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**SANDWELL IRISH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**  
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**UNAUDITED**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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**Trustees**

Kerry Flood, Secretary  
Martin Prestidge (resigned 16 March 2024)  
Stephen Simcox  
Luke Cotterill  
Ian Cotterill  
Tia Hazel Chana  
Nicholas Bate

**Company registered number**

08451766

**Charity registered number**

1107645

**Registered office**

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Oldbury  
B69 4SN

**Chief executive officer**

Chris Flood

**Accountant**

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172 Lawnswood Road  
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Metro Bank  
One Southampton Row  
London  
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**TRUSTEES' REPORT**  
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The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the Sandwell Irish Community Association for the year 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024. The Annual report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015) as amended by Update Bulletin 1 (effective January 2015).

Since the company qualifies as small under section 382 of the Companies Act 2006, the Strategic report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

### **Annual report 2024-2024**

Chair /CEO, Foreword  
Chris Flood

Welcome to the Annual Report of the Sandwell Irish Community Association (SICA).

Our organisation has been professionally established delivering services, supporting our local community for Sixteen years but been in existence for Twenty-Five. as we move on for the Brexit years. There are always new challenges to face we live in an uncertain world so it more important now than ever before for communities to come together in solidarity and embrace our shared humanity I have mentioned on more than one occasion the strength and variety of our board of trustee who provide strength and leadership a strong board of trustees can make all the difference in how successful an organisation is. SICA is blessed to have the members it has guiding our organisation's path. All of them bring knowledge and their own experience to our table and have the skill set to help us navigate these issues with confidence and surety. We are still expecting financial consequences of some sort down the line but SICA will meet this like any other challenge it has faced over the last 25 years with hope and transparency we have an organisation and trustees to help steer a steady course to deliver our aims and objectives, as mentioned before it is an opportunity to for radical and progressive change this while maintaining our core values of continued support to the most vulnerable in our community.

All of the details of Langley concept are available on request.

#### **Center Outcomes achieved:**

##### **2023-24**

Centre available 7 days a week 9am – 10pm

Total number of attendees for all services provided – 4'750

On-going local/user consultation / feedback or intelligence

Number of Volunteers – 110

Hours of volunteering time – 1'135

Services, activities and support available from other VCS partners and the council including general information and advice:

- Traveller support this is an ongoing service when needed by this communities
- SCVO
- Irish Passport support service

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- Welfare rights support (signposting)
- Falls prevention service
- Mental health provision
- Fitness and activities
- Summer clubs
- Day trips

We have achieved 5 of the Six Strategic SMBC expected Outcomes

1. The best start in life for children and young people ✓
2. People live well and age well ✓
3. Strong, resilient communities ✓
4. A strong and Inclusive Economy ✓
5. A connected and accessible Sandwell ✓

Break down of volunteers worked/volunteering opportunities created:

Community garden, Sandwell lions, Can power youth group, Tuesday lunch club, cycling group, physiotherapy students, events and planning, Christmas lights.

There are still opportunities to be involved with community garden and green space litter pick, we are working with young people on projects to volunteer and to help with all aspects of our services and events.

We have volunteers to help with events throughout the year; which include Christmas lights and summer events Tuesday club and chair-based exercise.

We are always looking for working initiatives and networking opportunities. Collaborative working is a very important part of what we do. We have specific projects as well as general services that benefit from our volunteers' help. We have a long list of collaborations which includes, Black country mental health team, SMBC, Langley traders, Can power, Canal and river trust, well life, waterside care, Wild-side project, Friends of Langley park. Sandwell Lions, Friends of Barnford park. British cycling, public health, Black Country Housing Group, each partner adds a unique strand to our working collaborations allowing for a more rounded approach to our work and project and helping form new ideas and working practice.

Summary of impact of services/support delivered over the year.

**Fall prevention/ Chair based exercise:** We are continuing to deliver this service and have; after, the success of our collaboration with Black country Housing group continued and provided the same service in collaboration with Oldbury health centre, this has proved to be very successful and has contributed to benefitting our health programme. We are sharing our health monitoring systems with others and sharing anonymised data with relevant authority to support individuals. We continue to learn and adapt this programme to update our system which will help in future health development programmes.

