



# **Bell Farm Christian Centre**

**(a company limited by guarantee)**

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## **Report of the trustees for the year ended 5 April 2025**

The trustees present their report, together with the financial statements of the charity, for  
the year ended 5 April 2025

## **1. Reference and Administrative Details**

Charity number	1085450
Company number	04110617
Registered Office and operational address	Bell Farm Christian Centre South Road West Drayton Middlesex UB7 9LW

### **Directors and Trustees**

The directors of the charitable company (the charity) are its trustees for the purpose of charity law and throughout this report are collectively referred to as the trustees.

Trustees	Mr S M Holliday Mrs J Duncan Mr T Heron Mr William Jhon Mr Robert Charrington	
Chair of Trustees	Mr S M Holliday	
Honorary Treasurer	Mr Robert Charrington	
Company Secretary	Mr Stuart Mathers	
Senior Management	CEO Head of Projects Minister	Mr S P Mathers Mrs D H Faichney Mr G W Foster
Independent Examiners	Bruton Charles, Chartered Accountants The Coach House Greys Green Business Centre Henley-on-Thames RG9 4QG	
Bankers	CAF Bank Kings Hill West Malling Kent ME19 4TA	

## **2. Structure, Governance and Management**

### **Governing Document**

Bell Farm Christian Centre (BFCC) is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 20 November 2000 and registered as a charity on 8 March 2001. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up, members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 each.

### **Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees**

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law. Under the requirements of the Articles of Association the trustees are not subject to retirement by rotation and powers of appointment or removal rest with the trustees.

The trustees bring a wide range of skills to the charity, and when considering inviting additional trustees to join the board, the trustees will consider those with a similar vision who can bring specialist skills and experience needed for future development.

### **Trustee Induction and Training**

Existing trustees are already familiar with the practical work of the charity and new trustees are encouraged to meet the existing trustees and key employees to familiarise themselves with the charity and the context in which it operates. Trustees will also be provided with induction training and orientation.

As well as keeping up to date with relevant essential policy and legislation, trustees are encouraged to attend appropriate ongoing external training events where these will facilitate the undertaking of their role.

### **Organisation**

The board of trustees is responsible for the administration, strategic direction and policy of the charity and meets six times a year. The responsibilities of the trustees are defined in part by the Charity Commission and in part by company law. In addition, trustees are bound by the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association.

At BFCC the trustees' roles are akin to those of executive and non-executive directors in commercial organisations, with non-executive directors offering strategic, specific and objective advice at board meetings and executive directors managing operational aspects of the organisation.

The CEO, supported by the senior management, is responsible for implementing the directives of the trustee board and ensuring that the organisation's resources (human and financial) are brought to bear in the achievement of the charitable objectives. The Senior Management team consists of the Head of Projects, Church Minister and CEO.

At BFCC operational, strategic and financial day to day decisions (excluding acceptance of annual returns and employee remuneration) are made by the CEO, collaboratively with the

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Head of Projects and Church Minister and in regular consultation with employees, volunteers and service users as appropriate.

The CEO works with the Head of Projects and Church Minister to ensure that the organisation can evaluate and rapidly respond to changes in its operating environment. The trustees keep the senior management to account to maintain transparency and openness which is integral to the decision-making process and ensures that the direction and activities of the organisation are sympathetic to and supportive of the needs of the communities that BFCC serves.

Salaries for all staff are reviewed by the trustees on an annual basis following annual staff appraisals.

### **3. Related Parties**

BFCC recognises the value of diversity not only in the communities it serves but also in the people and organisations with whom it chooses to work. BFCC works closely with local and national government representatives, local businesses, the Metropolitan Police, local and national charities, local educational establishments, churches, other like-minded organisations and, of course, its clients in the local community. Joint ventures, partnerships and collaborative working are an essential and integral part of BFCC's success, and we continue to invest in building relationships.

The work in the centre would not be possible without our long-term partnership with Livability.

The charity and church have close relationships, locally and across a wider area, with several other organisations and charities with similar aims. In 2024-25 these included :

**Churches**

Hayes Methodist Church  
Kingsborough Church, Uxbridge  
Majesty Church, Uxbridge  
St Margaret's Church, Uxbridge  
St Matthew's Church, Yiewsley  
Truth Vine Church (Betty King International Ministries), Wembley  
Yiewsley Baptist Church

**Ministry/ Mission organisations**

Evangelical Alliance  
Counties UK  
Share Jesus International  
Tearfund  
Welcome churches  
City Vision  
The London Project  
London Gospel Partnership

Operation Mobilization (OM)  
Global Awakening  
Revival Ministries

**Other Agencies**

Advice UK  
Age UK Hillingdon, Harrow and Brent  
DASH  
Give Space CIC  
Greater London Authority  
H4All  
Hillingdon CAB  
Hillingdon Community Transport  
HFCA  
Hillingdon Food Bank  
CPAG  
Colne Park Traveller Site Manager  
London Gypsy Travellers  
Institute of Money Advice

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Local Members of Parliament  
Local NHS and health partners  
London Borough of Hillingdon  
MTG Solicitors  
Metropolitan Police  
Nucleus  
Omina Housing  
Londonium Solicitors

UCFHTL (housing)  
Irish Government  
REAP  
Trussell  
Trinity Homeless Project  
Ward Councillors  
Yiewsley and West Drayton Food Bank

## **4. Risk Management**

The trustees have a risk management strategy which comprises of regular reviews of a centrally held risk register recording risks the charity may face, the establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate the risks identified and the implementation of procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise. Having a more comprehensive risk register, enables the trustees and senior managers to focus clearly on our strategy, good government and quality assurance.

Policies and procedures are in place to ensure that all legislative requirements are met, and best practice is maintained. Our safeguarding policy is reviewed and updated annually. A safeguarding action plan was introduced following reviews to ensure robust compliance of this policy throughout the year as safeguarding is paramount. Similar plans and compliance tools have been developed to ensure compliance of our other policies which are routinely reviewed and updated as part of a scheduled review process. Updated policies are approved by the trustees.

In 2024-25 the charity has invested in and onboarded specialist contractors in IT, HR and Health and Safety. This decision was made due to the ever-changing technological and technical environment, presenting new risks and requirements. To build resilience within our Cyber security, in January 2025 the charity upgraded the IT infrastructure and hardware moving to cloud-based solutions. Similar upgrades and planned maintenance works have been carried out to ensure the building remains safe, secure and accessible. This is an on-going programme of works. The fire prevention action plan continued into this financial year following the tri-annual external fire risk assessment in late 2023. The replacement works to modernise to LED lighting to reduce carbon emissions and on-going costs continued also. The kitchen facilities have a hygiene rating of 5 which is strictly maintained. The e-learning portal introduced last year has proven successful in ensuring staff and volunteers are trained to the latest standards of best practice.

All insurable risks are subject to normal insurance policies, covering matters such as employer's liability, third party liability, business interruption, buildings and contents, etc. The organisation also has professional indemnity insurance for the services provided by the organisation. Special activities are individually assessed for risk and additional insurance taken out to cover these, if required.

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Internal risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and to ensure consistent quality of delivery for all operational aspects of the charity. These procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure that they still meet the needs of the charity.

Contractual risks are reviewed before being entered into to assess that they would not significantly impact upon the organisation's ability to fulfil its objectives. This has been a significant safeguard in this year as that local authority has moved from a grant-based funding model to contracts for the voluntary sector.

