



G-Force Annual Report – Charity No 1110767

Period - April 2024 to March 2025

By Mark Ashcroft – Chair of the Board of Trustees, and Paul Huxley – CEO

Overview

This year we struggled through a very difficult period. Finances were very tight, management capacity was still reduced, and the commissioned work in Oldfield Brow came to an end.

These issues though drove us to focus our resources on the things that brought most benefit to our communities, concentrating on what we do best. We also gave time to a major review of how we used the Newstead Centre and its future. Below is an update of all our work this year.

The year also finished with a very generous donation of £28k from one of our longest supporters that helped us finish the year with a much improved financial position.

Our Community Cafe on Broomwood

The café, now in its 16th year, continues to be a popular location for the Broomwood Community.

This year, thanks to the generosity of our supporters, we were able to invest over £12k in the café which paid for a refit in April 2024. The café was then relaunched with a new look, new menu and new opening hours. This resulted in a 30% increase in turnover which has helped secure its future.

However, it does mean that we are on track for passing the VAT threshold and will need to register for VAT. The registration is planned to start on 1st April 2025.

Lydia and her team continue to manage the café in a highly professional manner as evidenced by the fact we have the highest food hygiene rating from the Foods Standards Agency. Our thanks go to them for their hard work and commitment.

The cafe is also used every Thursday to deliver the Broomwood Community Grocery and is also a distribution point for Food Bank Vouchers.

We also launched a weekly after School 'Youth Café' on a Tuesday which has become very popular. We offer £1 meals to children & Young People and provides games and craft activities for them to enjoy.

The café also continues to serve the £1 meals during each school holiday to Broomwood children and Young People. In the last twelve months we have provided over 2500 meals in this way.



The G-Force Centre

The Centre is currently used as a resource centre for G-Force.

The final steps needed to complete the new commercial kitchen are now underway and it should be finished in June 2025.

The plan in the next 12 months is to upgrade the Centre and then rent out the spare rooms to create extra income for the Charity.

The lease with South Trafford Food Bank is coming to an end in November 2025 so we are in the process of negotiating a new 5 year.

The centre is our major capital asset and we are hopeful that it will produce an income to secure our future.

Our Partnerships and strategic work

Paul no longer Chairs any of the 3 local Partnerships we were involved in, but we can be proud of the many years of commitment and outcomes that came about.

The Broadheath Partnership continues to meet and the Broomwood community has another Partnership that is massively successful.

We are hopeful too that the legacy of the work done with the third (in Oldfield Brow) will still reap benefits for the community in the not too distant future.

Hot meals for the homeless in Manchester

Hazel is planning to start producing meals again in the summer 2025 as soon as the kitchen is finished.

Free school holiday meals for children & Young People

We couldn't continue to offer free lunches from the café as funding had finished.

In its place we now offer £1 meals during School holidays to Broomwoods children & Young people and this year I am please to report that over 2500 meals having been provided on that basis.



SPECIAL OFFER

During the Summer School Holidays
All Broomwood Children & Young People

**CAN PICK UP LUNCH FOR
JUST £1**

Monday to Friday from 11am to 1pm
at G-Force Café

Just call in and ask for your £1 meal

EAT IN OR TAKE AWAY
Vegetarian options are available too



The Community Groceries in Oldfield Brow & Broomwood



Both Community Grocery continue to develop well and this year and between them they attract close to 100 attendees each week. Our thanks go to the many organisations supporting this initiative. This included Tesco, Sainsburys, Marks & Spencer, Cook, Fareshare, Nisa and many others organisations and private individuals too. As well as covering our costs some of the income raised is also used to purchase extra produce not normally donated, so that we can continue to offer a great range of wholesome, healthy, and fresh food.

This project is supported by a number of volunteers who come along each week to help set up the groceries, serve customers and then pack everything away. Our thanks go to them for their dedication to this important project.

Every week we purchased close to 250kg of food from Fareshare and this constituted around 60% of our food offerings each week with the remaining food either being donated or being purchased wholesale through G-Force funds.

Through these two community Groceries we estimate that this year we have distributed food with a normal retail value of over £150k whilst bringing in an income to GForce of £31k.

Mission Christmas

Our thanks go to Key103 again this year, who through their project 'Mission Christmas' provide the toys to make this happen. This year we distributed toys to over 60 families to help towards their Christmas. We have been working with Key103 for over 15 years now and are very much in their debt.

The Christmas Giant Gingerbread creations

This year over 1200 gingerbread creations were sent into two schools: Broomwood and Broadheath. Our thanks go to all the volunteers who helped put the packs together; we just couldn't have done it without you.

This is one activity that creates lovely memories and is a G-Force tradition dating back over 20 years. Many adults, who did this as children, still talk about and look back on it with affection.

Free trip to Altrincham Garrick Panto

Our thanks go to the Garrick Theatre for donating over 50 tickets this year. We distributed them to local families and the reports we had were that they all had a truly magical night. We used some of our funds to buy each attendee an ice cream tub at the intermission.

Environmental Work

Our thanks go to the Co-op and Farrat Isolevel Teams that worked in the Broomwood woods clearing and tidying and laying woodchip paths. They made the area looked cared for and more welcoming and accessible for all.

They also helped at the G-Force Centre cleaning and tidying and decorating the centre. Their help was invaluable as the Centre desperately needed some TLC. As we are only a small team this much needed work just wouldn't have happened without their help.

Volunteering in G-Force

This year we had over 60 volunteers at G-Force and between them they did over 2000 volunteer hours. We also supported a number of children who also volunteered with us to fulfil the community element of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

We are in debt to each and every one and we say to them that G-Force wouldn't have been able to deliver what we did this year without their help. Our heartfelt thanks go to every single person involved.

