

Registered number: 04279401
Charity number: 1092047

COMMUNITY ACTION: MK
(A company limited by guarantee)
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

Trustees

L M Emmanuel, Trustee
A Lands, Trustee
S Ewedemi, Trustee (resigned 16 May 2024)
D L Webber, Trustee
J A Dawes, Trustee
Dr P W Wilkinson, Trustee
T Lin, Trustee
S Ramewal, Treasurer

Company registered number

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Charity registered number

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Registered office

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Company secretary

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
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The trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2025. The trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the Company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), 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 2019) as amended by Update Bulletin 1 (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the Company qualifies as small under Section 383 of the Companies Act 2006, the strategic report required of medium and large companies under The Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Director's Report) Regulations 2013 is not required.

GOING CONCERN

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The staff and trustees of Community Action: MK developed a new Five Year Plan and associated business plan in 2023. The trustees are of the view that on the basis of these plans the Charity is a going concern.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The Charity is a Company limited by guarantee and was incorporated on 31 August 2001. It is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

The directors, as defined by the Memorandum and Articles, act as directors of the company and, as the organisation is a registered charity, act also as its charitable trustees.

The trustees at 31 March 2025 are listed on page 1.

The trustees:
Anthony Lands (Vice Chair)
Diane Webber (Chair)
Julie Dawes
Lisa Emmanuel
Dr Peta Wilkinson
S Ramewal
Tsen-En Lin

Subsidiaries

The Charity was the guarantor for Community Action: Development Services CIC. As the subsidiary had been dormant for a number of years, the Trustees took the decision to close the company. Companies House confirmed the dissolution of Community Action: Development Services took place on 8th October 2024.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The charitable company's objects and principal activities are to:

- Promote any charitable purposes for the benefit of the public, principally but not exclusively in the local government area of Milton Keynes and its environs and, in particular, build the capacity of third sector organisations and provide them with the necessary support, information and services to enable them to pursue or contribute to any charitable purpose.
- Promote, organise and facilitate co-operation and partnership working between the voluntary and community sector, statutory and other relevant bodies in the achievement of the above purposes within the area of benefit.

Our Vision is of a Good Society, composed of sustainable and resilient communities where people have opportunities to be active and engaged, and are supported by a healthy and thriving Voluntary and Community Sector.

Our Mission is to educate, empower and enable people and groups to champion the change they wish to see in their communities. Community Action: MK will provide the very best support and give a voice to the Voluntary and Community Sector.

At Community Action: MK we believe:

Voluntary and Community action is at the heart of a good society which promotes fairness and social justice, and where people are enabled to take action for positive change. The voluntary and community sector plays a vital role in creating and facilitating opportunities for participation, action and decision making in local communities. That the Good Society creates a sense of community where people volunteer for the causes and organisations which are close to their hearts, minds and values.

Underpinned by the values of: Transparency, openness & fairness.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

Community Action: MK aims to provide public benefit by advancing community development through its support of community and voluntary organisations in Milton Keynes. We do this by providing information, advice and training to those organisations, and by working strategically and operationally to promote and support effective community involvement. Our trustees and staff work together to draw up our strategic plan from which priorities are set and specific work plans devised. Throughout this process the trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and ensure that our services meet those criteria. Our achievements and performance in the reporting period provide evidence of our impact for public benefit.

STRATEGIC REPORT

The following sections for achievements and performance and financial review form the strategic report of the charity.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Our aim is to support charities and community groups in Milton Keynes to be skilled, knowledgeable and well run in order to achieve their aims and support their beneficiaries.

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Over the year we have provided the following support:

Strengthening Communities

As part of our Strengthening Communities workstream, we work in areas of Milton Keynes with new housing developments to help foster connections, and provide support to residents to take action on the ideas, issues and interests which are important to them.

This year, Community Action: MK worked across the city's newest neighbourhoods to ensure that no community is left behind. Through a blend of outreach, partnership-building, resident-led engagement, and tailored support, the programme empowered new and emerging communities to connect, organise, and thrive. The Eastern and Western Expansion areas are growing larger as every year passes and they are complex areas to work in. Large new housing developments, often with no facilities to bring people together and limited access to shops and transport.

It has been a real privilege this year to be a partner in some Open University research focused on attitudes to poverty in new communities. We supported the Open University with field work to engage residents of Glebe and Eagle Farm and Whitehouse who had experience of claiming universal credit and gathered attitudes towards poverty. The research will be published in July 2025 and will capture the experience of hidden toil behind shiny fronts.

Strengthening Communities Headlines

- Residents Reached:
Over 1,000 individuals engaged directly through events, outreach, and community-led sessions across Fairfields, Whitehouse, Glebe Farm, Broughton Gate, Brooklands, and Eagle Farm.
 - Community Events Delivered:
24+ community events and outreach sessions, including:
 - 2x Easter events
 - Big Lunch @ Eagle Farm
 - Summer fetes, play days and feedback events (Fairfields, Glebe Farm, Whitehouse)
 - White Ribbon Vigil (100+ attendees)
 - International Women's Day (craftivism project)
 - Christmas hamper deliveries
 - Coffee mornings and "Chatty Café" sessions
 - Community Groups Supported:
 - 10+ grassroots groups including Xtra Special Families, Whitehouse Parent & Toddler Group, MK Climate Action Network, and Chatty Café
 - Support included safeguarding and First Aid training, governance development, funding applications, and insurance set-up as well as aiding in access to private sector external funding for storage and costs.
- Volunteer Pathways:
- A local resident, was supported into volunteering through 1:1 support
 - Several residents recruited for leadership roles and event delivery
- Schools & Young People Engagement:
 - Ongoing partnership with Glebe Farm and Whitehouse schools
 - Outreach through school fetes, after-school groups, and youth voice sessions

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Challenges Identified

- Persistent lack of community space in areas like Glebe Farm
- Barriers to using schools for engagement in newer estates
- Ongoing safeguarding support required for individual volunteers
- Limited access to flexible, sustainable funding for resident-led initiatives

Strategic Partnerships

- Strong relationships built with:
 - Parish Councils (Fairfields, Whitehouse, Broughton & Brooklands)
 - MK Council (including Violence Against Women and Girls and Equality, Diversity and Inclusion teams)
 - Housing associations (Orbit, Amplius, Places for People)
 - Parks Trust, Hummingbirds Family Centre, Early Years team, MK CAN
 - Girl Guides
 - Midshires Orchard Group
 - Whitehouse Medical centre, local schools and voluntary sector regular termly safeguarding meetings

MacMillan

This outreach into VCSE organisation and strengthening our links into communities with particular needs has continued through our work with MacMillan Cancer Care to support the involvement of Black, minority ethnic and faith groups in cancer services.