A key element in the management of financial risk is the setting of a reserves policy and the careful financial management of each of the individual projects undertaken by the organisation.

## **5. Objectives**

**The objects of the charity are :**

- To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of beliefs
- To relieve persons who are in conditions of need or hardship or who are aged or sick
- To undertake other charitable activities for the benefit of the community

**Main objectives for the year :**

The main objectives for the year were :

- To fulfil the objects of the organisation.
- To continue the strategic business transformation improving the effectiveness of the charity in meeting its objectives.
- To continue to deliver, maintain and develop the existing services against the backdrop of higher demand for services and increased need within the community in post pandemic Britain challenged by the cost of living.

In addition to traditional church activities, the policies adopted in furtherance of these aims are to operate activities which are for the good of the residents of the London Borough of Hillingdon and surrounding areas, with continuous review of the needs of the area leading to the development of projects to cater for the needs of the community, as is appropriate.

The activities, which are for the benefit of all sections of the community in the London Borough of Hillingdon and beyond, are described below.

The trustees have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the aims and objectives and in planning future activities.



## **Strategies and Activities to Achieve the Stated Objectives for the Public Benefit :**

The objectives have been achieved through the following strategies and activities :

An **Advice, Information and Care Service** provides free, confidential, impartial and independent information, advice, advocacy and support to members of the local community who have issues concerning : housing (including stopping evictions), housing benefits, benefits, consumer affairs, debt, hate crime, domestic violence, advocacy, form filling and support both at Bell Farm and at St Matthew's Church Centre. The same service has been delivering increased locations alongside Foodbanks in Hillingdon as part of the Help4Hillingdon Partnership and with support from Trussell.

The Advice, Information and Care Service provides a 'one stop shop' approach to assist local people with any matter. The service can deal with most requests but will also signpost clients where necessary.

The **Children and Families Section** provides safe support and activities for children, families and young people within the local community. The section currently provides : carer and toddler groups, community parent support groups, holiday clubs and special events, so as to support families in the local area.

The **Older Persons Section** organises a weekly lunch and social club which provides a freshly cooked meal and social contact for older people within the community. Other activities, including day trips and holidays trips away, have also been provided to reduce the isolation felt by older people. Outreach is undertaken to isolated elderly in the community to enable them to access the services provided for them or to provide other appropriate support.

The **International Café** provides a warm welcome with support, advice, and information as well as the distribution of clothing and other essential items to predominantly asylum seekers and refugees who are based or have been based locally in initial accommodation but also to others in need, such as street homeless or those in hardship.

**Church Services** and meetings have been provided to advance the Christian Faith. Regular Sunday morning and evening worship, prayer meetings, fellowship activities and evangelistic events are provided throughout the year.

**Community Meetings and Networks** : The Centre has been significantly involved in various community meetings and events to support the community that would impact upon their quality of life. These have included Ward Councillors' surgeries, Health Roadshows and public meetings which are held at BFCC. BFCC was involved in the development and delivery of local networks that support other local organisations.

**Other Support** is provided in response to identified need including the provision of food through Fare-share and a Food Bank. Due to local demand the Food Bank is open when the Advice Centre is open. A Samaritans Fund, Charis Shop, free SIM cards and BFCC emergency funds benefited people who were in dire need of urgent financial assistance.

## **6. Review of the Activities**

In early 2025 BFCC, as part of the Hillingdon Advice Partnership led by Age UK- HHB, was successful in bidding for a multi-year contract from the London Borough of Hillingdon to deliver Advice and well-being activities. This contract replaced the one-year direct award and grants we have received in previous years.

### **Doorway Advice, Information and Care Service**

#### **Aims and Objectives**

- To provide advice, information and care as required by clients
- To advocate on behalf of clients where necessary
- To empower people
- To provide support when needed
- To work in partnership with and develop relationships with other agencies
- To work in partnership with other projects situated in the Centre
- To relieve suffering, stress or hardship
- To identify gaps in the provision available to clients and to work towards filling the gaps either as an organisation or in partnership with other agencies
- To show the love of God in all we do through our Christian values of compassion, love, service and inclusivity.



The Advice Information and Care Service is open two days a week for clients to drop in. Appointments may be made at other times to see an advisor and home visits can be arranged if the client is unable to attend the Centre because of ill health or disability or because the issue concerns the housing conditions in which they are living. Outreach advice sessions take place twice a week at St Matthew's Church in Yiewsley and other locations. Our advice sessions usually run alongside Foodbanks.

This year **586 individuals** made **over 1514 drop-in visits** to get support with **1039 different cases**, totalling **446 face-to-face hours** across all locations but not including follow-up calls or appointments or case work time outside of opening hours. We continue to experience a larger number of complex cases needing greater adviser time and follow-up.

The Advice, Information and Care Service has continued to work closely with other agencies to provide a more holistic and confidential approach for clients presenting with complex needs and to build capacity within the service. BFCC has significantly benefited from a collaborative Help4Hillingdon partnership comprising of ourselves, H4All, DASH and Hillingdon CAB. This has helped to expand advice into other settings, such as GP surgeries, over the last three years and standardise practice across the borough, learning from best practice. As well as attending drop-ins of their own accord, clients are referred from a wide range of agencies including the London Borough of Hillingdon Council, NHS and other charities. We have seen an increase in referrals from local GP practices and social prescribers.

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The benefits to individuals, families and the local community through the work of Doorway are both immediate and long-term and include but are not restricted to :

- Increased household income
- Lowered stress levels, anxiety and associated health issues
- Improved financial skills
- Bailiff action stopped
- Benefits reinstated or corrected
- Evictions stopped
- Resolving issues with energy billing
- Council tax issues resolved removing threats of court action
- Housing found for people who are homeless and preventing homelessness
- Families able to access education for their children
- Debt rescheduling of multiple debts to reduce the risk of legal action
- Reduction of stress through emotional support
- Improved ability to maintain their tenancy
- Increase in ability to self-manage

**Type of advice given 2024-25**

Benefits (inc. charitable support and grants)	176
Debt	44
Housing	177
Immigration	25
Utilities	15
Employment	15
Budgeting	0
Relationships	2
Education	4
Consumer	4
Other	339
Foodbank review (usually inc. benefit check)	238
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,039</b>

Doorway Advice assessed service users and issued 1,493 vouchers for our partner Yiewsley and West Drayton Food Bank. BFCC distributed 525 food parcels supporting 1,007 beneficiaries.

**Total financial gains and debt support**

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| • Gains Confirmed:                               | £215,917.67 |
| • Gains Expected:                                | £ 61,992.02 |
| • Total amount of debt managed (i.e rescheduled) | £ 91,717.46 |
| • Total amount of Debt written off               | £ 42,375.73 |

Doorway worked with 50 service users experiencing rough sleeping. 26 people were supported to prevent evictions. A further 35 people were supported with housing benefit and DHP applications.

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238 service users specifically came into Doorway Advice for Foodbank and were provided with basic income/benefits checks to maximise their income and reduce dependency on Foodbank.

The Advice Centre has one full-time and two part-time advisors assisted by two volunteer receptionists and a volunteer advisor. The full-time advisor has retained their specialist debt qualification with the Institute of Money Advisors with regular ongoing training. CPD training continues to be undertaken by staff and volunteers. The Help4Hillingdon partnership, which includes DASH and Hillingdon CAB as partners, with H4All as lead organisation, funded by the Mayor of London, has enabled a much more flexible approach to providing advice alongside Foodbanks and GP surgeries in the borough as multiple charities are able to cover one another when staff capacity has been stretched. The partnership also adds value in reducing the BFCC management capacity needed to manage and report to the funder enabling the service to focus on delivery. The funding for this project ends in 2025.

