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THE WOMEN'S CENTRE CORNWALL LTD
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's memorandum and articles of association, the Companies Act 2006 and "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)".

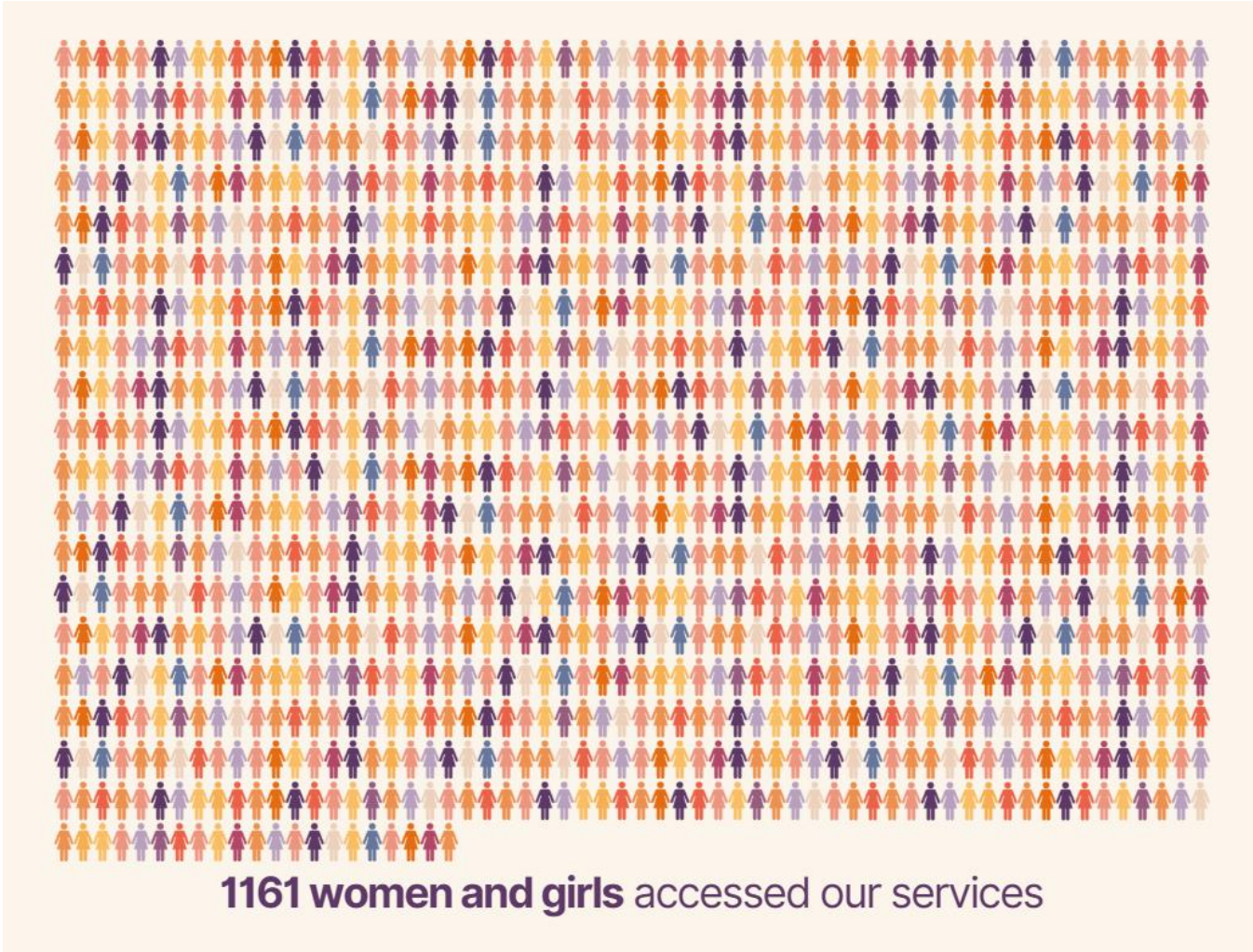
The charity is constituted as a company limited by guarantee and is therefore governed by a memorandum and articles of association. The directors of the charity are also trustees of the charity.

Objectives and activities

1. Providing high quality support to women and girls

Over the year 2024-25 the Women's Centre Cornwall supported 1161 women and girls who are living with the impact of abuse across our wide range of projects and services.

The Women's Centre Cornwall supports women, no matter their experience. We support women and girls who have experienced domestic abuse and sexual violence, providing specialist one-to-one support, trauma stabilization, wellness activities, and access peer support groups. We are here when women need us, through our helpline and our Campfire app. We also support women going through the criminal justice system, addressing their practical needs and providing trauma stabilisation. We support women experiencing multiple disadvantages and/or who were homeless or at risk of homelessness as well as women from underserved and overlooked communities.



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A. Specialist sexual and domestic abuse support

Our specialist sexual and domestic abuse support remains a core part of The Women's Centre service. At the heart of this are the women we support; we meet them wherever they are on the journey of recovery, taking a trauma informed and survivor led approach.

This year, on top of maintaining our helpline and Campfire app, and delivering one-to-one specialist support, we have offered support in peer groups settings such as the Young Empowered Women's (YEW) Group and the Sorella peer support group.

"The support has been life changing, thank you."



1,106 calls to the Helpline
376 new callers



422 women and girls
accessed therapeutic support



1,139 women in our online
Campfire forum community
330 new women joined



Sorella Peer Support Group
supported **38 women**

422 women and girls accessed therapeutic support following domestic abuse and sexual violence, including one-to-one support and peer support groups. 38 women participated in the Sorella Peer Support Group. Additionally, there were 1,106 calls to the Helpline this year, with 376 new callers supported. 330 women signed up to the Campfire app, bringing total membership to 1,139 women.

This work is delivered by staff and volunteers, all trained at the Women's Centre Cornwall. This year, 38 Specialist Support and Sorella Volunteers provided 4373 hours of volunteer time.



Specialist
Support and
Sorella
Volunteers
provided **4,373**
hours of
volunteer time

Helpline

Our telephone Helpline provides valuable support to women survivors and offers information for professionals, family members and friends who are supporting women and girls affected by sexual and domestic abuse.

The Helpline is open from 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday. It is also open on Monday evenings from 6pm to 9pm. It is primarily covered by volunteers, who this year delivered 222 helpline sessions, equating to 667 hours of support. While volunteers drive the helpline, it has been a challenge to recruit and retain enough volunteers to cover all helpline shifts. To offer flexibility and cover all shifts, there is a small group of experienced women who are on call to run the helpline remotely on a Monday evening to enable the helpline to remain open.

The helpline is a vital portal into The Women's Centre for new referrals but also provides regular support for a number of regular callers. Our support workers offer empathic, trauma-informed support in a safe and non-judgmental way.

