

Wirral Women & Children's Aid

Unaudited Financial Statements

31 March 2025

Registered Charity Number : 1106399

Company Number : 05250366

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Chair of Trustees' Report
for the year ending 31 March 2025

This year has been one of significant growth, reflection, and resilience across all areas of our work. We are proud to have supported an increasing number of individuals and families through our services, while continuing to adapt to the evolving needs of our community.

Growth and Reach

Our eight Dispersed Houses have accommodated 17 adults and 13 children over the year. In addition, our Outreach Workers have engaged with an impressive 105 adults and their families. These figures highlight the ever-growing demand for our services and the strength of our response.

Within our Refuge, we have supported 35 women and 43 children, and a further 25 women and 18 children have accessed our emergency bed provision.

For more detail, I encourage you to read both the Outreach Workers' Report and the Project Workers' Report, which give deeper insights into our work and the complex needs of the families we support.

Staff Achievements and Development

We continue to invest in our team, whose professionalism and dedication remain a cornerstone of our success. Notable achievements this year include:

- A staff member achieving AAT Level 2 in Accounting
- Our Family Link Worker receiving a Student Award for their Dissertation while completing their degree

Staff continue to build their knowledge and apply trauma-informed, reflective practice, with a particular focus on coercive control and the diverse, complex needs of the families we serve.

Sharing and Expertise

Our team has extended its impact by delivering training to other agencies, including a well-received course on the Impact of Domestic Abuse on Children.

This work is grounded in the understanding, reflected in the Children's Commissioner's Report, that children are not just witnesses to abuse but victims in their own right.

Our Family Link Workers' Report offers further insight into the valuable support they provide to both children and their parents.

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Finances and Sustainability

We remain financially resilient thanks to a combination of:

- Grants and donations
- Income from our well-run shop

These income streams allow us to maintain a high standard of care and service delivery.

Governance and Leadership

We welcomed a new trustee, Iris, who brings valuable experience in Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS).

Our team continues to work with exceptional cohesion and shared purpose, supported by strong leadership from our Head of Service, who has skillfully balanced the needs of our families with the demands of managing personnel and organisational change.

Looking Ahead

We are committed to building on this year's successes by focusing on:

- Listening to families and acting on their feedback
- Strengthening collaboration with staff to respond to emerging needs
- Feeding into our Business Plan to align strategy with lived experience
- Embedding trauma-informed practice even more deeply, especially in work with children
- Identifying and addressing any barriers to delivering domestic abuse training to all professionals working with children
- Ensuring trustee meetings include space for strategic development

Partnerships and Purpose

Our collaborative work with partners—including Wirral Methodist Housing and Wirral Local Authority—remains vital to achieving our mission. Alongside our amazing volunteers, we will continue to support every person seeking a life free from abuse, with compassion, hope, and professionalism.

Thank you to every member of our team for your unwavering commitment. You each bring unique skills, and together, we are stronger.

Meg Marshall
 Chair of Trustees

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Introduction

Since 1981, we have provided a place of safety for women and children fleeing domestic abuse. As an independent Wirral-based charity, we work closely with our local communities to offer a trusted, comprehensive support pathway for both local families and those forced to flee from other areas due to risk. We help families reclaim their futures with dignity, strength and hope.

Aims and objectives for the public benefit

The Board of Trustees confirms that it has had full regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit in shaping our objectives and future plans.

Our Mission and Vision

Our mission is to provide a supportive family environment so that those who are overcoming the trauma of domestic abuse and seeking a place of safety, do not have to face the hardest of times alone. By doing this, we are helping to empower women and children so that they can start a new life of independence, free from harm and fear.

We do this by providing high quality accommodation and intensive, tailored and trauma-informed support to women aged 18 and over (and their children) who are homeless or at risk of homelessness due to domestic abuse, to enable them to reach their potential and improve their health and wellbeing, including the addressing of complex needs such as mental health and substance misuse issues, whilst always promoting recovery and resilience.

We will work to engage and educate the wider community to challenge perceptions around domestic abuse. We will continue to be an innovative refuge, to provide a safe, therapeutic and trauma informed place for women and children, within which they will be supported and educated to enable them to break the cycles around domestic abuse.

We provide a supportive environment for staff who are valued, respected and protected.