The Advice Information and Care Service has computers and access to iPads in the reception area which service users can access when they need to apply for benefits online, undertake job searches or complete housing forms which are often online. If they need assistance one of the volunteers helps the service user.

The Advice Centre and outreach services have seen the demand and number of clients presenting with complex and multiple needs continue to grow. A greater proportion of clients are presenting with arrears as the cost-of-living continues to impact the lowest income households.

The West Drayton Ward Councillors have continued to hold their monthly surgeries at the centre alongside Doorway Advice.

DASH has provided specific support with disability advice. Solicitors from MTG have assisted where legal advice was needed, and clients identified and referred by Doorway advisors often receive free legal advice.

## **Children and Families**

### **Aims and Objectives**

- Provide children of all ages with a safe environment
- Provide play and learning opportunities
- To empower children
- To empower parents/carers
- To provide support when needed
- To work in partnership with other agencies
- To work in partnership with other projects situated in the Centre
- To show the love of God in all we do through our Christian values of compassion, love, service and inclusivity.

The Children and Families Section provided support and activities for children, families and young people within the local community through carer and toddler groups, holiday activities,

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holiday clubs and the distribution of toys and food. 117 children engaged in active play or recreation over the 12 months, boosting and encouraging children to thrive.

Carers and Toddlers groups

Tiny Gems and Little Gems provided safe and educational play opportunities for pre-school children. Parents and children have the opportunity to socialise. Attachment between the parent and child is supported and promoted. Trained staff provide parenting advice. Parents are able to talk about their needs. Little Gems and Tiny Gems groups for 0-4 years provided two 1.5 hour sessions each week for 30 weeks in the year.

As part of our Children and Families work, Cherry Lane Children Centre came once a term to our toddler groups. The activities included music and movement, brush for life and different games and craft. As part of this work, they carried out talks with parents around behaviour strategies and updated them on the changes to childcare funding. This had a great impact for those in the toddler groups as it helped the children develop more skills and knowledge and parents went away with new strategies, more confidence and up to date information about support available.

The toddler groups continued to run throughout the year on a Monday and Friday. The numbers have fluctuated however both groups are popular with those in the community. We are also the hub for local childminders who come to the group and meet up with their children and other childminders. We are now one of the only toddler groups in this area that the childminders can attend as local children centres have stopped them joining because they have so many children with them. A Christmas party was held for the toddler groups at Christmas and each of the children were presented with a toy to take home with them courtesy of HASBRO.

School Holidays

Our targeted holiday provision is aimed at those within the local estates, which are areas of multiple deprivation, free-to-access sessions with qualified children's and youth workers. The activities have been successful in encouraging social engagement and development since the pandemic restrictions and as an opportunity for those on low incomes to access recreation and informal educational opportunities.

Easter Holiday Club 2024

An Easter event was held for children aged between 5 and 11 on 12 April 2024. This event was held from 11.30 am to allow the children to have lunch with us at the Centre which was specifically to enable those children that may miss out on lunch due to the cost of living and those children missing their free school dinners. We also enjoyed an Easter Hunt, Crafts, exercise and free play.

Summer 2024 Holiday Club

The Holiday Club took place later than usual within the school holidays. The event was run on 19, 21 and 23 August. Due to capacity we decided to only do three days instead of a week-long session which went well. A total of 42 children attended the Holiday Club. Entertainers came in as well as electric Go Karts which the children loved. On one of the days the children were also taught basic First Aid.

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Christmas event 2024

The event that took place at Christmas was a visit to the theatre to see Aladdin with children from the community. Funding was sought through the Ward Councillors' budget which paid for a coach to travel to the theatre. The theatre tickets we were able to get were buy one get one free. For many of the children, it was the first time they had ever been to a theatre and was a magical experience for them all.

Hampers and toys at Christmas event

100 food hampers and approximately 250 toys were given through one of our partners, HASBRO. These toys and food hampers were distributed to those who were identified as being in need. We were also able to help families who had been identified and referred through the local schools. Approximately 165 children benefited from receiving toys and the food hampers as well as 100 adults.

## **Older Persons**

### **Aims and Objectives**

- To provide a lunch and social club on one day per week
- To provide outreach to the isolated older people in the community
- To provide other activities to the older people in the community
- To provide or obtain services for the older people in response to need
- To show the love of God in all we do through our Christian values of compassion, love, service and inclusivity, providing pastoral care to the older people
- Where appropriate, to provide support to the families and carers of older persons

The weekly Lunch & Social Club operates alongside our Doorway Advice, Care and Information Service and Foodbank distribution. These services are designed to be co-located to provide a holistic support for local older people. Our other community services are similarly designed to promote crossover. The Lunch and Social club supported 94 individuals.

As part of our Lunch and Social Club programme of activities last year, we have had several different types of sing-a-long entertainers actively encouraging our lunch club members to get up and have a dance. Our varied activities also included art classes, colouring therapy, gentle sit-down exercises. A variety of board games, cards etc are available as well as regular bingo and play your cards right competitions. The Christmas party was a particular highlight, supported by volunteers from Heathrow Airport. With contributions from several companies we were able to provide an affordable comprehensive lunch and gifts.

In addition to our regular activities were assisted holidays to Devon and the Isle of Wight. Our day trips to the seaside were exceedingly popular visiting Eastbourne, Brighton, and Southend. In October 2024 a 5-day holiday took place in Western-Super-Mare. In December the Older People went for a Christmas meal and then went to Windsor to see the Christmas lights.

The project continues to contribute to sustaining and safeguarding the health and wellbeing of older people that attend the Club. Telephone calls are made to undertake welfare checks,

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resolve issues the service users are facing or as an act of befriending to reduce loneliness and isolation.

From those who responded to the Dining Centre survey 76% stated that their needs were met regularly by the provision. 92% stated they enjoyed coming to the Club with 76% feeling that other members of the Club included them.

When rating the Dining Club the average score was :

- For our welcome 8.8 out of 10
- For the environment 8.6 out of 10
- For affordability 8.3 out of 10
- Entertainment 8.6 out of 10
- Food 8.4 out of 10
- Holidays and day trips 8.4 out of 10

From those who responded to the Advice Service survey 87% agreed or strongly agreed that they felt they were informed and empowered to make decisions about their support.

## **International Café**

The café opens weekly for 3 hours for 37 weeks with 1,289 individuals attending in 2024-25. Most service users are from initial accommodation housed by the Home Office but remain in Hillingdon on average 9-18 months. We provide food and refreshments donated and cakes baked by volunteers. Donated clothes are distributed, especially to new arrivals and individuals can visit a Doorway advisor during the café. The café offers a safe, non-judgemental environment, help with clothing, and applications for Section 95, schools and GP services creating a welcoming space for asylum seekers, refugees and those experiencing homelessness. Our efforts help service users integrate into the local community and navigate their new lives with more confidence and support. Cherry Lane Children's centre run stay and play activity sessions with the families present throughout the year. The International Café was a warm centre in the winter months.

A number of the volunteers for this project are those in the hotels themselves or have previously been in the hotels. Other volunteers come from the local community and further afield.