Campfire Peer Support App

Campfire is our innovative online Survivors Forum in a fully mobile-friendly App. We believe this to be the first App of its kind in the country that provides a women-only peer support space for survivors of sexual and domestic abuse. To ensure safety, the platform is anonymous and moderated.

The app is offered to all women at assessment stage and for women who call the helpline. It is also accessible for those women who visit our website, ensuring it remains available to everyone who reaches out to us.

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Specialist One-to-One Support – Adults

Our Specialist Support Service provides one-to-one trauma-informed, psycho-educational and emotional support to women living with the impact of any form of domestic abuse, child sexual abuse, rape or sexual violence. Support is given over a 20-week period, and this continues to be our most in-demand specialist service.

"The support taught me about the cycles of abuse and helped me build up the strength to leave and get a better perspective of my situation which had become my norm."

We successfully secured additional funding for posts to reduce the waiting list, including a new assessment coordinator who started in March 2025. As well as carrying out initial assessments, the assessment coordinator manages the waiting list and ensures women are supported before accessing the service.

"When I first started, I felt a shell of myself. I know now that it wasn't my fault, and I don't turn to alcohol to abuse myself. My confidence is so much better, I feel connected to my inner child and am able to love and nurture her."

We also secured funding to start a psycho-education group for women on the waiting list. This is a 10-week course covering a range of topics such as trauma and the brain and Understanding Triggers.

"It was the first time in all my life that I actually felt that I wasn't some sort of freak, and that somebody else was just like me. Every week, something would resonate... 'that's why I do that' and 'it's ok to feel that way'. ... I'm a much calmer, happier, contented person, just because of those 10 weeks."

Trauma Stabilisation

For women experiencing high levels of complexity, such as homelessness, drug and alcohol issues and complex trauma-related mental health, accessing 20 weeks of specialist may not be a suitable way forwards. We have developed a range of shorter trauma stabilisation interventions which are proving very effective in helping women to reduce the impact of trauma in their day to day lives. Very often childhood sexual abuse is the original trauma and root cause of the issues women are facing now. Women dropping out of or disengaging from support is an ongoing challenge as women accessing this service often have a mistrust of professionals due to past negative experiences. Using persistence and compassion, the team proactively engage women through an assertive outreach approach.

Sorella Peer Support

Sorella is our Peer Support service for women survivors of sexual violence. This year, we have been extremely fortunate to have been gifted the use of a beautiful property on the North Coast of Cornwall where we regularly bring groups of women together. Activities this year have included gardening, psychoeducational workshops, craft, yoga and sound therapy.

"I feel much more connected with myself, and I pay more attention to my wellbeing."

These activities promote wellbeing by reconnecting women with their bodies, supporting women to ground and relax, and build a sense of a community. Some women challenge themselves with activities that may be out of their comfort zone, and this can increase confidence and self-belief.

"I now understand what self-care is and how to give that to myself with no guilt."

Sorella means sister, a woman who sees your power and understands that you are the expert in your life. Women accessing the Sorella project are matched with a woman who has also been through some form of sexual violence. Sorella mentors help women access empowering resources activities that support their wellbeing.

"I have never felt 'normal'. Here I know people understand."

Young Empowered Women's Group (YEW)

The YEW Project provides one to one support and group work to young women aged 11 to 18 who have experienced any form of sexual violence, harassment, abuse or exploitation.

"I loved how you made me feel heard and helped"

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A total of 20 girls and young women were referred to the service this year, a decrease from last year’s 33 referrals. This decrease is due to limited outreach capacity and may also be linked to changes in pastoral care at secondary schools with many multi-academy trusts changing the structure of support available to pupils. Challenges in staffing levels and an increasing need for longer term or more intensive support for young women has also affected waiting times.

Of the young women supported, the majority reported feeling better able to cope (78%), an improved belief that they can achieve good things (78%) and improved confidence to build positive relationships (67%).

“I am going to get back to college and I feel better about the future”

Activism is a key part of the YEW model. Young women who had accessed YEW played an important role in our Reclaim The Night. YEW Grads attended the Beyond Therapy festival, presenting on a panel at the festival. The YEW grads have also started co-facilitating YEW groups and designing the group content.

“I have made lifelong friends and I don’t feel so lonely anymore”

Specialist Support Work Volunteers

Volunteer Specialist Support Workers are trained to support women on their journey, working one to one with women who are living with the impact of any form of domestic abuse, child sexual abuse, rape or sexual violence at any time in their lives.

This year, we have trained 15 volunteers. Five volunteers have moved into paid employment with TWCC while others have remained as volunteers.

Accessing SSW training is a healing journey in itself and many women report increased understanding of their own experiences, a sense of community with others and a sense of belonging with TWCC.

B. Support for Women involved with the Criminal Justice System

Women who have offended are generally victims of crimes far more serious than the offences that they have committed. It is very rare that we work with women in the criminal justice system who are not affected by sexual violence, exploitation, child sexual abuse or domestic abuse, and as such the work we do with these women is a vital entry point for women who would very often not access mainstream sexual or domestic abuse support.

We deliver the Women’s Commissioned Rehabilitation Service (CRS) on behalf of His Majesty’s Prison and Probation Service across Cornwall, Devon and Dorset. Women with a community sentence are referred directly to us by community probation practitioners and women in prison are referred by HMP Eastwood Park in Gloucestershire which is the closest women’s prison for the area. We also receive referrals for women in other prisons who are from Cornwall, Devon and Dorset.

We are part of the Effective Women’s Centres partnership with Birmingham University and the Jabbs Foundation together with six other women’s centers across the country. The Effective Women’s Centres Project is designed to further the case for women’s centres as viable alternatives to custody for women by using the Women’s Risk Needs Assessment (WRNA) which is a comprehensive, trauma- and gender responsive risk, needs, and strengths assessment designed specifically to be used with criminal justice involved women.



83 sentenced women in prison were supported



19 women on remand were supported



510 women on probation were supported



45 women accessed RISE trauma support

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Open Service

Some women will first receive support while in prison and after being released they are supported in the community. Most women referred to Open are on a community sentence and will be supported by a Practitioner in the community. Women receiving support in the community may also be supported by Open Mentors for up to 12 months. Some women within the service may even go on to become Open Mentors.

Women In Prison

The closest women's prison to Cornwall is around 150 miles away in Gloucestershire. Our two Prison Link Workers support women in HMP Eastwood Park Prison, offering emotional and practical support around housing, benefits, clothing, phones and transport.

For most of the women we support in custody, The Women's Centre Cornwall are their only bridge between prison and home, often one of their only sources of connection and support. Following the support given in prison, we often meet women on the morning of their release, give them mobile phones and clothes if needed, and help them on their long journeys to enable them to arrive home safely and attend their first face-to-face appointment at probation and, if homeless, with a local authority housing officer.

"In jail I was pretty much isolated in my cell 23 hours a day. I don't think I would have made it if [my practitioner] hadn't have kept me laughing."

