

CITY REACH YOUTH PROJECT

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2024**

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1086532

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CITY REACH YOUTH PROJECT
REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2024

The Management Committee is pleased to present its annual report and unaudited Financial Statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the Financial Statements and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their Financial Statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity Name: City Reach Youth Project

Registered Charity Number: 1086532

Principal Office: City Reach Youth Project
c/o Northam Community Centre
Kent Street
Northam
Southampton
SO14 5SP

Bankers: Nat West Bank Plc
12 High Street
Southampton
SO14 2BF

Trustees: The trustees/management committee who served during the year and since the year end are as follows:

D Eccleston
K Grove
A McCarthy
D Pearce

Our Advisors:
Independent Examiners: Abraham & Dobell
230 Shirley Road
Southampton
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AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

We are a youth project within Northam Community Centre in Central Southampton, providing open access youth settings for children aged 5-17.

Through our youth settings we cover a lot of topics that cover young people, such as healthy living and lifestyles from support for bullying and mental and other health issues and we celebrate numerous cultural events also. We also support a large number of children with SEND needs.

Public Benefit Statement

All of our activities are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit. In shaping our objectives and planning our activities, the Management Committee has considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit including guidance 'Public Benefit: Running a Charity (PB2)'.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

This financial year we were very lucky to be chosen by one of the Southampton Lord Mayor's charities where they raised over £10k. We took part in some of the fund raising events as well to not just raise money but raise the profile of City Reach as well.

We were lucky as well that we received sizable donations from Womble Bond Dickason and Canford school. This money has helped us with rents and wages going up, due to the cost of living, and to buy equipment and pay for staff hours when we do a residential that Canford school raise money for. We have taken part in lots of joint activities from the Northam Community Link, where we supported children getting access to hot meals, including their parents, in our summer programs as well as the Link applied for HAF money and we did this as a joint venture. Our numbers of young people still continue to be very good and we have lots of young people volunteering as well as some parent helpers.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Income increased in the year to 31 March 2024 to £48,206 (2023 - £33,587). This was mainly due to an increase in donations.

Expenditure also increased to £36,857 in the year to 31 March 2024 (2023 - £34,786).

This has resulted in a surplus for the year to 31 March 2024 of £11,349 (2023 – deficit of £(1,199)).

The Management Committee are satisfied with the outcome for the year.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW (CONTINUED)

Principle Funding Sources

The funding sources for the charity are currently by way of grant funding and donations. As a result of increasing constraints on the expenditure of local authorities and youth club grant providers, the charity has to seek funding from a much broader group of agencies.

Investment Policy

Aside from retaining a prudent amount in reserves each year, most of the charity's funds are to be spent in the short-term so there are few funds for long-term investment. A review of investment policies is planned early in the new financial year.

Reserves Policy and Going Concern

The Management Committee has examined the charity's requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation. It has established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the charity should be six months of the expenditure. The Management Committee is of the view that the charity is a going concern.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

Going forward our grant we get for the main running costs from SCC will be due to finish this year so we are currently looking at getting a large grant that could see us through for a few years, looking at CIN or the Lottery grants. We are also looking at smaller grants to get the Girls group funded again as well. We will continue to work closely with Northam Community Link, Canford school along with our partners as well and promote the club.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The charity is an unincorporated trust constituted on 24 November 2000, governed by a constitution overseen by trustees and registered as a charity number 1086532 on 10 May 2001. The charity was established under a constitution, which established the objects and powers of the charity.

Recruitment and Appointment of the Management Committee

The trustees of the charity are also known as members of the Management Committee. Under the requirements of the Constitution of the charity, the members of the Management Committee are elected to serve for a period of one year, after which they must be re-elected at the Annual General Meeting.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

Trustee Induction and Training

New trustees and volunteers are invited and encouraged to attend a series of short training sessions to familiarise themselves with the charity and the context within which it operates. This takes the form of meetings with the existing trustees; an introduction to trustees' responsibilities and charity law and covers:

- the obligations of Management Committee members;
- the main documents which set out the operational framework for the charity, including the Constitution;
- resources and the current financial position as set out in the latest published Financial Statements;
- future plans and objectives; and
- health and safety, security, risk management and environmental issues.

