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The O'Connor Gateway Trust
Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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).

Mission Statement

"The advancement of individuals who have undergone drug and/or alcohol treatment and rehabilitation, enabling them to confidently and fully participate in society".

Vision

"Every individual is given the chance to recover from addiction and live a fulfilling, independent life."

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The Trust is a charitable company limited by guarantee and was incorporated on 5 May 2005. It is governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 5 May 2005 and its objects are to facilitate individuals, who have undergone drug and alcohol rehabilitation, to integrate back into their local community equipped with living skills and a vocation and to help individuals to become productive and positive members of their community.

The Trust aims to achieve these objectives by providing training in basic skills in order that beneficiaries may live an independent life. Providing a safe, respectful environment where individuals can undergo a series of workshops, training, education and group/individual work in order to:

- a) Endeavour to reduce unemployment and State dependence among drug and alcohol misusers by exploring future career prospects and the necessary skills required to attain this goal.
- b) Reduce debts incurred and to promote the importance of money management by developing individual management and budgeting plans to attain financial security and independence.
- c) Reduce homelessness among drug and alcohol misusers and enable individuals to find a home and develop the skills to maintain future security through tenancy or a mortgage.
- d) Reduce accidents within the home, by developing and promoting understanding of basic DIY, health and safety.
- e) Improve unhealthy lifestyles by promoting an understanding of nutrition, a healthy diet and food hygiene.
- f) Reduce drug and alcohol related crime in the community by enabling individuals to understand the consequences of crime related activities and behaviour through therapeutic interventions.
- g) Create healthy relationships within the family unit through therapeutic interventions.
- h) Reduce the incidence of relapse and the return to substance misuse by providing a relapse intervention.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

TRUSTEES AND THEIR INTERESTS

The directors in office during the period are listed on page 7. Also listed on page 7 is the charity's registered number, the charity's registered office address and the charity's bankers.

We, the Directors of the company who held office at the date of approval of these Financial Statements, as set out above, each confirm so far as we are aware, that:

" there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware"; and

" we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken as Directors in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information"

FINANCIAL AND ACTIVITIES REVIEW

The Statement of Financial Activities for the year is set out on page 10 of the financial statements. A summary of the financial results and the work at the charity is set out below.

The Charity has reported a surplus/(deficit) of £12,849 (2023: £2,872), this surplus/(deficit) relates to the restricted fund £(88) (2023:£908), unrestricted fund £12,937 (2023: £1,964).

There were several contracts, service agreements and donations either received, renewed or agreed during the year.

The Trust continued to develop its work across each of the following areas:

- a) Advising on gaps between rehabilitative care and community integration
- b) Running social enterprises for the service to operate from
- c) Developing a strategic overview and future plan for the next five years
- d) Focusing on sourcing funding streams
- e) Promoting its charitable aims

The Trust has also promoted the benefits of rehabilitating drug and alcohol users by providing a number of activities:

- a) Service Users providing voluntary work with local organisations and charities
- b) The Service User forum has representation at management boards and at National Forums
- c) Service User representation at National Treatment Agency Forums

Noreen Oliver MBE, Hon.DLit - Chief Executive Officer

The Trust's Chief Executive, Noreen Oliver MBE, continued to sit on numerous Government Groups and Umbrella Organisations. Noreen was the founder - and is Co-Chair - of Recovery Group UK (RGUK) - which brings together agencies from across the sector, Government representation from Home Office, Department of Health, DWP. She is also a Director for The Centre for Social Justice, a think tank which targets key areas of poverty. Noreen received an honorary Doctor of Letters degree from Staffordshire University at its Autumn Awards Ceremony.