In September 2024, we began supporting unsentenced women awaiting trial while on remand. This early engagement is a good opportunity to build trust and reassures women that they are not alone during their time in custody. Practitioners help them with issues they are unable to address while in custody. Women on remand are referred for up to three sessions of support.

This year, 83 sentenced women in prison were supported and an additional 19 women on remand were supported.

"[Prison Link practitioner] picked me up from the train station and supported me with settling into the hostel. I was so nervous about getting out. Being locked up for 23 hours a day and then being released and expected to manage the world around me, felt frightening. [My practitioner] remained consistent in her support, whilst everything around me was changing."

Women On Probation

When women are released from prison or receive a community sentence they are supported by an Independent Women's Practitioner. These practitioners offer holistic, trauma responsive, practical and emotional support across eight pathways including housing, emotional wellbeing, domestic abuse, parenting, substance use, education, and employment.

"[My practitioner] has helped me to speak up, have a voice and say how I feel. She got me to see my worth and build boundaries, which meant that I got rid of a relationship that was ruining me. She kind of made me pull myself together."

As part of the Effective Women's Centres partnership, from November 2024, our Independent Women Practitioners started using the Women's Risk Needs Assessment (WRNA) tool in their sessions with all women. Data from assessments showed that 84% of women accessing this support had signs of post-traumatic stress and 89% had depression and anxiety symptoms.

In September and October 2024, a structured 4-week group program was delivered to women in Plymouth. Sessions covered the following key topics: What is self-esteem, Developing Healthy Boundaries, Making changes, and Self-Care.

This year, the Open Service supported 510 women.

"Things I held onto for so long I was finally able to let go of, seeing past decisions and behaviours for what they truly were. It was like a lens had been lifted and I was able to see that how others treat me, situations I've found myself in or negative things that have happened to me was not a reflection of my worth."

Mentors

Our Open Mentoring team offers support to women who have offended or who are at risk of offending. Mentors work alongside the Open Team Independent Women's Practitioners to offer wrap around support when they have completed

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their required support with the aim of reducing the risk of offending. This year we trained 8 new mentors in Devon and Cornwall and 8 in Dorset. Our mentors include those with lived experience of the criminal justice system and our accredited training provides a really valuable route into further progression into education and employment.

RISE

Building on our successful Trauma Stabilisation work in Cornwall, we have been able to develop a specific intervention, RISE, for women with experience of the criminal justice system. With funding from the JABBS foundation and an HMPPS Innovation grant we are now delivering this service across Devon, Dorset and Cornwall.

The RISE practitioners are trauma stabilisation specialists delivering psycho-educational interventions that strengthen women's mental resilience and reduce self-harm. Following an assessment with the RISE practitioner, women receive 12 sessions of support.

"I have learnt so much about how the brain protects you from your trauma and ... also how your brain is linked to your nervous system, and it can set off feeling physical pain. The way it was explained was so visual and nice and easy to understand."

This year, 45 women have been supported with trauma stabilisation as part of the RISE project.

"Without RISE I don't know where I would mentally and emotionally and physically be right now they have helped me blossom and grow."

C. Support for women experiencing multiple disadvantage and/or who were homeless or at risk of homelessness

We provide specialist support to women facing multiple and complex challenges, including homelessness or the risk of becoming homeless, substance misuse, mental health and abuse. Our approach is proactive and community-based, using assertive outreach to engage women where they are. We also play a critical role in supporting women fleeing domestic violence, recognising this as a highly risky stage in a survivor's journey.



50 women were supported
by Assertive Outreach



30 women were supported
by Therapeutic Interventions



148 women were supported
by TWCC in Krefa

Krefa Kernow – Domestic Abuse Outreach

Our Krefa Kernow service works in partnership with West Cornwall Women's Aid and Konnect Communities to support adults fleeing domestic abuse to access safe accommodation and prevent homelessness for people who have experienced domestic abuse.

Krefa practitioners provide practical and emotional support, advocate with Housing - completing referrals for emergency accommodation, refuges, supported accommodation and challenging housing decision where appropriate to ensure that people fleeing domestic abuse are awarded priority need for housing. Holistic emotional and practical support involves gathering documents and evidence needed for housing applications, supporting people to access health services, counselling, recovery, mental health services, as well as support such as transport to accommodations, support at appointments and support to access grants and financial support.

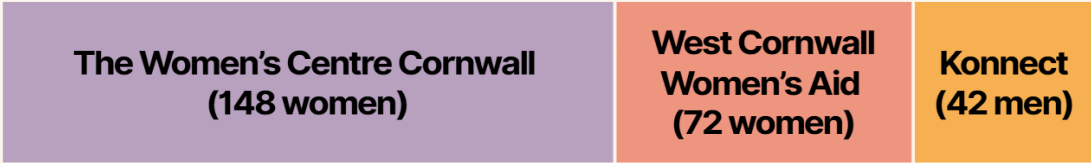
"It has been an emotional roller coaster. Thanks to [my Krefa worker] I have been able to change my circumstances and now feel safe and able to be the best mum I can be to my children."

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This year, 148 women were supported by TWCC 72 by West Cornwall Women’s Aid and 42 men by Konnect Communities. Of all individuals supported, 68% were physically supported to leave their homes when fleeing a perpetrator and were housed.



Krefta continues to have a weekly presence at key coordination meetings including Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences, trauma informed network, and more.

"My support worker helped me find my voice, literally, she supported me through my fears and helped me see a brighter future."

Assertive Outreach

The Women's Assertive Outreach Team at TWCC is funded through the Housing Support Grant, awarded to 28 local authorities across the UK. The funding aims to support recovery from drug and alcohol dependence, reduce unplanned treatment discharges among those with housing needs, improve access to and sustainment of suitable accommodation and address unmet housing needs for people in structured drug and alcohol treatment. The project is delivered in partnership with TWCC, We Are With You and local housing services.

TWCC recognises that the root causes of addiction and homelessness lie in trauma. 100% of the women we support in this project have experienced DASV, face multiple disadvantages, are in unstable accommodation, and use drugs and alcohol as a coping strategy.

The Women's Assertive Outreach Team team offer practical and emotional support, trauma stabilisation and psychoeducation, support to access grants and funding, financial support for essentials such as food and clothing, access to therapeutic trauma services via TWCC, advocacy and support with housing issues, joint and partnership working with We Are With You. We use an assertive outreach model to reach out to women to offer accessible support which is adapted to meet the needs of each individual.

"[Women accessing support] is a young woman who has experienced severe abuse and neglect throughout her life. She has spent time rough sleeping, sleeping in a tent and a shed. Now she has moved into a flat with a secure tenancy ... has accessed trauma stabilisation services."

