long-term condition.

Staff offer one-to-one support when required and are often involved in advocacy, attending appointments, advice and support.

Volunteers support all the groups and activities. Many bring a wealth of skills and experience that enables the project to function with a high level of expertise.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Over the past year the Gap Project has :-

- Been awarded the Mayoress Cup for outstanding community service and support.
- Launched Art for Wellbeing, a creative programme supporting mental health and personal growth.
- In partnership with Kent County Council, became recognised as Hypertension Heroes, offering local residents access to free blood pressure checks and health awareness.
- Delivered daily support to a wide range of vulnerable individuals across our community.
- Provided practical advice and guidance to people in crisis on a daily basis.
- Maintained regular contact with volunteers and service users, ensuring ongoing connection and care.
- Worked closely with local partners such as the Hearing Clinic, counselling and health charities, The RISE Team, Citizens Advice Bureau, PACT, FareShare Kent, Forward Trust, Porchlight, and Thanet Volunteer Bureau to provide joined-up support for our community.

Numbers reached:

Families & under 5's	116 families, 146 children
Young People	31
Older People	151 – Armchair exercises 30 – Friday club 53 – Music group
Special Needs	22
Education & IT	14 – Numeracy & Literacy 10 – IT
Homeless	13-19 average daily numbers 89 – during the year
Well-being	10 – 15 average weekly numbers 26 – during the year
Art for Wellbeing	16 - during the year

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The results of the charity for the year are set out in the Financial Statements. Overall the total income for the year was £174,380 (2024 - £197,240) and expenditure was £190,673 (2024 - £178,540) giving a deficit for the year of £16,293 (2024 - £18,700 surplus). The £16,293 deficit was covered by our reserves which declined from £112,136 to £95,843. We continue to prepare the accounts on an accruals basis as we feel that this better represents the financial status of the charity and gives clarity to funders.

Principal funding sources

Principal funding for the year was from grants and the Gap Shop. Additional gifts, fees and individual donations resulted in a total income of £174,380. Expenditure of £190,673 for the year has supported the key objectives of each group and activity in the Gap Project as well as individual support for the deprived community of Thanet.

Reserves Policy and going concern

The trustees review the level of reserves periodically to ensure the charity is managed efficiently and to provide a buffer for uninterrupted services. It is their policy to maintain unrestricted funds at a level which equates to between three and six months expenditure. This provides sufficient funds to cover management, administration and running costs

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DEVELOPMENT PLANS

These include:

- Expanding and enhancing support services for older people.
- Establishing a dedicated group for teenagers with Special Educational Needs.
- Recruiting a Community Youth Worker to strengthen engagement and support for young people.
- Enhancing services and resources for individuals experiencing homelessness.
- Life Skills Group: Delivered sessions designed to help individuals build confidence, develop practical skills, and engage more fully in community life.
- Financial Support Partnership: Working in collaboration with Christians Against Poverty (CAP) to provide financial guidance, debt support, and money management skills for local residents
- Partnered with the Gap Community Café to explore initiatives such as a play area and book clubs, offering additional support to parents facing challenges in the community.

Our plans for the future depend on obtaining adequate grants and donations. Grants in particular have been difficult to obtain since October 2025 and if this situation continues in the next financial year we may not realise all our plans and may have to reduce some of our activities.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees by :

Rev C Matthewman - Chairman

Date :

18/01/26

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2025 which are set out on pages 7 to 18.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records: or
- 3 the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirements that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

S J Wren FCCA
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Date : 19/1/26

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025**

			Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
	Notes					
INCOME						
Donations and grants	2		31,868	34,908	66,776	101,574
Charitable activities	3		104,925	-	104,925	94,076
Other trading activities	4		1,203	-	1,203	-
Investment income	5		1,476	-	1,476	1,590
TOTAL INCOME			139,472	34,908	174,380	197,240
EXPENDITURE						
Cost of raising funds			19,582	-	19,582	17,364
Charitable activities			159,329	11,762	171,091	161,176
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	6		178,911	11,762	190,673	178,540
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) FOR THE YEAR BEFORE TRANSFERS			(39,439)	23,146	(16,293)	18,700
Transfers between funds	13		36,451	(36,451)	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS FOR THE YEAR			(2,988)	(13,305)	(16,293)	18,700
Balance as at 1 August 2024			87,419	24,717	112,136	93,436
BALANCE AT 31 JULY 2025			84,431	11,412	95,843	112,136

