

Company Number: 04768755
Registered Charity Number: 1102607

Report of Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 31 March 2024
for
The Lauries Limited

The Lauries Limited
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Year ended 31 March 2024

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1. Reference and administration details

Charity Number: 1102607

Company Number: 04768755

Principal office: 142 Claughton Road, Birkenhead CH41 6EY

Registered office: 6 Abbots Quay, Monks Ferry, Birkenhead, Merseyside, CH41 5LH

Independent Examiner: McEwan Wallace Chartered Accountants, 6 Abbots Quay, Monks Ferry, Birkenhead, Merseyside, CH41 5LH

Bankers: National Westminster Bank, 2-8, Church Street, Liverpool L1 3BG

Trustees: Trustees who served during the year were:

P Basnett	Resigned 7 December 2023
P Crocker	Appointed 1 December 2024
K Eugeni	Resigned 30 November 2024
M Quayle	Appointed 1 December 2024
E Wilkes	
S McHardy	Appointed 7 December 2023 and resigned 30 November 2024

2. Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity is a company limited by guarantee and does not have issued share capital. In the event of the Charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is up to £1 per member. The Charity is currently governed by its Memorandum and Articles dated 6th May 2003 but, as referred to above, it is intended that these will be replaced by an updated, modernised set of documents.

The Charity is a development trust incorporated on the 18th May 2003, Company No. 04768755. The Trust was established by a mixture of grant funding, including Single Regeneration Budget 6, European Regional Development Fund, Neighbourhood Renewal Funding, and Sure Start funding. The Trust generates income from tenants of the Trust's building and the hire of rooms by external users of the premises.

At the Board meetings, the Trustees agree the broad strategy and areas of activity for the Trust, including consideration of investment, reserves and risk management, policies and performance.

Members of staff continue to maintain the building to a high degree of repair, decoration and cleanliness in order to enhance the experience of tenants and visitors to the Centre.

3. Objectives and Activities

The Development Trust's activities and objectives are to promote any charitable purpose for the benefit of the community within Birkenhead and Tranmere and surrounding areas (area of benefit), and in particular the advancement of education, promotion of good health, and to provide a focus for development and regeneration.

Tenants

Occupancy levels remained relatively stable throughout the year, however The Lauries Centre continues to operate in a challenging economic environment. Birkenhead is classed as an economically deprived area and attracts 'assisted area status', (where GDP per capita is below 75% of the EU average). This environment naturally constrains the income generating capacity of the Charity. To support the Charity, Wirral Chamber of Commerce has pro-actively promoted the Centre and advocated the use of its facilities to the membership.

4. Achievements and Performance

Once again, the main achievements have been to maintain and improve existing tenant occupancy levels. The centre has been supported through the activities of Wirral Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Lauries subsidiary, Lauries Events Ltd. All office space has now been refurbished with a large office on the second floor renovated to create three smaller glass fronted offices. The centre is very much used by the community, particularly with Adult Learning courses being run in a number of classrooms and with Blood Donations taking place each month.

5. Financial Review

It is the aim of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds, which are free reserves of the charity, at a level which equates to at least three months' unrestricted expenditure. This provides sufficient funds to cover management, administration and support costs. During the year a surplus of £282 was generated (2023: £69,862 deficit) which created net assets of £2,441 (2023: £2,159) The trustees note that although the company has returned to a modest level of net assets, the net current assets are £192 (2023: £15,808 net current liabilities), and are planning to increase the level of funds held in reserve in the coming year.

With the growth of its supporting organisation Wirral Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the opportunities available through the Birkenhead First Initiative, the Trustees believe the Charity is in a strong position to capitalise on its future activities.

Public Benefit

The Trustees continue to strive to meet the objectives, providing the activities referred to above and believe that they have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the surplus or deficit of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to 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.

On behalf of the board:

P Crocker – Trustee

Date: 19 December 2024

The Lauries Limited
Independent Examiner's Report
Year End 31 March 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the company (and also 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 your charity's accounts as 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 report

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 the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I 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 accounting 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
- (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.