We have worked closely with other organisations, businesses, and the community to provide a steady flow of donations. This project received funding to expand our advice services to open alongside the Café.

## **Community Support**

### Foodbank for Yiewsley and West Drayton

Working with the other churches of Yiewsley and West Drayton a local foodbank for Yiewsley, West Drayton and the Heathrow Villages has continued, having been launched in May 2017, and is distributing food parcels to those that find themselves in hard situations.

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Community Meetings

The Centre has been significantly involved in various community meetings and events to support the community with regard to issues that would impact upon their quality of life. These have included Ward Councillors' surgeries, Health Roadshows and public meetings which are held at BFCC. Joining the public health focus on health resilience this year, BFCC amplified public messages as well as hosting and facilitating health check-ups targeting hard to reach groups such as travellers.

Hardship Funds

Bell Farm Christian Centre administers emergency funds which benefited people who needed urgent financial assistance.

The Samaritan's Fund is provided by Catalyst, to provide urgent relief to those not able to access funding.

The Charis Shop provided by Trussell in partnership with Cadent was open from December to March providing fuel and supermarket vouchers via SMS or email to those in hardship.

Bell Farm Christian Centre emergency fund is a small pot made up of ad hoc donations which benefits people who needed urgent financial assistance but cannot access other hardship funds.

Hardship grants supported those who were homeless or had no recourse to public funds with food or over-the-counter prescriptions. The second largest provision was for fuel poverty.

**Demographics of the Community Support projects service users**

<b>Annual Statistics for BFCC community projects</b>					
Start date	1 April 2024		End date	31 March 2025	
<b>Project</b>	<b>Attendees (unique)</b>	<b>Attendances (participants)</b>	<b>Contact hours</b>	<b>Session hours</b>	<b>Sessions delivered</b>
Older Persons	94	2,086	9,506	251	59
Children and Families	137	1,115	1,936.5	124.5	77
Doorway Advice	586	1,514	4,202	446	177
International Café	1,289	2,740	8,220	87	37
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2,106</b>	<b>7,455</b>	<b>23,864.5</b>	<b>908.5</b>	<b>350</b>
Please note : that those who have attended other BFCC projects will have received support from the Advice and Information service, particularly those who attend the Café. The International Café Project was closed from 18 December to 5 March for re-evaluation.					



## **Bell Farm Church Fellowship**

### **Aims and Objectives**

- To equip the congregation in strong Christian foundations of faith
- To keep the church community connected and supported between Sunday services
- To expand the teaching capacity in the children's ministry
- To grow the overall church membership

The Church leadership team, a team of 11 volunteers, who support the Minister to deliver church activities remains unchanged. The past year has been a powerful year of ministry within the church. Our congregation has taken cognitive steps to grow intentionally and seek the face of God. By God's grace, His hand of favour and peace has been upon the lives of those in the congregation. Our church ministry has grown in every area and lives are being transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Our regular weekly activities of bible study, prayer meetings and various connect group meetings at the homes of the congregation. We hold worship services on Friday evenings and Sundays. Our Men's ministry is on the 2nd Saturday every month. Our Ladies' ministry is held quarterly. Part of our ministry has been supporting families of the bereaved and conducting funerals.

### **Initiatives :**

- Implemented the alignment series bible study on Tuesday evenings
- Implemented midweek connect groups and specific connect activities
- Implemented leadership training for Children's church ministry
- We held specific church events to invite friends and family, and guests who are not involved in church

In addition to this regular work the church hosted a number of guest speakers and ministry times throughout the year, Global Awakening in May, June and November, including a special ladies' ministry. We hosted William Hinn with his team in the summer. In September we had a guest speaker from NCMI.

At Easter we delivered a weekend conference with first-time dedications of people coming to faith in Jesus, with lots of personal prayer and ministry taking place. Prayer & Fasting has taken place throughout the year including an all-night prayer marathon on 24 April. We repeated our prayer and fasting events in November.

In our ongoing support for the work of Operation Mobilization, their ministry team shared their work on several occasions through the year. In August our youth attended "Teen Street" camp.

We had several events, a church beach day out, youth day out at Go Ape, the feast of nations event which was a tremendous blessing, and outreach opportunity. As a church we attended the Holy Ghost & Fire conference.

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In early September there was a baptism Sunday which was a real blessing. We hosted a specific weekend of worship with dedicated worship services on Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October as well as a 'Glow in the Dark' praise party for the children on 31 October.

Alongside our usual services to mark Remembrance and celebrate Easter and Christmas with highlights of a Children's nativity drama production.

Our New Year service of Praise, Worship and Prayer was successful with the purpose to be in the presence of the Lord right at the start of the year

Throughout the year the church also distributed 2,000 new trainers and 5,000 items of sports clothing to those in need from the community including asylum seekers and refugees.

## **7. Volunteers and support**

Volunteers provide an invaluable resource for the organisation. Volunteers assist in various activities within the organisation; these include :

- Administration
- Assisting at holiday clubs and children's events
- Assisting with the carers and toddler groups
- Cooking and assisting with the Older Persons' Lunch and Social Club
- Christmas events
- Gardening and maintenance
- IT support
- Kitchen cleaning
- Management committee
- Pastoral care
- Reception duties for the Advice, Information and Care Service
- Sunday school
- Trustees
- Worship leading
- Providing advice

BFCC can sustainably maintain its charitable activities with talented and skilful volunteers who support our services. In 2024-25 within our community projects **70 people volunteered, giving 7,672 hours**, sustaining our projects alongside our small but committed staff team. This equates to at least a £93,675 saving in staff costs.

75% of our volunteers are service users of our services, providing greater outcomes for them. This also has the added advantage of an increased empathy and understanding towards those accessing the services. Finally, it enables there to be significant and helpful influence of volunteering service users in shaping our services to meet the needs of all service users.

Our organisational overheads are constantly scrutinised to ensure we are maximising service delivery and keeping costs low. BFCC receives a number of in-kind donations,

ranging from waste collection to raffle prizes. We have been fortunate to have strong corporate partnerships with companies such as Heathrow Airport Ltd, Tesco, ASDA, Hasbro, Richmond Toys and Funky Flowers which enables in-kind and cash donations. In addition to this, by having a strong local reputation we have developed some corporate relationships that provide expertise and support us in areas such as policy updates.

We are extremely thankful to our volunteers and the generosity of our supporters.

## **8. Our Impact – case studies**

During 2024-25 our community projects helped 2,106 individual beneficiaries and their families representing 23,864 contact hours. Our satisfaction rates were between 80-90% across the different groups.

From those that responded to the Advice Service survey

- 96% agreed or strongly agreed that they felt supported to manage their finances
- 97% agreed or strongly agreed that they are now aware of the assets and services in Hillingdon that would improve and maintain their health and wellbeing
- 94% agreed or strongly agreed that they felt able to make informed choices
- 88% agreed or strongly agreed that they had greater knowledge to help them live independent lives

### **Case studies**

#### Community Projects Case Study 1 – Doorway Advice

A gentleman came into the Advice Centre in need of food and support as he had no access to public funds. This was a gentleman of 60 years old who had come to this country 20 years ago and had initially been working here. He came from Hong Kong and when he arrived, had permission to work. However, over the course of time he had been robbed and all his paperwork confirming this had been stolen. He had sought advice from solicitors, and every penny that he had when he was able to work had gone to the solicitors. There was however no progress on his case. Due to having his documents stolen he could no longer work as he had no proof to show employers he had permission to do so.