Strengthening Groups

In 2024–25, Community Action: MK supported 206 VCSE groups in Milton Keynes through 1186 different sessions of tailored advice, signposting, resources and one-to-one support. Support included guidance on choosing legal structures such as Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs) and Community Interest Companies (CICs), charity registration, governance and business planning, as well as help with funding searches, bank account set-up, and trustee recruitment. We responded to a variety of practical needs, from volunteer shortages to promotional support for events, services and roles via our newsletters, blogs and social media. Our team facilitated connections between groups and local partners, ran capacity-building workshops, and offered bespoke support to emerging projects addressing mental health, refugee inclusion, cultural competency training, and community assets. From start-up guidance and safeguarding advice to help navigating grant applications and community engagement, the support offered reflected the sector's diverse and evolving needs.

Key Support and Development Headlines

- Successfully delivered the Milton Keynes City Council-funded 'Volunteering for All' project (through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund), helping groups strengthen inclusive volunteering and better support diverse volunteers. This included focused training such as First Aid and sessions on good volunteer management, access for people with disabilities, deaf and sight loss awareness, and inclusive communications to meet the specific needs of volunteers and communities.
- Launched a new volunteer brokerage platform to simplify recruitment and improve access for all groups.
- With funding from The National Lottery Community Fund starting February 2024, we will expand and deepen our support to grassroots groups across Milton Keynes.
- Held 25 events for VCSE organisations throughout the year, including four seasonal networking events that helped shine a light on local groups, build connections, and share ideas.

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-Delivered 16 learning events covering anti-racism, governance, inclusive communication, and digital tools like Artificial Intelligence. These sessions helped groups build confidence, strengthen how they work, and embed equality in their everyday practice.

-Co-produced five MiDoS sessions with BLMK ICB and CVS Beds to help local groups connect their services to the NHS MiDoS platform, making it easier for healthcare professionals and residents to find and access support across the BLMK area.

Next year, we will continue to:

-Review and adapt our support for grassroots groups to make it inclusive, easy to access, and focused on the real needs of our communities, especially groups working with people facing economic, political, or social barriers. An important part of this will be a review of our Membership approach.

-Run a responsive training programme covering safeguarding, AI, diversity, and other essential skills. This will be shaped by sector trends, ongoing feedback, and lived experience from the groups we work with.

-Centre Equity, Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion (EEDI) in everything we do. We will support all groups to build inclusive spaces and deliver work that reflects the people they serve, especially those facing the greatest barriers.

-Support inclusive volunteering and develop community leadership pathways, focusing on people from underrepresented backgrounds and those with lived experience.

-Seek to increase the capacity of groups supporting our most marginalised communities. We will help them connect with the wider sector, access opportunities, and effectively share the voices of the people they represent.

-Create opportunities for groups to share knowledge and expertise through peer learning, co-led sessions, networks, and events, recognising the strengths already within our sector.

-Amplify the voices, issues, and ideas from groups involved in our networks, and actively engage more groups to join and collaborate. We will ensure these voices shape our support, influenced decisions, and reflect what matters most to communities in Milton Keynes.

Communication statistics

- Mailing List Subscribers: **1,556**
- Website
 - Visitors 2024 - 25: 14,227
 - Views: 35,215
- Facebook Followers: 2,791
- Instagram Followers: 1,142
- LinkedIn Followers: 566 followers
- Twitter Followers: 4,556
- Newsletters sent: 45

Volunteering

Over the past year, our Volunteering Service for Milton Keynes has undergone development under the supervision of our Volunteering Lead, who joined Community Action: MK in June 2024. Their work has been instrumental in preparing the organisation for accreditation as a Volunteer Centre and has been delivered in alignment with the **Milton Keynes Volunteering Strategy**, which focuses on **improving access to**

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volunteering, promoting inclusion, and supporting wellbeing in MK.
Key achievements over the past year include:

- Launching a New Volunteering Platform:** A new online volunteering search platform has been implemented for Milton Keynes, making it easier for residents to discover and engage with local opportunities. This has been supported by a city-wide promotional campaign to raise awareness and increase participation.
- Strengthening Community Networks:** We have established regular volunteer recruitment events in Central Milton Keynes and launched a monthly Volunteer Managers' Network, including in-person meetings hosted by local organisations to encourage collaboration and shared learning.
- Delivering Inclusive Training:** A series of workshops have been delivered to support inclusive volunteering practices and equip volunteers with essential skills such as safeguarding and first aid.
- Expanding Outreach and Volunteer Development:** Drop-in sessions have been held across the city to help residents explore volunteering opportunities. In addition, structures have been created to support the development of our own team of volunteers to help deliver our work across Milton Keynes.
- Modernising Volunteering Resources:** Our Volunteering Lead has reviewed and updated all core volunteering documentation and guidance, ensuring our materials reflect current best practices and are accessible to a wide range of audiences.

This work has laid strong foundations for a more inclusive, accessible, and resilient volunteering ecosystem in Milton Keynes.

Looking ahead, we are excited to continue building on this momentum. Our focus will be on **promoting the value of volunteering across the city** and supporting organisations to make volunteering more accessible—particularly for **disabled people and young people**. Through this work, we aim to ensure that volunteering in Milton Keynes is welcoming, empowering, and enriching for everyone.

Strengthening the Sector

In a time of growing need and shrinking resources, working collectively as a voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) sector is not just important, it is essential. No single organisation can meet the scale and complexity of challenges facing our communities today. By coming together to share knowledge, coordinate action, amplify lived experience, and advocate for systemic change we can create a stronger, more resilient sector that reflects the diverse voices of Milton Keynes. Collaboration enables us to move beyond siloed responses, build trust across boundaries, and unlock new potential through partnership. It ensures that the solutions we design are rooted in community, informed by experience, and driven by collective purpose.

Milton Keynes has upwards of 1200 voluntary and community organisations collectively delivering support in every corner of our unitary authority area, every day of the year. Part of our role as a local infrastructure organisation is to give voice to the experience of the VCSE and to coordinate collective insight. Infrastructure organisations are connectors who broker relationships between the VCSE and the public bodies. One of the key ways we have adopted to manage this role is to build and support networks and alliances and develop ways to distribute leadership across the sector rather than Community Action being the mouthpiece of the sector.

