
T.H.O.M.A.S. (THOSE ON THE MARGINS OF A SOCIETY)
(A company limited by guarantee)

AUDITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
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TRUSTEES' REPORT
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The trustees present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the charity T.H.O.M.A.S. (Those on the Margins of a Society) (the charity) for the year ended 31st March 2023. The trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the charity qualifies as small under section 383, the strategic report required of medium and large companies under The Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Director's Report) Regulations 2013 is not required.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

a. POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES

T.H.O.M.A.S. is a charity which provides rehabilitation, resettlement and accommodation for people suffering from drug and alcohol abuse. It also educates the public about the effects of drug and alcohol abuse, housing need and social exclusion. In addition it provides a drop-in centre for people in need. Its objectives are protected with a comprehensive set of policies and procedures.

b. STRATEGIES FOR ACHIEVING OBJECTIVES

As part of its recovery services, THOMAS offers psychosocial programmes designed to assist individuals in addressing their drug and alcohol addictions. The organisation employs an integrated approach to psychosocial interventions in Blackburn, Salford, and Bolton. This approach includes:

- Supporting the establishment of conveniently located recovery housing with an impressive community spirit.
- Providing residential rehabilitation, including a unit specifically for female rehabilitation.
- Implementing a dynamic group programme at each location that advocates the 12-step philosophy
- Delivering various holistic, recovery-focused services, including support for detox and the transition from residential rehabilitation to community-based support.
- Offering drop-in facilities, assertive outreach recovery programmes incorporating cognitive, social, and interpersonal methods, and assistance with broader issues related to addiction.
- Supplying a daily hot meal for individuals in need in Blackburn.
- Collaborating as a subcontractor in the delivery of recovery programmes with GMMH (Greater Manchester Mental Health Trust Foundation)
- Providing accommodation and support for transitioning to independent living.
- Offering volunteer placements to help individuals gain skills and build confidence.
- Supporting people into employment.

The charity has commendable cognitive and reflective spiritual programmes, fostering a robust and optimistic culture of sustainable recovery. Moreover, its peer-led initiatives play a pivotal role in ensuring meaningful involvement. The charity's specialised ethos encourages observational learning, emphasising that individuals can transform negative behaviours by living in a community and learning from one another. Asset-based community resources play a crucial role in its comprehensive strategy, facilitating enduring growth and the establishment of individual assets based on the strengths and potentials of its recovery communities.

Similarly, the charity operates as a primary contractor in the broader framework of local authority commissioning for integrated services in Blackburn and Darwen. Additionally, it engages in spot purchase arrangements for drug and alcohol rehabilitation beds commissioned across England.

Furthermore, the charity links in with mental health services, homeless services, vulnerable adults, and children services to support the needs of the charity's service users,

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Complex, vulnerable adults can be signposted or supported in partnership with other specialist services in an integrated care and social support strategy.

c. VOLUNTEERS

The charity is grateful for the unstinting efforts of its volunteers involved in service provision and working in the charity shop. The number of volunteer hours provided during the year is estimated to have been over 7,200. If this is conservatively valued at £9.53 an hour, the volunteer effort amounts to over £68,616. This was higher than the previous year..

Equally, the charity is thankful to Salford Diocese for the free use of St Anne's House, Blackburn, St Boniface's Presbytery, Salford, and St Ethelbert' Bolton.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

Our main activities and who we try to help are described below. The trustees have given due regard to the guidance published by the Charity Commission and are confident that the activities of the charity comply with Section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011. All our charitable activities focus on the prevention and treatment of drug and alcohol abuse and are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

a. REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

In this financial year, THOMAS worked with 859 people; 263 referrals were made for its residential rehabilitation projects, 202 assessments and 129 admissions; 218 people accessed its drop-in-centre for a hot meal, where 11,793 meals were served. Similarly, 310 individuals engaged with its criminal justice project.

Projects are outlined below.