The first thing that we were able to do at the Advice Centre for this gentleman was provide food and a small grant through our Samaritans Fund, this enabled him to travel on buses. These small grants also ensured that he was able to get things like prescription medicines. While supporting him with food through the Foodbank, the Advice Service then set about trying to get his documents back through the Home Office through subject access.

The client documents were received from the Home Office. Unfortunately, he became homeless. St Mungo's charity supported us and provided our client with a room. They also found him a pro bono solicitor who visited the Advice Centre and Foodbank. We were able to give a statement with the client's consent saying that he had been accessing Advice while also receiving support from the Foodbank. This solicitor stated that the evidence we were to provide was the most significant piece of evidence that the client needed. A short while

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later we received an email from the solicitor stating that the Home Office had now given the client Leave To Remain so he could now access public funds, work legally and, more importantly, would be able to pay rent. As the client can now access funds, he no longer needs help from Foodbank.

Community Projects Case Study 2 – International Café

A woman in her early fifties visited us at the Café after arriving from Iran. She told us about her persecution by police back home and that this was her reason for escaping. She became a regular visitor and began contributing to our sessions by volunteering her time, aiding with the sorting of clothes, ensuring they were handed out to attendees and helping communicate to newcomers who had poorer English and were happier speaking in their native Farsi. Throughout this time, this helped her to build confidence and feel more settled here. Through our partner organisations, Trinity Homeless and our own BFCC Advice Centre, we helped her to find accommodation and navigate through the benefit claim system. She now has Settled status and has been relocated to a more permanent residence to move forward with her new life here.

Community Projects Case Study 3 – International Café

An asylum seeker from Sudan arrived in the UK with nothing, struggling with trauma, no contacts and no knowledge of the system. He came to us through a referral from a hotel where he was staying. We helped him to apply for Section 95 support, provided emergency clothing and a sim card, so that he could contact family, and connected him to a legal advisor through Migrant Help. Over the following months, he attended English classes and weekly drop-in sessions where he made friends and built confidence. Now while waiting for his asylum decision, he volunteers with our centre, helping others like him.

Community Projects Case Study 4 – Older Persons work

In 2024 the Older Persons Club began supporting a new member who was referred to us by the NHS. The older person was feeling very isolated and didn't leave the house. They also suffered with depression and expressed they were very sad in life. After some initial calls with our Older Persons Manager, to provide reassurance and welcome about attending the Club, they and their partner began to attend regularly each week, taking part in the activities. The couple were enabled to attend a small group mental resilience programme held at the Centre facilitated with the expertise of the Drama therapists at Give Space. Since this work they have come on in leaps and bounds, becoming much happier and significantly improving in their self-confidence. When asked they say they look forward to attending the Lunch Club each week. Their partner has been very grateful of the positive effect on their wellbeing.

Community Projects Case Study 5 – Partnerships

In March we were approached to contribute to an international visit by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council for Europe. The purpose of the visit was to host during our International Café and contribute views to research carried out by a member of the Council for Europe, an Italian Senator, about the effectiveness of public/ private (non-profit/for-profit) partnerships in accommodating and supporting asylum seekers and refugees. We were able to advocate for the residents in the hotel as well as talk about the shortcomings of local infrastructure and capacity especially with concentrated volumes of people.

Church activities Case Study 1

A new family have come to believe that Jesus is God, that He is real, is alive, and seated at the right hand of the Father in heaven. The journey of how this happened is extraordinary. A young child started attending Sunday School with friends and their family. After a few weeks all the siblings joined in. Then their mother would visit for a few minutes, drop off the children and come back later. One Sunday the mother decided to stay for the worship and then went home and came back for the children after the service. This gradually progressed until one Sunday when the mother stayed for the entire service. The family has experienced a long legacy of severe challenges and hurt. Life for this precious family had been cruel and hard. God graciously started a healing process of restoring them in many ways, so much so that they are now involved as volunteers in the church and have taken up commitments on the parent committees to help in their local school. This precious family are growing in God's grace and love, contributing to our local community in a significant way. They are an expression of the reality of our living God and how He is able to heal and restore.

Church activities Case Study 2

One Friday evening a young family came into our worship service. The deep distress and turmoil they were under was clearly evident; it could be seen in their tired faces. During our service we had a time of prayer and ministry, and this precious young mother shyly asked for prayer and help. That Friday evening marked the start of her spiritual cleansing, physical healing and restoration of true authentic relationship with God the Father. This mother has been completely released from all the torment she had been living with for years, she has not required the intervention of our health care services for many months now. Previously medical assistance was needed for extended periods of time, putting further stress on the family. The peace of the living God is now evident in her life and her home. This precious family is now established in all our church community, and the children are flourishing in their schools.

## **9. The Factors Affecting the Achievement of the Objectives**

There have been no specific significant events which occurred during the year that would have had a financial impact on BFCC. The factors affecting the achievement of the objectives of the organisation have not significantly changed in the last few years and are as follows :

1. BFCC is well known within the local community and across the borough and surrounding areas. The charity has an exceptionally good relationship with several stakeholders including the local Members of Parliament, Ward Councillors, the Local Authority and Greater London Authority as well as other agencies and services working in the area. This provides a good platform for partnership working and enables a person-centred support with reduced duplication by local services.
2. BFCC has a good relationship with members of the local community and many members of the local community are incredibly happy to be able to attend the activities and services that are provided at the Centre. This is particularly beneficial for the sections of the

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community that are particularly marginalised and vulnerable. The Organisation is pleased that some of these groups such as the Travellers and migrants feel able to attend the activities and access our services without barriers. We pride ourselves on offering a gracious welcome to all.

3. Our reputation of providing dynamic and flexible services with supportive staff has resulted in us being very nimble and responsive to the changing demands and trends. Our strong staff and volunteer retention, ability to deliver impactful outcomes and holistic delivery model complements our responsiveness. This makes us attractive and approachable to other agencies and charities who want to work with us.
4. BFCC has a hard working and loyal group of volunteers who help deliver the services to the local community and within the church congregation.
5. BFCC continues to experience high demand for our community services, with an increased complexity i.e. those presenting as homeless or at risk of homelessness. Our International Café experienced unsustainable and almost unmanageable volumes of service users which resulted in the project being paused for two months to re-evaluate how we could have the most impactful interventions with the presenting needs in a sustainable manner. The project was refined and re-opened successfully in March 2025.

## **10. Future Plans**

### **The aims for 2025-26 :**

- To fulfil the objects of the charity
- To, in line with our 25th anniversary, re-imagine the next 25 years, strategically planning for the medium- and long-term future of the charity
- To complete strategic business transformation to improve the effectiveness of the charity meeting its objectives
- To ensure a smooth transition into contracted services for part of our community offer in a new partnership

### **Objectives**

Complete charity-wide transformation objectives of :

- Implementing modernising of business systems, policies and practices to future-proof and protect the organisation
- Developing and implementing a new forward looking fundraising strategy, adapting to the changes in fundraising and grant funding opportunities

### **Departmental development work and impact focus**

Older persons provision will :

- Develop the Dining Club's curriculum and partnerships to maximise our impact on wellbeing and loneliness

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- Develop a strong core of volunteers to support the continued work of the club
- Undertake actions of a project sustainability plan to help resource the project following high-cost inflation in recent years and static funding stream.

