

ASCENSION COMMUNITY TRUST
Directors' Report and Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

Ascension Community Trust
Charity No. 1091887
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for the year ended 31 March 2025

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Ascension Community Trust
Charity No. 1091887
Companies House Reg Number 04184090
General Information
for the year ended 31 March 2025

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The Trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, have pleasure in presenting their report and financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2025. The Trustees have adopted and followed the provisions of "Accounting and Reporting for Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland" (FRS102, effective 1 January 2019).

2024-25 was again a year of rapid change for Ascension Community Trust (ACT). Our CEO moved on in June 2024 and our new CEO joined in December 2024. We are grateful to staff members and Trustees who worked together to cover the period of the vacancy.

Structure and Governance

Ascension Community Trust is governed under the terms of its trust deed signed on 21 December 1997 and amended on 25 July 2003. Its Trustees meet a minimum of six times a year to manage the activities of the trust.

Charitable Objectives

Five Year Objectives (Set in January 2018):

- To reduce isolation and loneliness amongst the elderly.
- To improve the health and wellbeing of the local community, with a focus on mental health.
- To reduce the vulnerability of struggling families.
- To integrate the community through community spaces, social activities and volunteering.
- To improve the education of local young people through the provision of activities, including sport.
- To improve individuals' own ability to address their issues by providing advice and support for money, benefits and employment.

With the appointment of a new CEO, our aim was to set a new 5-year vision for ACT. However, this has yet to be undertaken, so for 2024/25, the above objectives remain core to our commitment in serving the community of Custom House.

Aims and Objectives

In our last report we set two main objectives:

- establishing an organisational structure that was fit for purpose and to improve sustainability, and
- improving sustainability through an increase of individual donors to the charity.

Make the organisation structure fit for purpose

In January 2025, Trustees agreed to contract out our HR and Health and Safety functions to Croner. With the help and support of Croner our staff handbook, health and safety policy and information for volunteers were reviewed and refreshed. Partnering with Croner has given us access to Bright HR and Bright Safe platforms. Amongst other functions, these platforms have many online CPD (continuing professional development) accredited training courses, enabling us to invest in the skills development of our staff. The Employee Assistance Programme also enables us to invest in the welfare of our staff.

Future plans:

- Adoption of Bright HR/Bright systems.
- Refreshing our IT system.
- Develop a mailing list of supporters.
- Adoption of CRM (customer relationship management) software to better manage relationships with funders and donors.
- Implement Assemble platform for management of volunteers.

Improve sustainability through an increase of individual donors to the charity

Individual giving was down this year to £8,911 compared with £21,986 in 2023/24. This was largely down to the CEO and Foodbank Manager's posts being vacant for part of the year. Both these posts are front-facing posts likely to engage with people wishing to make a donation. However, this is still sustained progress from our initial starting point of £2,995 for year ending March 2020.

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Public Benefit Statement

Ascension Community Trust is achieving public benefit through the delivery of services to those in need in the London Borough of Newham. Services include provision of food, activities, advice and training for some of the most vulnerable people in Newham.

Achievements and Performance

Children's Work (including Ascension Football Academy)

Young Adventurers afterschool club

Following community consultation in 2020, the club was set up and run with support from the Garfield Weston Foundation. For the 2024-2025 period, we ran 40 weeks of afterschool club sessions for 25 children, and 4 weeks of holiday club activities for 150 children.

We continued to operate with a child-centred approach, respecting the individual needs of each child. We also provided nutritious food. The service promotes equality and values diversity. We continue to involve the children and their parents in decision-making. Our partnerships with local schools continued to strengthen through word of mouth and targeted outreach with attendance improved as a result, leading to ongoing positive feedback from parents and the children themselves.

Impact

- 60% of children showed improved life skills (social skills, independence, confidence, emotional resilience, behaviour).
- 25% developed new friendships and community connections.
- 10 young people gained volunteering experience as young leaders during the summer scheme.