Whilst there are a number of Alliances and Networks operating in MK, our main focus has been the Voluntary Sector Alliance, the Mental Health Alliance and the Networks which have been supported through our work with the National Lottery Fund where we have supported the development of the MK Climate Action Network, The Refugee Support Network and the Food and Essential Items Network.

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Here are some case studies of our work with networks:

Climate Action Network

Aim: Support a dynamic and independent network of local groups tackling climate change.

Highlights:

- 7 governance sessions delivered
- Created key documents: Constitution, Code of Conduct, Values, Political Engagement Policy
- AGM planned for Sept 2024 to formalise structure and elect a committee
- Shared best practice nationally via NAVCA Climate Action Network
- Linked with MK College, and youth climate advocate Mahnoor Kamran for upcoming events

Groups supported: ~15–20 core members, wider outreach via mailing list

Key impact: Enabling self-led groups to sustain long-term advocacy and influence local climate policy

Refugee Support Network

Aim: Convene and strengthen local response to refugee and asylum seeker needs.

Activity:

- 6 network meetings held (Feb, May, July, Sept, Nov, Jan)
- 4 newsletters sent (including dedicated content for Refugee Week)
- Terms of Reference and Membership Form co-produced with the network
- Support given to 15+ groups, including:
- MK Islamic Arts & Culture (MKIAC), UK Welcomes Refugees, Sieve MK, Works for Us, Open University
- Increased direct support: numerous referrals, signposting and 1-1 support for asylum-seeking families and individuals
- CAMK submitted a funding application for ESOL provision at Ramada Hotel (on behalf of Sieve MK)

Emerging needs:

- Lack of core funding for refugee support groups
- Disconnection of asylum seekers in temporary accommodation
- Need for trauma-informed volunteer programmes and cultural sensitivity

Food & Essential Items Network

Aim: Improve coordination and collaboration across food provision and essential item support.

Progress:

- 1 network meeting held (July), attended by key providers and mapped on a collaborative Jamboard
- Directory development underway, to be launched via CRM system post-summer
- Identified needs:
- Emergency support still dominates over long-term poverty alleviation
- Cultural sensitivity in food provision
- Overstretched groups with limited capacity for systems change

Next steps:

- 2nd meeting planned (Sept 2024), with case study from St. Mark's Meals and focus on MK's Child Poverty Partnership
- Broader strategy discussion: shift from emergency support to root cause interventions

Mental Health Alliance

Aim: To bring together a network of VCSE organizations to help to deliver community mental health support in Milton Keynes.

Progress:

Over the past year Community Action:MK have delivered:

- 10 Mental Health Alliance Meetings
- 13 new organisations recruited to the Mental Health Alliance
- 24 new sign ups to our newsletter giving a reach of 177 recipients

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- 19 speakers have attended the Mental Health Alliance Meetings
- 2 sessions focused on contributing to the ICB Adult Neurodivergent Pathway
- 1 Application to the National Lottery for project funding for Mental Health Alliance Members
- 12 capacity building sessions focused on VCSE governance
- 1 Film interviewing Mental Health Alliance members
- Management of and support to 8 VCSE Organisations delivering community based projects
 - 16 Project Development Sessions
 - 32 Monitoring and Support Meetings
 - 8 Funding Agreements prepared
 - Financial administration
 - Data collection and analysis
- Collaboration across VCSE organisations working in the Mental Health and Wellbeing space.
- Projects delivered by groups have achieved the following:
 - Collectively delivered 872 different activities in communities across MK
 - Engaged with 10,093 attendees and promoted good mental health and wellbeing
 - Enabled 669 hours of volunteer time
 - Reached communities who feature in the Core20+5 population groups
 - Captured stories of positive transformation from their beneficiaries

Voluntary Sector Alliance

Aim: The Milton Keynes Voluntary Sector Alliance (VSA) is seeking to be the strategic voice for the voluntary and community sector (VCSE) in Milton Keynes. Composed of members from a 'network of networks', the Voluntary Sector Alliance will bring together cross-sector individuals and organisations in Milton Keynes to promote the VCSE as a strategic partner in local decision making.

Progress:

- Convened the Voluntary Sector Alliance Steering Group monthly to strengthen cross-sector collaboration.
- Initiated the development of a Civil Society Covenant with MK City Council, setting a new standard for public/VCSE partnership.
- Delivered impactful events including Children & Young People's Mental Health forums, and launched plans for a VCSE Summit.
- Facilitated system-level VCSE representation in key priority areas including system flow, discharge planning, and food poverty.

Number of VCSE organisations reached

- VCSE members regularly contributing to the Alliance include:
YMCA MK, MK Act, Mind BLMK, Age UK MK, Community Action: MK, The Parks Trust, and others.

- Directly engaged 50+ through open meetings, stakeholder events, and thematic forums. 30+ participants attended the May 2024 CYP Mental Health event alone.

Number of Outreach Events & Strategic Meetings

- 12 Steering Group meetings held in-person at the Old Bath House
- 5+ task-and-finish or theme-based groups, including:
 - CYP Mental Health Pre-meet group
 - Covenant Working Group
 - Falls Prevention Planning group
 - Summit Working Group

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Denny Review

These networks were vital when we contributed to the research in MK for the Denny Review. The review looked to understand which people experienced the greatest health inequalities and what steps could be taken to achieve greater health and care health outcomes for local people across Bedford Borough, Central Bedfordshire, Luton, and Milton Keynes. Healthwatch MK led the local research and commissioned Community Action: MK and the YMCA to do specific work with groups in the VCSE.

The Focus Areas of Our Research were: Autism and Neurodiversity, Living in Deprived Communities, Ethnic Minority Groups, Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Communities, LGBTQ+ Community, Learning Disability, Mental Health, Migrants, Physical and General Disability.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total incoming resources for the year amounted to £840,944 which is a net increase of £280,670 from 2024. Total outgoing resources for the year amounted to £570,625, a decrease of £70,208 over 2024.

By far the largest cost of the charity continues to be its staff. In 2025 the number was 14 (2024: 12). The charity showed an overall surplus of £290,426 for the year (2024 surplus of £12,468). The loss on unrestricted funds was £59,594 (2024 surplus of £1,861) and the surplus on restricted funds was £350,020 (2024 loss of £1,393).