**Tuesday Friendship group and Chair based exercise Class:** decreased numbers in the Tuesday group have affected the group; this was bound to happen due to the ages of the individuals taking part. We are actively looking to support this group further and widen the promotion of the group and the benefits it provides. In contrast, The chair-based exercise class's number has grown. This is due to working in collaboration with other organisations and getting referrals from that and word of mouth so this group is doing well. We still provide help and support to both of these groups around Christmas parties, day trips and other events.

**Girls Can, Mixed Youth group, brotherhood:** The young ladies empowerment groups are still going well and we're continuing to deliver a positive service to young ladies and build individual confidence in them. We briefly had another youth services amenity based here this was a young man mentoring services this is a very important provision as it provided alternatives to gangs by showing positive role models and the work they do in their

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communities, unfortunately the number who attended were quite low, but this is something we would like to revisit in the future as we are keen to bring back this service back and fully support when the opportunity arises. This collaboration with Can Power is very important to us here, as it provides positive support and alternative advice to young people not to preach but help them reach their own conclusion as well as providing a positive and safe space for these young people.

**Art class:** SAFAL even with the changes to this service it remains a strong group with a very good tutor who engages on a professional and personal level. There is a warm friendly atmosphere so it's not just a classroom to learn but a group of friends who had never met before class enjoying a service which expands the minds by lifelong learning, but we also see this as an important support measure in isolation loneliness offering an opportunity to meet new people share experience and gain new ones.

**Mental health support:** Of all the services we have provided over the years this is one of the most important, and as with every annual report we provide requires a special focus and mention. The need for this service around mental health support will become imperative not only to individuals but to our communities there is a constant bombardment of negativity around bad news you don't look the right way your not one of us, no wonder bad mental health issues are on the rise we do have a plan here at SICA to create a centre of excellence around mental health support this we hope provide a template similar bespoke services in other areas.

**Ukulele Class:** We are blessed with tutors who have a gift to help deliver this much-loved experience, as with most of our services it provides support around good mental health life- long learning creating new friendships, a new beginners class began and has proven to be as successful as the original class, a testament to the tutor. We still have showcased the learner's skills at local events, and still leave people with a smile.

**General support:** we have continued and, in some cases, increased our service delivery, there have been difficulties but we have managed to as an organisation continue to deliver on our services, the general support need has increased as it does year on year. We have been a slight decrease in enquiries on Irish passports, and Irish Traveller support; however, these things can change in an instant depending on changes to the benefit system and housing issues.

We continue to support the local council and feedback on conversations concerning local issues, the park and surrounding area, any issues on the high street including cleanliness of the surrounding areas, we highlight any anti-social behaviour we are made aware of. The third sector is an underused resource and can be used to better effect and support any gaps with significant savings to be made.

### **Performance**

We have met all of our organisational performance measures and, and increased expectation and delivery in others. SICA continues to perform and deliver. We are continuing to create a sustainable plan for SICA and the community we serve.

We explore every opportunity to push forward our agenda around the infrastructure project (Langley concept). We are continuing to reach out to individual and like-minded organisations to work in collaborations while promoting SICA and Sandwell.

We will always look to expand or slightly alter a service to fit the needs of the user. In some cases we require flexibility.

We have over the years identified unmet needs and continue to do so because of our flexible approach and listening to the people that matter to the community.

We continue to provide support and signpost to other organisations when needed to meet that need.

We support difficult cases around Irish Traveller needs and shine a light into domestic violence and the poor mental health that this community suffers with. But there continues to be a lack of resources for those agencies

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that need it and who provide this support required to help combat these issues. We have been in existence for over 20 years and built a reputation for helping the most vulnerable.

Our mantra remains, if we can't help, we probably know someone who can.

We continue to refine our system of support around Falls prevention; it is continuing to work well, so in the long term we are looking at a system that reduces GP time and hospital bed blocking. We are continuing to work with other agencies to put in place a working model to be shared with others.

As an organisation we try to establish and put in place innovative in our work project highlighting any good practise we put in place to share with others, from mental health support, falls prevention, and of course Langley concept which has the potential to change the face of Sandwell, by creating energy security, sustainable jobs, supporting high street regeneration, encouraging and giving entrepreneurial ideas to others.

We have shared our project and thoughts far and wide and we are building a strong consensus as to what we can achieve.