Our values: P and the 3 R's

- Protect
- Relate
- Regulate
- Reflect

These values guide us daily—helping us build lasting, trusting relationships with residents, staff, and partners, even in the most challenging circumstances.

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Aims and objectives for the public benefit

Since we began in 1981, we have accommodated 3,641 women and 6,350 children and young people within the Refuge (excluding use of the emergency bed space), all of whom have endured domestic abuse. While our primary focus remains women and children affected by domestic abuse living on the Wirral, we also respond to high-risk referrals from further afield. Whilst the Refuge continues to be a female only accommodation space, due to the funding under the Domestic Abuse Act, we are now able to support anyone fleeing domestic abuse through our outreach and dispersed accommodation options. We value inclusivity and welcome people from all groups in society including those with disabilities and complex needs. We provide interpreters, adaptations and any other specialist support required to meet their needs.

Details of the Charity, its Trustees and Advisers

The registered name of the Charity is Wirral Women and Children's Aid, charity number 1106399, company number 525036.

All Trustees who served during the year are listed on page 1, along with details of the registered office and the charity's professional advisers

Constitution and Organisation

The Charity was established in 1981 as The Women's Refuge and later renamed to Wirral Women and Children's Aid (WWACA) to reflect our vital work with children and young people who are affected by domestic abuse. The company was registered with the Charity Commission on 21 October 2004 and is a company limited by guarantee, governed by its memorandum and articles of association, incorporated on 5 October 2004.

The Management Committee meet at least six times per year, with delegated authority given to the Head of Service for operational decisions. Subcommittees are formed as needed.

The Management Committee appoints new trustees, following an open process to ensure the board maintains a diverse and skilled team. Information packs are available from the Business Manager.

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Risk management

We take risk seriously. The Management Committee oversees a robust system of internal controls, budgeting, and quarterly performance reviews. Risks—whether from current operations or future plans—are regularly reviewed and mitigated with evolving policies and practices.

Financial Review

Results

Total incoming resources were £792,461 whilst total resources expended were £727,474 resulting in a net surplus for the year of £64,987. Total funds at 31 March 2025 were £405,938, comprising £34,754 restricted funds, £71,101 in fixed assets and the balance is the charity's general fund of £300,083.

Principal policies

The Management Committee expect to maintain a position whereby the combination of fund-raising, fees charged for accommodation and grants received are at least equal to operational expenses.

Reserves policy

The reserves policy has been developed following the guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales and applies to the free reserves, excluding restricted and designated funds. Details of the various funds are given in notes 9 and 11 to the accounts.

Reserves are held for three distinct reasons: working capital reserve sufficient to avoid financial difficulties in the event that income is significantly reduced in the short term; cessation reserve to enable costs in a winding up situation to be covered i.e. redundancy costs; and opportunity reserve for new initiatives.

Our policy is for working capital reserves to be maintained at between 3 and 6 months of operating expenditure (between £110,000 and £220,000), costs of cessation are estimated at £58,750 and we currently have no opportunity reserve.

The actual free reserves at 31 March 2025 (being unrestricted funds not invested in fixed assets and excluding the designated Hardship Fund) were £279,935, comfortably covering both working capital and cessation reserves.

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Financial Review

Funding

Supporting People provide a grant which, together with the rental income from Housing Benefits, comprises the core funding of the Refuge. It is based on the maximum capacity of 12 women and up to 28 children being accommodated at any one time. This combined income funds the basic staff costs and day to day running costs. There are staff on site 24/7.

Since the end of the two-year pilot project, which provided dispersed accommodation for people fleeing domestic abuse under the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 and specialist floating support for those placed in temporary accommodation, we have continued to provide this service through a combination of Intensive Housing Management funding and ongoing funding from the local authority for the specialist floating support.

Our two part-time Family Link workers have been substantially funded by Wirral Borough Council to meet its obligations under new Domestic Abuse legislation for work with children fleeing domestic abuse or who have experienced domestic abuse. We also received a grant from the Claude Ballard Southall Memorial charity towards the work in schools. The balance of the funding for the Family Link activities comes from donations – this includes enriching experiences for Refuge residents and ex-residents and families in dispersed and temporary accommodation such as trips to Chester Zoo, Ottersghoul, cinema, circus and park trips with picnic and games.