Risk Management

The Management Committee is conducting a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. A risk register is to be established and is to be updated at least annually. Where appropriate, systems or procedures are to be established to mitigate the risks the charity faces. Significant external risks will lead to the development of a strategic plan which will allow for the diversification of funding and activities. Internal control risks will be minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects. These procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure that they continue to meet the needs of the charity.

Organisational Structure

The charity has a management committee who meet regularly and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. At present, the committee has five members.

The Chairperson is responsible for ensuring that the charity delivers the services specified and that key performance indicators are met. The Centre Co-Ordinator employed by the trustees has delegated responsibility for the day-to-day operation management of the Centre; individual supervision of the staff team and also ensuring that the team continue to develop their skills and working practices in line with good practice.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Management Committee and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
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RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES (CONTINUED)

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare Financial Statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity and of its income and expenditure for that year. In preparing the Financial Statements the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the Financial Statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the Financial Statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reporting) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and, hence, for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

MEMBERS OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Members of the Management Committee, who are trustees for the purposes of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

In accordance with charity law, as the charity's trustees, we certify that:

- so far as we are aware, there is no relevant information of which the charity's independent examiners are unaware; and
- as the trustees of the charity, we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the charity's independent examiners are aware of that information.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS

We re-appointed Abraham & Dobell as the charity's independent examiners during the year and they have expressed their willingness to continue in that capacity.

Approved by the trustees on 31 March 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

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D PEARCE
TRUSTEE

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A Mc CARTHY
TRUSTEE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
CITY REACH YOUTH PROJECT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the Accounts of City Reach Youth Project (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust'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 Trust 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.



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DAVID J MANT FCA
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT
230 Shirley Road
Southampton
SO15 3HR

31 March 2025

CITY REACH YOUTH PROJECT

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
INCOME				
Donations and legacies	2	20,717	20,717	1,990
Charitable activities	3	27,489	27,489	31,597
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TOTAL INCOME		48,206	48,206	33,587
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EXPENDITURE				
Charitable activities	4	36,857	36,857	34,786
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TOTAL EXPENDITURE		36,857	36,857	34,786
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NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)				
/NET				
MOVEMENT IN FUNDS FOR THE YEAR		11,349	11,349	(1,199)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward		5,039	5,039	6,238
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Total funds carried forward		£16,388	£16,388	£5,039
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The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these Financial Statements.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	8	268	248
Cash at bank and in hand		21,649	9,306
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TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		21,917	9,554
LIABILITIES			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	9	5,529	4,515
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NET CURRENT ASSETS/TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		16,388	5,039
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NET ASSETS	11	£16,388	£5,039
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THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY			
Unrestricted income funds	12	16,388	5,039
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TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS		£16,388	£5,039
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Approved on 31 March 2025 by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:



D PEARCE
TRUSTEE


A MCCARTHY
TRUSTEE

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these Financial Statements.

CITY REACH YOUTH PROJECT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Charity Information

City Reach Youth Project is a charity established under a trust deed and registered with the Charity Commission. The charity is a public benefit entity.

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgement and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the Financial Statements are as follows:

(a) Basis of Preparation

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their Financial Statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Financial Statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts are rounded to the nearest £.

(b) Income

All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Donations and legacies are received by way of donations and grants and are included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.
- Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these Financial Statements.
- Income from charitable activities is accounted for when earned.
- Investment income is included if receivable.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(c) **Expenditure**

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes VAT as the charity is not VAT registered and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates:

- Expenditure on charitable activities comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.
- Support costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the Statement of Financial Activities on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. They are apportioned on an appropriate basis.
- Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the Independent Examiner's fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

(d) **Debtors**

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

(e) **Cash at Bank and in Hand**

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

(f) **Creditors and Provisions**

Creditors and provisions are recognised 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. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

(g) **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

(h) **Donated Services**

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(i) **Fund Accounting**

Unrestricted funds consist of the general purpose fund and designated funds and are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions imposed by donors or by the purpose of the appeal.