Community Recovery Academy, Burton-on-Trent - The National Lottery Community Fund

The Trust received financial support from The National Lottery Community Fund to establish and embolden the work of its Community Recovery Academy. It proudly achieved the following project outcomes in its first twelve months of the 2-year grant funding agreement:

Project Objectives:

- To engage 70 people over 2 years - the majority of whom are classed as 'economically inactive'

Year One Outcomes:

- 144 people accessed the Recovery Academy20 were external service users that accessed certain parts of recovery Academy and therefore didn't complete the programme, however still gained skills, knowledge, improved housing or were enrolled onto further educational courses. Three of these gained paid employment.124 enrolled onto the full 4-week programme.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

- Self-reported reduction in feelings of isolation
 - Self-reported improvement in wellbeing
 - Self-reported confidence in service users' ability to gain employment or access training
 - Self-reported improved housing circumstances- Accessing support from housing teams
 - Gaining Volunteer experience
 - Gaining employment
 - Completing the full programme
- 109 (96%) self-reported reductions of feeling in isolation
 - 113 (100%) self-reported improved wellbeing
 - 102 (90%) self-reported increased confidence in their ability to gain employment or access training
 - 74 of the 113 people required support with housing. Of the 74 (100%) self-reported that they had accessed support from our Housing Team and had improved their housing circumstances by living in a safe environment.
 - 112 (99%) gained volunteer experience whilst on the programme.
 - 75 (66%) went on to gain employment, secure a volunteer role and/or enrolled onto an education course.
 - 113 (91%) fully completed it:- 4 are currently active- 3 did not complete it due to health reasons- 4 did not complete it because they self-discharged

Several local outreach projects have been successfully delivered and delivered - summarised below:

Local Project

- Beresford and Kingfisher
Community Gardens
Project: Trent & Dove
Housing

Summary

" We conduct weekly sessions at the garden which are universally popular with our service users. As our client base fluctuates and rises in numbers dependant on progress through the treatment program the sessions range from between 1 and 7 participants with an average of 4.

- Drama Club

" Our Drama Club empowers service users to build confidence, take risks, express themselves, and have fun." It's led by a qualified drama therapist who previously completed her placement at the BAC and dedicates her time to run these sessions as a gesture of gratitude.

Additional information

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

- Recovery is Out There
(RIOT)

- Visits to local schools, colleges,
Scout groups, prisons- RIOT
Champions shared their
lived-experience of fighting
addiction, providing support & hope

Our RIOT volunteers share their lived experience to give hope and inspire others that recovery is possible. One of our volunteers, Nicola, has been going to HMP Foston Hall to share her strength and hope with others. The quote from Nicola below describes how important this work is to our volunteers as well as the people they are sharing their stories with during these sessions" I was asked to give a lived experience talk at Foston Hall prison due to my own experiences in addiction and recovery. I lived I'm active addiction for 26 yrs and in this time I served 7 jail sentences. I was keen to visit Foston Hall as this was one of the jails I served my time in. I delivered a shared experience session with a group of 10/12 woman who opened up their experiences and shared very openly with me, they had trust in me from the word go and related with so much I had to say, they were also eager to find recovery themselves. I only wished that when I was deep in my addiction in my prison cell that someone had come and spoken to me as it may of helped me find recovery earlier. I got so much out of the day, it made me feel so grateful for my own recovery and knowing that I helped others."

- Nutrition and Health Eating

" Weekly sessions in Langan's training kitchen"The groups are being run by a graduated service user with over 30 year's chef experience, who is volunteering on Recovery Academy to give back.The service users learn basic cooking skills, how to cook on a budget, healthy eating, and fun baking"

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

- Housing

- Acknowledging that some Recovery Academy members would benefit from Supported Housing, we offered options/opportunities for them to reside in our own Recovery Housing Accommodation (located in Burton-on-Trent, Cannock and Stoke-on-Trent)- We also recognised that this option is not always right for them - so as well as supporting them to get onto relevant housing lists for their local community we partnered with Derventio and Nacro Housing, who provided safe/suitable/supported accommodation.

"Derventio Housing work closely with the Recovery Academy at Burton Addiction Centre and take many referrals from their service. BAC is a vital service that provides drug and alcohol rehabilitation for hundreds of people. We have taken in several clients that have completed their rehabilitation programme with the Recovery Academy and have supported them with successful moves into the wider community. This is a much-needed service that has a successful impact on the local community." Lee Henchcliffe - Derventio Housing

Securing Employment

The Trust's Recovery Academy - via its Job Club (facilitated by an Academy Coach) - provided service users with the knowledge and understanding necessary to gain confidence, access training, secure job interviews and enter employment, working closely with:

- DWP to ensure that service users received the right benefits
- Acorn Training - who offered Apprenticeships, Training, Employability Support, and Youth/Justice Services
- Burton Rotary Club - who supported service users every month with the provision of mock job interviews/feedback

Social Enterprise - Langan's Tea Rooms, Burton-on-Trent

Many members of the Recovery Academy donated their time as volunteers at Langan's Tea Rooms. The Tea Rooms trade as a Social Enterprise where volunteers gain valuable skills and 'give back' in providing service(s) to our community in person. Their day-to-day contribution there is considerable and undoubtedly helped it to achieve its' Good Food Award (Gold Seal) status again (for the fourth consecutive year).