Other funding sources during the year included NatWest Circle Fund, Tesco Stronger Starts and Women's Aid Federation England (WAFE) which enable us to provide additional support in specific circumstances as determined by the grant conditions.

Achievements and Performance 2024-2025

Trauma informed approach

Our trauma-informed practices have continued to evolve with the support of ongoing TISKUK supervision, working on ensuring that our assessments, support planning and interventions do not retraumatise those we work with. This is grounded in reflective practice which continues to enhance staff understanding of trauma, emotional regulation and resilience.

We have also been working on the further development of our Domestic Abuse Toolkit, ensuring it is more trauma-informed and focused on recovery. Our aim is to provide meaningful support to women and children without re-triggering past trauma. The revised toolkit will support staff in adopting practices that promote safety, understanding, and healing throughout the family's journey in refuge.

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Achievements and Performance 2024-2025

Numbers supported

During 2024-2025 we accommodated 35 women and 43 children within the Refuge with an occupancy rate of 97.4%. In addition, we utilised our emergency bedspace for 186 nights, accommodating a further 17 women and 13 children in the Refuge to ensure their immediate safety. We were subsequently able to move 6 of these families into a room in the Refuge and 1 family into our dispersed accommodation. In total we provided 7,025 accommodation nights during the year across the Refuge, emergency bed spaces and dispersed properties.

During the year, our specialist floating support team dealt with 105 cases who had been placed in temporary bed and breakfast accommodation by the local authority due to a lack of alternative suitable accommodation locally. The team also supported 25 adults and 33 children who were housed in one of our 8 dispersed properties. The dispersed accommodation allows us to support men fleeing abuse as well as those women and children for whom the Refuge is not an appropriate sanctuary. It also allows us to manage risk at the Refuge effectively, moving a lower risk person into the dispersed accommodation and freeing up space in the Refuge for a woman at higher risk. Over the year, the team supported 9 men housed in either temporary accommodation or in a dispersed property, 15 families were moved from temporary accommodation to a dispersed property and there were 17 move-on's from the dispersed properties – all supported throughout their journey by the Outreach team.

There were 360 referrals made to all the services provided by WWACA, of which we were unable to support 64 cases due to a lack of capacity at the time of referral. We supported women with increasingly complex needs, including those experiencing multiple forms of abuse, mental health challenges, insecure immigration status and poverty. There has been an increase in women accessing our services who are foreign nationals, often residing in the UK on spousal visas. Many of these women either do not speak English or do not have English as their first language and in 11 of our referrals an interpreter was required. We have invested in translation headphones which is a developing solution and we have good working relationships with local organisations who support these families including Asylum Link Liverpool.

Other services provided:

- Our Family Link Workers continue to provide holistic, trauma-informed support to children and families affected by domestic abuse both in Refuge and in schools. The work covers direct one-to-one support and group interventions as well as professional training delivery and multi-agency collaboration

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Achievements and Performance 2024-2025

Other services provided:

- A weekly group for older children (11+) is a new initiative offering peer connection through pamper sessions, movie nights, games and positive affirmation work and baking and cooking.
- There were a total of 55 children and young people supported during the year (35 girls and 20 boys) with outreach work undertaken across 15 schools. The team are flexible in a crisis and offer responsive support such as engaging with a child refusing to attend school and providing wraparound support. A confidential and trauma-informed space is provided to explore emotions, process experiences and develop regulation techniques using talking, art, sand play and story-telling.
- Part of Wirral Council's Level 2 Domestic Abuse training, delivered to professionals across sectors, covering trauma-informed working and with a dedicated section on *The Impact of Domestic Abuse on Children*.
- 24-hour Domestic Abuse Helpline
- Our website www.wwaca.org explains what we do, provides contact information and shows our facilities.

Since the year end

Funding for both the part time Family Link workers and the specialist floating support workers has been extended for a further 12 months.

We have secured a three year grant from the P H Holt Foundation Action on Abuse programme which will cover additional Family Link worker hours from 1 September 2025 (they will be working full time) and trauma-informed therapy and counselling services for women, children and staff in refuge.

We have been awarded a grant of £10,000 from the Claude Ballard Southall Memorial charity for days out for the women and children over the next two years.

