

Romiley Lifecentre Limited

(A company limited by guarantee)

Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 March 2025

**3 Stockport Road
Romiley
Stockport
Cheshire**

Company no: 04158959

Charity no: 1087038

ROMILEY LIFECENTRE LIMITED

Report and Accounts

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Directors' Report (Incorporating the Trustees' Report)

The Directors and Trustees present their report and the examined accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025. The charity is governed by its memorandum and articles of association and is a company limited by guarantee.

Mission Statement

The Romiley Lifecentre exists to make a positive difference to the community of Romiley through a range of services which strengthen and enhance personal relationships through training, listening and support.

Trustees

The Trustees of the charity during the year were as follows:

Rev Richard Pennystan (Chair)

Mr Ian Otto

Mrs Janet Ford

Mrs Kirstie Goddard

Mr Philip Howard Bray

Structure and appointments

During 2024-25 the governance and management teams developed to more clearly distinguish between governance and management.

Trustees (who are also directors) meet bi-monthly for governance, financial and strategic oversight and all other responsibilities of governance, under the chairmanship of Richard Pennystan, with Katie Wade attending as the team leader of the management team.

The trustees meet on a regular basis and make policy decisions.

The directors of the charity hold responsibility for the regulatory aspects of the charity's limited company status.

Directors are appointed by the trustees themselves.

The day-to-day life of the charity is run by the leader of Ministry of the Life Centre, Centre Manager and Café Manager and other staff.

Development, activities and achievements this year

The Romiley LifeCentre seeks to provide a focus for community building and the support of relationships in the local community.

At the time of the LifeCentre's 10-year anniversary (2012) the trustees and management team adopted three core values. These values are: Relationships, Accessible and Holy.

In late 2022 the trustees and management team chose to adopt the same three values as St Chads church, which are 'Glorifying God, Loving Community and Following Jesus', as internal strategic priorities.

The three core values for branding are: Relax, Support, Meet.

The Romiley LifeCentre was established by members of St Chads Church to bless our community. Staffed by over 80 dedicated volunteers, it continues to flourish as a hub of connection and service. Many of our volunteers express how serving here has been a blessing in their own lives. We extend heartfelt thanks to each one for partnering with us to share God's love in this place.

The LifeCentre café remains a warm, welcoming space, offering delicious meals and opportunities to connect. A new 'Talking Table' has become a community favourite, encouraging conversations over a cuppa. The café also supports local artists by displaying original works, strengthening our ties to the community.

Our conference facilities continue to serve local institutions, businesses, and St Chads ministries, while hosting groups that promote community wellbeing. This year, we welcomed back Katie Wade as a leader of Ministry and we are grateful for her leadership during this season of growth.

Stockport Community Counselling regularly uses our space, and plans are underway for a 2025 refresher course to expand the Hear & Now listening service. 2025 will also see Christians Against Poverty running their Money Course at the LifeCentre, alongside ongoing support from Stockport Credit Union. Additionally, we remain a Trussell Trust Foodbank location, providing food vouchers to those in need.

This year, the LifeCentre was reconfigured to become a more flexible space. A significant milestone was the reallocation of No. 1 to house EarlyLife, our expanded mission to support new mums. This volunteer-led initiative provides hampers and essential items to mothers and babies, with referrals from healthcare professionals. The church offices were relocated and a new 'general' office and volunteers 'mess' was created to create a secure context for volunteers to store belongings and prepare for serving.

Thanks to a generous donation we redecorated the Sanctuary, creating a comforting prayer space used by all and home to St Chads prayer groups.

Stay & Play continues to thrive, offering families a safe, well-equipped environment for play – free of charge. Our Adoption & Fostering support group meets regularly, providing peer support for those on their family-building journeys. Knit & Gather fosters creativity and community, uniting diverse age groups and enriching lives with share skills and support.

As we look forward, St Chads will run the courses at the LifeCentre in 2025, using the facilities as part of its ministry.

We are reminded of God's promise in Luke 6:38: "Your gift will return to you in full measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over". May this inspire us to continue giving and growing together.

The Romiley LifeCentre works closely in conjunction with St Chad's Church. The trustees and many of the volunteers working in the centre are members of the church. When the Romiley LifeCentre was established in 2002, many members of the church gave financially to establish and support the charity. The LifeCentre provides office accommodation for the church's clergy, youth and children's workers and for the church administration team. The Vicar of St Chads is also a Director of the LifeCentre and Chair of its Board and Romiley LifeCentre continued to provide this space in the building.

There is an agreed policy that the board of trustees includes 2 representatives of St Chad's PCC.