RESERVES POLICY

Reserves policy - The charity's restricted reserves at 31 March 2025 stand at £1,674,990 (2024: £1,324,970), of which £1,264,102 (2024: £1,163,811) represents monies unspent on the roof tariff programme, while unrestricted reserves amount to £111,936 (2024: £171,530).

In view of the current uncertainties throughout the sector as a whole regarding future funding availability, we have retained a separate designated exit contingency reserve of £104,688 (2024: £93,447) which was set up in 2011. This represents an estimated 3 months running costs which would be incurred during an orderly winddown of the charity's operations. Free unrestricted reserves therefore stand at £7,248 (2024: £78,083), and are held to provide the charity with sufficient working capital to enable it to meet its day-to-day requirements.

Restricted funds are held to be spent in the future in accordance with the wishes and requirements of the fund providers.

INVESTMENT POLICY

Under its constitution, the charity has the power to make any investment that the trustees see fit. The total investment return generated a surplus of £44,238 (2024 surplus of £116,233).

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

Our 'Five Year Plan 2023-2028' has been developed during this financial year in partnership with stakeholders, staff and trustees. We have worked hard to reflect, plan and work with the sector to determine where to invest our energy, expertise and resources. The launch of the new Five Year Plan places us in good stead for the coming years as we build on the achievements of the last few years.

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This report was approved by the Trustees, on 13 August 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

18/08/2025

Julie Dawes

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J Dawes
Chair of Trustees

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TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT
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The Trustees (who are also directors of Community Action: MK for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with 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. 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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting 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 are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and 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.

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY ACTION: MK (the
'Company')**

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2025.

This report is made solely to the Company's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Company's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

As the Trustees of the Company (and 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 the Company's accounts 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

Since the Company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I can confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or

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4. 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 (FRS 102)].

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.

Signed:  Dated: 19/08/2025 .

Elizabeth Newell BA (Hons) FCA
Independent Examiner

MHA
Chartered Accountants
Milton Keynes

MHA is the trading name of MHA Audit Services LLP, a limited liability partnership in England and Wales (registered number OC455542).

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
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	Note	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
INCOME FROM:					
Donations and legacies	2	3,850	808,468	812,318	533,596
Investments	3	28,676	-	28,676	26,728
TOTAL INCOME		32,526	808,468	840,994	560,324
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities:					
Direct costs		(56,664)	453,635	396,971	457,425
Support costs		167,181	-	167,181	177,745
Governance		6,473	-	6,473	5,663
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		116,990	453,635	570,625	640,833
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE) BEFORE TRANSFERS		(84,464)	354,833	270,369	(80,509)
Transfers between funds	16	4,813	(4,813)	-	-
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE) BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES		(79,651)	350,020	270,369	(80,509)
Other recognised gains		20,057	-	20,057	92,977
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(59,594)	350,020	290,426	12,468
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:					
Total funds brought forward		171,530	1,324,970	1,496,500	1,484,032
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		111,936	1,674,990	1,786,926	1,496,500

The notes on pages 17 to 37 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	£	2025 £	£	2024 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	10		1,446		1,600
Investments	11		1,200,590		1,156,352
			<u>1,202,036</u>		<u>1,157,952</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	12	23,116		273,141	
Cash at bank and in hand		583,147		83,656	
		<u>606,263</u>		<u>356,797</u>	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	14	(21,373)		(18,249)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>584,890</u>		<u>338,548</u>
NET ASSETS			<u>1,786,926</u>		<u>1,496,500</u>
CHARITY FUNDS					
Restricted funds	16		1,674,990		1,324,970
Unrestricted funds	16		111,936		171,530
TOTAL FUNDS			<u>1,786,926</u>		<u>1,496,500</u>

The Company's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The Trustees consider that the Company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to have an audit under the provisions of section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 ("the Act") and members have not required the Company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 12/08/2025 and signed on their behalf, by:

Julie Dawes

 J Dawes (Chair of Trustees)

The notes on pages 17 to 37 form part of these financial statements.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 General Information

The charity is a private company (registered number: 04279401) and registered charity (registered number 1092047), limited by guarantee, in England and Wales. The address of its registered office is The Old Bath House & Community Centre 205 Stratford Road, Wolverton, Milton Keynes, MK12 5RL.

The principal activity is to provide public benefit by advancing community development through its support of community and voluntary organisations in Milton Keynes. This is done by providing information, advice and training to organisations and by working strategically and operationally to promote and support effective community involvement.

The financial statements are presented in Sterling, which is also the functional currency of the company.

All figures in the financial statements are rounded to the nearest £1.

1.2 Basis of preparation of financial statements

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 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Community Action: MK 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.

1.3 Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries and taking into consideration the cost of living crisis, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

1.4 Income

All income is recognised once the Company has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the Company is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the Trust that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the Company has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the Company, or the Company is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Donated services or facilities are recognised when the Company has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use of the Company of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the general volunteer time of the Friends is not recognised and refer to the Trustees' report for more information about their contribution.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the Company which is the amount the Company would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the Company and include project management carried out at Headquarters. Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the Company and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Charitable activities and Governance costs are costs incurred on the Company's operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the Company apportioned to charitable activities.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

1.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

A review for impairment of a fixed asset is carried out if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of any fixed asset may not be recoverable. Shortfalls between the carrying value of fixed assets and their recoverable amounts are recognised as impairments. Impairment losses are recognised in the Statement of financial activities incorporating income and expenditure account.

Tangible fixed assets are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Leasehold improvements	- 16.66% - 33% Straight line
Office equipment	- 16.66% - 50% Straight line

1.7 Investments

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the Balance sheet date, unless fair value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and shown in the heading 'Gains/(losses) on investments' in the Statement of financial activities incorporating income and expenditure account.

1.8 Interest receivable

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

1.9 Operating leases

Rentals under operating leases are charged to the Statement of financial activities incorporating income and expenditure account on a straight line basis over the lease term.

1.10 Debtors

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

1.11 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.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

1.12 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised within interest payable and similar charges.

1.13 Financial instruments

The Company 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.

1.14 Pensions

The Company operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Company to the fund in respect of the year.