**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 JULY 2025**

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	8	372	5,687
Investments	9	-	-
		<u>372</u>	<u>5,687</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock		-	800
Debtors and prepayments	10	6,155	22,530
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>96,833</u>	<u>88,796</u>
		102,988	112,126
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	<u>7,517</u>	<u>5,677</u>
		95,471	106,449
NET ASSETS	12	<u><u>95,843</u></u>	<u><u>112,136</u></u>
Represented by:			
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY			
Unrestricted general fund	13	84,431	87,419
Designated fund	13	-	-
Restricted funds	13	<u>11,412</u>	<u>24,717</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u><u>95,843</u></u>	<u><u>112,136</u></u>

Approved and signed for issue by the Trustees on

Mr D Groves - Treasurer

18/1/2026

Rev C Matthewman - Chairman

18/01/26

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025****1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES****a) Basis of accounting**

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 (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011.

GAP - A Thanet Community Project 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 note.

b) Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

Due to the availability of reserves carried forward as at the end of the financial year, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue as a going concern but this may result in the level of activities offered having to be reduced. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

c) Income

Grants receivable - grants made to finance the activities of the Charity are credited to the statement of financial activities (SOFA) accounting in the period to which they relate.

Other income - other income, including donations, gifts and bank interest are included as they were received.

Deferred income - income received before the balance sheet date in respect of contract activities to be carried out after the balance sheet date will be reflected within deferred income on the balance sheet.

d) Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and includes VAT where applicable. Expenditure has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities.

Charitable expenditure - comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for beneficiaries. It includes both those costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them, including governance costs (costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and includes the Independent Examiners fee).

e) Depreciation of fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets costing more than £250 are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life of 4 years.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025****1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES****f) Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds are grants, donations and other incoming resources receivable by the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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

g) Significant judgements and estimates

Other than the judgment that the accounts should be prepared using the going concern basis, no other significant judgements or estimates have had to be made by the Trustees in preparing these financial statements.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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2 DONATIONS AND GRANTS

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
Donations				
Gap Project Trading Co. Ltd - Donation	19,264	-	19,264	25,297
Queens Road Baptist Church	2,785	2,100	4,885	7,520
Other donations	9,819	2,939	12,758	11,231
Grants :				
Kent Community Foundation	-	-	-	8,000
Bailey Thomas Foundation Trust	-	1,729	1,729	-
The Bishop Radford Trust	-	1,000	1,000	-
Chapman Charitable Trust	-	1,000	1,000	-
Maurice & Hilda Laing Charitable Trust	-	8,250	8,250	-
Charles Hayward Foundation	-	2,000	2,000	-
D'Oily Carte Charitable Trust	-	4,800	4,800	-
EK360	-	1,375	1,375	-
McCarthy Stone Foundation	-	1,715	1,715	-
Broadstairs & St Peter's Town Council	-	-	-	1,550
Kent County Council	-	-	-	1,050
Asda Foundation	-	-	-	600
The Albert Hunt Trust	-	8,000	8,000	7,000
CTIO Parochial Charities	-	-	-	2,426
Nationwide	-	-	-	12,200
Lawson Trust	-	-	-	8,000
Souter Charitable Trust	-	-	-	3,000
Colyer Fergusson Charitable Trust	-	-	-	5,000
Woodroffe Benton Foundation	-	-	-	1,250
The Woodward Charitable Trust	-	-	-	1,250
The Clothworkers' Foundation	-	-	-	5,200
The Barchester Charitable Foundation	-	-	-	1,000
	<u>31,868</u>	<u>34,908</u>	<u>66,776</u>	<u>101,574</u>

3 INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

Café income	84,639	-	84,639	78,266
Creche	2,087	-	2,087	3,841
Work Placements	-	-	-	-
Other fees receivable	18,199	-	18,199	11,969
	<u>104,925</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>104,925</u>	<u>94,076</u>

4 OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

Family Fayre	983	-	983	-
Other fundraising	220	-	220	-
	<u>1,203</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,203</u>	<u>-</u>