Three potential risks to the long-term governance of the LifeCentre have been identified and are being addressed:

- First it was recognised that the burden of responsibility has gradually increased on the trustees and management.
- The second is the age profile of the 'Trustees and Management' group was predominantly over 55 and some succession planning was necessary.
- The trustees are intentional in looking for new trustees/directors from amongst the body of 80 volunteers and St Chads church.

Transactions and financial position

The Statement of Financial Activities shows a surplus of £24,583 for the year, and reserves stand at £752,715 including a revaluation reserve of £219,645

Risk Assessment

The trustees are continually assessing the risks, which might affect the charity and attempt to put procedures in place to minimise such risks.

GDPR requirements have been put into place.

Training of the volunteer & staff team has continued including First Aid, fire safety and safeguarding to support the Romiley Life Centre's duty of care of employees, volunteers and customers.

Although under current legislation the Life Centre qualifies to receive gift aid relief, any changes to tax legislation and charitable status could adversely affect income receivable. Other possible risks include the effects of reduced business, loss of key personnel, inability to secure funding, or the inability to maintain voluntary and paid staffing levels of the required calibre and commitment.

Statement of Directors' responsibilities

Company Law requires the directors 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 the income and expenditure of the charitable company for that period. In preparing the accounts the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- state whether applicable 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 business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the charitable company and 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 taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to small companies.

By Order of the Board



Richard Pennystan
Director

Date 24th October 2025

ROMILEY LIFECENTRE LIMITED

Legal and administrative information

Directors

Rev Richard Pennystan (Chair)
Mr Ian Otto
Mrs Jan Ford
Mrs Kirstie Goddard
Mr Philip Howard Bray

Registered office and operations address

3 Stockport Road, Romiley, Stockport, Cheshire, SK6 4BN.

Accountant

J A Simpson, 48 Bredbury Green, Romiley, Stockport, Cheshire, SK6 3DN.

Bankers

The Cooperative Bank, Delph House, South Way, Skelmersdale, WN8 6WT

Company number 04158959

Registered charity number 1087038

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF ROMILEY LIFECENTRE LIMITED**

I report on the accounts of the company limited by guarantee for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 7 to 14. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 under the historical cost and the accounting policies set out therein.

Respective responsibilities of directors and examiner

As described in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities the company's directors (who are also the trustees) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards. You consider that the audit requirement of s144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply and that an independent examination is needed. I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

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

examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act

to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act and

to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and the seeking of explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. I have helped to prepare the financial statements from the accounting records made available to me by the charity. The procedure applied do not provide all evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- 1 Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with s130 of the 2011 Act and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities
 - have not been met; or
- 2 To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

John A Simpson
Chartered Accountant
48 Bredbury Green
Romiley
Stockport

Date

ROMILEY LIFECENTRE LIMITED

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2025 £	2024 £
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
<i>Voluntary income:</i>					
Donations and grants	2	3,404		3,404	928
<i>Activities for generating funds:</i>					
Bookshop		14,715		14,715	15,963
Café		109,622		109,622	105,687
Room hire and conferences		36,440		36,440	29,793
Earlylife		0	20,000	20,000	0
Rent		26,504		26,504	6,175
		<u>190,685</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>210,685</u>	<u>158,546</u>
Resources expended					
Charitable activities		184,128	1,474	185,602	149,954
Governance costs		500	0	500	250
Total resources expended	5	<u>184,628</u>	<u>1,474</u>	<u>186,102</u>	<u>150,204</u>
Net movement in funds	3	<u>6,057</u>	<u>18,526</u>	<u>24,583</u>	<u>8,342</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
General Purpose Fund brought forward		508,487	0	508,487	500,145
General Purpose Fund carried forward		<u>514,544</u>	<u>18,526</u>	<u>533,070</u>	<u>508,487</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

Fixed Assets	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Tangible assets	4	707,538	0	707,538		709,750	
Current Assets							
Stock		9,527	0	9,527		11,213	
Debtors	6	5,645	0	5,645		5,107	
Cash at bank and in hand		25,434	18,526	43,960		28,318	
		<u>40,606</u>	<u>18,526</u>	<u>59,132</u>		<u>44,638</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	13,955	0	13,955		24,699	
Net Current Assets/(Liabilities)		<u>26,651</u>	<u>18,526</u>	<u>45,177</u>		<u>19,939</u>	
		<u>734,189</u>	<u>18,526</u>	<u>752,715</u>		<u>729,689</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	8	0	0	0		1,557	
		<u>734,189</u>	<u>18,526</u>	<u>752,715</u>		<u>728,132</u>	
FUNDS							
General Fund - Unrestricted	9	514,544	0	514,544		508,487	
General Fund - Restricted	9	0	18,526	18,526		0	
		<u>514,544</u>	<u>18,526</u>	<u>533,070</u>		<u>508,487</u>	
Revaluation Reserve	9	219,645	0	219,645		219,645	
		<u>734,189</u>	<u>18,526</u>	<u>752,715</u>		<u>728,132</u>	

For the year ended 31st March 2025 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

the members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476

the directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of accounts

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

The financial statements on pages 7 to 14 were approved by the trustees on the date below and signed on their behalf by:



Richard Pennystan
Director

24/10/25
Date

ROMILEY LIFECENTRE LIMITED

Notes to the Accounts for the Period to 31 March 2025

1 Accounting policies

General

These accounts have been prepared under the historic cost convention and are in accordance with:

FRS 102 and the provisions of Companies Act 2006 applicable to small companies.