Football Academy

Our football academy provides Football Association qualified coaching for children and young people, as well as professional development opportunities and training in life skills. This project utilises football as a means of mentoring young people, providing positive adult role models. It has also fostered a passion for sport in our area, which faces high rates of child obesity amongst other health outcomes. We are open to children in years one to nine, both male and female. The academy takes place throughout the school year at Royal Docks Community School on Saturday mornings. It costs £4 with free places being offered to low-income families. Typically, we coach fifteen to twenty young people per session. The academy has gone from strength to strength. Last year we provided 40 Football Academy sessions with mentoring for 39 children.

Foodbank

Ascension Community Trust continues to be the lead partner for Newham District Foodbank. The other partners are Bonny Down Community Association and St John's Community Centre. Together we are Newham District Foodbank - which is part of the Trussell Foodbank Network. Ascension Community Trust oversees the governance, communication and warehouse function for Newham District Foodbank. We also run one of the three distribution points (the others being St John's at North Woolwich and Bonny Downs Community Association at East Ham).

We are grateful for the support of Trussell, which provides technical support, advice, training and data collection as well as ensuring Newham District Foodbank is adhering to our policies, procedures and delivery. Newham District Foodbank shares Trussell's mission to end the need for foodbanks in the UK. We aim to relieve food insecurity and hardship in Newham. Newham District Foodbank provides emergency food four days a week across the year.

We know that crisis can strike anyone and we also understand how difficult it can be to think about walking through a foodbank door. That's why our foodbank volunteers aim to welcome everyone who comes to the foodbank with compassion, kindness and a listening ear. At ACT a free hot meal is provided each week along with the chance to sit and chat with a volunteer should anyone attending choose to. We have benefitted from a wonderful group of volunteers, including residents, visitors from churches and corporate volunteers.

Impact of Newham District Foodbank:

- This year we received 13,298.3 kg of donated food.
- We distributed 33,205.48 kg of food.
- We fulfilled 1,790 vouchers.
- We supported 751 unique households, comprising 2,770 Adults and 1,502 children.
- In total, 4,272 people benefitted from the foodbank.

Impact of ACT Foodbank (one of the three distribution points of the district foodbank):

- 857 vouchers fulfilled.
- 1,387 adults and 878 children supported.
- In total, 2,265 people benefitted from the foodbank

Advice Service

Our advice service is a face-to-face service delivered in a familiar, welcoming and friendly environment, making it more accessible to people who would struggle to access online provision. The service expanded from initial delivery in Custom House to also having a presence in East Ham and North Woolwich - running at the same time as Newham District Foodbank is open. The provision of welfare benefits advice at the point of need in the foodbank enables people to move through their initial crisis and stabilise their financial situation, reducing their need to use a foodbank.

Support includes advice on:

- welfare benefits
- fuel hardship/arrears
- PIP claims advice
- access to freedom pass
- disabled parking
- signposting for legal advice, housing advice, immigration advice and debt advice via our network of community partners.

The advice service follows an 'advice in a community setting' model, a model that has been evaluated by the Greater London Authority (GLA) and identified as particularly effective. GLA research identified that the best way to engage with service-users was for the advice provided to initially take place in the setting where that person already attends. Of equal importance to the success of this service is not just the programme offered, but the manner in which support is presented. ACT staff provide a person-centred approach, which is accessible and inclusive to a wide range of service-users. Alongside the positive outcomes, we aim to help service-users to achieve through the advice they receive; we also aim to have them leaving the interaction with us feeling seen and heard, thus improving their overall mental wellbeing.

Impact of advice service:

- 192 unique people benefited from our advice service.
- 67 of these people made a financial gain through the advice they received.
- £202,756.56 in financial gains were made by people accessing the service.

Complex Needs Programme

Our complex needs programme supports and empowers adults with learning disabilities or other mental health needs. We provide a range of opportunities to build skills and experience whilst contributing to the local community.