Our Recovery Academy Coach has supported people into further education, secure volunteer roles and paid work as follows:

- 36 - Enrolled onto further education courses
- 44 - Secured volunteer roles
- 30 - Paid employment

Roles include employment with BAC O'Connor, Langan's Tea Rooms, Betterway Recovery, the Home Office, Police officer, construction companies, NHS and a gym instructor.

Locality Deal Fund (Cannock Chase District Council)

The Council received Locality Fund Deal monies from the Staffordshire Commissioner and allocated proportions of this money to chosen service providers who help to support local Community Safety priorities. The Trust received £6,000 (12 months) funding to part fund the provision of a senior floating support worker. This worker provides support to the Trust's graduates living in three Recovery Houses (at Cannock, Stoke and Burton). This enables them to develop and enhance independent living skills and reintegrate back into the community, following an abstinence-based rehabilitation programme from alcohol and substance misuse.

Stoke Recovery Service

The Trust formed a partnership with We Are With You (formerly Addaction) and originally won the tender to deliver a recovery service within Stoke-on-Trent (SRS). The project started in November 2015. When the contract for this service was re-commissioned, the Trust was successful, alongside its partners BAC, We Are With You and the North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare Trust, in being awarded the contract for five years from January 2019 with an option to extend for a further two years.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

We employ a Recovery Co-ordinator and two qualified psychotherapists. The service supports people who are in abstinence recovery after engagement with the Stoke on Trent Community Drug and Alcohol Service. The service has continued to grow and provides a range of activities to those who are abstinent in the Community to help and support them in engaging with the wider community and in developing their recovery capital, these include:

- Relapse awareness
- Gender specific groups
- Exercise and health groups
- Volunteering opportunities
- Farm projects
- Fun in Recovery Groups
- Mutual Aid Support Groups

The SRS project also supports individuals to secure employment opportunities and supports individuals to access secure and stable accommodation which is vital for sustained recovery.

Stoke-on-Trent City Council opened the tender process for a new CDAS (Community Drug and Alcohol Service) contract to start from 1 April 2024, running until 31 March 2029, which incorporated the Stoke Recovery Service (managed by the Trust).

The Contract was won by BAC O'Connor in partnership with WithYou and will continue to provide support to many adults and young people living across Stoke-on-Trent. BAC O'Connor delivered the service with North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust (NSCHT) and WithYou. From 1 April 2024, BAC O'Connor will operate the whole service in partnership with WithYou, which includes a sub-contracted Stoke Recovery Service relationship with the O'Connor Trust and build on the foundation we created together for local communities. The total contract includes access and engagement, criminal justice, recovery, young people and families, IPS, rough sleepers' services, detox, rehab and clinical services.

Public benefit

The O'Connor Gateway Trust has continued to assist those who desire to, to receive work experience, training and life skills through employment and voluntary work placements at the Tea Rooms. Langan's Tea Rooms provide further public benefit in that they create an extra step of the rehabilitating back into society process. This creates a public benefit to not only those clients being rehabilitated, but to their future employers and members of the public visiting the tea rooms.

Volunteers

The Trust is grateful for the unstinting efforts of its volunteers who are involved in service provisions and fund raising. It is estimated that over 17,056 (2023: 18,408) volunteer hours were provided during the year. If this is conservatively valued at £12.00 an hour, then the volunteer efforts amount to over £204,672 (2023 : £204,513). The Trust has volunteer co-ordinators to ensure that the best value is derived from the sterling efforts of its volunteers.