**Future Plans:** The future continues to depend on others our vision is to increase good health both mental and physical while providing good general support, but Langley concept needs to be a priority we have to wait for thing to happen before we can move forward this is down to resource it may be we look at resolving the staffing issue first then continues with our main plan success is based on stability something we have for over 20 years we may have to look at a more radical agenda to move forward with purpose. But all the while we look to the future, we remain transparent and relevant.

**Difficulties/problems the organisation faced during the year**

Over the past 5 years difficulties come and go. Some persist more than others, the same old reasons persist lack of funding resources and changes of circumstance, which is still prevalent to everyone else, so you learn to cut your cloth to suit.

We continue to work with the local authority who have the own difficulties, but we would look to support them anyway we can to help deliver services that would support the local community

We continue to have a clear line of communication with the council and our organisation benefits from that.

As with most years we continue to have a clear plan on how to implement our services, we are aware of the financial constraint we are under, this can lead to our services not being as robust or to the standard we prefer or being able to provide the service we expect; this can be frustrating but as mentioned before we continue to innervate, adapt and move on.

We will continue to contribute to the 2030 vision of Sandwell helping to establish a healthier, vibrant and thriving economy.

**Memorandum: Alderman Martin Prestidge. (Personal Comment)**

I had known Martin for over twenty years. I counted him as my friend, he could be cantankerous, curt and to the point, but he had a heart as big as a house and he cared. He was a man of principal and strong socialist values, he believed in supporting the most vulnerable in our communities, he believed those with the broadest shoulders should carry the heaviest load, he was a good man, and I miss him.

**Chris Flood (Ex Chair/CEO)**  
**For and on behalf of the trustees of the**  
**Sandwell Irish Community Association**

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**Public Benefit**

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

**Going Concern**

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

**Financial Review**

Our income was £62,168 and our expenditure was £47,041. General unrestricted reserves are £23,456 and restricted funds are £5,453 so remain at an acceptable level.

**Reserves Policy**

The company aims to hold general (unrestricted) reserves of 3 months running costs.

**Structure, Governance and Management**

**Constitution**

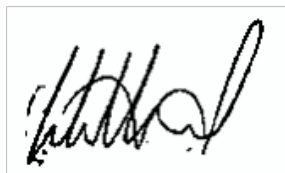
Sandwell Irish Community Association is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Memorandum of Association.

**Methods of appointment or election of Trustees**

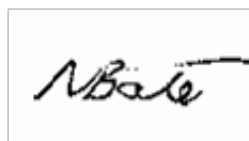
Sandwell Irish Community Association is governed by a board of Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Memorandum of Association.

The Board appoint a Chief Executive to help manage the organisation along with the strategic development of the company.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 7 December 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



**Luke Cotterill**  
(Trustee)



**Nicholas Bate**  
(Trustee)



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**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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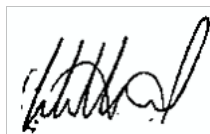
The Trustees (who are also the directors of the Company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial . Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

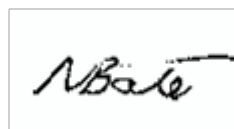
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject 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 Company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the 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 Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 7 December 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



**Luke Cotterill**  
(Trustee)



**Nicholas Bate**  
(Trustee)

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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**Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Sandwell Irish Community Association ('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 Trustees of the Company (and its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the Company's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

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.

Signed:



Melissa Smith

Dated: 7 December 2024

CIMA dip MA, MAAT

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	3	150	-	150	100
Charitable activities	4	14,840	47,178	62,018	31,725
<b>Total income</b>		<b>14,990</b>	<b>47,178</b>	<b>62,168</b>	<b>31,825</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities	5	5,907	41,134	47,041	45,643
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>5,907</b>	<b>41,134</b>	<b>47,041</b>	<b>45,643</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>9,083</b>	<b>6,044</b>	<b>15,127</b>	<b>(13,818)</b>
Transfers between funds	14	2,777	(2,777)	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>11,860</b>	<b>3,267</b>	<b>15,127</b>	<b>(13,818)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward		11,596	2,186	13,782	27,600
Net movement in funds		11,860	3,267	15,127	(13,818)
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>23,456</b>	<b>5,453</b>	<b>28,909</b>	<b>13,782</b>

The Statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 12 to 26 form part of these financial statements.