Children and families provision will :

- Begin after school activities for children
- Increase hours and capacity of the Toy Library

Doorway Advice Information and Care Service provision will :

- Increase service specialisms and locations
- Recruit an additional member of staff
- Increase collaborations
- Achieve the Advice Quality Standard

International Café activities will :

- Prepare individuals for the transition to Remain status
- Provide a welcoming and supportive space to support mental resilience
- Develop further partnership with the Doorway Advice service

Bell Farm Church ministries will :

- Continue discipleship and bible studies within the current congregation
- Reach out to our immediate community, friends, family and work colleagues
- Increase midweek Small Groups
- Develop ministries for young people
- Explore the appointment of a Youth / Children's Ministry worker
- Develop provision for spiritual counselling
- Consider support for overseas missions
- Explore ministries for those with addictions

## **11. Financial Review**

Bell Farm Christian Centre's operation is dependent upon the receipt of grants and donations from various organisations and individuals, services provided by unpaid volunteers and the generosity of many individuals and businesses who provide various services and goods free of charge.

Just under half of the income received during the year was restricted income, which was provided to enable a specific activity or project to take place or for a particular service to be provided. Funding was received from a number of new sources to strengthen and increase existing projects and for capital improvements.

Income for the year was £276,823 (2024 - £243,588) and expenditure was £270,224 (2024 - £284,080). The net result was an overall surplus for the year of £6,599 (2024 deficit - £40,492). This included a surplus of £4,217 (2024 deficit - £66,744) on restricted funds.

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The trustees are aware of the continual need to attempt to obtain additional “core funding” in order to strengthen the central administration and support services of Bell Farm Christian Centre. This would then release project staff to spend additional time on activities directly relating to their project and would strengthen the overall operation of Bell Farm Christian Centre.

**Principal Funding Sources**

The main grants and donations for the work of Bell Farm Christian Centre have come from the following organisations :

London Borough of Hillingdon  
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; Emigrant Support Programme  
Greater London Authority  
Trussell Trust

**Investment powers and policy**

Under the Memorandum and Articles of Association, Bell Farm Christian Centre has the power to invest in any way the trustees wish.

The trustees, having regard to the fact that most funding is from grants which are paid on a quarterly basis or six-monthly basis, have operated a policy of keeping available funds in interest bearing deposit accounts.

**Reserves policy**

The trustees have established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the charity should be between 1 and 2 months of the resources expended, which equates to £22,500 to £45,000 in general funds. However following lessons from the pandemic, the trustees are looking to increase this threshold to over 3 months but no greater than 5 months, which equates to £67,500 to £112,500. At this level, the trustees feel that they would be able to continue the current activities of the charity in the event of a significant drop in funding. It would then be necessary to consider how the funding would be replaced or activities changed. At present the reserves amount to £58,620, with the trustees hoping to reach the new reserves threshold within the next four years.

**Trustees’ responsibilities in relation to the financial statements**

The trustees (who are also directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees’ Report and the financial statements in accordance with general applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charitable company for that period. 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 company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:



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- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation

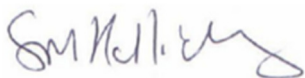
The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding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

**Independent Examiners**

Bruton Charles, Chartered Accountants were appointed as Independent Examiners in 2016 and have expressed their willingness to continue in that capacity. A resolution proposing their reappointment will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

In preparing this report, advantage has been taken of the small companies' exemption in the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the trustees on 2 December 2025 and signed on their behalf by



S M Holliday

**Bell Farm Christian Centre  
Independent Examiner's report  
For the year ended 5 April 2025**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 5 April 2025, which are set out on pages 27 to 39.

**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**

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 :

- i. accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- ii. the accounts do not accord with those accounting records; or
- iii. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the account give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of the independent examination; or
- iv. 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 (FRS102)].

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.



Name: Neil Major  
Bruton Charles, Chartered Accountants

Address: The Coach House, Greys Green Business Centre, Henley-on-Thames,  
Oxfordshire, RG9 4QG

Date: 10 December 2025

**Bell Farm Christian Centre**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**For the year ended 5 April 2025**

	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>Total 2025 £</b>	<b>Total 2024 £</b>
<b>Income</b>					
Donations	<b>2</b>	27,684	4,131	31,815	25,217
Income from charitable activities					
Grants receivable	<b>3</b>	100,300	90,159	190,459	162,886
Other income	<b>4</b>	309	38,582	38,891	39,977
Investment income	<b>5</b>	1,410	-	1,410	2,305
Rental income	<b>6</b>	14,248	-	14,248	13,203
<b>Total income</b>		<u>143,951</u>	<u>132,872</u>	<u>276,823</u>	<u>243,588</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Costs of raising funds	<b>7</b>	1,000	5,954	6,954	6,902
Charitable activities	<b>8</b>	161,609	101,661	263,270	277,178
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>162,609</u>	<u>107,615</u>	<u>270,224</u>	<u>284,080</u>
<b>Net income</b>	<b>10</b>	(18,658)	25,257	6,599	(40,492)
Transfers between reserves	<b>15</b>	21,040	(21,040)	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>2,382</u>	<u>4,217</u>	<u>6,599</u>	<u>(40,492)</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		93,147	122,093	215,240	255,732
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>95,529</u>	<u>126,310</u>	<u>221,839</u>	<u>215,240</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

This statement of financial activities includes an income and expenditure account in accordance with Companies Act 2006 requirements.

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**Balance Sheet**  
**As at 5 April 2025**

	Notes	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	12		101,829		113,695
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	13	22,021		37,838	
Cash at bank and in hand		115,714		76,459	
		<u>137,735</u>		<u>114,297</u>	
<b>Creditors:</b> amounts falling due within one year	14	<u>17,725</u>		<u>12,752</u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>			120,010		101,545
<b>Net assets</b>			<u>221,839</u>		<u>215,240</u>
<b>Capital and Reserves</b>	15 & 16				
Restricted funds			126,310		122,093
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds			28,053		29,369
General funds			67,476		63,778
			<u>221,839</u>		<u>215,240</u>

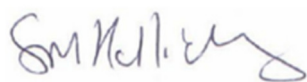
The trustees have taken advantage of the Companies Act 2006 in not having these accounts audited under section 477(1). No members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with s386 and s387 of the Companies Act 2006 and section 138 of the Charities Act 2011.

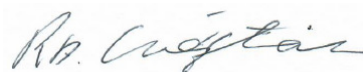
These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and constitute the annual accounts required by the Companies Act 2006 and are for circulation to the members of the company.

The notes on pages 29 to 39 form part of these financial statements.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 2 December 2025 and signed on its behalf by



S M Holliday  
Trustee



R Charrington  
Trustee

Company registration number 04110617

**Bell Farm Christian Centre**  
**Notes forming part of the Financial Statements**  
**For the year ended 5 April 2025**

**1 Accounting Policies**

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

**1.1 Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

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 Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006.

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.

The Charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

**1.2 Changes to previous accounts**

No changes have been made to the financial statements for previous years unless otherwise stated within the notes as a prior year adjustment.

**1.3 Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis**

The directors consider that the company is a going concern.

**1.4 Income recognition policies**

Items of income are recognised and included in the accounts when all of the following criteria are met:

- the charity has entitlement to the funds;
- any performance conditions attached to the items of income have been met or are fully within the control of the charity;
- there is sufficient certainty that receipt of the income is considered probable; and
- the amount can be measured reliably.

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.

Voluntary income is received by way of donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.