1.15 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Company for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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2. INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Roof Tariff Funds	-	200,000	200,000	250,000
Unrestricted funding	3,850	-	3,850	18,405
MacMillan Development Work	-	50,560	50,560	56,555
PCN Health Inequalities	-	-	-	50,000
National Lottery	-	99,575	99,575	48,408
INF Mental Health Alliance Adults	-	20,000	20,000	20,000
NAVCA Ukranian Refugees	-	-	-	5,167
Network of Networks	-	-	-	5,000
Communities & Place	-	-	-	5,061
Volunteering NHS England	-	-	-	75,000
INF NHS England Building Partnership	-	16,932	16,932	-
S106	-	835	835	-
Denny Review	-	80,000	80,000	-
NHS Community & Social Enterprise	-	40,000	40,000	-
MHA 6 months	-	53,244	53,244	-
OU OSC	-	11,580	11,580	-
Integrated Discharge Hub	-	60,000	60,000	-
MK Cancer Forum	-	862	862	-
Harry's Rainbow	-	1,050	1,050	-
S106 Woburn Sands	-	23,032	23,032	-
S106 Oxley Park	-	6,605	6,605	-
S106 Eaton Leys	-	15,866	15,866	-
S106 Shenley Brook End	-	9,916	9,916	-
S106 Lavendon	-	24,396	24,396	-
S106 Wavendon	-	35,625	35,625	-
S106 Walton	-	50,102	50,102	-
S106 Blakelands	-	8,288	8,288	-
Total 2024	18,405	515,191	533,596	

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3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Investment dividend income	24,181	-	24,181	23,257
Bank interest income receivable	4,495	-	4,495	3,471
	<u>28,676</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,676</u>	<u>26,728</u>
Total 2024	<u>26,728</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,728</u>	

4. DIRECT COSTS

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Grant expenditure	15,453	44,978	60,431	163,412
Staff salaries	-	226,800	226,800	198,787
Overhead cross charge	(71,031)	181,857	110,826	95,226
Intercompany write off	(1,086)	-	(1,086)	-
	<u>(56,664)</u>	<u>453,635</u>	<u>396,971</u>	<u>457,425</u>
Total 2024	<u>(59,159)</u>	<u>516,584</u>	<u>457,425</u>	

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5. SUPPORT COSTS

	Governance	Support costs	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Legal & professional	-	7,068	7,068	2,704
Staff salaries	-	246,251	246,251	243,377
Rent, rates and service charges	-	7,500	7,500	8,014
Communication & IT	-	5,479	5,479	7,448
Training & marketing	-	1,316	1,316	1,998
Bank charges & interest	-	405	405	417
Depreciation	-	1,470	1,470	2,425
Other expenses	-	1,913	1,913	1,992
Other repairs & maintenance	-	300	300	(1,706)
Other outgoing resources	-	6,305	6,305	4,142
Governance	6,473	-	6,473	5,663
Overhead cross charge	-	(110,826)	(110,826)	(93,066)
	6,473	167,181	173,654	183,408
Total 2024	5,663	177,745	183,408	

During the year ended 31 March 2025, the Company incurred the following Governance costs:

£NIL (2024 - £NIL) included within the table above in respect of Direct costs - Activities.

6. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

This is stated after charging:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets: - owned by the charity	1,471	2,425

7. INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REMUNERATION

The Independent Examiner's remuneration amounts to an Independent Examination fee of £4,450 (2024 - £4,250).

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8. STAFF COSTS

The average number of persons employed by the Company during the year was as follows:

	2025	2024
	No.	No.
Employee numbers	14	12

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

Key Management Personnel

Key management personnel include all persons that have authority and responsibility for planning, directing, and controlling the activities of the charity. The total compensation paid to key management personnel for services provided to the charity including national insurance and pension was £54,550 (2024: £59,746).

Wages Costs

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	410,440	389,090
Social security costs	37,824	32,740
Employer contributions to pension plans	24,732	22,214
Total	472,996	444,044

9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration (2024 - £nil).

During the year, no Trustees received any expenses (2024 - £nil).

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10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Short-term leasehold property £	Office equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2024	26,178	74,714	100,892
Additions	-	1,317	1,317
At 31 March 2025	26,178	76,031	102,209
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2024	26,178	73,114	99,292
Charge for the year	-	1,471	1,471
At 31 March 2025	26,178	74,585	100,763
Net book value			
At 31 March 2025	-	1,446	1,446
At 31 March 2024	-	1,600	1,600

11. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Securities £
Market value	
At 1 April 2024	1,156,352
Additions	24,181
Unrealised gains	20,057
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At 31 March 2025	1,200,590
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Investments at market value comprise:	
	2025 £
Investments	1,200,590
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	2024 £
	1,156,352
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All the fixed asset investments are held in the UK and represent managed funds by Sarasin & Partners LLP.

Valuation

All investments above are held at valuation.

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12. DEBTORS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade debtors	20,300	270,000
Other debtors	316	641
Prepayments and accrued income	2,500	2,500
	<u>23,116</u>	<u>273,141</u>

13. Cash at bank and in hand

	2025	2024
	£	£
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>583,147</u>	<u>560,154</u>

14. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	3,812	1,463
Amounts owed to group undertakings	-	1,086
Other taxation and social security	9,931	8,659
Other creditors	4,277	3,693
Accruals and deferred income	3,353	3,348
	<u>21,373</u>	<u>18,249</u>

15. LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

Community Action: MK is a company limited by guarantee. The liability of each member is limited to contributing £10 to the assets of the company in the event of it being wound up, while a member, or within one year after ceasing to be a member.

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16. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

STATEMENT OF FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted & designated funds						
Exit Strategy	93,447	-	-	11,241	-	104,688
General funds	(16,424)	32,526	(175,354)	(6,428)	20,057	(145,623)
SDV general	94,507	-	58,364	-	-	152,871
	<u>171,530</u>	<u>32,526</u>	<u>(116,990)</u>	<u>4,813</u>	<u>20,057</u>	<u>111,936</u>

After careful consideration, the Trustees have noted that the SDV General fund had been incorrectly categorised in previous years. Funds have been set aside and designated by the Trustees for specific purposes, there is no set agreement that requires these funds to be restricted. As such, the SDV General fund has now been correctly reallocated to designated funds.

