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Charity No: 1110675

GREATER MANCHESTER BUILDING PRESERVATION TRUST LIMITED
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND TRUSTEES' REPORT

The trustees present their annual report and unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2025.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1st January 2015) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)).

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

05321354 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1110675

Registered office

Edgar Wood Centre
Long Street
Middleton
Manchester
M24 5UE

Trustees and key management

The trustees who served during the year were as follows:

K Sather (Appointed as Chairperson 01/03/24)
J H Graham (Acting Chairperson)
C M Grime
F W Marshall
A K Martyn

E M J Miller (Appointed 07/06/24)
M Roulan-Huang (Appointed 07/06/24)
K Sather (Appointed 16/11/24)
M H Stevenson
M S Watson

Company secretary

M Roulan-Huang (Appointed 01/11/24)

Independent examiner

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Corporate status

The company was incorporated under the Companies Act on 24th December 2004 (Company number: 05321354). The company is a private company limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. The liability of each member is limited to an amount not exceeding £1.

The company was registered as a charity on 1st August 2005 under the provisions of the Charities Acts (Charity number: 1110675).

Organisational structure

The Board currently consists of the trustees and is responsible for key policy decisions and the effective governance of the organisation overall. The Board continued to meet on a regular basis throughout the year.

Recruitment and appointment of new board members

Trustees are appointed to reflect the skills required to support the Board and its range of activities. Recruitment is either through advertising or by individual contact. A full orientation is offered on the services provided and the roles and responsibilities of a trustee, including their legal obligations under charity and company law. All appointees are informed of the content of the Memorandum and Articles of Association and the committee and decision making processes of the charity.

Risk management

The trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the charity faces and confirm that systems have been established to ensure that regular reports are produced and that necessary steps can be taken to address any issues arising.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The principal activities of the charity are to promote and preserve for the benefit of the people of the Greater Manchester and of the nation at large, whatever of the English historical, architectural, natural, social or scientific heritage which may exist in or near to the aforesaid region, and to advance the education and the cultural development of the public in these matters, and to undertake such other charitable activities as may benefit the inhabitants of or visitors to the area. The company has also established various trading activities designed to enhance and subsidise the charitable activities of the Trust.

Public benefit

The trustees are confident that the charity offers services of real and practical use to the local population and therefore complies with the responsibility placed on all charities under the Charities Act 2011 to demonstrate a public benefit.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The National Lottery Heritage Fund published its revised Project Inquiry Form in March 2024 and the trustees have been considering the additional requirements before being in a position to formally resubmit it.

D Nuttall has completed his first year of the development of the wedding business within the former Schools. It is early days yet but there are encouraging signs. These activities accounted for 50% of income. Unfortunately the wedding market is changing, and coupled with the continuing cost of living crisis, all businesses who rely on this market are reviewing their strategies and looking for alternative sources of revenue.

The trustees held a special meeting on 21st March 2025 to articulate a vision for the charity with the aim of rejuvenating it with a renewed sense of purpose across Greater Manchester and beyond the Long Street Methodist Church. This would involve forming a new Board of Trustees to focus on the whole of the Greater Manchester region with a sub-committee responsible for Long Street Methodist Church (reporting to the main Board of Trustees who would have ultimate accountability).

A key priority was to produce a draft *Mission Statement* to advocate for the preservation and rejuvenation of heritage assets within the Greater Manchester region.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

The attached statement of financial activities shows how funds were raised and applied during the year. This statement separates funds which the charity controls itself (unrestricted funds) from those that have to be spent in a manner determined by the donor (restricted funds).

During the year ended 31st March 2025 incoming resources amounted to £32,458 (which represented an increase of £20,183 compared to the previous year) while resources expended amounted to £37,991 (which represented an increase of £15,765 compared to the previous year). The net result for the year was a deficit of £5,533 which is a decrease of £4,418 on the deficit returned for the previous year.

The trustees consider the results for the year to be satisfactory.

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds, which are free reserves of the charity, at levels which equate to an excess of its projected needs for the forthcoming year, thereby providing sufficient funds to cover ongoing costs. The management, administration and support costs as well as the ongoing development of projects is being undertaken by the trustees and others on a voluntary basis at nil cost. The trustees believe the net asset position is sufficient to satisfy such requirements although these levels of free reserves are reviewed on a regular basis.

Risk assessment

The trustees have identified the major risks to which the charity is exposed and procedures to manage those risks have been put in place. Internal risks are minimised by the segregation of duties and procedures for authorisation of all transactions.

Future developments

Next year will mark the 125th Anniversary of the opening of Long Street Methodist Church and Schools. Working with the Edgar Wood Society it is hoped that a fighting fund will be launched for the repair and adaptation of this historic Grade 2* listed building at risk and that a programme of events and activities will be held throughout the forthcoming year to develop the aspirations of the vision meeting held in March 2025.

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also directors of Greater Manchester Building Preservation Trust Limited 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.