5 INVESTMENT INCOME

Bank interest receivable	1,476	-	1,476	1,590
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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6 EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
Cost of raising funds				
Card transaction charges	716	-	716	683
Wages and salaries	17,796	-	17,796	15,519
Equipment support	561	-	561	754
Publicity	509	-	509	408
	<u>19,582</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,582</u>	<u>17,364</u>
Charitable activities costs				
Wages and salaries	55,343	-	55,343	54,204
Café costs (adjusted for stock)	31,905	1,029	32,934	32,738
Other Community Centre activities	1,046	10,733	11,779	10,968
Donations to QRBC	10,324	-	10,324	-
Household Support Fund	-	-	-	80
Travel and volunteer costs	2,629	-	2,629	2,533
Training	604	-	604	145
Repairs and renewals	882	-	882	1,023
Use of premises	17,750	-	17,750	17,340
Insurance	1,646	-	1,646	1,445
Subscriptions	1,201	-	1,201	1,595
Sundries	779	-	779	26
Cleaning	129	-	129	553
Depreciation	2,090	-	2,090	2,187
Support costs				
Wages and salaries	19,154	-	19,154	20,216
Bookkeeper	4,960	-	4,960	5,650
Professional fees	405	-	405	35
Printing, Postage and stationery	1,159	-	1,159	2,742
Telephone	406	-	406	1,102
Bank charges	859	-	859	658
Governance costs				
Wages and salaries	5,098	-	5,098	5,024
AGM costs	-	-	-	-
Independent Examiner's fee	960	-	960	912
	<u>159,329</u>	<u>11,762</u>	<u>171,091</u>	<u>161,176</u>
Total expenditure	<u>178,911</u>	<u>11,762</u>	<u>190,673</u>	<u>178,540</u>

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7 INFORMATION REGARDING EMPLOYEES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	96,546	90,784
Redundancy	-	-
Sub contract	1,499	2,123
Social security costs	6,816	5,315
Employer pension contributions	1,571	1,495
Employment Allowance	(6,699)	(4,754)
	<u>99,733</u>	<u>94,963</u>

The average monthly head count was 8 (2024 - 8) staff.

The average number of employees based on full time equivalents was 4 (2024 - 4).

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

No Trustees received remuneration or were reimbursed expenses during the year.

The total employee benefits (including employers national insurance) of the key management personnel of the charity were £50,980 (2024 - £46,214).

8 FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures & fittings	Computers & equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
As at 1 August 2024	12,250	929	13,179
Additions	260	-	260
Disposals	(11,765)	(279)	(12,044)
As at 31 July 2025	<u>745</u>	<u>650</u>	<u>1,395</u>
Depreciation			
As at 1 August 2024	6,563	929	7,492
Charge for the year	2,090	-	2,090
On disposals	(8,280)	(279)	(8,559)
As at 31 July 2025	<u>373</u>	<u>650</u>	<u>1,023</u>
Net book value			
As at 31 July 2025	<u>372</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>372</u>
As at 31 July 2024	<u>5,687</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,687</u>

9 INVESTMENTS

The charity owns 5,000 (2024 - 5,000) ordinary shares of £1 each in its wholly owned subsidiary company Gap Project Trading Company Limited which is incorporated in the United Kingdom (Company Reg No. 9696909). The shares are held in the name of Christopher Matthewman on behalf of the charity. The company's statutory accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024 show a profit of £19,264 (31.12.23 - £25,297) with total funds of £24,264 (31.12.23 - £30,297). As at 31 July 2025, profits of £19,264 (31.7.24 - £25,297) have been gifted to the charity.

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10 DEBTORS	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade debtors	425	3,996
Due from subsidiary company	4,827	-
Other debtors	-	-
Accrued income	-	-
Prepayments	903	18,534
	<u>6,155</u>	<u>22,530</u>

11 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	1,239	2,106
Taxation and social security	1,311	1,094
Other creditors	271	-
Accruals	4,696	2,477
Deferred income	-	-
	<u>7,517</u>	<u>5,677</u>

12 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUND

	General funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	372	-	-	372
Current assets	91,576	-	11,412	102,988
Current liabilities	(7,517)	-	-	(7,517)
Net assets as at 31 July 2025	<u>84,431</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,412</u>	<u>95,843</u>

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUND - PREVIOUS YEAR

	General funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	5,687	-	-	5,687
Current assets	64,879	-	24,717	89,596
Current liabilities	-	-	-	0
Net assets as at 31 July 2024	<u>70,566</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,717</u>	<u>95,283</u>