This year, our team supported 50 women. Of those, 76% women were supported to access secure housing, 62% were supported to engage with drug and alcohol recovery services, 62% were supported to access trauma stabilisation intervention, and 30% moved from rough sleeping to accommodation.

"WAOT have supported [a woman accessing support] from rough sleeping, fleeing Domestic Abuse, into safe accommodation, accessed funding to enable her to get the train to visit her children, through recovery and now into independent living and looking at college courses for next year."

Therapeutic Interventions

The Therapeutic Interventions project started in September 2024, supporting women who are survivors of sexual violence and who are also homeless or at risk of being homeless including rough sleeping, sofa surfing or insecure housing. The project is in partnership with Pentreath and funded by Cornwall Council.

"You are a lifeline. Like a beacon in the middle of a storm. ... you’ve been my anchor"

We offer up to twelve one-to-one Trauma Stabilisation sessions to enhance the woman's understanding of how trauma affects the mind and body and support her to develop strategies to enhance her wellbeing, as well as to assist with preventing homelessness or to acquire housing. We aim to support people in maintaining their accommodation and in some cases support them to address the root cause of their homelessness.

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"Specialist support wasn't working because I was holding on to too much, until I started Trauma stabilisation. It transformed me in 12 weeks. The level of explanation and expertise, different ways to self soothe, different tools for anxiety, it's like coming together each week. I've put work into it in the past. I couldn't have done it. ... I didn't think I could rewire my brain but now I've learned I can."

Despite challenges related to geographical spread, capacity, and systemic barriers, 30 out of the 32 women referred to the service this year were supported.

"[Practitioner] met with [woman] when she was horse riding up the Gannel as part of her Therapeutic Interventions funding, ... Such a wonderful thing. She was so chuffed to have been trotting on the beach. So proud of herself."

D. Promoting equity of access to services for women in under-served communities

We believe that our services should be appropriate for, and accessible to, all women and girls that need them. Our Community Engagement and Co-production models underpin this area of work. We deliver two outreach projects focused on actively engaging women from underserved and overlooked communities and identities.



DIVAS Specialist Support Work supported **19 women**



21 women were supported in the International Women's Group

DIVAS

The DIVAS are a group of women with Learning Disabilities and Neurodivergent women who have experienced Domestic Abuse and/or Sexual Violence.

The DIVAS Project has developed a unique model of support that seeks to address the barriers, and challenges societal myths by offering empowering, trauma informed, bespoke specialist support for women with Learning Disabilities and Neurodivergent women who have experienced abuse. Our model is built around four core areas: one-to-one Support, Peer Support, DIVAS Peer Educators Group, and Outreach.

We have supported 19 women in DIVAS Specialist Support Work.

In November 2024, the DIVAS Peer Support Group began, aimed at reducing isolation and increasing connection with others with similar life experiences. This year, we have run eight groups, with an average of five women regularly attending each session.

"When I came to TWCC I was a self-harming little flower, who was very much closed and struggling mentally. ...They haven't just disappeared, but I am now like a lily that has blossomed and opened."

The DIVAS team delivered Healthy Relationship Training to two groups from education providers who support young people with learning disabilities and/or Autism and have Education, Health and Care Plans. A total of 12 young women took part, and one referral was made to the DIVAS SSW service as a direct result of the training.

"I have learnt that there is hope even in the darkest times."

The DIVAS continue to deliver training to a range of professionals and have provided training to over 100 professionals. The highlight of the last year was to run a workshop at the annual Rape Crisis England and Wales Conference to 50 of our Peers in Leeds.

Workshop Feedback: "As a direct result of attending the DIVAS presentation we are going to look at how we can improve our own policies and practice regarding how we support women with Autism, Neurodiversity and disabilities."

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International Women's Group

The International Women's Group (IWG) is a space where women can come together, strengthen their understanding of English, be heard, grow their voice and sense of agency within their communities and in professional and educational spaces too. The IWG aims to strengthen women's understanding of their rights in the UK, self-advocacy and provide a safe space for connection and healing.

International women's voices and experiences are central to the design and delivery of our services. This is crucial for engagement, inclusion and empowerment. We aim to create a safe, supported and confidential space where women can be themselves while together.

We recognise and acknowledge that the trauma of displacement can be one of the factors compounding the disconnect to the sense of belonging that we are offering women as they arrive through the refugee and asylum seeker route.

We established women's groups in Truro and Nansledan — two priority areas — to help reduce isolation, build peer support, and foster a sense of belonging. The groups created safe spaces for women to share experiences and receive tailored support, including digital access, CV writing, and navigating employment and housing options. We enhanced engagement in ESOL classes by incorporating topics like trauma and domestic abuse and provided emotional wellbeing sessions using trauma-informed approaches. Interpreters were used as needed to support participation, and women were encouraged to join time credit schemes to boost confidence and service familiarity. We also offered practical advocacy and accompanied women to healthcare and employment appointments to build trust and understanding of local services. This year, we supported a total of 21 women through the International Women's Group.

"We are always reminded of the importance of safe spaces for women to meet and express their feelings and we are glad we were able to offer this" (IWG practitioner)

Older People's Project

At the heart of this project is the belief that older people must have a voice in explaining what the impact of domestic and/or sexual abuse has been on their lives, telling us about what has been helpful but also what was not. The project was commissioned by the 'EOS' group of domestic abuse and sexual violence commissioners in Devon and Cornwall to carry out phase 2 of the Older People's Project, in partnership with Age UK. It aims to encourage older people experience domestic abuse and/or sexual violence (DASV) to seek help from commissioned DASV services or charities, and to improve the support offered by those services to older people.

This year we established several Experts by Experience groups across Devon and Cornwall. These included women's groups, a men's group and an all-gender group.

Throughout the project, members of the groups, particularly women, expressed appreciation for the companionship and support they found among other older women. They valued the understanding and shared experiences related to domestic abuse and sexual violence, as well as the cultural contexts in which these issues occurred. The groups were seen as a valuable resource in their healing journey:

"It is so good to meet with other people my age and discuss issues that affect us (the over 60s). Every day I feel invisible in the wider community, but the Cornwall Older project makes me feel included, loved and welcome."

"I meet so many other women in the same situation as myself, we chat, drink coffee, cry, laugh, but most of all, we feel 'seen and heard'."

With the Expert By Experience Groups we produced an Older People's Charter, setting out how all services should support older people experiencing abuse.

Training was delivered to over 445 learners including the police, NHS and older people's services. We have developed 'Train the Trainer' sessions, video resources and a toolkit so that the learning from the project on how to effectively support older people experiencing abuse can be rolled out widely across the South West and beyond.

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2. Raising Voices of Women and Girls

Raising awareness

This year, we have continued to raise awareness of the realities facing women and girls through our social media channels and online advocacy. We continue speaking openly and publicly about it, whether online through our social media platforms and website blog posts, or in person at community events where conversations create connection and bring more visibility to these issues.

