

SHEFFIELD WORKING WOMEN'S OPPORTUNITIES PROJECT (SWWOP)

(A Company Limited by Guarantee, registered no. 05413661)

(Registered Charity registered number 1109759)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 31 March 2025

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Legal and administrative information

Trustees

Polly Foster	Chair
Lotte Aweimrin	Treasurer
Anthony Bains	
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Registered Charity number

1109759

Company Ltd by Guarantee number

05413661

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Trustees' report

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Entities.

Structure, governance and management

The charitable company is governed by its memorandum and articles of association incorporated 5 May 2005 and was entered on the Register of Charities effective from 27 May 2005.

Rosie Peers, SWWOP project manager, oversees the day-to-day management of SWWOP supported by a voluntary multi-agency management committee with representatives from Mental Health, Safeguarding Children and Adults at Risk, Substance Misuse, Sexual Health and Organisational Health and Safety.

The trustees who served during the year are listed on page 2 on the report.

New trustees are recruited to fill gaps in the management committee as required. Trustees are generally recruited from people who express an interest in the work of SWWOP. Prospective candidates send a CV and expression of interest, they will then be interviewed by a trustee and the project manager before being appointed.

Objectives and activities

The objectives of SWWOP as a Charity are to offer support to women inhabitants of the City of Sheffield and districts who engage in sex work, mostly on the street, by the provision of advice and support with substance misuse, housing, access to physical and mental health services and assistance with benefits such as Universal Credit and PIP. The Charity aims to:

- a) break down the feelings of isolation and vulnerability of women working.
- b) provide street-based community work on an outreach van where the women work, providing information, advice and support around a broad range of issues.
- c) encourage take-up of health (physical, mental and sexual), social care and other local services.
- d) provide advice and support to women working in prostitution about substance misuse and harm reduction, including needle exchange services.
- e) provide dedicated housing support with close links to the council's housing teams.
- f) develop opportunities and resources for women to meet to give and receive support, improve self-esteem and lack of confidence and to take part in activities.
- g) provide an opportunity for women to explore choices available to them e.g., employment, education and training; to encourage and support an exit from street prostitution.
- h) to educate the public in the causes and effects of prostitution and the prevention thereof, and to undertake or contribute to research into such matters and/or publish the useful results of such research;

SWWOP is opposed to discrimination and oppression based on the grounds of race, gender, class, age, sexuality, disability and HIV status.

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Trustees' report continued

Public benefit statement

The Trustees of SWWOP take their responsibilities seriously and are confident that the organisation's activities meet the public benefit guidance of the Charity Commission.

Review of Progress and Achievement

The year 24/25 has seen continued growth in the charity. The project manager and the trustees have been working together to explore ways of making the charity increasingly self-sustainable. We are very pleased to have received funding to employ a Fundraising Officer for a year to take a lead in this area. We have also recruited 2 new trustees who have added a wealth of expertise in different areas to the board.

The office is open 5 days per week allowing the increasing number of extremely vulnerable clients, with complex difficulties, to simply drop in for help. This is particularly valuable as a way of preventing crises from escalating. The majority of clients have substance misuse issues and problems with addiction, many of them are homeless, and the majority live chaotic and dangerous lives.

There are currently 4 part time support and advocacy workers who provide general support to the women who access the service. SWWOP has also continued additional funding to employ a specialist housing worker and a specialist drug intervention worker alongside the support and advocacy workers.

Over this last year outreach has continued to be up to 5 evenings a week. Van shifts of 2 hours in length continue to work well as we have found that shorter but more frequent outreach sessions work better for the women on the beat. The van offers hot and cold drinks, food, toiletries, basic clothes (winter items, underwear), condoms and a needle exchange. The van continues to be a vital component of the service that SWWOP offers.

Our main funder is the National Lottery through the Reaching Communities Big Lottery Fund with an amount of £123,129 per annum. In November, we secured increased funding of £140,000 for an additional three years. This funds 5 members of staff also office costs, van costs and client related expenses.

We are very grateful to our core funders the Sheffield City Council Safer and Sustainable Communities Partnership totalling £57,800. The funding we receive from the Sheffield City Council enables us to continue delivering the much needed services to our clients and we thank them most sincerely for always supporting us.

Sheffield City Council has provided £44,160 to continue to fund a full time Drug Intervention worker. This post has proven to be a real asset to the team and provides a much needed link between the Sheffield drug service (Likewise) and SWWOP.

Sheffield City Council have provided £36,750 to cover the full-time wage for a Housing Support Worker plus an additional £7,350 to help with housing related costs for clients. Unfortunately, the funding for this post will not continue after the end of this tax year. The post was a vital link to the council's housing department for the clients and staff. The worker was also able to provide information and support to clients regarding their housing claims and other housing related issues.