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16. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (continued)

Restricted funds

Section 106	(120)	835	(16)	-	-	699
Roof tariff Funds	1,163,811	200,000	(99,709)	-	-	1,264,102
INF Mental Health						
Alliance Adults	197	-	(300)	-	-	(103)
INF NHS England Building						
Partnership	41,984	16,932	(51,031)	-	-	7,885
INF BLMK Winter Funds	825	-	(750)	(75)	-	-
MacMillan Faith Research	2,023	-	(2,023)	-	-	-
Remuneration Proposal	10,000	-	-	-	-	10,000
Provision of Inequalities	5,000	-	(5,000)	-	-	-
Mapping ICB	8,878	-	(4,470)	(4,408)	-	-
Health Connectors	-	-	(73)	-	-	(73)
MacMillan Development						
Work	(2,536)	50,560	(51,647)	-	-	(3,623)
PCN Health Inequalities	39,993	-	(17,510)	-	-	22,483
National Lottery	36,430	99,575	(98,909)	-	-	37,096
Improving Systems Flow	13,424	20,000	(33,053)	(264)	-	107
Communities & Place	5,061	-	(8,627)	-	-	(3,566)
Denny Review	-	80,000	-	-	-	80,000
NHS Community & Social						
Enterprise	-	40,000	(1,116)	-	-	38,884
MHA 6 months	-	53,244	(53,178)	(66)	-	-
OU OSC	-	11,580	(4,348)	-	-	7,232
Integrated Discharge Hub	-	60,000	(14,669)	-	-	45,331
MK Cancer Forum	-	862	-	-	-	862
Harry's Rainbow	-	1,050	(754)	-	-	296
S106 Woburn Sands	-	23,032	(284)	-	-	22,748
S106 Oxley Park	-	6,605	(1,761)	-	-	4,844
S106 Eaton Leys	-	15,866	(2,625)	-	-	13,241
S106 Shenley Brook End	-	9,916	(1,782)	-	-	8,134
S106 Lavendon	-	24,396	-	-	-	24,396
S106 Wavendon	-	35,625	-	-	-	35,625
S106 Walton	-	50,102	-	-	-	50,102
S106 Blakelands	-	8,288	-	-	-	8,288
	<u>1,324,970</u>	<u>808,468</u>	<u>(453,635)</u>	<u>(4,813)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,674,990</u>
Total of funds	<u>1,496,500</u>	<u>840,994</u>	<u>(570,625)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,057</u>	<u>1,786,926</u>

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16. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (continued)

STATEMENT OF FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income As restated £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
General funds					
Exit Strategy	93,447	-	-	-	93,447
General funds	29,181	44,825	(183,407)	92,977	(16,424)
SDV general	35,041	308	59,158	-	94,507
	<u>157,669</u>	<u>45,133</u>	<u>(124,249)</u>	<u>92,977</u>	<u>171,530</u>
Restricted funds					
Section 106	-	-	(120)	-	(120)
Roof tariff Funds	1,014,562	250,000	(100,751)	-	1,163,811
INF Mental Health Alliance Adults	56,327	-	(56,130)	-	197
INF NHS Health Equalities	180	-	(180)	-	-
INF NHS England Building Partnership	91,159	-	(49,175)	-	41,984
INF BLMK Winter Funds	8,000	-	(7,175)	-	825
MacMillan Faith Research	2,023	-	-	-	2,023
Remuneration Proposal	10,000	-	-	-	10,000
Provision of Inequalities	30,000	-	(25,000)	-	5,000
NAVCA Ukranian Refugees	198	5,167	(5,365)	-	-
Health Connectors	33,206	-	(33,206)	-	-
MHA 2023/24	50,000	-	(50,000)	-	-
Mapping ICB	30,408	-	(21,530)	-	8,878
NAVCA Cost of Living Crisis	300	-	(300)	-	-
MacMillan Development Work	-	56,555	(59,091)	-	(2,536)
PCN Health Inequalities	-	50,000	(10,007)	-	39,993
National Lottery	-	48,408	(11,978)	-	36,430
Improving Systems Flow	-	20,000	(6,576)	-	13,424
Network of Networks	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Communities & Place	-	5,061	-	-	5,061
Volunteering NHS England	-	75,000	(75,000)	-	-
	<u>1,326,363</u>	<u>515,191</u>	<u>(516,584)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,324,970</u>
Total of funds	<u>1,484,032</u>	<u>560,324</u>	<u>(640,833)</u>	<u>92,977</u>	<u>1,496,500</u>

New Communities: Tariff - Dept 10 - Community Action:MK works with residents and groups in new housing developments in Milton Keynes to support strong communities to grow. Our work is underpinned by Community Development principles; supporting residents and groups within Milton Keynes to connect with ongoing plans for growth, and to ensure the ideas, interests and issues of residents and groups are able to flourish.

Mental Health Alliance - Adults (for Groups) - Dept 21 - Community Action:MK as the accountable body for the Mental Health Alliance has been allocated funding for VCSE Sector groups to work collaboratively

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16. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (continued)

to deliver place based initiative in Milton Keynes. This funding was dedicated to support people who receive care within the Primary Network areas of the Crown, The Bridge and Watling Street. Interventions were focussed on supporting people with Autism, Neurodivergence, and people from ethnic minority or transgender and non-binary communities.

INF NHS England Building Partnership - Dept 23 - Community Action:MK was involved in two programmes about positioning the voluntary sector as a strategic partner in Health. Funding was received through the NHS VCSE Leadership Programme and Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes Clinical Commissioning Group, and this work has two key strands:

- To develop and agree an infrastructure and operating process for the Milton Keynes Network of Networks and the Voluntary Sector Alliance.
- To employ a BLMK Partnerships Lead: Communities Together for Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes. The purpose of this role is to maximise the impact of the VCSE as an equal partner and positively contributing across the developing BLMK Integrated Care System.

MacMillan Cancer Research - Action Research into Faith Communities - Dept 31 - Community Action:MK undertook further research which aimed to look at the experiences of cancer and cancer services for Faith groups in Milton Keynes. The research helped to further understand the cancer needs of Milton Keynes's Faith communities and enabled opportunities for the cancer voice from patients and families to be heard to influence health and care services. Findings for this work have been added as an appendix to the original report.

INF BLMK Winter Funds - Dept 27 - Community Action:MK received funding to support efforts to reduce winter pressures on the health system now, and in the future. The focus of our work was to investigate ways in which voluntary and community organisations, and charitable and voluntary activity, could more easily and effectively link up with health bodies and services to help people stay healthy, or recover from illness, and how this joint working can be sustained long term.

Macmillan Development Work - Dept 34 - Community Action:MK has been funded by Macmillan Cancer Support to host a community development and outreach worker to engage directly with communities, build local capacity and connect Ethnic Minority Groups and Faith groups with Macmillan and other cancer support services.