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**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31 MARCH 2024**

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	9	2,634	-
		<u>2,634</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	10	406	332
Cash at bank and in hand		27,454	14,803
		<u>27,860</u>	<u>15,135</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(1,585)	(1,353)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>26,275</u>	<u>13,782</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>28,909</u>	<u>13,782</u>
<b>Net assets excluding pension asset</b>		<u>28,909</u>	<u>13,782</u>
<b>Total net assets</b>		<u><u>28,909</u></u>	<u><u>13,782</u></u>
<b>Charity funds</b>			
Restricted funds	14	5,453	2,186
Unrestricted funds	14	23,456	11,596
<b>Total funds</b>		<u><u>28,909</u></u>	<u><u>13,782</u></u>

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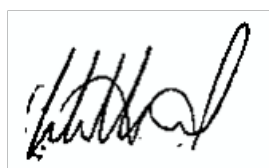
The Company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of Companies Act 2006.

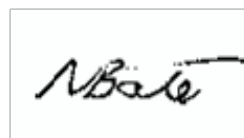
The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

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

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 07 December 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



**Luke Cotterill**  
(Trustee)



**Nicholas Bate**  
(Trustee)

The notes on pages 12 to 26 form part of these financial statements.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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**1. General information**

The company is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Memorandum of Association in March 2013.

**2. Accounting policies**

**2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements**

The financial statements 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 2015), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Sandwell Irish Community Association meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

**2.2 Income**

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

**2.3 Expenditure**

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

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Company's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

**2.4 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

Tangible fixed assets costing £NIL or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

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**2. Accounting policies (continued)**

**2.4 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation (continued)**

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, .

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Fixtures and fittings	-
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**2.5 Debtors**

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

**2.6 Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

**2.7 Liabilities and provisions**

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

**2.8 Financial instruments**

The Company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

**2.9 Fund accounting**

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

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

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**3. Income from donations and legacies**

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2024 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2024 £</b>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Donations	150	<b>150</b>	100
<i>Total 2023</i>	100	100	



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**4. Income from charitable activities**

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income from charitable activities - Sandwell MBC	-	16,650	<b>16,650</b>	16,650
Income from charitable activities - Room hire	14,840	-	<b>14,840</b>	4,154
Income from Charitable activities - Black Country Housing	-	-	-	4,492
Income from charitable activities - The Grimmitt Trust	-	400	<b>400</b>	-
Income from charitable activities - Sandwell MBC - Omnicron & leisure	-	-	-	2,667
Income from charitable activities - Sandwell MBC	-	2,777	<b>2,777</b>	-
Income from charitable activities - Sandwell MBC - Prevention & Falls	-	-	-	1,232
Income from charitable activities - Sandwell MBC - Langley	-	-	-	200
Income from charitable activities - Black Country Consortium	-	-	-	1,310
Income from charitable activities - The Henry Smith Charity	-	1,960	<b>1,960</b>	-
Income from charitable activities - The National Lottery Community Fund	-	19,861	<b>19,861</b>	-
Income from charitable activities - SCVO - Warm Spaces	-	3,400	<b>3,400</b>	1,020
The British Triathlon	-	2,130	<b>2,130</b>	-
<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>14,840</b>	<b>47,178</b>	<b>62,018</b>	<b>31,725</b>
<i>Total 2023</i>	<i>4,154</i>	<i>27,571</i>	<i>31,725</i>	

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**5. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities**

**Summary by fund type**

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2024 £</b>	<b>Restricted funds 2024 £</b>	<b>Total 2024 £</b>	<i>Total 2023 £</i>
Sandwell MBC - wages	-	16,650	<b>16,650</b>	16,650
Room hire	5,907	293	<b>6,200</b>	15,687
Black Country Housing	-	-	-	4,492
The Grimmitt Trust	-	400	<b>400</b>	-
Sandwell MBC - Omnicron & leisure	-	-	-	2,667
Good Neighbours	-	-	-	2,167
Sandwell MBC - Prevention & Falls	-	-	-	1,232
Black Country Consortium	-	-	-	1,218
The Henry Smith Charity	-	1,500	<b>1,500</b>	-
The National Lottery Community Fund	-	19,861	<b>19,861</b>	-
SCVO - Warm Spaces	-	2,430	<b>2,430</b>	1,530
	<u>5,907</u>	<u>41,134</u>	<u><b>47,041</b></u>	<u>45,643</u>
<i>Total 2023</i>	<u>15,687</u>	<u>29,956</u>	<u>45,643</u>	