(j) **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 with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

(k) **Significant Judgements and Estimates**

Preparation of the Financial Statements may require management to make significant judgements and estimates. There are no items in the Financial Statements where judgements and estimates would have a significant effect on amounts recognised in the Financial Statements.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

The following general grants were received during the year:

	Unrestricted Funds £	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
Womble Bond Dickinson	5,590	5,590	1,840
Sundry other donations	-	-	150
Canford School	4,668	4,668	-
Mayor of Southampton	10,459	10,459	-
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	£20,717	£20,717	£1,990
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In 2023 the income from donations and legacies received of £1,990 was unrestricted as there were no restricted income funds.

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3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

The following income was generated during the year:

	Unrestricted Funds £	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
Southampton City Council Activities	27,249 240	27,249 240	31,597 -
	£27,489	£27,489	£31,597

In 2023 the income from charitable activities of £31,597 was unrestricted as there were no restricted income funds.

4 ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Centre £	Projects £	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
Staff costs	27,530	-	27,530	24,129
Premises	6,604	-	6,604	7,596
Project costs	-	1,432	1,432	1,452
Support costs	491	-	491	784
Governance costs	800	-	800	825
	£35,425	£1,432	£36,857	£34,786

The expenditure on charitable activities in 2024 and in 2023 were all unrestricted.

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5. ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT AND GOVERNANCE COSTS

The charity identifies the costs of its support functions. It then identifies those costs which relate to the governance function. Having identified its governance costs, the remaining support costs together with the governance costs are apportioned between the key charitable activities undertaken (see note 4) in the year. Refer to the table below for the basis for apportionment and the analysis of support and governance costs.

	General Support £	Governance £	Total Funds £	Basis of Apportionment
General office costs	491	-	491	Usage
Professional fees	-	800	800	Governance
	—	—	—	
	£491	£800	£1,291	
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**6. ANALYSIS OF STAFF COSTS AND TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION
AND EXPENSES**

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	27,372	23,682
Employer's pension	158	447
	—	—
	£27,530	£24,129
	—	—
The average weekly number of employees during the year was:	4	4
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Trustees received no remuneration or expenses during the year (2023 - £nil).

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7. TAXATION

As a charity, City Reach Youth Project is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within s.524 of the Income Taxes Act 2007 and s.256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the charity.

8. DEBTORS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Prepayments	£268	£248
	—	—

9. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals and other creditors	£5,529	£4,515
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10. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Financial instruments measured at amortised cost comprise the following:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Financial liabilities that are debt instruments	£5,529	£4,515
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11. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

Fund balances at 31 March 2024 are represented by:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Current assets	21,917	21,917
Current liabilities	5,529	5,529
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Net Assets at 31 March 2024	£16,388	£16,388
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There were no restricted funds.

12. ANALYSIS OF CHARITABLE FUNDS

	At 01.04.23 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	At 31.03.24 £
Analysis of Movements in Unrestricted Funds				
General funds	5,039	48,206	36,857	16,388
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Total Unrestricted Funds	£5,039	£48,206	£36,857	£16,388
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Unrestricted Funds comprise those funds which trustees are free to use in accordance with the charitable objects.

Restricted Funds are funds which have been given for particular purposes and projects. There were no restricted funds.

13. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no related party transactions arising in the year to 31 March 2024 (2023 - £nil).

DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
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	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Southampton City Council		27,249		31,597
Womble Bond Dickinson		5,590		1,840
Canford School		4,668		-
Mayor of Southampton		10,459		-
Activities		240		-
Sundry		-		150
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		48,206		33,587
EXPENDITURE				
Project costs	1,432		1,452	
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Establishment Costs				
Rent and rates	5,200		6,500	
Insurance	1,052		1,096	
Repairs and renewals	352		-	
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	6,604		7,596	
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Administrative Expenses				
Salaries and pensions	27,530		24,129	
Office costs and computer	64		100	
Postage, printing and stationery	41		19	
Accountancy and payroll fees	800		825	
Travel	306		229	
Cleaning and sundries	44		81	
Training and DBS	-		355	
Bank charges	36		-	
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	28,821		25,738	
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		36,857		34,786
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SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		£11,349		£(1,199)
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