Supported Volunteering

The supported volunteering team are an integral part of our food provision for people who attend our Community Meal and use our foodbank. Each week, across three days, they prepare meals and desserts that feed at least 60 people per week. This empowers volunteers to make vital contributions to their community, whilst learning kitchen skills and growing confidence and resilience. The programme creates opportunities to improve independence and choice through setting goals and choosing meals. Each volunteer has a personalised support plan and regularly reflect over a period of 6 weeks on whether they are still observing, trying with support or are independent with their goal.

External trips are also part of the volunteering placement, and this year included a trip to a pizza-making workshop, visits to Greenwich Market and North Greenwich exhibit, a picnic in the Olympic Park with games, and a visit to Gants Hill station café, which is run by adults with various complex needs.

Impact of supported volunteering:

- 223 volunteering sessions completed.
- 7 supported volunteers.
- 841 hours of volunteering.
- 5 trips (see above).

Inclusive Arts and Crafts

The inclusive arts group is a welcoming creative space to explore different art mediums. Art projects are co-designed with participants based on the group's interests. Participants benefit from increased emotional wellbeing through engagement with art and building relationships with other attendees. Highlights this year have included: clay pinch pots, painting canvases, drawing, making ornaments, a mural and a visit from Eastside Community Heritage, during which they made boats.

Impact of Inclusive Arts and Crafts Group:

- 13 attendees weekly
- 51 hours of group activity delivered.
- 1 trip (Olympic Park picnic and drawing).

Gardening

Our gardening project has provided therapeutic and engaging opportunities to learn gardening skills and be amongst nature. This has paired young people with learning disabilities with support workers. Across the year the group learns a number of skills, including composting, planting, and bed maintenance amongst others. This helps build self-confidence, and throughout the year the tasks completed are recorded by the referring school to track progress. Over the year this has slowly led to an improvement of our garden space as a result of their work, often a source of praise from those visiting it.

Community Meal

Community Meal is part of Newham Community Hot Meals initiative. It provides a warm haven during the winter months, along with hot, two-course meal. The Community Meal is open to all members of the community, but has a particular focus on welcoming people with support needs, people facing poor mental health, and people from refugee/asylum-seeker backgrounds. Each week our hall is decorated to create a warm, bright and welcoming environment, with games and activities alongside a steady supply of tea and coffee. A range of residents attend, including those from local care homes. We see the Community Meal as one of the central pieces of work we do at Ascension Community Trust because the meal brings people together from different walks of life, reducing loneliness and isolation and creating a greater sense of belonging and community cohesion. It is for this reason that we sought additional funding to keep the Community Meal going beyond the winter period

Impact of Community Meal:

- We delivered the Community Meal for 38 weeks.
- An average of 41 people attended each week.
- We provided 1,490 hot, two-course meals across the year.

Quote: "it gives me a reason to leave my house on a Tuesday otherwise I would have been stuck at home not doing anything."

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Trustees Report

for the year ended 31 March 2025

We want to take this opportunity to thank of all of the people who have volunteered their time to make the work of Ascension Community Trust possible. We also want to thank the organisations that have funded our work over the past year.

They are:

Aston Manfield
Catch 22 Charity/ Greater London Authority
Charities Aid Foundation (CAF)
City Bridge Trust
Felsted School Mission
Garfield Weston Foundation
Greggs Foundation
Henry Smityh Charity
Innholders' Charitable Foundation
Jack Petchey Foundation
London Catalyst
London Borough of Newham- Warm Haven
Making a difference locally (NISA)
National Lottery
Sport England
The Joseph Rank Trust
The Souter Trust
Trussell Trust
Vintners Foundation

Risk, Reserves and Financial review

Income for the year was £470,487 (2024: £331,141) of which £97,304 (2024: £81,637) was unrestricted.

Expenditure for the year was £340,185 (2023: £400,952) of which £96,593 (2024: £76,690) was from unrestricted funds.

In the year unrestricted funds of £300 were used to cover deficits in restricted funds. Football Academy £300.