Income from charitable activities includes grant income received subject to performance conditions and is recognised as earned (as the related services are provided).

**1.5 Interest receivable**

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

**1.6 Fund accounting**

Funds held by the charitable company are:

- Unrestricted general funds – these are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

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- Designated funds – these are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for specific purposes.
- Restricted funds – these are funds which can only be used for particular purposes within the objects of the charitable company. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

The trustees make transfers between funds as agreed by the funder.

**1.7 Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT**

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

**1.8 Allocation of costs**

Certain expenditure is directly attributable to specific activities in accordance with the budget submitted to the funder and this expenditure has been allocated directly to those activities. Support costs have been apportioned as agreed and allocated to specific activities on the basis of time spent or resources used.

**1.9 Operating leases**

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to income as incurred.

**1.10 Pensions**

The charitable company contributes to the personal defined-contribution pension schemes of employees. The annual contributions paid are charged against income.

**1.11 Tax status**

The charitable company is a registered charity within the definitions of section 506(1) Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 and therefore it is not assessable to corporation tax on any surplus charitable funds

**1.12 Governance costs**

Include all costs relating to the public accountability of the charitable company and its compliance with regulation and good practice. They include costs relating to the examination of statutory accounts.

**1.13 Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation and are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £1,000.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life as follows, unless assets are purchased from grants for a particular short term project, in which case they are written off over the length of the project.

Building extension	over term of lease
Computer equipment	33% straight line on cost
Fixtures, fittings & other equipment	20% straight line on cost

**1.14 Creditors and provisions**

Creditors and provisions are recognised at their settlement amount where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

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**1.15 Volunteer help**

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees report.

**1.16 Financial instruments**

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

**2 Income from donations**

	Un- restricted	Restricted	Total	Un- restricted	Restricted	Total
	2025	2025	2025	2024	2024	2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General Fund	25,267	-	25,267	22,273	-	22,273
Advice Service	-	24	24	-	-	-
International Café	-	384	384	-	-	-
Toy Library	-	-	-	-	-	-
Older Persons	-	3,654	3,654	-	1,454	1,454
Children and Families	-	19	19	-	215	215
Other Funds	2,417	50	2,467	1,275	-	1,275
	<u>27,684</u>	<u>4,131</u>	<u>31,815</u>	<u>23,548</u>	<u>1,669</u>	<u>25,217</u>

**3 Grants receivable**

	Un- restricted	Restricted	Total	Un- restricted	Restricted	Total
	2025	2025	2025	2024	2024	2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General Fund	35,000	-	35,000	41,868	-	41,868
Advice Service	10,000	84,834	94,834	-	52,888	52,888
International Café	10,000	2,200	12,200	10,000	5,193	15,193
Children and Families						
Manager	15,000	-	15,000	19,842	-	19,842
Holiday Club	-	1,425	1,425	-	-	-
Other	-	140	140	-	200	200
Older Persons						
Dining Club	30,000	160	30,160	28,000	-	28,000
Transport	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	1,400	1,400	-	3,200	3,200
Other Funds						
Operations Manager	-	-	-	-	-	-
Samaritan Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	300	-	300	-	1,695	1,695
	<u>100,300</u>	<u>90,159</u>	<u>190,459</u>	<u>99,710</u>	<u>63,176</u>	<u>162,886</u>

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**4 Other income from charitable activities**

	Un- restricted	Restricted	Total	Un- restricted	Restricted	Total
	2025	2025	2025	2024	2024	2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General Fund	51	-	51	79	-	79
Advice	-	-	-	-	-	-
Children and Families	258	331	589	441	293	734
Older Persons	-	38,251	38,251	-	39,164	39,164
Other Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>309</u>	<u>38,582</u>	<u>38,891</u>	<u>520</u>	<u>39,457</u>	<u>39,977</u>

**5 Investment income**

All of the charity's investment income arises from interest bearing deposit accounts and is unrestricted income.

**6 Rental income**

Income from use of premises, all of which is unrestricted income.

**7 Costs of raising funds**

	Un- restricted	Restricted	Total	Un- restricted	Restricted	Total
	2025	2025	2025	2024	2024	2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	1,000	5,954	6,954	-	6,902	6,902
	<u>1,000</u>	<u>5,954</u>	<u>6,954</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,902</u>	<u>6,902</u>



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**8 Expenditure on charitable activities**

	General Fund £	Advice Service £	International Café £	Children & Families £	Older Persons £	Other Funds £	Total £
<b>2025</b>							
Staff costs							
Direct	38,520	43,549	10,089	8,681	14,900	15,599	131,338
Support	(12,402)	6,545	2,114	1,421	816	1,506	0
Premises costs							
Direct	35,393	-	-	-	70	-	35,463
Support	(11,396)	6,013	1,942	1,306	751	1,384	(0)
Office costs							
Direct	11,260	2,256	321	140	601	497	15,075
Support	(4,334)	2,287	739	497	285	526	-
Project costs	6,974	2,081	1,276	2,904	44,531	685	58,451
Governance costs	2,200	-	-	-	-	-	2,200
Donations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-	20,743	20,743
	66,215	62,731	16,481	14,949	61,954	40,940	263,270

	General Fund £	Advice Service £	International Café £	Children & Families £	Older Persons £	Other Funds £	Total £
<b>2024</b>							
Staff costs							
Direct	34,517	42,744	13,965	8,616	19,186	20,918	139,946
Support	(17,045)	8,822	666	2,213	3,593	1,751	0
Premises costs							
Direct	37,873	-	-	-	250	-	38,123
Support	(18,702)	9,680	730	2,428	3,942	1,922	-
Office costs							
Direct	8,407	1,796	273	143	449	471	11,539
Support	(5,238)	2,711	205	680	1,104	538	-
Project costs	10,696	145	1,607	2,462	45,945	1,417	62,272
Governance costs	2,200	-	-	-	-	-	2,200
Donations	5,170	-	-	-	-	-	5,170
Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-	17,929	17,929
	57,878	65,898	17,446	16,542	74,469	44,946	277,179

Expenditure on charitable activities includes £101,661 (2024 – £127,267) of expenditure from restricted funds.

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**9 Governance Costs**

	2025 £	2024 £
Independent Examiner's fees	<u>2,200</u>	<u>2,200</u>

**10 Net income for year**

This is stated after charging:

	2025 £	2024 £
Depreciation	20,743	17,929
Independent Examination provision	<u>2,200</u>	<u>2,200</u>

**11 Staff Costs**

	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	129,981	133,982
Fees	1,937	6,391
Social security costs	3,603	3,621
Pension contributions	2,771	2,855
Life assurance	-	-
	<u>138,292</u>	<u>146,849</u>

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

	<b>Total employees</b>		<b>Full time equivalent</b>	
	2025	2024	2025	2024
General Fund	4	4	2	2
Advice Service	2	2	1	1
Asylum Seekers	1	1	1	1
Children and Families	1	1	1	1
Older Persons	1	1	1	1
Operations Manager	1	1	1	1
	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>

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

The charity contributes to a pension scheme for its employees as required under the automatic enrolment regulations. Pension contributions are accounted for and paid as they fall due and there were no outstanding contributions at the balance sheet date (2024 – £nil).

During the year, no trustees were paid or received any other benefits from employment with the charity (2024 – £nil) and no expenses were paid to trustees during the year (2024 – £nil).