Future Developments

- To continue to embolden the Recovery Academy's work and capacity with a full programme of structured workshops, social opportunities and training for our service users
- To continue to build repeat custom and reputation for service quality at Langan's Tea Rooms (Burton), promoting menus and services on our social media channels
- To increase the number of RIOT podcasts to spread the message that recovery is possible and to challenge stigma in society.
- To continue to promote the objectives of the charity and educate the community at large around addiction
- To reduce re-offending within the group of individuals accessing the programme
- To continue to promote the work of the Trust within the Criminal Justice System and drug services promoting referrals of service users. A bid has been submitted for people with lived experience to deliver talks in local prisons.
- To continue to strengthen local networks - particularly with the VSCE Sector - and regional relationships with commissioners.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Trustees and their interests

The directors in office during the period are listed on page 1. Also listed on page 1 is the charity's registered number, the charity's registered office address and the charity's bankers.

We, the Directors of the company who held office at the date of approval of these Financial Statements, as set out above, each confirm so far as we are aware, that:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware; and
- we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken as Directors in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information

2024 has been our first year without the guidance of Noreen. However the sign of a good leader is to have people in place to take over when you are no longer there. That has certainly been the case with Noreen and why, whilst Noreen has been missed, the good ship O'Connor Gateway Trust has continued to sail under Kendra and her first class staff

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

05119548 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1107156

Registered office

12 Bridgford Road
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Trustees

N M Oliver (deceased 16.12.23)
Mr J Jackson (resigned 4.5.23)
Mr C B Robinson
Mr F W Saunders
Mr D M Edwards
Ms E Turton
Rev M J Redshaw
Mr D G Matthews
Ms A Thomas
K M Gray (appointed 1.5.24)
Mr A D Oliver (appointed 4.5.23)

Independent Examiner

William Oates FCA
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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of The O'Connor Gateway Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES - continued

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 those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- 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 proper 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.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 24 December 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Mr A D Oliver - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The O'Connor Gateway Trust

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The O'Connor Gateway Trust ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company 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 statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can 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 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.

William Oates FCA

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24 December 2024

The O'Connor Gateway Trust

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		175,145	125,916	301,061	231,806
Other trading activities	2	649	-	649	-
Total		<u>175,794</u>	<u>125,916</u>	<u>301,710</u>	<u>231,806</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	3	154,910	126,004	280,914	220,034
Other		7,947	-	7,947	8,900
Total		<u>162,857</u>	<u>126,004</u>	<u>288,861</u>	<u>228,934</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)					
Transfers between funds	11	12,937 (283)	(88) 283	12,849 -	2,872 -
Net movement in funds		<u>12,654</u>	<u>195</u>	<u>12,849</u>	<u>2,872</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		133,654	908	134,562	131,690
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>146,308</u>	<u>1,103</u>	<u>147,411</u>	<u>134,562</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	7	19,540	-	19,540	27,487
Investments	8	200	-	200	200
		<u>19,740</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,740</u>	<u>27,687</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	9	188,444	-	188,444	174,999
Cash at bank and in hand		41,924	45,091	87,015	43,091
		<u>230,368</u>	<u>45,091</u>	<u>275,459</u>	<u>218,090</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(103,800)	(43,988)	(147,788)	(111,215)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>126,568</u>	<u>1,103</u>	<u>127,671</u>	<u>106,875</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>146,308</u>	<u>1,103</u>	<u>147,411</u>	<u>134,562</u>
NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		<u>146,308</u>	<u>1,103</u>	<u>147,411</u>	<u>134,562</u>
FUNDS	11				
Unrestricted funds				146,308	133,654
Restricted funds				1,103	908
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>147,411</u>	<u>134,562</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2024.