Ascension Community Trust's reserves policy is that between £18,000 and £25,000 will be held in free reserves. This amount is based on a detailed calculation of the amount needed in the eventuality of unexpected events requiring a smooth closure of the charity, over three months, including redundancy payments, and to mitigate any financial risks. This figure is monitored and reviewed by the board of trustees on an annual basis.

On 31 March 2025 Ascension Community trust had funds of £218,265 (2024: £87,963). Of these £194,369 (2024: £64,478) was restricted funds. The total amount of free reserves held is therefore £23,896 (2023: £23,485).

This level is within our reserves policy target range, therefore the trustees are satisfied with this reserves level.

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Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees.
for the year ended 31 March 2025

To the Trustees,

I report on the Financial Statements of the Charitable company for the year ended 31st March 2025 which are set out in the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011, "the 2011 Act", and that an independent examination is needed.

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 independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 explanation s from you the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the 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 in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

To keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the companies Act 2006; and

To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the SORP (FRS102)

"Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2015.

have not been met; or

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

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Dated.....

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Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)
for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments From				
Donations and Legacies	60,639	373,183	433,822	292,104
Charitable Activities	36,665	-	36,665	38,547
Other Trading Activities	-	-	-	491
	-	-	-	-
Total Incoming Resources	97,304	373,183	470,487	331,142
Expenditure on:				
Raising Funds	-	-	-	-
Charitable Activities	96,593	243,592	340,185	400,952
Total Resources Expended	96,593	243,592	340,185	400,952
Net Expenditure for the Year	711	129,591	130,302	- 69,810
net surplus/(deficit)	711	129,591	130,302	- 69,810
Transfer between funds	- 300	300	-	-
Fund Balances 1 April 2024	23,485	64,478	87,963	157,773
Fund Balances 31 March 2025	23,896	194,369	218,265	87,963

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Statement of Financial Position
as at 31st March 2025


	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2025 Total	2024 Total
Fixed Assets				
Tangible Fixed Assets	1,900	7,837	9,737	12,983
Current Assets				
Debtors	5,007	26,000	31,007	37,455
Cash at bank and in hand	50,779	239,151	286,030	4
Total Current Assets	55,786	261,251	317,037	88,128
Creditors: Amounts due within	33,790	74,719	108,509	8
Net Current Assets	21,996	186,532	208,528	0
Creditors due after more than	-	-	-	-
Net Assets	23,896	194,369	218,265	87,963
Funds				
Unrestricted Funds	23,896		23,896	23,485
Restricted Funds		194,369	194,369	64,478
Total Funds	23,896	194,369	218,265	87,963

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

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476, and there is no mandatory audit requirement in the charity's governing documents.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small company regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board and signed on its behalf by Dave Chesney.


 Title
 CHAIR OF
 TRUSTEES

date 4/12/2025

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention, except for investments which are included at market value and the revaluation of certain fixed assets in accordance with the Charities SORP Accounting and Reporting for Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland" (FRS102, effective 1 January 2019).

ASCENSION COMMUNITY TRUST meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102.

Statement of cash flows

The Trustees have taken advantage of the exemption in FRS102 from including a statement of cash flows in the financial statements on the grounds that the charitable company qualifies as a small company.

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. Gift Aid is recognised when the donation to which it relates is received.

Gifts in Kind and pro-bono services are included in income as donations at a sum equal to their market value or the value to the charity. An equivalent sum is added to resources expenditure under the appropriate category.

Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as resources expended when there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure

Tangible Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets, other than freehold land, are stated at cost or valuation less depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is charged over the lifetime of the asset at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation of the fixed asset over their expected useful lives.