McEwan Wallace Chartered Accountants
6 Abbots Quay
Monks Ferry
Birkenhead
CH41 5LH
Date: 19 December 2024

The Lauries Limited
Balance sheet
As at 31 March 2024

	Notes	2024 Total		2023 Total	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	5		32,771		53,863
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			38,801		37,841
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	6	44,372		45,707	
Cash at bank in hand		22,148		47,848	
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TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		66,520		93,555	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	7	(66,328)		(109,363)	
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NET CURRENT ASSETS / (LIABILITIES)			192		(15,808)
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TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			32,963		38,055
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	8		(30,522)		(35,896)
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NET ASSETS			2,441		2,159
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FUNDS					
Restricted funds					
Unrestricted funds	10		2,441		2,159
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			2,441		2,159
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The Lauries Limited
Balance sheet (continued)
As at 31 March 2024

In approving these financial statements as trustees of the company we confirm:

For the period ended 31 March 2024 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

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

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 19 December 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

P Crocker – Trustee

The notes set out on pages 9 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

The Lauries Limited
Statement of Financial Activities (Including Income
And Expenditure Account)
Year ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Restricted £	Un restricted £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
INCOMING & EXPENDITURE					
Incoming resources from charitable activities:					
Rental income		-	292,722	292,722	236,331
Other incoming resources:					
Sundry		-	45,980	45,980	27,809
Grants		-	-	-	10,000
Total Incoming Resources		-	338,702	338,702	274,140
CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE					
Charitable activities	2	-	338,420	338,420	344,003
Total Resources Expended	9	-	338,420	338,420	344,003
NET INCOMING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR					
		-	282	282	(69,863)
Balances brought forward as at 01.04		-	2,159	2,159	72,021
Balance carried forward as at 31.03		-	2,441	2,441	2,159

The Charity has neither acquired nor commenced any new business activities in the year nor discontinued any operations and it has no recognised gains or losses other than the surplus for the year.

The notes set out on pages 9 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, 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)” (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The charity is exempt from the requirement to prepare group accounts by virtue of section 398 of the Companies Act 2006. These financial statements, therefore, present information about the company as an individual undertaking and not about its group.

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

(b) Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The company makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future.

The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below;

When an asset is purchased it is categorised into an asset class, the depreciation policy of each class estimates the economic life of all assets within the class.

The depreciation policy of each asset class is determined by management and reviewed regularly for appropriateness. The depreciation policy adopted is based on historical experience as well as considering the future events which may impact the useful economic life of all assets within each class, such as changes in market demands.

In addition FRS 102 requires an entity to assess at each reporting date whether there is any indication that assets within a class may be impaired i.e. the recoverable amount of the asset is less than the carrying amount. If any such indication exists, management are required to estimate the recoverable amount of the individual assets concerned.

Management judgement is applied to determine if revenue and costs should be recognised in the current period.

ACCOUNTING POLICIES- cont

(c) Income and Expenditure

All income and expenditure is accounted for on the accruals basis.

(d) Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost or valuation, less estimated residual values, of tangible fixed assets over their estimated useful lives to the charity. The annual depreciation rate and methods are as follows:

Fixtures and fittings	- 25% on cost
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Assets are not capitalised if the value is less than £100.

Impairment reviews are carried out on an annual basis.

(e) Resources expended

The cost headings comprise expenditure, including staff costs, directly attributable to the organisation's activity. Where cost cannot be directly attributed they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

(f) Grants Receivable

These are accounted for when receivable and are classed as unrestricted income unless the donor imposes restrictions for their use.

(g) Incoming Resources

No incoming resources are shown in the Statement of Financial Activities net of expenditure.

(h) Financial instruments

The following assets and liabilities are classified as financial instruments - trade debtors, prepayments, accrued income, trade creditors, accruals and deferred income.

All financial instruments are measured at the undiscounted amount of the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received.

Financial assets that are measured at amortised cost are assessed at the end of each reporting period for objective evidence of impairment. If objective evidence of impairment is found, an impairment loss is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

2. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Running costs		337,451	337,451	342,905
Interest payable		969	969	1,098
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3. OPERATING SURPLUS

	2024	2023
Operating surplus is stated after charging:		
Depreciation	21,092	16,927
Accountants' remuneration (including expenses)	238	1,393
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4. STAFF COSTS

	2024	2023
The cost of employing staff was:		
Wages and salaries (inc social security)	76,507	81,339
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During the year no employee earned over £60,000.