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

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

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Balance Sheet - continued
31 March 2024

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 24 December 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

Mr A D Oliver - Trustee

**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Grants are included in the SOFA when it is reasonably assured that the funds will be receivable.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity 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.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Plant and machinery	- 15% on reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	- 15% on reducing balance
Motor vehicles	- 25% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 33% on reducing balance

Taxation

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

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Reserves policy

The Company's board and management have reviewed the reserves policy and are agreed that a reasonable level of unrestricted reserves is required for the following reasons:

- to absorb short term setbacks such as loss or delays in funding

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Reserves policy

- to finance working capital needs, such as delays in receipts and to fund the time delays between developing projects, obtaining approval and funds being received
- to cover the working capital required to fund the usual retrospective nature of the programme funding which can result in considerable timing differences between expenditure and receipts of funds
- to cover the cost of investing in staff training and develop new improved services for the Trust
- to cover the cost of developing new services, such as communications, research and quality and business information systems
- to set aside funds for appropriate capital assets such as IT equipment and securing and developing suitable premises
- to provide funding to cover any unforeseen downturn in activity to be generated and/or planned downsizing of activity

The board have agreed a target of building funds of £204,221 of unrestricted reserves which will be monitored on an ongoing basis by the board as part of the business planning process each year.

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Fundraising events	649	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

3. RAISING FUNDS

Raising donations and legacies

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Staff costs	159,277	122,402
Rent, rates and water	1,582	2,391
Insurance	3,010	1,746
Light and heat	22,913	15,952
Telephone and office costs	1,093	540
Motor and travel costs	14,639	(1,284)
Radio costs	1,375	1,298
Computer costs	2,624	2,811
Events and education	303	12,189
Support costs	6,000	-
	<u>212,816</u>	<u>158,045</u>

Investment management costs

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Property repairs	387	512
Maintenance charges	11,411	11,376
	<u>11,798</u>	<u>11,888</u>
Aggregate amounts	<u>280,914</u>	<u>220,034</u>

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

4. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Audit and accountancy	6,000	6,000
Depreciation - owned assets	7,947	8,900
	<u><u> </u></u>	<u><u> </u></u>

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	149,988	81,818	231,806
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	143,528	76,506	220,034
Other	4,496	4,404	8,900
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total	148,024	80,910	228,934
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
NET INCOME	1,964	908	2,872
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	131,690	-	131,690
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	133,654	908	134,562
	<u><u> </u></u>	<u><u> </u></u>	<u><u> </u></u>

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7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST					
At 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024	12,897	31,209	34,534	48,612	127,252
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 April 2023	8,039	26,553	28,643	36,530	99,765
Charge for year	746	1,729	1,458	4,014	7,947
At 31 March 2024	8,785	28,282	30,101	40,544	107,712
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31 March 2024	4,112	2,927	4,433	8,068	19,540
At 31 March 2023	4,858	4,656	5,891	12,082	27,487

8. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Shares in group undertaking £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024	200
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2024	200
At 31 March 2023	200

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

9. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
Trade debtors	-	105
O'Connor Gateway Trading Limited	182,030	169,227
Langan's Tea Room (Cannock) Limited	5,000	5,000
Prepayments and accrued income	1,414	667
	188,444	174,999

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10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Trade creditors	599	598
Social security and other taxes	1,730	2,293
Attachment of earning control	-	233
Other creditors	200	200
Burton Addiction Centre Ltd	90,124	34,198
Accruals and deferred income	11,141	13,867
Deferred grants	43,994	59,826
	<u>147,788</u>	<u>111,215</u>

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	133,654	12,937	(283)	146,308
Restricted funds				
Restricted	908	-	-	908
Big Lottery Jubilee Event	-	-	12	12
Big Lottery	-	(88)	271	183
	<u>908</u>	<u>(88)</u>	<u>283</u>	<u>1,103</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>134,562</u>	<u>12,849</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>147,411</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	175,794	(162,857)	12,937
Restricted funds			
Big Lottery	125,916	(126,004)	(88)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>301,710</u>	<u>(288,861)</u>	<u>12,849</u>

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11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	131,690	1,964	133,654
Restricted funds			
Peter Harrison Foundation	-	1,003	1,003
Stoke Rough Sleepers	-	12	12
Big Lottery Jubilee Event	-	(12)	(12)
Big Lottery	-	(183)	(183)
Big Lottery Recovery Academy	-	88	88
	-	908	908
TOTAL FUNDS	131,690	2,872	134,562