The following specific rates apply:

Land and Buildings (Leasehold)	Straight line over the life of the lease
Plant and machinery:	25% Reducing balance

Irrecoverable VAT

VAT, to the extent that it cannot be recovered, is included in the Statement of Financial Activities as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025

2. Income from Donations and Legacies	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Donations received	6,242	2,669	8,911	21,986
Grants received	54,397	351,549	405,946	265,118
HMRC Employers allowance	-	-	-	5,000
Gifts In Kind	-	18,965	18,965	-
	<u>60,639</u>	<u>373,183</u>	<u>433,822</u>	<u>292,104</u>
3. Income from charitable activities	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Ascension Football Academy	624	-	624	1,192
Seniors' activities	-	-	-	10
Café income	-	-	-	4,566
Children and family activities	36,041	-	36,041	32,779
	<u>36,665</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>36,665</u>	<u>38,547</u>
4. Income from other activities	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Catering	-	-	-	-
Other activities for generating fun	-	-	-	490
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>490</u>
5. Expenditure on generating funds	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Support Costs	-	-	-	-
Shop costs	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
6. Cost of charitable activities	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Advice service	-	38,966	38,966	53,216
Admin and CEO	37,207	65,360	102,566	114,921
Children and Families	49,477	29,469	78,946	59,708
Football Academy	-	9,765	9,765	8,253
Seniors	-	-	-	11,221
Food Bank	-	43,441	43,441	72,721
Complex Needs	-	44,535	44,535	37,452
Emotion in motion	-	2,358	2,358	-
Café	-	-	-	43,460
Community Meals	9,909	9,698	19,607	-
Total	<u>96,593</u>	<u>243,592</u>	<u>340,185</u>	<u>400,952</u>

Note. The costs above include the value of gifts in kind used by the charity in the period:

Foodbank - Value of donated food £ 18,965

These have all been included as coming from restricted funds

7. Net income/expenditure for the year

This is stated after charging/(crediting)

	2025 £	2024 £
Depreciation of Fixed Assets	3,246	4,325
Accountancy Fees	1,000	900
Staff Pension Contributions	2,942	3,835

G. Staff costs

Total staff costs for the year ended 31 March 2025 were

	2025 £	2024 £
Salaries and Wages	191,426	222,755
Social security costs	12,647	14,575
Pension Costs	2,942	281
	<u>207,014</u>	<u>240,611</u>

The number of staff employed during the year was:

Programme Staff	9.5	13
Support Staff	<u>3</u>	

10. Comparative Statement of financial activities

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2024 £	2023 £
Income and Endowments From				
Donations and Legacies	43,801	248,303	292,104	455,480
Charitable Activities	37,345	1,202	38,547	51,852
Other Trading Activities	490	-	490	18
Total Incoming Resources	<u>81,636</u>	<u>249,505</u>	<u>331,141</u>	<u>508,450</u>
Expenditure on:				
Raising Funds			-	-
Charitable Activities	76,690	324,262	400,952	428,122
Total Resources Expended	<u>76,690</u>	<u>324,262</u>	<u>400,952</u>	<u>428,122</u>
Net Expenditure for the Year	4,946	(74,757)	(69,811)	80,328
net movement in funds	<u>4,946</u>	<u>(74,757)</u>	<u>(69,811)</u>	<u>80,328</u>
Transfer between funds	(2,980)	2,980		
Fund Balances 1 April 2023	21,518	136,255	157,773	77,445
Fund Balances 31 March 2024	<u>23,484</u>	<u>64,478</u>	<u>87,962</u>	<u>157,773</u>

11. Fixed Assets

	Land and Buildings £	Fixtures and Fittings £	Total £
COST or VALUATION			
At 1 April 2024	44,688	50,232	94,921
Additions		-	-
Disposals		-	-
At 31 March 2025	<u>44,688</u>	<u>50,232</u>	<u>94,921</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2024	44,688	37,249	81,937
Charge for year		3,246	3,246
On Disposals		-	-
At 31 March 2025	<u>44,688</u>	<u>40,495</u>	<u>85,183</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>9,737</u>	<u>9,737</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>12,983</u>	<u>12,983</u>

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025

12. Debtors		2025	2024
	Amounts due within one year	£	£
	Accrued Income	21,500	-
	Other debtors	9,507	37,455
		<u>31,007</u>	<u>37,455</u>

13. Creditors		2025	2024
		£	£
	Other creditors	30,476	3,334
	Accruals	3,314	2,314
	Deferred restricted income	74,719	7,500
		<u>108,509</u>	<u>13,148</u>

Deferred Income relates to restricted funds received to cover future admin staff costs.