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**6. Analysis of expenditure by activities**

	<b>Activities undertaken directly 2024 £</b>	<b>Support costs 2024 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2024 £</b>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Sandwell MBC - wages	16,650	-	<b>16,650</b>	16,650
Room hire	1,135	5,065	<b>6,200</b>	15,687
Black Country Housing	-	-	-	4,492
The Grimmitt Trust	400	-	<b>400</b>	-
Sandwell MBC - Omnicron & leisure	-	-	-	2,667
Good Neighbours	-	-	-	2,167
Sandwell MBC - Prevention & Falls	-	-	-	1,232
Black Country Consortium	-	-	-	1,218
The Henry Smith Charity	1,500	-	<b>1,500</b>	-
The National Lottery Community Fund	80	19,781	<b>19,861</b>	-
SCVO - Warm Spaces	900	1,530	<b>2,430</b>	1,530
	<u>20,665</u>	<u>26,376</u>	<u><b>47,041</b></u>	<u>45,643</u>
<i>Total 2023</i>	<u>31,842</u>	<u>13,801</u>	<u>45,643</u>	

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**6. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)**

**Analysis of direct costs**

	<b>Sandwell MBC - wages 2024 £</b>	<b>Room hire 2024 £</b>	<b>Black Country Housing 2024 £</b>	<b>The Grimmitt Trust 2024 £</b>	<b>Sandwell MBC - Langley lights 2024 £</b>
Wages and salaries	16,650	540	-	-	-
Events	-	595	-	400	-
Travelling	-	-	-	-	-
Facilitators	-	-	-	-	-
Volunteers travel & subsistence	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>16,650</u>	<u>1,135</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Total 2023</i>	<u>16,650</u>	<u>6,083</u>	<u>4,492</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,167</u>

	<b>Sandwell MBC - Good neighbours 2024 £</b>	<b>Black Country Consortium 2024 £</b>	<b>The Henry Smith Charity 2024 £</b>	<b>The National Lottery Community Fund 2024 £</b>
Wages and salaries	-	-	-	-
Events	-	-	1,500	-
Travelling	-	-	-	-
Facilitators	-	-	-	80
Volunteers travel & subsistence	-	-	-	-
Equipment	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>80</u>
<i>Total 2023</i>	<u>1,232</u>	<u>1,218</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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**6. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)**

**Analysis of direct costs (continued)**

	<b>SCVO - Warm Spaces 2024 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2024 £</b>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Wages and salaries	-	<b>17,190</b>	27,164
Events	-	<b>2,495</b>	290
Travelling	-	-	12
Facilitators	900	<b>980</b>	3,016
Volunteers travel & subsistence	-	-	142
Equipment	-	-	1,218
	<hr/> 900 <hr/>	<hr/> <b>20,665</b> <hr/>	<hr/> 31,842 <hr/>
<i>Total 2023</i>	<hr/> - <hr/>	<hr/> 31,842 <hr/>	

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**6. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)**

**Analysis of support costs**

	<b>Total funds 2024 £</b>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Depreciation	<b>293</b>	-
Wages and salaries	<b>10,019</b>	1,530
Rent and rates	<b>374</b>	876
Electricity	<b>3,036</b>	2,355
Repairs and maintenance	<b>4,589</b>	1,416
Telephone	<b>551</b>	1,136
Equipment rental	<b>3,774</b>	3,272
Printing, postage, stationery	<b>289</b>	603
Lunches	<b>109</b>	103
Volunteers travel & subsistence	<b>282</b>	-
Cleaning	<b>555</b>	53
Water	<b>19</b>	340
Sundry expenses	<b>284</b>	156
Professional fees	<b>775</b>	585
Computers and software	<b>554</b>	336
Subscriptions	<b>35</b>	35
Insurance	<b>601</b>	1,005
Training	<b>72</b>	-
Refreshments	<b>165</b>	-
	<b>26,376</b>	13,801

**7. Independent examiner's remuneration**

	<b>2024 £</b>	<i>2023 £</i>
Fees payable to the Company's independent examiner for the independent examination of the Company's annual accounts	<b>675</b>	400
Fees payable to the Company's independent examiner in respect of:		
All other services not included above	<b>100</b>	100