Company law requires the trustee directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year end which give a true and fair view of the financial position of the charity during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees should follow generally accepted accounting practice and are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS 102)
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether United Kingdom accounting standards and the recommendations of the Statement of Recommended Practice 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 its activities.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the company and which enable them to ascertain their financial position and to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011 and the regulations thereunder. The trustees also have a general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of any company and financial information included on the charity's website.

SMALL COMPANY PROVISIONS

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

By Order of the Board



J H Graham
(Trustee)

Date: 21st November 2025

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
GREATER MANCHESTER BUILDING PRESERVATION TRUST LIMITED
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I report on the accounts of Greater Manchester Building Preservation Trust Limited for the year ended 31st March 2025, which are set out on pages 6 to 13.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to an audit under Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- 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 examiners' 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 the seeking of 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 examiners' statement

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

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - (b) 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 Charities SORP (FRS 102) have not been met; or
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date: 21st November 2025

GREATER MANCHESTER BUILDING PRESERVATION TRUST LIMITED
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (including Income and Expenditure Account)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Income from:					
Donations		7,761	5,993	13,754	2,668
<i>Charitable activities:</i>					
Capital grants received		-	-	-	-
Revenue grants received		-	-	-	-
<i>Trading activities:</i>					
Services provided		16,042	-	16,042	6,838
Activity income		-	-	-	100
Other income		-	-	-	-
<i>Investment income:</i>					
Rents received		2,633	-	2,633	2,633
Interest received		29	-	29	36
Total incoming resources	2	26,465	5,993	32,458	12,275
Expenditure on:					
<i>Charitable activities:</i>					
Preservation and maintenance of heritage property		31,046	5,951	36,997	21,053
<i>Raising funds:</i>					
Trading and other activity costs		213	781	994	1,173
<i>Other:</i>					
Finance costs		-	-	-	-
Total expenditure	3	31,259	6,732	37,991	22,226
Net income and expenditure		(4,794)	(739)	(5,533)	(9,951)
Transfers between funds		(88)	88	-	-
		(4,882)	(651)	(5,533)	(9,951)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		638,212	29,618	667,830	677,781
Total funds carried forward		633,330	28,967	662,297	667,830

There are no acquisitions or discontinued operations in the year.

There are no other recognised gains or losses other than those shown in the Statement of Financial Activities.

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BALANCE SHEET
AT 31ST MARCH 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	7	33,005	36,177
Investment property	8	618,225	618,225
		<u>651,230</u>	<u>654,402</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	9	5,825	8,562
Cash at bank and in hand		8,072	12,899
		<u>13,897</u>	<u>21,461</u>
Current liabilities			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	10	(2,830)	(8,033)
Net current assets/(liabilities)		<u>11,067</u>	<u>13,428</u>
Total net assets		<u>662,297</u>	<u>667,830</u>
Funds			
Restricted	11a	28,967	29,618
Unrestricted	11b	633,330	638,212
	12	<u>662,297</u>	<u>667,830</u>

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 (the Act) relating to the audit of the financial statements for the year by virtue of section 477, and that no member or members have requested an audit pursuant to section 476 of the Act.

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

The trustees have prepared the accounts in accordance with section 398 of the Companies Act 2006 and section 138 of the Charities Act 2011. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard 102 Section 1A (effective 1st January 2015).

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 21st November 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



J H Graham
 (Acting Chairperson)

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Company Information

Greater Manchester Building Preservation Trust Limited is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales. The company number and registered office can be found in the Report of the Trustees.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with 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 1st January 2015) – (Charities SORP (FRS102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which assumes the company will be able to meet its liabilities as they fall due. If the company were unable to continue to trade, adjustments would have to be made to reduce the value of the assets to their recoverable amounts, to provide for any further liabilities that may arise, and to reclassify assets and any long term liabilities as current assets and liabilities respectively.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Grants receivable are accounted for when due. Any grants received in respect of future periods are deferred into the correct period.

Income from donations, legacies, fundraising and similar incoming resources are included in the year in which they are receivable.

Any income received for specific purpose is accounted for as restricted funds when receivable.

Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under the principal categories related to the cost.

Costs allocated to activities in the furtherance of the charity's objects are those directly associated with achieving the charity's goals. Governance costs are those incurred in connection with the management of the company's assets, organisational administration and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the general activities of the charity. Surplus funds can be allocated to restricted projects if the trustees believe they are required.

Restricted funds are funds subject to specific restriction imposed by the donors for the purpose of any appeal in which the funds are raised and can only be used for particular purpose within the objects of the charity.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Investment properties

Investment property is shown at fair value. Any aggregate surplus or deficit arising from changes in fair value is recognised in Statement of Financial Activities.

Investments

The financial statements reflect bank interest receivable during the year. Credit is taken for interest accrued but not received at the balance sheet date.

Other tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised at their purchase price.