In November 2024, we held our annual online campaign for 16 Days of Activism, continuing our 'Uprooting Misogyny' theme. We shared content focusing on amplifying the voices of women and girls, the connection between misogyny and violence, harmful patriarchal systems, stories of other people who 'uproot misogyny' and how we can create change as a collective.

Our annual Reclaim The Night vigil and march took place in December 2024 with a slightly different energy as the weather forced us to hold the event indoors at a local church. The event was a beautiful display of community solidarity featuring guest speakers and moving poetry from the Young Empowered Women's group who shared the impact of violence and abuse on their lives.

Alongside our public campaigns, we remain actively engaged in key strategic forums to ensure the voices of women and girls influence decision-making. We continue to contribute to partnerships such as Reducing Reoffending Boards, Safer Cornwall's Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Partnership and the Local Criminal Justice Board. This year we responded to the government's Sentencing Review consultation and the NHS 10 Year Plan, and met MPs and the Justice Minister at a Parliamentary event in November 2024.

Lived Experience and Involvement

Our Lived Experience Groups are formed from women who have accessed our services. Women first complete our Hear My Voice workshops which help build their confidence before they join the Lived Experience Groups. We work with our Lived Experience Groups to design new services as well as review what we are currently doing. We have a framework for involvement which we ask any external agency to complete before meeting with the groups.

During this year our Lived Experience Groups were involved in helping design a new service and developing a short animated film about their experience of prison and police custody, supported by Screen Cornwall.

3. Training

We continue to ensure that the work we do is of excellent quality and that our staff and volunteers have specialist training. We are an Open College Network accredited Centre and deliver a range of Level 1-3 qualifications to our staff and volunteers. Continuing Professional Development is supported through regular internal and external training opportunities. This year's external training highlights include Cultural Competency Training from the Olive Project and LGBTQ+ Awareness training from Intercom Trust. Our Training Manager regularly co-facilitates the NHS Trauma Stabilisation training which is offered to statutory and the voluntary agencies across Cornwall and Devon.

We recognise that practitioners, leads, and managers all have a wealth of knowledge and experience which is an excellent learning resource, as well as developing women's skills in delivering workshops and training. This year's Peer-led training sessions have included the Domestic Homicide Timeline, Working with Interpreters and Non-Fatal Strangulation. Attendees have found the training sessions really valuable and informative.

"I was really pleased to be asked to present a session and I had some lovely, positive feedback. I also know that had I not felt confident to do it, there would have been no pressure! We have such a wealth of knowledge and experience at The Women's Centre Cornwall, it's such a good way to contribute to and draw from this amazing resource. I think it also helps with a feeling of connection to the whole organisation – just being aware of the life-changing work happening outside your own project bubble is uplifting. As the saying goes "knowledge is power" – well if you have an organisational family of powerful women, sharing their powerful knowledge – the possibilities are infinite!"

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4. The Bridge Project ISVA Service

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In October 2024, our new Trading Subsidiary, TWCC Projects Ltd, commenced delivery of the Devon and Cornwall Independent Sexual Violence Advisors (ISVA) service following a successful tendering process with the Office for the Police and Crime Commissioner – Devon and Cornwall. The service is delivered in partnership with Devon Rape Crisis, The Olive Project, Intercom Trust, Konnect Communities and West Cornwall Women's Aid. Our ISVAs provide specialist support to people of all ages and genders who have experienced rape, sexual assault or abuse at any time in their life. ISVAs are independent of the police and provide impartial information to the survivor about all of their options. This could be reporting to the police, accessing Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) services, and specialist support such as sexual violence counselling. If the survivor decides not to report to the police, the ISVA can help them access other services for ongoing support. The ISVA can also take anonymous information to pass to police if the survivor wants them to.

Where someone is going through a criminal justice process, the ISVA will work with them until the conclusion of the case or until they feel they no longer need support. ISVAs offer emotional as well as practical support, helping to manage expectations and explain why there might be delays in a case, what each step means and how it might affect them or make them feel, and going with them to interviews and court. They also provide support to help people cope with what has happened to them and help them to access further support if they want it.

ISVAs support women, men and children of all ages (and where appropriate their families), including lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender survivors, those with disabilities and those of all ethnicities and nationalities.

"I really do appreciate you taking the time to explain things to me, it's just a lot to digest sometimes. It helps just to have a little vent sometimes. It's a very lonely place to be right now but I'm very grateful for your support. Thank you for listening."

In the first 6 months (October to March) we have received 843 new referrals and supported 1339 survivors (797 women, 76 men, 325 girls and 141 boys).

"All I can say at the moment is my gold feathers are coming back to me. I can't even begin to tell you how much your support means to me. I feel that I have at least one person on my side."

5. Financial Review

Overview

Our income grew by 40% this year with growth in expenditure of 40%. Income for the year was £2,720,492 (£1,938,726 in 2023-24) and expenditure on charitable activities was £2,476,869 (£1,614,809 in 2023-24).

Fundraising

TWCC's principal sources of funding are charitable trusts, grants, and commissioned services. We also receive donations from individuals including our Friends who give regular donations, and together they donated £15,108.

During the past twelve months TWCC was successful in securing additional funding from:

- Big Give Women and Girls campaign
- Cornwall Christmas Fair
- Cornwall Community Foundation (People In Mind)
- Cornwall Council
- Coutts Foundation
- Improving Lives Through Advice (ILTA) grant from The Access to Justice Foundation and The National Lottery Community Fund
- Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly
- Sam and Bella Sebba Charitable Trust
- Worval Foundation

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Other funders during the year included:

- Children In Need
- Esmee Fairburn Foundation
- Henry Smith Charitable Trust
- *His Majesty's Prison and Probation Service*
- *Ministry of Justice*
- *Nelson Trust*
- *NHS Devon Integrated Care Board (Sexual Violence and Trauma Pathfinder Programme)*
- *Lloyds Foundation*
- *The JABBS Foundation*
- *Treebeard Trust*

Investment Policy

Aside from retaining a prudent amount in reserves each year, most of the charity's funds are to be spent in the short term so there are few funds for long term investment. The reserves of the charity are placed in interest bearing deposit accounts which are wholly utilised to support existing activities.

Risk Management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three- and six-month's expenditure, being between £619k and £1.3m. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's core activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year and at the 31 March 2025 unrestricted reserves are £914,743. Year-end unrestricted reserves are therefore in line with the policy.