S106 - Dept 35 - This is part of the travel costs to liaise with potential partners and keystone stakeholders to understand the funding process for S106.

Mapping Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise Organisations in Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes - Dept 39 - Community Action:MK has received funding from the ICB to undertake mapping of the voluntary and community sector in Milton Keynes. The work involved liaising with ICB MiDOS team to discuss potential barriers in sharing data and the practical, technical, ethical and information governance and data sharing challenges. It also involved contribution towards the ongoing data cleansing of databases/directories of VCSE organisations.

Health Connectors - Dept 37 - Community Action:MK is using this funding to do desk and action research with VCSE organisations, marginalised communities and Public Sector partners to lay the foundations for understanding what an effective Health Connector programme could look like. The work programme for this funding includes a range of outreach with groups, events and networking opportunities.

Mental Health Alliance (2023/24) - Dept 38 - Community Action:MK received this funding to provide infrastructure support to the Mental Health Alliance. Support included continuous development of the alliance, programme management, financial processes and reporting and social intelligence coordination.

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16. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (continued)

Provision of Inequalities - Dept 40 - Community Action:MK as the accountable body for the Mental Health Alliance MK received this tranche of funding for the provision of outreach work into the community. The Wisdom Principle, local faith based organisations and grassroot groups received this funding to run outreach events in specific communities. This will build on previous work to establish trust within hard to reach and marginalised communities. The work will help to manage demand, reduce pressures on waiting lists and reduce the cost of Mental Health conditions in the long run through promoting effective self-care and options to seek early help.

Remuneration Proposal - Dept 41 - Community Action: MK is the lead body for the Beds, Luton and Milton Keynes Integrated Care System and we are holding a fund of £10,000 on behalf of the Beds, Luton and Milton Keynes VCSE Strategy Group. This funding will be dispersed to representatives from the VCSE who are involved in strategic planning work with the NHS and partners. There is an emerging Representation Policy which will govern the dispersal of this funding.

PCN Health Inequalities - Dept 44 - Community Action:MK received funding to support the Mental Health Alliance to work with Primary Care Networks in a joined up way to support the care needs of people with severe mental illness. There are three strands to this work:

- CA:MK working with GP surgeries to identify which care plans could benefit from VCSE support
- Community Action:MK working with the Mental Health Alliance and any appropriate VCSE organisation to meet the patient needs identified in specific care plans
- Working to identify whether there are specific GP surgeries which require additional support implementing care plans

Communities & Place - Dept 45 - Community Action:MK received funding from the Levelling up initiative to run a project which included a series of volunteering awareness, outreach and matching opportunities, focussed on the regeneration areas in Milton Keynes and targeting those who would benefit from using volunteering to hone their work and interpersonal skills and decrease isolation.

Eating Disorders - Dept 46 - The funding received has been allocated to VCSE groups to deliver specific activities as part of the Mental Health Alliance Programme. The underspend from the Eating Disorders strand has been reallocated and distributed between the groups to provide additional resources for their projects.

National Lottery - Dept 48 - Community Action:MK received 5 years funding from the National Lottery to run a project with the overall aim of strengthening our local communities and helping them come together to overcome the challenges and inequalities they face, including those posed by the pandemic and the cost of living crisis.

By supporting VCSE groups to identify and share issues directly from those with lived experience, we will support needs to be addressed at the earliest stage.

In particular, by working in the following areas:

- Develop the Voluntary Sector Alliance - an emerging strategic network for the VCSE in Milton Keynes
- Develop new networks identified as needed by the VCSE (Food & Essential Items Provision; Climate Action and Refugee & Asylum Seekers Support)
- Initiate an Area-based Network in two estates that have been identified as having the highest levels of deprivation within Milton Keynes according to the latest census data (Stacey Bushes and Fullers Slade - with links to neighbouring estates), facilitating closer relationships with the the Nexus Primary Care Network that these areas fall within, supporting groups and volunteers within these areas to feed information around issues into the Voluntary Sector Alliance, and facilitate collaboration around solutions.
- Support networks to be inclusive and accessible in order to ensure a wide range of diverse communities

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are represented through this work, including grassroots, resident-led groups and initiatives.

- Coordinate Information gathering and communication as part of the networks.

Improving Systems Flow - Dept 49 - Community Action:MK received funding from the Improving System Flow steering group to have a nominated CA:MK representative to be part of the Improving System Core Group. To facilitate this representation, the funding is used to backfill for two days per week for a period of six months.

Denny Review - Dept 50 - Community Action:MK worked and reached out to key groups working with each of the communities identified in the Denny Review as being most impacted by health inequality in BLMK. The work helped to provide a better understanding:

- of what information VCSE groups already have around health inequalities and lived experience of accessing health services
- of work relating to health and/or engagement activities are already happening within the target communities
- of the routes and opportunities already exist within networks/VCSE groups to voice the needs of their beneficiaries to health providers

A report has been produced and submitted along with engagement work reports undertaken by other organisations as part of the Denny Review.

NHS Community & Social Enterprise - Dept 51 - Funding has been received to support the work of the Strategic Core Group in Bedford, Luton and Milton Keynes (BLMK). This funding is specifically allocated to backfill the time of core members, recognising the valuable contribution of their time and expertise to the group's collaborative work.

In addition, a small handling fee has been included for Community Action:MK in recognition of the administrative and coordination support it provides in managing the funding.

Mental Health Alliance (6 month) - Dept 52 - Community Action:MK received this funding to provide infrastructure support to the Mental Health Alliance for 6 months. Support included continuous development of the alliance, programme management, financial processes and reporting and social intelligence coordination.

OU OSC - Dept 53 - Community Action: MK received funding from the Open University to take part in a wider research project exploring lived experiences of poverty and social protection. The research also looked at how service providers and the general public view people who receive social support.

This two-country study focused on local experiences in Milton Keynes (UK) and Laguna (Philippines), with particular attention to Universal Credit in the UK and the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program in the Philippines.

Community Action: MK was responsible for delivering the activities assigned to them, including supporting the research and helping with policy engagement.

Integrated Discharge Hub - Dept 54 - Community Action: MK received funding to appoint a full-time VCSE Integrated Discharge Hub Coordinator. The purpose of this role is to support the Integrated Discharge Team in helping patients referred to the hub access services and activities within the voluntary, community, and social enterprise (VCSE) sector. These services aim to meet the individual needs of patients after discharge.

The overall goal of this work is to improve access to support that enables patients to leave hospital efficiently and stay well in their communities—reducing the likelihood of readmission.