In 24/25 Sheffield City Council have provided SWWOP with £10,648 to fund a GP service for a half day on a weekly basis. The GP is able to see women on a drop-in basis for a range of medical issues. The GP can also provide STI screening and referrals to specialist NHS services. This funding was granted for 2 years ending in March 2025 but has been extended for another year which is fantastic news.

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Trustees' report continued

Review of Progress and Achievement continued

The University of Sheffield provide SWWOP with £10,192 to host medical students for a variety of work placements that benefit the students by raising their awareness of health inequalities and the way services are accessed by our clients.

SWWOP was successful in their bid to the Rosa fund £21,600 for a Fundraiser Officer and the successful candidate was appointed in February. Rosa describe themselves as, "A grant-making charity that funds women's and girls' organisations working to make the UK a fairer, safer place."

We are now in the second year of a three year Lloyds Bank Foundation grant which has awarded SWWOP £25,000 per year. This unrestricted funding has provided us with the opportunity to cover costs in areas such as furniture for the office, short term staffing needs and supplies for the clients.

The J G Graves Charitable Trust provided £3,000 for food for the clients which enables SWWOP to provide much needed food parcels and meals in the office for the clients. In addition, Arnold Clark have donated £1,000 for food related expenditure.

The James Neil Trust Fund have provided SWWOP with £750 to pay for mobile phones to help keep our clients safe.

A £1,000 donation was received from The Sheffield 1000 charity, being unrestricted, this donation adds to our ability to make ad hoc purchases throughout the year as needed.

The Freshgate Trust Foundation donated £2,000 for toiletries which allows us to buy much needed essential for the women we support, many of whom are homeless or in insecure or temporary housing.

The Local Area Committee gave £737.50 to fund winter packs for our clients. These consist of handwarmers, gloves, hats and scarves and are handed out in the office and on the outreach van.

In addition, SWWOP received very kind, individual donations amounting to £2,926 through Just Giving, Giving.com and other charitable giving methods.

We are very grateful for the funding we have received from all our donors.

Finally, other income received was from our NIC allowance and bank interest.

The Trustees would like to thank everyone who has in any way funded SWWOP during the year and thereby enabled SWWOP to deliver the very needed services they provide to a group of very vulnerable women in and around Sheffield.

As well as thanking anyone who has provided financial support to SWWOP, we would like to thank all the SWWOP workers and volunteers, who give their time and support to ensure we are able to provide support and services to our clients. Without you all, our donors, workers and volunteers, the work we want to deliver would not be possible.

Trustees' report continued

Review of Progress and Achievement continued

Reserves Policy

SWWOP is aiming towards maintaining 3 - 6 months of funds in reserve to provide sufficient funds to cover management, administration and support costs in the event of emergency through lack of funding from time to time.

Trustees responsibilities for the financial statements

Company and charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period which show the state of affairs of the charity and of net income or expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- ☐ select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- ☐ make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- ☐ prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.
- ☐ state whether applicable accounting standards of recommended practice have been followed subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable the Trustees to prepare financial statements. The Trustees are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention of fraud and other irregularities.

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

This report was approved by the Trustees on 10 July 2025 and is signed on their behalf by:



Polly Foster
Chair of Trustees

SHEFFIELD WORKING WOMEN'S OPPORTUNITIES PROJECT

Independent Examiner's report on the Accounts of SHEFFIELD WORKING WOMEN'S OPPORTUNITIES PROJECT for the year ended 31 March 2025

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 8 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

- ☐ examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- ☐ to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- ☐ to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: *C Williamson*

Craig Williamson
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Date: 4 September 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities incorporating Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2025	Total funds 2024
		£	£	£	£
Income from	1				
Incoming resources from charitable activities:					
Grants and donations	3	15,869	243,188	259,057	284,742
Activities for generating funds:					
Other receipts		13,684	-	13,684	17,417
Total Income		29,553	243,188	272,741	302,159
Expenditure on					
Charitable activities					
Wages	6	-	212,696	212,696	175,551
Payroll service		-	1,271	1,271	1,059
Travel, training & conference		547	7,100	7,647	5,604
Premises		-	15,000	15,000	15,000
Insurance		-	1,135	1,135	1,169
Memberships, meetings, networking and supervision		-	1,834	1,834	1,612
Telephone, mobile & internet		-	1,136	1,136	983
Vehicle maintenance/tax/insurance, diesel		3,916	971	4,887	49,098
Equipment and IT		-	4,193	4,193	6,857
Printing, postage and stationery		-	4,373	4,373	3,128
Publicity		-	2,235	2,235	4,730
Outreach		-	10,677	10,677	5,021
Exit support		1,428	10,240	11,668	9,387
Health items		-	11,812	11,812	7,285
Newhall prison		-	519	519	1,054
Accountancy and independent examination		-	510	510	485
Total expenditure		5,891	285,702	291,594	288,023
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources		23,662	(42,514)	(18,853)	14,136
Total funds brought forward		105,827	101,935	207,764	193,627
Total funds carried forward	4	129,489	59,421	188,910	207,764