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	149,988	(148,024)	1,964
Restricted funds			
ESBC Gardening Project	63	(63)	-
Peter Harrison Foundation	2,301	(1,298)	1,003
Stoke Rough Sleepers	8,750	(8,738)	12
Big Lottery Jubilee Event	10,000	(10,012)	(12)
Big Lottery	2,905	(3,088)	(183)
Big Lottery Recovery Academy	57,799	(57,711)	88
	81,818	(80,910)	908
TOTAL FUNDS	231,806	(228,934)	2,872

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11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	131,690	14,901	(283)	146,308
Restricted funds				
Peter Harrison Foundation	-	1,003	-	1,003
Stoke Rough Sleepers	-	12	-	12
Big Lottery Jubilee Event	-	(12)	12	-
Big Lottery	-	(271)	271	-
Big Lottery Recovery Academy	-	88	-	88
	-	820	283	1,103
TOTAL FUNDS	131,690	15,721	-	147,411

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	325,782	(310,881)	14,901
Restricted funds			
ESBC Gardening Project	63	(63)	-
Peter Harrison Foundation	2,301	(1,298)	1,003
Stoke Rough Sleepers	8,750	(8,738)	12
Big Lottery Jubilee Event	10,000	(10,012)	(12)
Big Lottery	128,821	(129,092)	(271)
Big Lottery Recovery Academy	57,799	(57,711)	88
	207,734	(206,914)	820
TOTAL FUNDS	533,516	(517,795)	15,721

12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The trustees neither received nor waived any emoluments during the year (2023: £Nil) through the Charity.

There were no expenses reimbursed to trustees during the year (2023: £Nil) through the Charity.

No trustee or other person related to the Charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the Charity during the year (2023: none).

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12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES - continued

During the year the Charity purchased and sold goods and services to The Burton Addiction Centre Limited, a company in which Mr A D Oliver is a director and shareholder. The purchases in the year were £94,336 (2023: £67,668) and the sales were £Nil (2023: £Nil). The purchases relate to costs invoiced to The Burton Addiction Centre Limited, which are shared services between the two companies, and these are recharged at cost. The Charity received donations from the company of £38,410 (2023: £33,470). At the balance sheet date £90,124 (2023: £34,198) was owed to The Burton Addiction Centre Limited.

During the year the Charity purchased goods and services from O'Connor Gateway Trading Limited, a 100% wholly owned subsidiary of the Trust. The Charity provided financial assistance of £90,000 (2023: £94,000) and received financial assistance of £Nil (2023: £Nil) to contribute to running costs. The Trust also received £45,600 (2023: £22,800) in other grants. Purchases of £31,597 (2023: £33,994) are costs which are invoiced to O'Connor Gateway Trading Limited but are shared between the two companies. At the balance sheet date £182,030 (2023: £169,227) was owed to the Charity.

During the year the Charity had the following transactions with Langan's Tea Rooms (Cannock) Limited a 100% wholly owned subsidiary. The Charity provided financial assistance of £Nil (2023: £5,000). At the balance sheet date £5,000 (2023: £5,000) was owed to the Charity.

There were 5 key management personnel in the year who were all paid through a related party. This is not being disclosed as it would impact on the ability to generate funding.

The O'Connor Gateway Trust

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	48,705	47,319
Grants	249,739	182,195
Other income	2,617	2,292
	301,061	231,806
Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	649	-
Total incoming resources	301,710	231,806
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Wages	93,826	78,178
Agency staff	63,587	42,990
Pensions	1,864	1,234
Rent, rates and water	1,582	2,391
Insurance	3,010	1,746
Light and heat	22,913	15,952
Telephone and office costs	1,093	540
Motor and travel costs	14,639	(1,284)
Radio costs	1,375	1,298
Computer costs	2,624	2,811
Events and education	303	12,189
	206,816	158,045
Other trading activities		
Purchases	7,802	9,846
Running cost contributions	45,600	22,947
Subscriptions and licensing	1,354	1,557
Training and recruitment	1,100	8,899
DBS costs	285	728
	56,141	43,977
Investment management costs		
Property repairs	387	512
Maintenance charges	11,411	11,376
	11,798	11,888
Support costs		
Management		
Depreciation of tangible and heritage assets	7,947	8,900

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
Management Finance		
Bank charges	159	124
Governance costs		
Auditors' remuneration	6,000	6,000
Total resources expended	288,861	228,934
Net income	12,849	2,872

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