We have successfully supported women who had insecure immigration status when they came into our service with two families securing Indefinite Leave to Remain and one family with no recourse to public funds being placed in one of the dispersed properties and funded by Wirral Social Care while their case is processed.

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Future plans

To enhance our service delivery, the staff team came up with the idea of each member developing a personal specialism which would complement the existing support provided. Suggestions include Immigration, Children's Advocacy, Art Therapy, Social work. This is supported by the Trustees and provision has been made in the 2025/26 budget for the associated training and resource costs.

To make some short videos with the women and children in the Refuge around coming into refuge, what to expect and safety planning with children.

Conclusion

Sharing the feedback from a social worker who returned for the Christmas party after spending a week at the Refuge as part of her placement with the DA Hub provides a heart-warming testimony to how we achieve our mission and vision:

"Seeing them all having a lovely party and experiencing what every child should have the right to expect at Christmas: magic, time, kindness and the joy of spending time with those who love them most in the world. I never had that for so many of my Christmas's and I gave up believing that it was possible with my home life being so fractured and rooted in abuse and control masqueraded as routine and discipline. Seeing what you ladies do at refuge and what you create together as a strong united team is literally life affirming and hope inducing. I used to pray for that sense of warmth, hope and peace.

You've taught me so much at refuge. The importance of teamwork and 'togetherness' and what it means to really care about women. Centering their voices, and the critical difference that specialist support and intervention can make. Thank you for allowing me in again, and giving me redemption; erasing my negative past experiences of existing in a domestically abusive household and replacing them with feelings of warmth, joy and the knowledge and reassurance that you can find yourself in desperate intractable situations and still find happiness in places like yours."

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Conclusion

Our service has continued to expand as we now have more options than ever before to support anyone (women or men, with or without children) fleeing domestic abuse as reflected in the 7,025 nights of accommodation provided in the year within the Refuge and the 8 dispersed properties (2024 – 6,051 nights).

We are incredibly grateful to our donors, volunteers and friends whose generosity makes our work possible. With your continued support, we will stand firm in our mission to **Protect, Relate, Regulate and Reflect**, offering a future full of possibility and peace for women and children in crisis.

This report has been prepared in accordance with special provisions for small companies under part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

11 September 2025

On behalf of the board

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M.J. Marshall', written in a cursive style.

Meg Marshall - Chair of Trustees

Wirral Women & Children's Aid**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES****for the year ended 31 March 2025**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual 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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period.

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

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 (FRS 102);
- 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;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant information of which the charitable company's examiner is unaware;
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the examiner is aware of that information.

On behalf of the Trustees

Independent Examiner's Report**to the members of Wirral Women & Children's Aid**

I report to the trustees of Wirral Women and Children's Aid on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise of the Summary Income and Expenditure Account, the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

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 company's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in Section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of 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 that in any material respect:

- accounting records have not been kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with these records; or
- 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
- 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.

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.



Adam French B.Eng FCA
Hailwood & Co.
Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditors

11 September 2025
Moreton, Wirral

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SUMMARY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Income		781,943	691,243
Interest and investment income		10,518	7,446
Total income		<u>792,461</u>	<u>698,689</u>
Expenditure		723,501	658,154
Depreciation		3,973	3,606
Total expenditure		<u>727,474</u>	<u>661,760</u>
Net income for the year	10	<u><u>64,987</u></u>	<u><u>36,929</u></u>

Movements in reserves are shown in note 9.

None of the charity's activities were acquired or discontinued during the above two financial periods.

There are no recognised gains and losses in the year ended 31 March 2025 or the year ended 31 March 2024 other than the surplus for each year.

Total income comprises £643,360 for unrestricted funds and £149,101 for restricted funds. A detailed analysis of income by source is provided in the Statement of Financial Activities.