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MK Cancer Forum - Dept 55 - Community Action: MK acted as the host organisation for a support grants fund provided by Macmillan Cancer Support on behalf of the MK Cancer Forum. The grants were used to support the Forum's communications, including the production of leaflets and updates to their website.

Harry's Rainbow - Dept 56 - Community Action: MK received funding to support the development of a clear and sustainable operational plan for Harry's Rainbow, focused on turning the organisation's Vision and Strategic Plan into practical action.

The work has involved close collaboration with the CEO, trustees, and staff team to co-develop an operational plan that aligns with the organisation's goals and aspirations. This process has been facilitated through a series of workshops and discussions with staff and trustees.

As part of the support, Community Action: MK has also provided information and guidance on key areas such as governance, human resources, and legal considerations. Where necessary, signposting to external legal advice has been included to ensure appropriate compliance and support.

S106 Oxley Park - Dept 57 - Community Action: MK received funding to deliver a series of support activities in the Oxley Park area. While we aim to engage with all residents, there will be a particular focus on addressing the needs of young people in the community.

The main areas of support proposed include:

- An outreach programme to connect with local residents and organisations
- Networking events for local groups and service providers
- Volunteering drop-in sessions to encourage and support local volunteering
- A series of one-to-one sessions for community groups, offering tailored support to help them establish or develop their organisations

S106 Eaton Leys - Dept 58 - Community Action: MK received funding to work in Eaton Leys. The purpose of this project is to engage the community in Eaton Leys and empower residents to work in partnership with local organisations to identify and address their needs. Our approach is rooted in the principles of community development, with a strong belief that everyone should have access to health, wellbeing, justice, and opportunity. We will work collaboratively with the Town Council and other key stakeholders to understand the priorities of the community and support residents in developing local solutions.

S106 Shenley Brook End - Dept 59 - Community Action: MK received funding to deliver a series of support activities in the Shenley Church End Parish Area: in particular in Crownhill. The main areas of support proposed include:

- An outreach programme to connect with local residents and organisations
- Networking events for local groups and service providers
- Volunteering drop-in sessions to encourage and support local volunteering
- A series of one-to-one sessions for community groups, offering tailored support to help them establish or develop their organisations

S106 Lavendon - Dept 60 - Community Action: MK received funding to deliver a range of support activities for the Lavendon area along with Lavendon Parish Council.

The main areas of support we are proposing are the creation and administration of Area Based Budget for startup voluntary and community activities, community outreach to support local community action, deliver networking events for organisations to engage with residents, to deliver Volunteering Drop Ins, and to offer a series of 1:1 sessions for residents looking to either set up a group or project.

S106 Woburn Sands - Dept 61 - Community Action: MK received funding to undertake a series of support activities for the residents and voluntary and community groups in Woburn Sands. The main areas of support we are proposing is community outreach to support local community action, deliver networking events for organisations to engage with residents, to deliver Volunteering Drop Ins, and to offer a series

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of 1:1 sessions for residents looking to either set up a group or project.

S106 Wavendon - Dept 62 - Community Action: MK received funding to carry out a series of support activities for residents and voluntary and community groups in Wavendon and Walton. By combining the funding for the two parish areas, we are able to deliver activities tailored to each area while achieving economies of scale, as the locations are geographically close to one another.

The main areas of support we are delivering include:

- The creation and administration of an Area-Based Budget to support the startup of voluntary and community activities
- Community outreach to encourage and support local community action
- Networking events to connect organisations with residents
- Volunteering drop-in sessions to promote and facilitate local volunteering
- A series of one-to-one sessions for residents interested in starting a new group or project

S106 Walton - Dept 63 - Community Action: MK received funding to carry out a series of support activities for residents and voluntary and community groups in Wavendon and Walton. By combining the funding for the two parish areas, we are able to deliver activities tailored to each area while achieving economies of scale, as the locations are geographically close to one another.

The main areas of support we are delivering include:

- The creation and administration of an Area-Based Budget to support the startup of voluntary and community activities
- Community outreach to encourage and support local community action
- Networking events to connect organisations with residents
- Volunteering drop-in sessions to promote and facilitate local volunteering
- A series of one-to-one sessions for residents interested in starting a new group or project

S106 Blakelands - Dept 64 - Community Action: MK plans to use the funding to work in partnership with Great Linford Parish Council to deliver a Volunteering and Skills Hub drop-in at Conniburrow Community Centre on Tuesday mornings. Building on the Parish Council's existing Skills Hub, run with support from organisations such as Works for Us, Shaw Trust, and Key Business Skills—the project will integrate volunteering opportunities to help local people gain practical experience and improve their employability. This will complement existing support such as CV writing and employment advice. The project will also explore the potential for accredited or certified training opportunities. Community Action: MK and the Parish Council will collaborate on joint communications to promote the hub and will engage local businesses in Blakelands to support the programme by advertising job roles and apprenticeships.

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SUMMARY OF FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
General funds	171,530	32,526	(116,990)	4,813	20,057	111,936
Restricted funds	1,324,970	808,468	(453,635)	(4,813)	-	1,674,990
	<u>1,496,500</u>	<u>840,994</u>	<u>(570,625)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,057</u>	<u>1,786,926</u>

SUMMARY OF FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income As restated £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
General funds	157,669	45,133	(124,249)	92,977	171,530
Restricted funds	1,326,363	515,191	(516,584)	-	1,324,970
	<u>1,484,032</u>	<u>560,324</u>	<u>(640,833)</u>	<u>92,977</u>	<u>1,496,500</u>

The funds transfer relates to transfers of resources between various restricted funds and allocation of costs between unrestricted funds and restricted funds, both in accordance with the wishes and requests of the relevant grant providers.

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17. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,446	-	1,446
Fixed asset investments	-	1,200,590	1,200,590
Current assets	131,863	474,400	606,263
Creditors due within one year	(21,373)	-	(21,373)
	<u>111,936</u>	<u>1,674,990</u>	<u>1,786,926</u>

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,600	-	1,600
Fixed asset investments	-	1,156,352	1,156,352
Current assets	188,179	168,618	356,797
Creditors due within one year	(18,249)	-	(18,249)
	<u>171,530</u>	<u>1,324,970</u>	<u>1,496,500</u>

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18. PENSION COMMITMENTS

The amount outstanding in relation to defined contribution plans at the year end was £4,277 (2024: £3,693), which is included in other creditors.