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13 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	As at 1 08 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	As at 31 07 2025 £
Restricted funds					
Homeless & Insecure Housing	9,347	11,479	(1,709)	(12,322)	6,795
Families and Under 5's fund	8,229	9,810	(753)	(17,286)	-
Well-being Café	3,431	-	(328)	(3,103)	-
Family Café	920	1,000	(665)	(920)	335
Wellbeing For Youth	2,363	-	(720)	(1,156)	487
Down With Friends	427	1,729	(487)	(694)	975
Singing for Wellbeing	-	4,800	(4,830)	30	-
Hypertension Heroes	-	1,375	-	-	1,375
Friday Club	-	3,715	(2,270)	-	1,445
Sit and be Fit	-	1,000	-	(1,000)	-
Total Restricted funds	24,717	34,908	(11,762)	(36,451)	11,412
Designated fund	-	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted general funds	87,419	139,472	(178,911)	36,451	84,431
Total funds	112,136	174,380	(190,673)	-	95,843

RESTRICTED FUNDS**Homeless & Insecure Housed Drop in**

A further grant the Albert Hunt Trust of £8,000, plus donations and the balance of unspent grants from last year used towards all costs associated with this twice a week drop-in (Operation Manager's salary, rent, food, clothing costs etc.). Hot meals and desserts are provided, while offering shower and laundry facilities and a food parcel once a week.

Families and Under 5's fund

A grant was received from Maurice & Hilda Laing Charitable Trust and a donation received together with a balance of funds brought forward, supporting all our Families and Under 5's groups with essential care cost funding.

Well-being Café

Grants were received in a previous year to support the running of a wellbeing café for people struggling with isolation/mental health issues, loneliness, isolation, bereavement etc.

Family Café

The Bishop Radford Trust provided us with a grant of £1,000 plus unspent funds from last year was used towards the cost of providing free hot meals and desserts for all children and parents attending monthly Family Café sessions (spent over approx.4 sessions).

Wellbeing For Youth

Brought forward funds from last year used towards all costs for our new Wellbeing for Youth group. The group supports teenagers with many wellbeing issues and this funding allows for a trained therapist to run courses and be available at drop-ins.

Down with Friends

A grant was received from Bailey Thomas Foundation Trust and unspent grants from last year for our Down with Friends group. This group is for babies and children with Down's Syndrome, providing support, sensory play, therapy etc. for them and their families. The funding is going towards activities, speaker and refreshment costs.

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RESTRICTED FUNDS - Cont'd

Singing for Wellbeing

A grant received from D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust to be used for the payment of singing therapists fees.

Hypertension Heroes

A grant received from EK360 to cover the costs of running Hypertension Hero & Smoking cessation sessions.

Friday Club

Grants received from the Charles Hayward Foundation and McCarthy Stone Foundation which are to be used in running the Friday Club, including crafts, activities and trips out.

Sit and Be Fit

A grant received from the Chapman Charitable Trust to provide exercises and social activities to the elderly.

Transfers

The transfers from restricted funds to unrestricted funds represent the cost of running the projects and a contribution towards the costs of running the charity's core activities.

MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - PREVIOUS YEAR

	As at 1 08 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	As at 31 07 2024 £
Restricted funds					
Senior Citizens	9,906	-	(2,625)	(7,281)	-
Homeless fund	-	19,200	(2,360)	(7,493)	9,347
Families and Under 5's fund	-	9,250	(1,021)	-	8,229
Wellbeing café fund	4,110	3,000	(1,143)	(2,536)	3,431
Family café	-	2,150	(1,230)	-	920
Community café	-	5,200	-	(5,200)	-
Ukraine Drop In/support	1,600	-	-	(1,600)	-
Web Group fund	243	1,250	(1,123)	(370)	-
Wellbeing for Youth	-	2,426	-	(63)	2,363
Down with Friends	-	1,050	(623)	-	427
Friday Club	-	1,000	(1,653)	653	-
Total Restricted funds	15,859	44,526	(11,778)	(23,890)	24,717
Designated fund					
Project Development	-	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted general funds	77,577	152,714	(166,762)	23,890	87,419
Total funds	93,436	197,240	(178,540)	-	112,136

RESTRICTED FUNDS - PREVIOUS YEAR

Senior Citizens

A grant of £9,906 was received in the previous year from Philip & Connie Phillips Foundation. This provided funding towards the costs of salary, therapist fees and rents for our Friday Club, Singing 4 Wellbeing (dementia friendly) and Sit & Be Fit classes. These groups are essential for those suffering from loneliness, isolation, bereavement, illness and health issues. The transfer to unrestricted funds represents a contribution towards the rent and salary costs for running these projects.