Acknowledgements

The Trustees would like to express their sincere thanks to all the funders that have supported the Centre's work this year, as well as to all the individuals and groups who have fundraised and donated to us throughout the year including the Friends of the Women's Centre Cornwall.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee. It was incorporated on 2 November 2001 under the Companies Act 1985 with company number 4316197 and commenced operation on 1 April 2004. It was registered as a charity with effect from 1 April 2004 with charity number 1099348, having taken over the reserves of the non-incorporated charity, Women's Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre (Cornwall) (WRSAC) on that date. This charity was initially formed in 1994 with charity number 1054177. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1. The governing document was amended to The Women's Centre Cornwall and posted on 23rd April 2018.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's articles are known as members of the Board of Trustees. Any trustee so appointed shall retain office only until they make up 1/3 of the longest standing trustees. At this point, they will resign at the next annual general meeting but shall then be eligible for re-election. The trustees may from time to time and at any time appoint/co-opt any female person as a trustee either to fill a vacancy that may occur or by way of addition to the trustees, provided that the prescribed maximum is not exceeded. All members of the Board of Trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity.

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In any effort to maintain a broad skill mix, members of the management committee are requested to provide a list of their skills, and this is updated each year.

Organisational structure

The governance of the organisation is undertaken by TWCC's Board of Trustees. Financial management is overseen by the treasurer and decisions on financial matters are made by recommendations through consultation with the Chief Executive and Finance Manager with final decisions resting with the whole Board of Trustees. The Women's Centre Cornwall has a Board of Trustees of up to twelve members who meet bi-monthly and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. At present the Board has seven members from a variety of professional backgrounds relevant to the work of the charity. The secretary also sits on the Board but has no voting rights.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty under Section 4 of the Companies Act 2006 to have due regards to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

Related parties

The Women's Centre Cornwall is a member of Rape Crisis England & Wales and the National Women's Justice Coalition.

Auditor

In accordance with the company's articles, a resolution proposing that Hazlewoods LLP be reappointed as auditor of the company will be put at a General Meeting.

Disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 11/11/2025

Claire Davies

Claire Davies
Trustee

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number
04316197 (England and Wales)
Registered Charity number
1099348

Registered office
Windsor House
Bayshill Road
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL50 3AT

The Women's Centre Cornwall's head office address in Bodmin, Cornwall is confidential.

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The trustees, who are also the directors of The Women's Centre Cornwall Ltd for the purpose 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 which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and 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; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity 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 charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Women's Centre Cornwall Ltd (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the consolidated statement of financial activities, the consolidated balance sheet, the company balance sheet, the consolidated statement of cash flows and the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustee's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the original financial statements were authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements, or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared, which includes the directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law, is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report included within the trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report included within the trustees' report.

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the group and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report. We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement set out in the Trustees' Report, the trustees (who are also the directors of the group for the purpose of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the group's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations.

We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks applicable to the charity financial statements or that had a fundamental effect on the operations of the charity. We determined that the most significant laws and regulations included United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice and Companies Act 2006.
- We understood how the charity is complying with those legal and regulatory frameworks by making inquiries of management, and those responsible for legal and compliance procedures.
- We assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement including how fraud might occur. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:
 - identifying and assessing the design effectiveness of controls management has in place to prevent and detect fraud;
 - understanding how those charged with governance considered and addressed the potential for override of controls or other inappropriate influence over the financial reporting process;
 - challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in its significant accounting estimates; and
 - identifying and testing journal entries, in particular any journal entries with unusual characteristics.

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Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that material misstatements in the financial statements may not be detected, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with ISAs (UK).

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the group's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the group's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the group and the group's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Scott Lawrence

Scott Lawrence FCA
(Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of:

Hazlewoods LLP

Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors

Staverton Court

Staverton

Cheltenham

GL51 0UX

Date: 11/11/2025

THE WOMEN'S CENTRE CORNWALL LTD

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

		Unrestricted funds 2025	Restricted funds 2025	Total funds 2025	Unrestricted funds 2024	Restricted funds 2024	Total funds 2024
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income from:							
Donations, legacies and grants	3	679,862	1,953,108	2,632,970	584,048	1,344,138	1,928,186
Charitable activities	4	9,400	2,198	11,598	1,604	980	2,584
Other trading activities	5	19,999	-	19,999	100	700	800
Investments	6	55,925	-	55,925	7,156	-	7,156
Total income		765,186	1,955,306	2,720,492	592,908	1,345,818	1,938,726
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	7	-	45,679	45,679	-	41,662	41,662
Charitable activities	8	593,051	1,883,818	2,476,869	565,384	1,049,425	1,614,809
Net incoming resources before transfers		172,135	25,809	197,944	28,040	254,731	282,255
Gross transfer between funds	20	4,198	(4,198)	-	28,886	(28,886)	-
Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds		176,333	21,611	197,944	56,410	225,845	282,255
Fund balances at 1 April 2024		738,410	469,098	1,207,508	682,000	243,253	925,253
Fund balances at 31 March 2025		914,743	490,709	1,405,452	738,410	469,098	1,207,508

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

The 2024 comparative figures represent the charity-only position, as the trading subsidiary was incorporated during the year ended 31 March 2025 and did not exist in the prior year. The 2025 figures represent the consolidated group position.

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	13		42,906		46,206
Current assets					
Debtors	15	106,819		57,963	
Investments	14	842,638		797,459	
Cash at bank and in hand		721,977		432,555	
		<u>1,671,434</u>		<u>1,287,977</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17				
		<u>(288,269)</u>		<u>(121,675)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>1,383,165</u>		<u>1,166,302</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			1,426,071		1,212,508
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	18		(20,619)		(5,000)
Net assets			<u>1,405,452</u>		<u>1,207,508</u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds	20	490,709		469,098	
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
Designated funds	19	129,020		129,020	
General unrestricted funds		<u>785,723</u>		<u>609,390</u>	
Total funds			<u>1,405,452</u>		<u>1,207,508</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 11/11/2025...

Claire Davies

Claire Davies
Trustee

Company registration number 04316197

THE WOMEN'S CENTRE CORNWALL LTD**COMPANY BALANCE SHEET****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	13		42,906		46,206
Investment in subsidiary	14		1		-
Current assets					
Debtors	15	511,838		57,963	
Investments	16	842,638		797,459	
Cash at bank and in hand		190,071		432,555	
		<u>1,544,547</u>		<u>1,287,977</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	(161,383)		(121,675)	
		<u></u>		<u></u>	
Net current assets			<u>1,383,164</u>		<u>1,166,302</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			1,426,071		1,212,508
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	18		(20,619)		(5,000)
			<u></u>		<u></u>
Net assets			<u>1,405,452</u>		<u>1,207,508</u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds	20	490,709		469,098	
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
Designated funds	19	129,020		129,020	
General unrestricted funds		<u>785,723</u>		<u>609,390</u>	
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Total funds			<u>1,405,452</u>		<u>1,207,508</u>

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Claire Davies

Claire Davies
Trustee

Company registration number 04316197

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

		2025	2024
	Notes	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	24	278,676	361,570
Investing activities			
Interest received		<u>55,925</u>	<u>7,156</u>
Net cash generated from investing activities		55,925	7,156
Net cash used in financing activities			-
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		334,601	368,726
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		<u>1,230,014</u>	<u>861,288</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year		<u><u>1,564,615</u></u>	<u><u>1,230,014</u></u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Women's Centre Cornwall Ltd is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Windsor House, Bayshell Road, Cheltenham, GL50 3AT. In the event of winding up, registered members are liable to contribute a sum not exceeding £1 per member towards the debts and liabilities of the charity and the costs and expenses of winding up, or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member. At 31 March 2025 there were 39 members.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's Memorandum & Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "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)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

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

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption allowed under section 408 of the Companies Act 2006 and has not presented its own Statement of financial activities in these financial statements.