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

Company number: 05413661		2025	2024
	Notes	£	£
Fixed assets	2	-	-
Current Assets			
Balance at Bank		189,271	208,237
Cash in Hand		149	10
		<u>189,420</u>	<u>208,247</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			
Accruals	5	<u>(510)</u>	<u>(485)</u>
		(510)	(485)
Net Current Assets		<u>188,910</u>	<u>207,762</u>
Net Assets		<u>188,910</u>	<u>207,762</u>
Represented By			
FUNDS			
Unrestricted Funds		129,489	101,935
Restricted Funds	4	<u>59,421</u>	<u>105,827</u>
		<u>188,910</u>	<u>207,762</u>

For the year ending 31 March 2025 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Director's responsibilities;

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476,

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

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

The financial statements are approved by the Trustees on 10 July 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Lotte Aweimrin
Treasurer

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Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31 March 2025

1 Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of preparation

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), and the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS102 (effective from January 2015 and updated with effect from January 2016) - (the Charities SORP (FRS102)), as modified for smaller charities.

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as defined under FRS102.

(b) Income

Grants donations and Income from charitable trading activities are recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are received.

(c) Restricted Funds

Restricted funds are used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets the criteria is identified to the fund together with a fair allocation of management and support costs.

(d) Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted Funds are other income received or generated for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

(e) Resources expended

Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis, inclusive of V.A.T. The company is not VAT registered.

Governance costs of the charity relate to the costs of running the charity such as the costs of meetings, professional costs and statutory compliance, and includes any costs which cannot be specifically identified to another expenditure classification. In the opinion of the trustees all support costs relate to charitable expenditure.

(f) Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its useful life. Van: 25% on cost

(g) Fund Accounting

Funds held by the charity are either restricted funds or unrestricted general funds. Unrestricted funds are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees. Restricted funds that can only be used for a 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.

2 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Van £	Total £
Cost		
Brought Forward	21,140	21,140
Additions	-	-
Carried Forward	<u>21,140</u>	<u>21,140</u>
Depreciation		
Brought Forward	21,140	21,140
Charge for the year	-	-
Carried Forward	<u>21,140</u>	<u>21,140</u>
Net Book Value 31 March 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Book Value 31 March 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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3 Grants and donations	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
Freshgate Trust		2,000	2,000
J G Graves Charitable Trust		3,000	3,000
Lloyds Bank Foundation		25,000	25,000
Reaching Communities Big Lottery Fund	-	70,000	70,000
ROSA	-	21,600	21,600
LAC Fund		738	738
Sheffield Primary Care Trust	-	19,000	19,000
Sheffield City Council Housing	-	36,750	36,750
Sheffield City Council- Safer & Sustainable Communities Partnership	-	57,800	57,800
Sheffield City Council - GP Services	-	7,300	7,300
Sheffield City Council - Toiletries	-		
Donations and gift aid	15,869	-	15,869
	15,869	243,188	259,057

4 Restricted Funds

	Opening balance at 01/04/24	Incoming resources	Outgoing expenditure	Closing Balance at 31/03/25
Freshgate Trust	-	2,000	(2,000)	-
J G Graves Charitable Trust	-	3,000	(3,000)	-
Lloyds Bank Foundation	-	25,000	(2,815)	22,185
Reaching Communities Big Lottery Fund	53,129	70,000	(120,247)	2,882
ROSA	-	21,600	-	21,600
Lack Fund	-	738	(738)	-
Sheffield Primary Care Trust	25,160	19,000	(39,864)	4,296
Sheffield City Council Housing	21,789	36,750	(50,081)	8,458
Sheffield City Council- Safer & Sustainable Communities Partnership	-	57,800	(57,800)	-
Sheffield City Council - GP Services	3,349	7,300	(10,649)	-
Trussel Trust	2,400	-	(2,400)	-
	105,827	243,188	(289,594)	59,421

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5 Accruals

These are expenses that have been incurred but have not been billed or paid for during the accounting period. They are in respect of:

	£
Independent Examination	510
	<u>510</u>

6 Staff costs and trustees remuneration

	£
Gross salaries	189,255
Employers national insurance	9,827
Pension	13,614
	<u>212,696</u>

An equivalent of 6 full-time employees were employed during the year.

No remuneration was paid to any trustees during the period.