The average number of staff employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
Management	3	4
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	3	4
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5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
COST		
At 1st April 2023	98,645	98,645
Additions	-	-
Disposals	-	-
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As at 31 st March 2024	98,645	98,645
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DEPRECIATION		
At 1 st April 2023	44,782	44,782
Charge for the period	21,092	21,092
Disposals	-	-
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As at 31 st March 2024	65,874	65,874
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NET BOOK VALUE		
At 31st March 2024	32,771	32,771
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At 31 st March 2023	53,863	53,863
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6. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
Trade debtors	32,226	11,782
Other debtors	10,000	10,000
Prepayments	2,146	23,925
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	44,372	45,707
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7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
Trade creditors	9,912	43,722
Other creditors	10,429	10,703
Bank Loans	5,374	5,241
Social security	1,103	1,411
Accruals	10,510	7,285
Deferred income	29,000	41,001
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	66,328	109,363
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8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
Bank loans and overdrafts	30,522	35,896
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	30,522	35,896
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9. TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED

	2024	2023
Charitable expenditure	337,451	342,905
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	337,451	342,905
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10. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	2024	2023
Balance of Reserves brought forward	2,159	72,021
Net unrestricted surplus / (deficit) in the year	282	(69,862)
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Balance of unrestricted reserves retained	2,441	2,159
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Unrestricted funds are incoming resources receivable or generated for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

11. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

2024	Intangible Fixed Assets £	Tangible Fixed Assets £	Net Current Assets £	Total £
Unrestricted Funds	-	32,771	(30,330)	2,441
Restricted Funds	-	-	-	-
	-	32,771	(30,330)	2,441
2023	Intangible Fixed Assets £	Tangible Fixed Assets £	Net Current Assets £	Total £
Unrestricted Funds	-	53,863	(51,704)	2,159
Restricted Funds	-	-	-	-
	-	53,863	(51,704)	2,159

12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

S McHardy is also a director of Egerton House (Wirral) CIC and P Crocker is also a director of Age Concern Wirral.

At the year end, The Lauries Limited owed Wirral Chamber of Commerce and Industry £2,642 (2023: £14,920).

13. OTHER FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

The charity operates from The Lauries Centre. This is leased from Wirral Borough Council for a nominal peppercorn rent.

14. COMPARATIVE OF THE SoFA

	Notes	Restricted	Un restricted	2024 Total
		£	£	£
INCOMING & EXPENDITURE				
Rental income		-	292,722	292,722
Sundry income		-	45,980	45,980
Grants		-	-	-
Total Incoming Resources		-	338,702	338,702
CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE				
Charitable activities	2	-	337,451	337,451
Interest payable		-	969	969
Total Resources Expended	9	-	338,420	338,420
NET INCOMING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR				
		-	282	282

15. STATUTORY INFORMATION

The Lauries Limited is a private company, limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales. The company's registered number and register office address can be found on the Reference and administration details page.

The presentation currency of the financial statements is the Pound Sterling (£).

The Lauries Limited
Income and Expenditure account
Year ended 31 March 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Income		
Government grants	-	10,000
Rental income	292,722	236,332
Sundry income	45,980	27,809
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	338,702	274,141
 Administrative Expenses:		
Wages	76,507	81,339
Social security costs	4,588	6,727
Staff pension costs	1,780	2,325
Insurance	6,593	7,997
Rates and water	8,680	9,498
Light and heat	91,529	51,862
Repairs and renewals	36,997	48,039
Accountancy	238	1,393
Management fee	42,000	53,640
Professional fees	1,463	883
Hire of equipment	10,079	7,089
Printing and Stationery	1,504	719
Sundry	18,557	8,693
Donations	1,259	28,440
Telephone	5,435	5,473
Cleaning	6,345	6,095
Charges	2,805	2,260
Depreciation	21,092	16,927
Profit or loss on sale of tangible assets	-	3,506
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	(337,451)	(342,905)
 Interest payable and similar expenses:		
Bank interest on loans and overdrafts	969	1,098
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	(969)	(1,098)
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 Net surplus	282	(69,862)
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