The summary income and expenditure account is derived from the statement of financial activities on page 15 which together with the notes to the accounts on pages 17 to 25, provides full information on the movement during the year on all the funds.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 £	2024 £
Income from:					
Donations		42,037	-	42,037	34,425
Other trading activities		48,580	-	48,580	44,812
Investment income		10,518	-	10,518	7,446
Charitable activities		542,225	149,101	691,326	612,006
Total income	2	643,360	149,101	792,461	698,689
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	3	449,598	233,459	683,057	619,282
Raising funds	4	44,417	-	44,417	42,478
Total expenditure		494,015	233,459	727,474	661,760
Net incoming resources before transfers		149,345	(84,358)	64,987	36,929
Transfers between funds	9	(18,173)	18,173	-	-
Net movement in funds		131,172	(66,185)	64,987	36,929
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward	9	240,012	100,939	340,951	304,022
Total funds carried forward	9	371,184	34,754	405,938	340,951

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BALANCE SHEET

As At 31 March 2025

	Note	2025	2024
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	6	71,101	69,900
Current assets			
Debtors	7	36,814	37,286
Cash at bank and in hand		384,639	278,919
		<u>421,453</u>	<u>316,205</u>
Liabilities:			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	(86,616)	(45,154)
Net current assets		334,837	271,051
Net assets	11	<u>405,938</u>	<u>340,951</u>
The funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted income funds	9	371,184	240,012
Restricted income funds	9	34,754	100,939
		<u>405,938</u>	<u>340,951</u>

For the year ended 31 March 2025 the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. No members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

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

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with SORP (FRS 102).

The financial statements on pages 14 to 25 were approved by the Trustees on 11 September 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

 

M Marshall - Chair

D Bennett - Treasurer

Company Number : 05250366

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NOTES ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 31 March 2025

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost accounting rules and comply with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014, the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The charity has applied Update Bulletin 1 as published on 2 February 2016 but does not include a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is applying FRS 102 Section 1A.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

Company Status

The charity is a company limited by guarantee. The company has no share capital.

Fund accounting

Restricted funds are those subject to specific restrictions imposed by donors and funders.

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes.

General funds comprise funds which represent accumulated surpluses and deficits in the Statement of Financial Activities, after transfers to/from the designated funds.

The purposes and uses of all funds are set out in note 9 to the accounts.

Income

All donations, sundry income and rental income are recognised on a receivable basis.

Grants are recognised in the period to which they relate, and are allocated to either the restricted fund they are intended for, or to unrestricted funds.

Expenditure

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

Fixed assets and depreciation

Fixed assets are stated at cost and are depreciated over their useful economic lives at the following rates:

Improvements to property	1% of Cost
Furniture, fixtures and fittings	15% of Net Book Value
Office equipment	15% of Net Book Value
Computers	33.33% of Net Book Value
Play equipment	15% of Net Book Value

All significant assets are reviewed annually for impairment and provision made where considered necessary.

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for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 £	2024 £
2 Income				
Donations	42,037	-	42,037	34,425
Interest receivable	10,518	-	10,518	7,446
Fundraising trading	48,580	-	48,580	44,812
Grants receivable	-	149,101	149,101	161,803
Rental income	539,232	-	539,232	449,545
Income from other operating activities	2,993	-	2,993	658
	<u>643,360</u>	<u>149,101</u>	<u>792,461</u>	<u>698,689</u>
3 Charitable activities				
Salaries and related costs	286,853	119,137	405,990	389,892
Rent and rates	47,101	44,373	91,474	78,483
Light and heat	14,946	3,062	18,008	17,277
Insurance	4,029	1,771	5,800	5,492
Sundry expenses	12,008	15,244	27,252	27,739
Grant expenditure	-	45,416	45,416	41,907
Training costs	10,293	2,770	13,063	1,603
Repairs and maintenance	28,975	710	29,685	10,298
Rent arrears written off	2,889	-	2,889	4,294
Management fees	18,408	-	18,408	15,060
Printing and stationery	3,674	-	3,674	3,307
Telephone and postage	4,105	-	4,105	4,115
Travel and car expenses	4,050	659	4,709	5,222
Bank charges	320	-	320	310
Legal and professional fees	2,224	317	2,541	5,137
Accountancy fees	5,750	-	5,750	5,540
Depreciation: Property improvements	686	-	686	686
Depreciation: Furniture, fixtures and fittings	1,234	-	1,234	1,284
Depreciation: Play equipment	978	-	978	582
Depreciation: Office equipment	169	-	169	198
Depreciation: Computer equipment	906	-	906	856
	<u>449,598</u>	<u>233,459</u>	<u>683,057</u>	<u>619,282</u>