Company status

The company is limited by guarantee. The liability in respect of the guarantee, as set out in the memorandum of association, is limited to £10 per member of the company.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds 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 on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are 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:

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the 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 accounts.

Investment income is included when receivable.

Incoming resources from charitable trading activity are accounted for when earned.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as the liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates:

Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income and costs of trading for fundraising purposes.

Charitable expenditure 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.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the examination fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SoFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource.

Fixed Assets

Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation.

Depreciation is not provided on the 1-5 Stockport Road building as the lease is for 999 years and the amount is considered to be immaterial.

Depreciation is provided on office and kitchen equipment to write off their cost over 5 years.

Depreciation is provided on furniture and fittings to write off their cost over 7 years.

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Notes to the Accounts for the Period to 31 March 2025

2 Donations and Grants

	2025 £	2024 £
Donations	3,404	928

3 Net Incoming Resources for the Year

This is stated after charging:	2025 £	2024 £
Depreciation	2,212	2,274
Independent Examiner's Fee	500	250

4 Fixed Assets

	Leasehold Building £	Furniture and Fittings £	Office and Kitchen Equipment £	Total £
Cost or Valuation for Leasehold Buildings				
At 1 April 2024	703,904	34,400	33,223	771,527
Additions		0	0	0
Disposals				
At 31 March 2025	703,904	34,400	33,223	771,527
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2024	0	33,510	28,267	61,777
Charge for the year	0	422	1,790	2,212
At 31 March 2025	0	33,932	30,057	63,989
Net Book Value at 31 March 2025	703,904	468	3,166	707,538
Net Book Value at 31 March 2024	703,904	890	4,956	709,750

5 Total Resource Expended

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Costs directly allocated to activities				
Café costs	53,303		53,303	52,575
Bookshop costs	10,479		10,479	8,571
Conference costs	262		262	77
Lifecare		1,474	1,474	0
Wages	43,307		43,307	19,004
	<u>107,351</u>	<u>1,474</u>	<u>108,825</u>	<u>80,227</u>
Support costs allocated to activities				
Remedial works	13,270		13,270	12,061
Insurance	3,006		3,006	2,813
Phone	1,207		1,207	1,050
Heat & light	19,759		19,759	15,342
Rates	2,970		2,970	2,640
Office expenses & sundries	2,881		2,881	2,550
Interest & bank charges	1,882		1,882	2,472
Training	1,182		1,182	50
Depreciation	2,212		2,212	2,274
Accountancy	1,100		1,100	1,117
Professional fees	1,415		1,415	1,567
Administration	26,393		26,393	26,041
Total resources expended	<u>184,628</u>	<u>1,474</u>	<u>186,102</u>	<u>150,204</u>

The basis of allocation attempts to spread costs over activities to give a reasonable approximation of actual cost.

6 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	3,767	3,753
Prepayments	1,878	1,354
	<u>5,645</u>	<u>5,107</u>

7 Creditors: Amounts Falling Due within One Year

	2025 £	2024 £
Loans	1,127	13,166
Trade creditors	5,444	4,308
Other creditors	7,384	7,225
	<u>13,955</u>	<u>24,699</u>

8 Creditors: Amounts Falling Due after more than One Year

	2025 £	2024 £
Loans - payments falling due between		
One and two years	0	1,557
Two and five years	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>1,557</u>

9 Movements in Funds

	2024 £	Incoming Resources £	Expenditure £	2025 £
Unrestricted funds	508,487	190,685	184,628	514,544
Restricted funds	0	20,000	1,474	18,526
Revaluation Reserve	219,645	0	0	219,645
	<u>728,132</u>	<u>210,685</u>	<u>186,102</u>	<u>752,715</u>

10 Staff Costs

Staff costs were as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Salaries and wages	69,700	45,045
Total	<u>69,700</u>	<u>45,045</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000

11 Trustee Remuneration

Mrs R. Otto (wife of Ian Otto, a trustee) received £2,288.

In respect of services provided to the charity. Payment was considered to not exceed the commercial rate for the provision of these services.