14. Restricted Fund Movements	01/04/2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	31/03/2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Advice Service	6,692	96,362	38,966		64,088
Admin and CEO	8,783	114,850	65,360		58,273
Children and Families	97	30,500	29,469	2,512	3,640
Football Academy	1	9,465	9,765	300	0
Seniors	0	-	-		0
Poverty Response/Foodbank	24,393	39,807	43,441		20,759
Complex Needs	198	60,630	44,535	19,903	36,195
Garden Café	24,315	-	-	24,315	0
Emotion in Motion		8,045	2,358	-	5,687
Community Meals		13,524	9,698	1,900	5,726
	<u>64,478</u>	<u>373,183</u>	<u>243,592</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>194,369</u>

- prior year	01/04/2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	31/03/2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Advice Service	35,579	24,329	53,216		6,692
Admin and CEO	73	89,250	80,540		8,783
Children and Families	-	21,643	21,546		97
Football Academy	1,243	4,242	8,253	2,768	1
Seniors	4,859	6,150	11,221	212	0
Poverty Response/Foodbank	67,023	30,092	72,721		24,393
Community Work/Complex Need	-	37,650	37,452		198
Garden Café	27,478	36,150	39,313		24,315
	<u>136,255</u>	<u>249,505</u>	<u>324,262</u>	<u>2,980</u>	<u>64,478</u>

Advice service:	Funds to provide practical advice to parishioners
CEO:	Grant to cover employment costs of CEO
Children and Families:	To provide activities and services for children and their families in the community.
Seniors:	To provide activities and services for older members of the community
Foodbank:	To provide food for members of the community in urgent need
Football academy:	To provide training in football for children and young people in the community
Complex Needs:	To provide services to nurture members of the community with complex needs.
Administration:	To support the general running of the organisation
Emotion in Motion:	To provide exercise and increase community cohesion through sharing cultural dance
Community meals :	To increase community cohesion and support vulnerable members of the community by providing a warm haven in winter and a hot meal all the year round.
Transfers:	were made from General funds to support the activities in the Football academy and the Seniors project in 23/24.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025

15 Unrestricted fund movements

	01/04/2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers	31/03/2025 £
General funds					
Garden Café	43	500	9,909	9,367	-
Community Meals		-		-	
Children and families	-	36,041	49,477	13,436	-
Football Academy	-	615	-	300	315
Seniors	117		-	117	-
General	23,325	60,149	37,207	(22,686)	23,581
	<u>23,484</u>	<u>97,304</u>	<u>96,593</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>23,896</u>

-Prior Year

	01/04/2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers	31/03/2024 £
Garden Café	-	4,190	4,147	-	43
Children and families	-	33,052	38,162	5,110	-
Seniors	329		-	212	117
General	21,189	44,394	34,381	(7,878)	23,325
	<u>21,518</u>	<u>81,636</u>	<u>76,690</u>	<u>2,980</u>	<u>23,484</u>

Garden Café: To provide finance for activities within the Garden Café

Children and Families: To provide activities and services for children and their families in the community.

Seniors: To provide activities and services for older members of the community

General: Free reserves for the charity's overall objectives.

Transfers: In 23/24 transfers were made from Unrestricted General funds to support the Football academy

16. Analysis of net assets between funds as at 31 March 2025

	Fixed £	Current Assets £	Creditors £	Net Assets £
-Current year				
Unrestricted	1,900	55,786	33,790	23,896
Designated	-	-	-	-
Restricted	7,837	261,251	74,719	194,369
	<u>9,737</u>	<u>317,037</u>	<u>108,509</u>	<u>218,265</u>
- Prior year				
Unrestricted	2,533	26,600	5,648	23,485
Designated	-	-	-	-
Restricted	10,450	54,028	-	64,478
	<u>12,983</u>	<u>80,628</u>	<u>5,648</u>	<u>87,962</u>

17. Company limited by guarantee

ASCENSION COMMUNITY TRUST is a company limited by guarantee and accordingly does not have a share capital. The liability of each member on the winding up of the company is limited to £1.