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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 £	2024 £
4 Raising funds				
Salaries and wages	27,991	-	27,991	26,590
Rent and rates	8,500	-	8,500	8,500
Light and heat	1,394	-	1,394	1,082
Insurance	1,037	-	1,037	999
Repairs and maintenance	4,191	-	4,191	4,353
Printing, postage and stationery	-	-	-	1
Telephone	935	-	935	634
Sundry expenses	369	-	369	319
	<u>44,417</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>44,417</u>	<u>42,478</u>

5 Salaries and wages	2025 No	2024 No
Average number of full time equivalent employees	<u>14</u>	<u>12</u>
Staff costs for the above:	£	£
Wages and salaries	393,966	379,121
Employers' national insurance	31,240	28,908
Employers' pension	8,775	8,453
	<u>433,981</u>	<u>416,482</u>

There were no employees earning a salary in excess of £60,000 in either year.

The trustees received no remuneration or expenses in either year.

The company operates a defined contribution scheme for the benefit of its employees.

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6 Tangible fixed assets

	Property improvements £	Furniture fixtures & fittings £	Office equipment £	Computer equipment £	Play equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation						
1 April 2024	68,552	40,271	3,708	9,689	10,296	132,516
Additions	-	950	-	1,008	3,216	5,174
Disposals	-	-	-	(5,825)	(5,427)	(11,252)
31 March 2025	68,552	41,221	3,708	4,872	8,085	126,438
Depreciation						
1 April 2024	12,094	32,992	2,583	7,952	6,995	62,616
Charge for year	686	1,234	169	906	978	3,973
Disposals	-	-	-	(5,825)	(5,427)	(11,252)
31 March 2025	12,780	34,226	2,752	3,033	2,546	55,337
Net book amount						
31 March 2025	55,772	6,995	956	1,839	5,539	71,101
31 March 2024	56,458	7,279	1,125	1,737	3,301	69,900

	2025 £	2024 £
7 Debtors		
Rent and service charges receivable	18,336	11,581
Sundry debtors and prepayments	18,478	25,705
	36,814	37,286

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8 Creditors due within one year				2025	2024
				£	£
	PAYE and national insurance			7,813	7,795
	Sundry creditors and accruals			78,803	37,359
				<u>86,616</u>	<u>45,154</u>
9 Funds					
	Balance at 1 April 2024	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds					
P H Holt Foundation	185	-	185	-	-
Claude Ballard	2,340	-	855	-	1,485
Pilot Scheme - Outreach fund	95,582	91,254	155,562	-	31,274
WAFE Emergency Fund	1,790	2,150	3,940	-	-
Family Link Activities	-	50,697	68,870	18,173	-
Other funds	1,042	5,000	4,047	-	1,995
	<u>100,939</u>	<u>149,101</u>	<u>233,459</u>	<u>18,173</u>	<u>34,754</u>
Unrestricted Funds					
General Fund	84,194	593,780	448,549	41,780	271,205
Charity Shop	65,721	48,580	44,417	(61,154)	8,730
Hardship Fund	20,197	1,000	1,049	-	20,148
Capital Fund	69,900	-	-	1,201	71,101
	<u>240,012</u>	<u>643,360</u>	<u>494,015</u>	<u>(18,173)</u>	<u>371,184</u>

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9 Funds (continued)

Restricted fund - Claude Ballard

We received a grant of £2,970 from the Claude Ballard Southall Memorial charity in September 2023 for the cost of training sessions for our staff to allow them to maintain their accreditation in Trauma and Mental Health for the next three years. A further £855 was spent this year leaving a balance of £1,485 to cover the training sessions to August 2026.

Restricted fund - Dispersed Accommodation and Floating Support/Outreach Fund

As previously reported, we signed agreements with Wirral Borough Council as its preferred partner for the delivery of both a Domestic Abuse specialist floating support service and a Domestic Abuse dispersed accommodation scheme for a two year period which commenced on 1 April 2022. At the expiration of the pilot scheme, WWACA was asked to continue providing these services and we received a further 6 months grant for the accommodation scheme and then transferred these properties to Intensive Housing Management with effect from 1 October 2024. We also received a further 12 months funding for the floating support service.