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**8. Trustees' remuneration and expenses**

During the year, one or more Trustees has been paid remuneration or has received other benefits from an employment with the Company. Mr S Simcox was paid for tuition of classes as part of the charities objectives. The Trustees consider the amount charged by Mr S Simcox to be less than the applicable market rate for tuition. The value of Trustees' remuneration and other benefits was as follows:

		<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Stephen Simcox	Remuneration	<b>680</b>	<b>2,751</b>

During the year ended 31 March 2024, expenses totalling £NIL were reimbursed or paid directly to Trustee (2023 - £NIL to Trustee).

**9. Tangible fixed assets**

	<b>Fixtures and fittings</b>
	<b>£</b>
<b>Cost or valuation</b>	
Additions	<b>2,927</b>
At 31 March 2024	<b>2,927</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>	
Charge for the year	<b>293</b>
At 31 March 2024	<b>293</b>
<b>Net book value</b>	
At 31 March 2024	<b>2,634</b>
At 31 March 2023	<b>-</b>

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**10. Debtors**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Due within one year</b>		
Prepayments and accrued income	<b>406</b>	332
	<b>406</b>	332



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**11. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Other taxation and social security	<b>519</b>	<b>553</b>
Pension fund loan payable	<b>105</b>	<b>-</b>
Other creditors	<b>186</b>	<b>300</b>
Accruals and deferred income	<b>775</b>	<b>500</b>
	<b>1,585</b>	<b>1,353</b>

**12. Operating Lease Commitments**

Annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

Office Equipment  
In less than one year: £2,079  
In two to five years: £6,732

**13. Financial instruments**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Financial assets</b>		
Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure	<b>27,454</b>	<b>14,803</b>

Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure comprise of assets held for trading and those financial assets designated as being held at fair value through profit or loss.

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**14. Statement of funds**

**Statement of funds - current year**

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General Funds - all funds	11,596	14,990	(5,907)	2,777	23,456
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Restricted Funds - all funds	2,186	47,178	(41,134)	(2,777)	5,453
<b>Total of funds</b>	13,782	62,168	(47,041)	-	28,909

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**14. Statement of funds (continued)**

**Statement of funds - prior year**

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2022 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 March 2023 £</i>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General Funds - all funds	23,029	4,254	(15,687)	11,596
	<u>23,029</u>	<u>4,254</u>	<u>(15,687)</u>	<u>11,596</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Restricted Funds - all funds	4,571	27,571	(29,956)	2,186
	<u>4,571</u>	<u>27,571</u>	<u>(29,956)</u>	<u>2,186</u>
<b>Total of funds</b>	<u>27,600</u>	<u>31,825</u>	<u>(45,643)</u>	<u>13,782</u>

**15. Summary of funds**

**Summary of funds - current year**

	<b>Balance at 1 April 2023 £</b>	<b>Income £</b>	<b>Expenditure £</b>	<b>Transfers in/out £</b>	<b>Balance at 31 March 2024 £</b>
General funds	11,596	14,990	(5,907)	2,777	23,456
Restricted funds	2,186	47,178	(41,134)	(2,777)	5,453
	<u>13,782</u>	<u>62,168</u>	<u>(47,041)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,909</u>

**Summary of funds - prior year**

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2022 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 March 2023 £</i>
General funds	23,029	4,254	(15,687)	11,596
Restricted funds	4,571	27,571	(29,956)	2,186
	<u>27,600</u>	<u>31,825</u>	<u>(45,643)</u>	<u>13,782</u>

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**16. Analysis of net assets between funds**

**Analysis of net assets between funds - current period**

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2024 £</b>	<b>Restricted funds 2024 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2024 £</b>
Tangible fixed assets	2,634	-	<b>2,634</b>
Current assets	22,407	5,453	<b>27,860</b>
Creditors due within one year	(1,585)	-	<b>(1,585)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<u>23,456</u>	<u>5,453</u>	<u><b>28,909</b></u>

**Analysis of net assets between funds - prior period**

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Restricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Current assets	12,949	2,186	15,135
Creditors due within one year	(1,353)	-	(1,353)
<b>Total</b>	<u>11,596</u>	<u>2,186</u>	<u>13,782</u>