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**12 Tangible fixed assets**

	<b>Building extension</b>	<b>Computer equipment</b>	<b>Fixtures fittings &amp; equipment</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Cost</b>				
At 5 April 2024	230,838	23,425	149,192	403,455
Additions	-	7,786	1,091	8,877
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 5 April 2025	<u>230,838</u>	<u>31,211</u>	<u>150,283</u>	<u>412,332</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 5 April 2024	123,673	21,605	144,482	289,760
Charge for the year	15,310	3,701	1,732	20,743
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 5 April 2025	<u>138,983</u>	<u>25,306</u>	<u>146,214</u>	<u>310,503</u>
<b>Net book value</b>				
At 5 April 2025	<u>91,855</u>	<u>5,905</u>	<u>4,069</u>	<u>101,829</u>
At 5 April 2024	<u>107,165</u>	<u>1,820</u>	<u>4,710</u>	<u>113,695</u>

All assets are held for direct charitable purposes.

**13 Debtors**

	<b>2025 £</b>	<b>2024 £</b>
Other debtors	16,840	29,771
Prepayments	<u>5,181</u>	<u>8,066</u>
	<u>22,021</u>	<u>37,837</u>

**14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>2025 £</b>	<b>2024 £</b>
Accruals	13,571	12,752
Deferred income	<u>4,154</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>17,725</u>	<u>12,752</u>

Deferred income is the portion of specific grant income which relates to the year ended 5 April 2026.

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**15 Analysis of charitable funds**

	Balance at 6 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 5 April 2025 £
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
<b>Advice Service</b>					
Hillingdon Community Trust	25,741	-	-	-	25,741
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; Emigrant Support Programme	510	10,000	(403)	(10,107)	0
Ward Councillors	-	296	(296)	-	-
Greater London Authority	-	58,330	(25,940)	(15,199)	17,191
Energy Saving Trust	-	(9,259)	-	9,259	-
Trussell Trust	-	25,467	(25,467)	-	-
Other	-	24	-	-	24
<b>ProParenting</b>					
Other Income	1,001	-	-	-	1,001
<b>Children and Families</b>					
Toy Library					
Richmond Toys	571	-	-	-	571
Other	267	-	-	-	267
Holiday Club and out of school activities					
Ward Councillors	100	1,425	(3,014)	1,589	100
Other	-	19	(19)	-	-
Toddler Group	-				-
Ward Councillors	-	140	(140)	-	-
Other	-	331	(965)	634	-
<b>Older Persons</b>					
Dining Club	(23,806)	38,251	(27,901)	(1,131)	(14,587)
Ward Councillors	-	160	(160)	-	-
London Borough of Hillingdon Leaders Initiative	5,192	-	-	-	5,192
Give Space CIC	-	1,400	(1,400)	-	-
Other Income	-	3,654	(3,654)	-	-

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	Balance at 6 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 5 April 2025 £
<b>Other Grants</b>					
Maintenance Reserve	1,123	-	-	-	1,123
Development Worker	549	-	-	-	549
Pampering Course	552	-	-	-	552
London Catalyst Samaritan Fund	(53)	50	(335)	-	(338)
International Café					
Refugees in Effective and					
Active Partnership	-	2,200	(1,597)	(603)	-
Other	(303)	384	-	(6,573)	(6,492)
Partners in Renewal	29	-	-	-	29
Building Fund	2,412	-	-	-	2,412
<b>Capital Fund</b>					
Restricted	108,208	-	(16,324)	1,091	92,975
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>	<u>122,093</u>	<u>132,872</u>	<u>(107,615)</u>	<u>(21,040)</u>	<u>126,310</u>
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>					
<b>Designated Funds</b>					
Giving Fund	396	-	-	-	396
London Borough of Hillingdon					
Advice Service	5,258	10,000	(10,000)	-	5,258
International Café	-	10,000	(7,842)	(2,158)	-
Children and Families	3,286	15,000	(3,690)	(10,472)	4,124
Operations Manager	10,318	-	(13,212)	12,918	10,024
Older Persons	-	30,000	(25,864)	(4,136)	-
Support costs	3,360	35,000	(33,530)	(2,814)	2,016
Other income	6,751	2,976	(3,234)	(258)	6,235
	<u>29,369</u>	<u>102,976</u>	<u>(97,372)</u>	<u>(6,920)</u>	<u>28,053</u>
<b>General Unrestricted Funds</b>					
General Fund	58,289	40,975	(60,818)	20,173	58,619
Capital Fund - Unrestricted	5,489	-	(4,419)	7,787	8,857
	<u>63,778</u>	<u>40,975</u>	<u>(65,237)</u>	<u>27,960</u>	<u>67,476</u>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<u>215,240</u>	<u>276,823</u>	<u>(270,224)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>221,839</u>

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**Purpose of Restricted Funds**

**Advice Service** For running costs of Doorway Advice, Information and Care Service.

**Parent Support** For Pro Parenting courses and training.

**Children and Families Projects**

Toy Library For running costs of Toy Library  
 Holiday Club For Summer Holiday Clubs  
 Out of School activities For other Holiday Events  
 Toddler Group For Carer and Toddler group

**Older Persons**

Dining Club For running costs of Dining Club  
 London Borough of Hillingdon For capital items and special events  
 Leaders Initiative  
 London Borough of Hillingdon For new equipment and special events  
 Ward Councillors

Transfers are made from the Dining Club fund to the London Borough of Hillingdon fund to cover shortfalls on funding.

**Other Funds**

Maintenance Reserve For maintenance of building  
 Development Worker Balance from employment of development worker  
 Pampering Course Balance from pampering courses  
 London Catalyst Samaritan Fund For helping those in need  
 International Café Working with those newly in the UK who are temporarily housed in hotels at Heathrow  
 Partners in Renewal For churches in West Drayton and Yiewsley  
 Building Fund For building extension. Costs are transferred from this fund to the Capital fund

**Purpose of Designated Funds**

**Giving Fund** A proportion of general unrestricted income is set aside to give to other organisations. Transfers into this fund are from the General fund.

**London Borough of Hillingdon**

Advice Service For running costs of Doorway Advice, Information and Care Service  
 International Café For running costs of projects for those newly in the UK living in temporary accommodation at the local hotels  
 Children and Families For running costs of Children and Families projects  
 Operations Manager For employment of Operations Manager  
 Older Persons For running costs of the Older Persons projects  
 Support Costs For support staff and costs of the organisation

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**Transfers**

The projects run by BFCC are supported by available premises as well as management and administrative services. For simplicity the costs of these services are paid entirely from general unrestricted funds. However, many of the grants received include amounts towards these costs. Such agreed amounts are therefore transferred to the general unrestricted fund to cover this expenditure. When equipment is purchased the costs are transferred from specific restricted and designated funds to the Capital fund.

**16 Analysis of net assets between funds**

	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Fund balances at 5 April 2025 are represented by:			
Tangible fixed assets	92,973	8,856	101,829
Current assets	41,931	95,804	137,735
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(8,594)	(9,131)	(17,725)
	<u>126,310</u>	<u>95,529</u>	<u>221,839</u>

**17 Operating lease commitments**

Bell Farm Christian Centre has use of the church building and manse on a 21 year lease from March 2010. Rentals payable on this lease, through a Memorandum of Understanding with the Landlord, are reduced to a starting value of £2,000 per year, rising annually by inflation.

**18 Related party transactions**

There were no related party transactions during the year.

**19 Control**

There is no controlling party.