We now have 8 dispersed properties across Wirral and there have been 17 move-ons in the year. A total of 2,575 accommodation nights were provided during the year in the dispersed properties to 25 adults (22 women and 3 men) and 33 children. This included 4 families who moved out of the refuge and into a dispersed property.

The floating support service provided by our outreach workers is not tied to any specific unit of accommodation. During the year there were 105 cases supported in temporary accommodation by the outreach workers in addition to those supported in the dispersed properties.

There remains a balance on this restricted fund at the year end which will be spent on the delivery of the specialist domestic abuse floating support and dispersed properties in the coming year in accordance with the terms of the funding.

Restricted fund - WAFE Advocacy Fund

During the year we applied to Women's Aid Federation England for grants to help two individual residents with specific costs. The amount of funding available in each round is limited and different criteria apply each time so we prioritise the cases submitted.

The grants received in March 2024 were spent in April 2024.

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9 Funds (continued)

Restricted Fund - Family Link Activities

Family Link activities were previously classified under Unrestricted Funds as there was no statutory funding and the work that was undertaken over many years with children and young people (and their mothers) was covered by the generous donations received, our reserves and any other grants applied for.

This year, Wirral Borough Council identified WWACA as it's preferred partner to meet its obligations under new Domestic Abuse legislation for the delivery of two Family Link workers who work within the Refuge and community working with children fleeing domestic abuse or who have experienced domestic abuse. The grant of £48,297 was for 12 months to 31 March 2025 and is classified as a Restricted Fund.

The service works with children using neuroscientific techniques, such as PACE, to improve and help with those who are: unable to attend school, have a fight/flight/freeze response, poor school performance, risk taking behaviours, are unable to connect with their emotions, have a heightened fear, panic/grief system due to it being repeatedly activated, getting into fights and/or becoming withdrawn. The children and those surrounding them will learn how to protect, regulate and reflect.

The qualitative outcome will be children are happier, feel safe, have their care and play seeking systems activated, be able to perform better in school and be able to engage educationally and socially in a way they have not been able to before. This will in turn have profound effect as they move into adulthood, help to break the repeating cycle of abuse and improve their economic circumstances.

A grant of £2,400 was received from the Claude Ballard Southall Memorial charity towards the work in schools. Both this grant and the Wirral Borough Council grant did not fully cover the cost of all the Family Link activities and the deficit of £18,173 has been covered by donations received which are included in unrestricted general funds.

The funding from Wirral Borough Council has been renewed for the year ending 31 March 2026 enabling this essential work to continue.

Charity Shop

Our shop in Upton Road, Moreton is open 5 days per week and generated a turnover of £48,580 and a surplus of £4,163 this year.

Since the shop opened for trading on 3 June 2014, a total of £61,154 has been transferred from the charity shop bank account to the Refuge bank account. These transfers have not been reflected in the analysis of the designated funds until this year.

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9 Funds (continued)

Hardship Fund

This is a designated fund to be used at the discretion of the Management Committee. It has been used to cover the housing costs of women whose circumstances prevent them from claiming full state benefits and to provide short term financial support where required.

During the year £1,049 of the Hardship Fund has been used in respect of one woman, leaving a balance in the fund at the year end of £20,148.

Capital Fund

This is a fund, designated by the trustees, which represents the net book value of fixed assets.

10 Income and expenditure account

	£
1 April 2024	340,951
Surplus for the year	64,987
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31 March 2025	405,938
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11 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Tangible fixed assets £	Net current assets £	Total £
Restricted Funds			
Claude Ballard	-	1,485	1,485
Pilot Scheme - Outreach fund	-	31,274	31,274
Other Funds	-	1,995	1,995
	-	34,754	34,754
Unrestricted Funds			
General Fund	-	271,205	271,205
Charity Shop	-	8,730	8,730
Hardship Fund	-	20,148	20,148
Capital Fund	71,101	-	71,101
Unrestricted Funds	71,101	300,083	371,184
Total Net Assets	71,101	334,837	405,938

12 Related parties

There were no related party transactions during the year.

13 Financial Commitments

At 31 March 2025 the Charity had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Expiry date:		
Within one year	-	7,792
Between one and five years	-	-
	-	7,792