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RESTRICTED FUNDS - PREVIOUS YEAR - Cont'd**Homeless & Insecure Housed Drop in**

We received a grant of £7,000 from The Albert Hunt Trust towards all costs associated with this twice a week drop-in (Operation Manager's salary, rent, food, clothing costs etc.). Hot meals and desserts are provided, while offering shower and laundry facilities and a food parcel one a week. A £12,200 grant was also received from Nationwide towards all core costs, consumables etc as per above to ensure the continued running of our essential drop-in sessions.

Families and Under 5's fund

A grant was received from The Lawson Trust for £8,000 again, supporting all our Families and Under 5's groups with essential care cost funding. A £1,250 grant received from The Woodward Trust was also used to support all the Families and Under 5's work with core cost support.

Well-being Café

Grants were received in a previous year from the Phillips Foundation (£4,200) and The National Lottery Community Fund (£9,550) and a grant of £3,000 was received in the current year from Souther Charitable Trust to support the running of a wellbeing cafe for people struggling with isolation/mental health issues, loneliness, isolation, bereavement etc. to support the running of a wellbeing café for people struggling with isolation/mental health issues to meet and engage in activities together.

Family Café

Asda Foundation provided us with a £600 grant that was used towards the cost of providing free hot meals and desserts for all children and parents attending monthly Family Café sessions (spent over approx. 4 sessions). KCC via Broadstairs Town Council provided us with a grant of £1,550 which is being used towards healthy food vouchers and nappy costs for families struggling with the Cost-of-Living-Crisis in our local community.

Café

A grant for £5,200 was received from The Clothworkers' Foundation to cover the cost of a new essential kitchen cooker hood to comply with new legislation. The cooker hood has been treated as a fixed asset and therefore is shown on the balance sheet and therefore a transfer has been made to unrestricted funds representing the cost of it.

Ukraine Drop-in

A grant was received last year from Kent County Council Homes for Ukraine for £2,000. The grant was to be used further communication and support between and for Ukraine families who sought asylum in the UK in the Thanet area. The families were able to meet together in the café area and have access to people who could help with their difficulties in communication with the authorities and understanding bills etc. There was an amount unspent of £1,600 and it was agreed with the Funder that this could be used to support the Gap Project generally and therefore this amount has been transferred to general funds.

WEB Group fund

The Woodroffe Benton Foundation provided funding of £1,250 towards all costs for our WEB group, which meets fortnightly and is for adults with additional needs. Funds went towards the Operations Manager's salary, rental and consumables.

Wellbeing for Youth

A grant for £2,426 has been received from CT10 Charities towards all costs for our new Wellbeing for Youth group set up this year. The group supports teenagers with many wellbeing issues and this funding allows for a trained therapist to run courses and be available for drop-ins.

Down with Friends

A grant was received from KCC for £1,050 for our new Down with Friends group, started in January 2024. This group is for babies and children with Down's Syndrome, providing support, sensory play, therapy etc. for them and their families. The funding is going towards activities, speaker and refreshment costs.

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RESTRICTED FUNDS - PREVIOUS YEAR - Cont'd

Friday Club

A grant of £1,000 was provided by The Barchester Charitable Foundation, providing funds towards the cost of travel, activities and refreshments for our Friday Club.

Transfers

The transfers from restricted funds to unrestricted funds represent the cost of running the projects and a contribution towards the costs of running the charity's core activities.

14 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the year the charity received a donation of £19,264 (2024 - £25,297) from the charity's trading subsidiary (Gap Project Trading Company Limited).

During the year the charity set up another wholly owned subsidiary company (Gap Community Café Ltd) which was incorporated on 1 July 2025 to run the Café. As from 1 July 2025 the income, expenses and assets relating to the Café were moved to this new company. As at 31 July 2025 the charity was owed £4,827 from the Gap Community Cafe Ltd.

There were no other transactions with related parties during the year under review or the preceding year.