Basis of Consolidation and Comparative Information

During the year, the charity established a wholly owned trading subsidiary, TWCC Projects Ltd, incorporated on 9 August 2024, to provide specialist support services for survivors of sexual violence and domestic abuse.

As this is the first year of consolidation, the consolidated financial statements include the results and financial position of the charity and its subsidiary for the year ended 31 March 2025. The subsidiary did not exist in the prior year, and therefore the prior year figures reflect the charity-only financial statements.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Group has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus, the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the Group is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the Group has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the Group has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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1.5 Resources expended

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 are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Group to that expenditure, 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 accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Support costs include head office salaries and overheads and are allocated to charitable activities and funds on the basis of staff hours. Costs relating to fundraising are allocated as such.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets costing over £2,500 are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Leasehold improvements	5% - 33% straight line
Plant and equipment	25% straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the Group reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9 Current Asset investments

Current assets investments are made up of cash balances on deposit with a maturity date of less than one year.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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1.10 Financial instruments

The Group has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the Group's balance sheet when the Group becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the Group's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.11 Taxation

The Group is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

1.12 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the Group is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.13 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

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2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Group's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Donations, legacies and grants

	Unrestricted funds 2025	Restricted funds 2025	Total funds 2025	Unrestricted funds 2024	Restricted funds 2024	Total funds 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	27,348	6,000	33,348	33,796	5,020	38,816
Grants	652,514	1,947,108	2,599,622	550,252	1,339,118	1,889,370
	<u>679,862</u>	<u>1,953,108</u>	<u>2,632,970</u>	<u>584,048</u>	<u>1,344,138</u>	<u>1,928,186</u>
Grants receivable for core activities:						
Criminal justice	603,634	37,179	640,813	541,612	188,417	730,028
Sexual violence and domestic abuse	5,000	1,006,216	1,011,216	-	452,910	452,910
Homelessness / Multiple disadvantage	-	411,491	411,491	-	416,580	416,580
Underserved communities	1,880	338,352	340,232	8,640	134,350	142,990
Support costs	42,000	153,870	195,870	-	146,862	146,862
	<u>652,514</u>	<u>1,947,108</u>	<u>2,599,622</u>	<u>550,252</u>	<u>1,339,118</u>	<u>1,889,370</u>

Included within grants are the following government grants:

Cornwall Council - grants have been received totalling £252,731 (2024: £270,300) in relation to the provision of Domestic Abuse Outreach.

Ministry of Justice - grants have been received totalling £268,724 (2024: £297,874). £148,870 (2024: £146,874) was received for core overhead costs and £119,854 (2024: £151,012) was received to provide specialist sexual abuse support.

Police & Crime Commissioner for Devon and Cornwall - grants have been received totalling £573,486 (2024: £53,005) for specialised sexual and domestic abuse support.

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4 Charitable activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Training and contract income	11,598	2,584
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	9,400	1,604
Restricted funds	2,189	980

5 Other trading activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Training income	-	700
Fundraising events	20,000	100
	20,000	800

6 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2025	2024
	£	£
Interest receivable	55,925	7,156

7 Costs of raising funds

	Restricted funds	Restricted funds
	2025	2024
	£	£
Staff costs	43,999	40,382
Legal and Professional	1,680	1,280
	45,679	41,662

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8 Charitable activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Staff costs	1,472,508	934,949
Depreciation and impairment	3,300	3,300
Repairs & maintenance (including IT equipment)	80,721	52,660
Staff costs - training & travel	97,959	68,868
Volunteer costs - training & travel	4,490	7,483
Telephone & internet	17,864	14,292
Printing, postage & stationary	7,834	6,973
Room hire & supervision	33,334	31,491
Service user costs	13,368	5,335
Event costs	293	2,952
Insurance	7,190	2,669
Subscriptions	1,699	1,095
Sessional workers	36,055	22,567
Legal & professional	41,385	8,025
Website costs	-	414
Other charitable expenditure	<u>221,550</u>	<u>127,261</u>
	2,039,550	1,290,334
Share of support costs (see note 9)	392,469	308,091
Share of governance costs (see note 9)	<u>44,850</u>	<u>15,868</u>
	<u><u>2,476,869</u></u>	<u><u>1,614,293</u></u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	593,051	564,868
Restricted funds	<u>1,883,818</u>	<u>1,049,425</u>
	<u><u>2,476,869</u></u>	<u><u>1,655,955</u></u>

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	Support costs 2025	Governance costs 2025	Total 2025	Support costs 2024	Governance costs 2024	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	292,131	-	292,131	237,879	-	237,879
Rent and service charges	12,330	-	12,330	7,202	-	7,202
Repairs and maintenance	30,418	-	30,418	11,516	-	11,516
Staff costs - training and travel	14,636	-	14,636	15,898	-	15,898
General administrative expenses	36,030	-	36,030	30,580	-	30,580
Insurance	3,754	-	3,754	3,382	-	3,382
Service user costs	519	-	519	24	-	24
Other support costs	2,651	-	2,651	1,610	-	1,610
Audit fees	-	11,225	11,225	-	7,350	7,350
Legal and professional	-	33,625	33,625	-	8,488	8,488
Trustees' expenses	-	-	-	-	30	30
	<u>392,469</u>	<u>44,850</u>	<u>437,319</u>	<u>308,091</u>	<u>15,868</u>	<u>323,959</u>

10 Net movement in funds

	Group 2025 £	Group 2024 £	Company 2025 £	Company 2024 £
Net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):				
Fees payable to the group's auditor for the audit of the group's financial statements	11,225	7,350	11,225	7,350
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	<u>3,300</u>	<u>3,300</u>	<u>3,300</u>	<u>3,300</u>

11 Trustees

None of the trustees received any remuneration during the year. Expenses were reimbursed of £Nil (2024 - £30).

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12 Employees

	Group 2025	Group 2024	Company 2025	Company 2024
The average monthly number of employees during the year was:	89	-	64	54
	2025 £	2024 £	2025 £	2024 £
Employment costs				
Wages and salaries	1,635,172	1,096,976	1,321,568	1,096,976
Social security costs	121,310	87,465	94,324	87,465
Other pension costs	52,155	28,769	45,657	28,769
	<u>1,808,637</u>	<u>1,213,210</u>	<u>1,461,549</u>	<u>1,213,210</u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more.

