

St Luke's Neighbourhood Trust
Registered Charity No. 1088726

**Trustees' Report
and
Financial Statement
for the year ended
31 March 2025**

St Luke's Neighbourhood Trust

Name: **St Luke's Neighbourhood Trust**

Charity no: 1088726

Structure: Unincorporated association governed by a constitution.

Trustees:	Kimberley Storey	Chair
	Heather Wallace	Secretary
	Kris Maltas	Treasurer
	Steven Whatt	Trustee
	Joan Wallace	Trustee

Trustees are elected by the membership at each Annual General Meeting.

Address: St Lukes Neighbourhood Centre
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Bankers: Barclays

Independent Examiner: Mark Thompson MAAT
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St Luke's Neighbourhood Trust

Chairpersons remarks 2024-2025

A big thank you to all who have helped through the year and have continued to serve on the management committee.

I would like to offer my thanks to all those who serve as officers of the trust.

Lian has continued as our center manager and is continually coming up with new initiatives along with forging strong partnerships with local groups including the Secret Garden. Thanks to our secretary Heather who is managing very well.

Kris is still working hard as our treasurer and keep us up to date with spending as well as working closely with Lian to monitor our finances and keep us in line. Together they are working hard to secure future funding that will allow us to help more people in the community we serve.

Our current classes are moving from strength to strength.

We still have Stephen from the scouts on the committee and are glad for his continued involvement even though the scouts have had to move. We will need to make a concerted effort to gain 2 or 3 additional members maybe from the other groups that use the center.

These groups are our regular attendees and the photography exhibition we had recently shows many actually use the center and benefit from its continuation.

I love the alternative healing groups that have been introduced and the fact that they are still going strong. In some cases, we have been oversubscribed which is excellent. The introduction of an online / Facebook booking system has streamlined the method although we do get some no shows.

Here at St Luke's health and wellbeing is our primary goal so not only are we now concentrating on physical health but have now been introducing mental health. We will start to look at areas that are lacking within the community whilst keeping foremost in our mind our main aim of health and wellbeing.

The men's group is still running and providing welcome support for any men in the area that feel lonely.

We continue to develop our multicultural links with the church groups that use the hall and the African drumming that is going from strength to strength.

We made a request for funds to continue this which failed last year but hopefully we can succeed this year.

In our monthly meetings we review progress and plans that are in place – maybe we will use one of these meetings to explore the community around us and identify shortfalls that we can try to address.

As the world continues to evolve, we will renew our efforts to support the community and try to introduce initiatives and groups that will further develop the surrounding area.

I will make sure that next year we will have a better AGM where more people will come and maybe join us. Show them we are here for the community and if they have any suggestions for groups to let us know.

We are a small group but we work hard to support everyone who comes to us no matter what the ethnicity, religion or circumstance. We have inclusion policies that we will work hard to maintain to make us a center that anyone feels able to come to knowing they will be made welcome.

Risks, reserves and investments

The Trustees aim to maintain free reserves in unrestricted funds at a level equivalent to six months expenditure. This level would allow the charity to continue its activities for a reasonable period in the event of a sudden curtailment of funding. This would allow enough time for the charity to either obtain new funding sources or restructure its activities

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

Charity Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which comply with the regulations set out in the Charities Act 1993. The Trustees have elected to take advantage of the provisions that apply to small charities and have prepared a Receipts and Payments Account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

Signed:Chair, on behalf of the Trustees, date:

Independent Examiners Report

Report to the
trustees of

St Luke's Neighbourhood Trust

On accounts for
the year ended

31 March 2025

Charity no 1088726

**Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and
examiner**

The trustees of the organisation are responsible for the preparation of accounts; they consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an Independent Examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act),
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act), and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of
independent
examiner's
statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

**Independent
examiner's
statement**

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:

- proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 130 of the Act); and
- accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or

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

Signed:



Monday, December 15, 2025

Name:

Mark Thompson MAAT

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Statement of Financial Activities

for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Unrestricted Funds 2025	Restricted Funds 2025	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
Receipts				
Grants	2	50600	50600	4800
Donations	953		953	544
Room Hire	25913		25913	23750
Others			0	510
Bank interest	44		44	65
Total Receipts	26910	50600	77510	29669
Payments				
Utilities	7935	2500	10435	9947
Salaries	17679	1650	19329	15222
Office Supplies	317	246	563	1313
Insurance	2625		2625	2543
Rent	20	1000	1020	840
Session Workers		7359	7359	7206
Governance	549		549	462
Repairs & Services	3480	25205	28685	2177
Subscription	180		180	180
Other Charitable Activities	472	1000	1472	1419
Total Payments	33257	38960	72217	41309
Surplus / deficit for the year	-6347	11640	5293	-11640
Transfer between Funds			0	0
Funds at 1 April 2024	23579	4800	28379	40019
Funds at 31 March 2025	17232	16440	33672	28379

St Luke's Neighbourhood Trust
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Current Assets		
Cash at Bank	<u>33672</u>	<u>28379</u>
Total Cash Balances	<u>33672</u>	<u>28379</u>
Current Liabilities	0	0
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025	<u>33672</u>	<u>28379</u>
Represented By:		
Restricted Funds	5 16440	4800
Designated Funds	6 6000	6000
Unrestricted Funds	11232	17579
	<u>33672</u>	<u>28379</u>

Signed Position

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Date

St Luke's Neighbourhood Trust
Notes to the accounts, 2025

1. Accounting Policies

- a** The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) – Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006

St Luke's Neighbourhood Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

- b** Grants received are accounted for on a received basis and credited to income.
- c** Voluntary income is received by way of donations and gifts and is included in full in the Receipts and Payments Account when received.
- d** Freehold property is stated at value, depreciation only listed when applicable.
 Fixtures & Fittings are depreciated at 15% reducing balance.

2. Grants receivable

Restricted Funds

National Lottery Community Fund - Sound Healing	19900
Sunderland City Council	5700
Asda	25000
Total	50600

3. Trustees, staff and related party transactions

The organisation employed 1 member of staff during the period of the accounts. No payments were made to trustees' towards salary costs for the year £19329

4. Costs of financial services

During the year £300 was paid for the independent examination of the 2025 accounts. No other amounts were paid for financial services.

5. Restricted Funds balance at 31 March 2025

	1/4/2024	Income	Expenditure	31/3/2025
Community Foundation - Lunch Club	4800	0	4800	0
National Lottery Community Fund - Sound Healing	0	19900	8955	10945
Sunderland City Council	0	5700	5700	0
Asda	0	25000	19505	5495
Total	4800	50600	38960	16440

6. Reserves Policy & Designated Funds

We are aware as trustees of the need to have sufficient free reserves (unrestricted funds not invested in fixed assets or otherwise designated) to enable the organisation to respond to any unexpected reductions in funding or additional unexpected expenditure. It is the intention of the Trustees to grow and maintain the charity's reserves to the equivalent of six months' operational expenditure. This is calculated at approximately £18,000.

Designated Fund

We have recently been faced with increasing building and maintenance costs. We are aware of some large repairs which need to be done in the coming months, and as such have thought it would be good financial practice to have a Designated 'Buildings and Maintenance Fund.' The amount set aside will be reviewed on a regular basis.

Buildings and Maintenance Fund	6000
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