Our supporters this year include:-

Zochonis Charitable Trust, Farrat Isolevel, Sale Mayoral Fund, Quarry Bank Pub in Timperley, Farrat Isolevel Ltd, Oglesby Charitable Trust, The Church in the Brow, Co-op, Fairshare, Cook in Wilmslow, Aldi in Broadheath, Nisa in Oldfield Brow, South Trafford Food Bank, Marks & Spencer in Altrincham, Sainsburys in Timperley and Altrincham, Trafford Council, Truck Care, Tesco at Altrincham, Baguley and Broomwood, Heyes Lane School, Broadheath and Oldfield Brow Schools for their Harvest festival donation.

Our thanks also go to all those individuals who made donations (large and small) to help our work. We appreciate and value your support.

The Trustees during this period were as follows:

Mark Peter Ashcroft (appointed 11-1-21), Jacqueline Ann Marsh (appointed 11-1-21), Barbara Taylor (appointed 11-1-21) and Wendy Ashcroft (appointed 11-1-21).

We confirm that all the work done during this period was in line the aims and objectives detailed in our constitution adopted on 19th June 2005, and that G-Force is an unincorporated Association.

There are currently no formal policies and procedures for the induction and training of Trustees.

Registered Office

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REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

REGISTERED CHARITY: 1110767



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**INDEPENDENT EXTERNAL EXAMINERS REPORT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2019.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following 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) issued in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

In accordance with the request of G-Force Charity; to examine its Reports and Accounts (without the undertaking of an Audit) for the year ended 31st March 2025

Based in the information given, invoices & receipts provided, overviews of projects and explanations received I have pleasure in recommending the Reports & Accounts setting out the dealings of G-Force Registered Charity: 1110767, as a true and accurate record

Signed Hilton Jones Ltd

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	Year ended 31 March 2025	Year ended 31 March 2024
Income and Expenditure		
Incoming Resources		
Awards for All	18,800	
Broadheath school income	2,520	2,364
Broomwood school income	2,003	1,660
Cafe Trading Income	113,353	84,464
Community grocery	30,711	25,734
Donations & Misc income	16,003	14,557
Food bank Rent	7,000	7,000
Groundwork		1,000
IVH Grant	4,500	
L&Q grant for refit		4,000
Oglesby Trust		5,000
Packed lunches income	10,152	12,473
Sale mayoral fund		1,000
SMCA	27,486	22,042
Zochonis Trust grant	28,000	
Total Incoming Resources	<u>260,528</u>	<u>181,294</u>



**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	Year ended 31 March 2025	Year ended 31 March 2024
Resources Expended		
Accountancy	936	852
Bank charges	219	
Bouncy castle inspection		236
Cafe food & drink	32,140	25,904
Café Repairs	14,605	4,480
Cafe Telephone and broadband	763	877
Cafe Utility Bills	9,435	11,511
Café bins	1,146	1,050
Café Sundry	293	313
Christmas Gifts	300	180
Community Grocery food	8,767	
Legal and professional fees	324	
Liability Insurance	2,266	2,258
Minibus fuel	1,858	1,415
Minibus insurance	916	499
Minibus Road Tax & Repairs	349	691
Newstead centre - Utility bills	4,813	3,540
Newstead centre - refurbishment		1,237
Newstead centre - phone and internet	448	1,130
Newstead centre - Repair	1,465	331
Pension payments	5,011	3,989
Postage, printing & stationary	278	309
Project costs	8,406	17,694
Subscription & Membership Fees	481	417
Telephone, mobile & Ipads	1,175	1,285
Wages & Nat Ins	132,908	102,711
Volunteers Expenses		56
Depreciation	181	181
Total of Resources Expended	<u>229,483</u>	<u>183,146</u>



**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	Year ended 31 March 2025	Year ended 31 March 2024
Total Resources brought forward from 1st April	212,202	214,054
Net movement in Resources for the year	31,045	- 1,852
Revaluation Reserve	200,000	
Funds at 31 March	<u><u>443,247</u></u>	<u><u>212,202</u></u>

All activities are classed as continuing.
Movements on reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above.



**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025**

	31 March 2025 Total	31 March 2024 Total
Fixed Assets		
B/fwd book value of Tangible assets	400,362	200,543
Additions	<u>400,362</u>	<u>200,543</u>
Current Assets		
Cash at bank at year end	<u>42,885</u>	<u>11,659</u>
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Creditors		
<u>Amounts falling due within one year</u>		
Café income banked after 1st April 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	-	-
Net Assets	<u><u>443,247</u></u>	<u><u>212,202</u></u>
Funds		
Unrestricted funds	442,625	210,753
Restricted funds	622	1,449
Total funds	<u><u>443,247</u></u>	<u><u>212,202</u></u>

Approved by the trustees on

Trustee Treasurer

Date



**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025**

1 FIXED ASSETS

	<u>FIXTURES & FITTINGS</u>	<u>BUILDING</u>	<u>MOTOR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
COST				
At 1 April 2024	8,801	200,000	28,297	37,098
Revaluation		200,000		
Disposals				
At 31 March 2025	<u>8,801</u>	<u>400,000</u>	<u>28,297</u>	<u>437,098</u>

DEPRECIATION

At 1 April 2024	8,677	0	27,878	36,555
Depn this year	41	0	140	181
At 31 March 2025	<u>8,718</u>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>28,018</u>	<u>236,736</u>

NET BOOK VALUE

At 31 March 2024	<u>124</u>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>419</u>	<u>200,543</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>83</u>	<u>400,000</u>	<u>279</u>	<u>400,362</u>



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