13 Tangible fixed assets – Group

	Leasehold improvements	Plant and equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 April 2024	71,009	39,856	110,865
Disposals	<u>-</u>	<u>(39,856)</u>	<u>(39,856)</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>71,009</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>71,009</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2024	24,803	39,856	64,659
Charged in the year	3,300	-	3,300
Eliminated on disposal	<u>-</u>	<u>(39,856)</u>	<u>(39,856)</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>28,103</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,103</u>
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2025	<u>42,906</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>42,906</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>46,206</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,206</u>

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13 Tangible fixed assets (continued) – Company

	Leasehold improvements	Plant and equipment	Total
	£	£	£
At 1 April 2024	71,009	39,856	110,865
Disposals	-	(39,856)	(39,856)
At 31 March 2025	71,009	-	71,009
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2024	24,803	39,856	64,659
Charged in the year	3,300	-	3,300
Eliminated on disposal	-	(39,856)	(39,856)
At 31 March 2025	28,103	-	28,103
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2025	42,906	-	42,906
At 31 March 2024	46,206	-	46,206

14 Investments

	Investments in subsidiary companies
	£
Cost or valuation	
At 1 April 2024	-
Additions	1
At 31 March 2025	1

Principal subsidiaries

The following was a subsidiary undertaking of the Charity and has been included in the consolidation:

Name	Company number	Registered office	Principal activity	Share holding
TWCC Projects Ltd	15889034	Windsor House, Bayshill Road, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, United Kingdom, GL50 3AT	To provide specialist support services for survivors of sexual violence and domestic abuse	100% Ordinary

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14 Investments (continued)

The financial results of the subsidiary for the year were:

Name	Income £	Expenditure £	Profit for the year £	Net assets £
TWCC Projects Ltd	523,902	(523,902)	-	1

Included within turnover is an amount of £523,486 in relation to governments grants received with regards to provision for independent sexual violence adviser services.

Administrative expenses include wages costs totalling £347,089.

At the year end, TWCC Projects Limited owed The Women's Centre Cornwall Ltd £406,677.

15 Debtors

	Group 2025 £	Group 2024 £	Company 2025 £	Company 2024 £
Amounts falling due within one year:				
Debtors	101,913	-	101,913	45,938
Prepayments and accrued income	4,906	-	3,248	12,025
Amounts owed to subsidiary	-		406,677	-
	<u>106,819</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>511,838</u>	<u>57,963</u>

16 Current asset investments

	Group 2025 £	Group 2024 £	Company 2025 £	Company 2024 £
Cash on deposit	842,638	-	842,638	797,459
	<u>842,638</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>842,638</u>	<u>797,459</u>

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17 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Group 2025 £	Group 2024 £	Company 2025 £	Company 2024 £
Creditors	124,137	-	96,501	41,645
Other taxation and social security	121,468	-	23,371	26,463
Pension	9,049	-	8,122	5,490
Other creditors	-	-	-	30,000
Accruals and deferred income	33,615	-	33,389	18,077
	<u>288,269</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>161,383</u>	<u>121,675</u>

18 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	Group 2025 £	Group 2024 £	Company 2025 £	Company 2024 £
Other creditors	20,619	-	20,619	5,000
	<u>20,619</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,619</u>	<u>5,000</u>

19 Designated funds

The income funds of the Group include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Resources expended £	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2025
Potential costs in relation to redundancies	49,513	-	49,513	-	49,513
Improving access to services for women with disabilities	10,000	-	10,000	-	10,000
Capital reserve	49,507	-	49,507	-	49,507
Languages access fund	20,000	-	20,000	-	20,000
Total	<u>129,020</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>129,020</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>129,020</u>

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for a particular purpose.

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20 Restricted funds

The income funds of the Group include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 1 April 2025 £
Criminal Justice	129,612	193,351	(114,877)	(11,215)	196,871	43,179	(171,649)	-	68,401
Sexual Violence & Domestic Abuse	49,620	452,970	(430,059)	-	72,531	1,006,216	(494,034)	(4,198)	57,029
Homelessness / Multiple Disadvantage	56,734	417,560	(311,603)	-	162,691	413,689	(400,589)	-	175,791
Underserved Communities	7,287	135,075	(87,630)	-	54,732	338,352	(188,968)	-	204,116
Support costs	-	146,862	(146,918)	(17,671)	(72,727)	153,870	(150,771)	-	(14,628)
Total	243,253	1,345,818	(1,091,087)	(28,886)	469,098	1,955,306	1,406,011	(4,198)	490,709

Restricted funds relate to our key charitable activities, which are explained in detail in our Trustees Report.

Restricted support costs are received from funders to help with the core running costs of the Group including utility bills, rent, administration costs and overheads, specifically non-project costs.

Criminal Justice restricted funding was received from the Jabbs Foundation and Nelson Trust.

Sexual and domestic abuse restricted funding was received from Children in Need, The Henry Smith Group, Cornwall Christmas Fair, People in Mind, Victim Support and the Office for the Police and Crime Commissioner Devon and Cornwall, Cornwall Council, His Majesties Prison and Probation Service Innovation Grant, Ministry of Justice Rape Support Fund Grant, CLEAR and The Children's Society.

Homeslessness and multiple disadvantage restricted funding was received from Cornwall Council.

Underserved Communities restricted funders included Cornwall Council and Treebeard Trust.

Ministry of Justice Women's Community Sector Core Costs grant of £ 148,870 was received to support the organisations core costs as a provider of support to female offenders.

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21 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Fund balances are represented by:						
Tangible assets	42,906	-	42,906	46,206	-	46,206
Current assets	892,455	490,709	1,383,165	697,204	469,098	1,166,302
Long term liabilities	(20,619)	-	(20,619)	(5,000)	-	(5,000)
Total	<u>914,743</u>	<u>490,709</u>	<u>1,405,452</u>	<u>738,410</u>	<u>469,098</u>	<u>1,207,508</u>

22 Operating lease commitments

At the reporting end date, the Group had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	Group 2025 £	Group 2024 £	Company 2025 £	Company 2024 £
Within one year	5,300	-	5,300	1,102
Between two and five years	19,200	-	19,200	-
More than five years	1,600	-	1,600	-
	<u>26,100</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,100</u>	<u>1,102</u>

23 Related party transactions

Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel is as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Aggregate compensation	150,649	136,152
	<u>150,649</u>	<u>136,152</u>

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24 Analysis of changes in net funds

	2025 £	2024 £
Surplus for the year	197,944	282,255
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(55,925)	(7,156)
Depreciation and impairment of fixed assets	3,300	3,300
Movements in working capital:		
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	(48,856)	115,984
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	182,213	(32,813)
Cash generated from operations	<u>278,676</u>	<u>361,570</u>