18. Detailed Fund Schedules

Fund	Opening balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Closing balance	Deferred Income	Accrued Income
ADVICE							
Fastrack Funding	2,690	45,395	4,928		43,157.70	14,719	
Financial Inclusion Grant	-	41,115	25,518	-	15,596.80		
GLA Grant	3,141	5,852	7,338		1,655.41		
London Catalyst - clients		2,000	-	860	2,860.00		
The Souter Trust		2,000	1,183		817.06		
Restricted	860	-	-	(860)	-		
Unrestricted	-	-	-	-	-		
	6,691	96,362	38,966	-	64,087		
ADMIN and CEO							
Restricted	-	-	-		-		
Garfield Weston Grant	-	-	-		-	0	
Henry Smith Grant	4,940	49,150	33,347		20,742.60	0	
Felsted Trust		9,000	-		9,000.00		
National lottery	3,843	56,700	32,012		28,530.86		
Unrestricted	23,324	60,149	37,207	(23,184)	23,081.95		
	32,107	174,999	102,566	(23,184)	81,355.41		
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES							
Inholders Charitable Trust	-	2,500	2,495		5.07		
Trusthouse Grant	2,601	-	-		2,601.00		
Vintners	8	5,000	4,040		967.70		
Garfield Weston		23,000	22,934		66.10		
Restricted	-	-	0		-		
Unrestricted	-	36,041	49,477	13,436	-		
	2,609	66,541	78,947	13,436	3,639.42		
FOOTBALL ACADEMY							
Football	-	9,465	9,765	300	0.00		
Unrestricted		615	-	(300)	314.56		
	-	10,079	9,765	-	314.56		
SENIORS							
London Community Foundation	-	-	-		-		
Warm Haven Grant Community Meal	-	-	-	-	-		
Restricted	-	-	-	-	-		
Unrestricted	117	-	-	(117)	-		
	117	-	-	(117)	-		
POVERTY RESPONSE							
Container & Storage Grants	-	-	-		-		
East End Foundation	-	-	-		-		
Essex Community Foundation	-	-	-		-		
Julia and Hans Rausing Grant	73	-	-	(73)	0.04		
Trussel trust	10,140	39,807	43,441		6,505.90	60,000	
Strategic Resources Grant		-	-		-		
Restricted Donations and Gifts in	14,181	-	-	73	14,253.96		
	24,394	39,807	43,441	-	20,759.90		
EMOTION IN MOTION							
Emotion in Motion	-	-	-		-		
SportEngland	-	8,045	2,358		5,687.06		
Restricted	-	-	-		-		
	-	8,045	2,358	-	5,687.06		
COMPLEX NEEDS							
Supported Volunteering	2,854	7,500	-		10,354.00		
Restricted	7,962	130	-		8092.00		
City Bridge Trust	9,285	43,000	35,573		16,712.07		21,500
Joseph RANK		10,000	8,962		1,037.80	0	
LBN Warm Havens	1,900	-	-	(1,900)	-		
	22,001	60,630	44,535	(1,900)	36,196		
Community Meals							
L.B Newham Community Meals	-	14,024	7,653	(44)	6,326.84		
LBN. Warm Havens	-	-	2,045	1,944	(100.84)		
Restricted	-	-	-		-		
Unrestricted	44	-	9,909	9,865	(0.43)		
	44	14,024	19,607	11,765	6,225.57		
TOTAL	87,963	470,487	340,185	-	218,264.79	0	0
TOTAL Unrestricted	23,485	97,304	96,593	(300.14)	23,896.08		0
TOTAL Restricted	64,478	373,183	243,592	300.14	194,368.71	0	0