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

Improvements to property	5% straight line basis
Catering equipment	15% reducing balance basis
Fixtures and fittings	15% reducing balance basis

Taxation

The company is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from Income Tax and Corporation Tax under the provisions of Section 505(1) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

2. INCOMING RESOURCES

The total income for the year was £32,458 (2024: £12,275) of which £26,465 was unrestricted (2024: £10,880) and £5,993 was restricted (2024: £1,395).

3. RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Charitable objectives		Trading and other activity		Total	Total
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cost of sales and service delivery	-	-	213	781	994	1,173
Rent and rates	1,333	-	-	-	1,333	727
Light and heat	12,555	-	-	-	12,555	7,003
Insurance	5,397	-	-	-	5,397	4,178
Advertising and publicity	122	-	-	-	122	115
Postage, printing and stationery	-	-	-	-	-	-
Repairs and renewals	9,789	5,951	-	-	15,740	7,000
Support costs	1,850	-	-	-	1,850	2,030
Finance costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
	31,046	5,951	213	781	37,991	22,226

The total expenditure for the year was £37,991 (2024: £22,226) of which £31,259 was unrestricted (2024: £18,504) and £6,732 was restricted (2024: £3,722).

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4. SUPPORT COSTS

	2025 £	2024 £
Accountancy	1,000	900
Legal and professional fees	850	817
Travel expenses	-	300
Sundry expenses	-	13
	1,850	2,030

The charity initially identifies the cost of its support functions and then apportions these costs between charitable activities and raising funds. The costs are apportioned on a pro rata basis between the total direct unrestricted charitable costs and the total direct unrestricted raising funds costs.

5. ANALYSIS OF TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Staff Costs £	Other £	Depreciation etc £	2025 £	2024 £
Direct charitable expenditure	-	34,819	2,178	36,997	21,053
Other expenditure:					
Trading and other activity costs	-	-	994	994	1,173
Finance costs	-	-	-	-	-
	-	34,819	3,172	37,991	22,226

6. STAFF COSTS

Trustees' remuneration

No trustees or persons related or connected by business to them have received any remuneration or other benefits from the charity during the current or previous year.

Trustees' expenses

No trustees were reimbursed with expenses incurred on behalf of the company during the current or previous year.

Key Management Personnel remuneration

There were no Key Management Personnel in receipt of any remuneration during the current or previous year.

Average number of employees

The charity had no employees during the current or previous year.

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7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Improvements to property £	Catering equipment £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 st April 2024	28,162	10,941	10,697	49,800
Additions	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 st March 2025	28,162	10,941	10,697	49,800
DEPRECIATION				
As at 1 st April 2024	3,753	4,306	5,564	13,623
Charge for year	1,408	994	770	3,172
Eliminated on disposal	-	-	-	-
At 31 st March 2025	5,161	5,300	6,334	16,795
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 st March 2025	23,001	5,641	4,363	33,005
At 31 st March 2024	24,409	6,635	5,133	36,177

8. INVESTMENT PROPERTY

	2025 £	2024 £
FAIR VALUE		
At 1 st April 2024	618,225	618,225
Additions	-	-
Disposals	-	-
Revaluation	-	-
At 31 st March 2025	618,225	618,225

The trustees consider the fair value of investment property to be representative of the total costs incurred as at 31st March 2025. Investment property consists of Long Street Methodist Church, Long Street, Middleton, Manchester M24 5UE, a property that was gifted to the charity by Heritage Trust for the North West.

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9. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025 £	2024 £
Other debtors	4,457	6,917
Prepayments and accrued income	1,368	1,645
	<u>5,825</u>	<u>8,562</u>

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025 £	2024 £
Other creditors	-	5,248
Accruals and deferred income	2,830	2,785
	<u>2,830</u>	<u>8,033</u>

11a. MOVEMENT IN RESTRICTED FUNDS

	1 st April 2024 £	Income and gains £	Expenditure and losses £	Transfers between funds £	Revaluations £	31 st March 2025 £
Designated general funds:						
Capital assets	29,618	4,493	(5,144)	-	-	28,967
Project delivery	-	1,500	(1,588)	88	-	-
	<u>29,618</u>	<u>5,993</u>	<u>(6,732)</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,967</u>

11b. MOVEMENT IN UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	1 st April 2024 £	Income and gains £	Expenditure and losses £	Transfers between funds £	Revaluations £	31 st March 2025 £
General funds	638,212	26,465	(31,259)	(88)	-	633,330
	<u>638,212</u>	<u>26,465</u>	<u>(31,259)</u>	<u>(88)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>633,330</u>

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12. ANALYSIS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES BETWEEN FUNDS

	Restricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2025 £
Tangible fixed assets	27,429	623,801	651,230
Current assets	-	5,825	5,825
Current liabilities	-	(2,830)	(2,830)
Bank balances	1,538	6,534	8,072
	<u>28,967</u>	<u>633,330</u>	<u>662,297</u>

13. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st March 2025.

14. MEMBERS

The company is a company limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. The liability of each member by way of their guarantee to the company is to contribute a sum not exceeding £1 to the assets of the company if so required on the winding up of the company.