Witton Bank Residential Rehabilitation Unit Blackburn

- 154 Referrals
- 122 Assessments
- 64 Admissions
- 33 Planned Discharges
- 24 Unplanned Discharges

Galligreaves Stage 2 Residential Project Blackburn

- 11 Admissions
- 2 Planned Discharges

Oozehead Recovery House Blackburn

- 4 Admissions
- 2 Planned Discharges

Salford Residential Project

- 109 Referrals
- 58 Assessments
- 32 Admissions (Stage 1)
- 11 Admissions (Stage 2)
- 14 planned discharges (Stage 1)
- 6 planned discharges (Stage 2)
- 10 unplanned discharges (Stage 1)
- 5 unplanned discharges (Stage 2)

Bolton Residential Project

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- 22 referrals
- 7 admissions (project opened November 2022)
- 1 planned discharge
- 3 unplanned discharges

Drop-In-Centre Project Blackburn

- 120 new registrations
- 118 currently registered
- On average 38 people accessed the project on a daily basis.

Criminal Justice Project

- 272 individuals engaged with the project living in hostels in Blackburn & Darwen
- 38 inmates took part in motivational groups in HMP Forest Bank.

Mutual Aid and Peer Support

THOMAS consistently promoted mutual aid and peer support throughout its residential projects, cultivating an environment conducive to transformative change. The service users took on the role of recovery ambassadors, offering support to one another in their rehabilitation journeys and extending this support to their peers in the community.

Witton Bank Blackburn

Witton Bank serves as a rehabilitation unit specialising in drug and alcohol recovery for men with a history of substance dependency. The facility provides 24-hour support and housing for a maximum of 21 individuals. The rehabilitation programme spans 26 weeks, during which participants focus on addressing challenges associated with drug and alcohol misuse, where they develop strategies to overcome addictive behaviour.

During the year, there were 64 admissions to the project. Most residents primarily originated from Blackburn with Darwen, with whom the project holds a block contract. Additionally, some residents were from various locations throughout England via spot purchase beds from local authorities.

Supported Housing Blackburn

11 people moved into the supported housing scheme, which comprises 12 flats. They received support to engage in volunteering, education, and some were successfully placed into employment. Each service user underwent case management, involving a structured support plan with defined goals and regular reviews of targets. The project upheld a strict policy of maintaining a total abstinence environment.

Oozehead House Blackburn

The Oozehead House Blackburn provided a stable community for up to 3 people throughout the year.

Salford Stage 1 Houses

A structured psychosocial programme with abstinent residential accommodation in Salford continued with daily group sessions and individual mentoring. During the reporting period, 38 individuals joined the project. In addition to existing clients from the previous year, 25 men were admitted to St Boniface House, and 7 women found accommodation in the Female House. Diverse recovery groups were conducted, covering topics such as conflict resolution, providing strategies for addressing addiction triggers, recovery mapping exercises, techniques for maintaining abstinence, and various other psychosocial interventions.

Salford Stage 2 Houses

In addition to clients from the previous year, 11 people moved into the stage 2 housing, living in the community and engaging in volunteering, training and education. The ongoing process of cognitive change was reinforced with mutual aid and support. The stage 2 project continued the work of stage 1 and encouraged residents to examine behaviour, cultivating pro-social engagement and ongoing learning.

Manchester Road House – Salford

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Manchester Road house was available to work with clients.

Bolton House

The St. Ethelbert's recovery house commenced operations in November 2022, serving as a 24/7 supportive residential community that provides a 12-step psychosocial environment. 7 people were admitted into its community. This project was supported by the SSMTRG (Supplementary Substance Misuse Recovery Grant).

Criminal Justice Project Blackburn

The criminal justice project engaged with 272 individuals in hostels and 38 ex-offenders at HMP Forest Bank, promoting abstinence-based recovery support, facilitated through motivational group sessions, assistance from recovery peers, exploring pathways for individuals to transition from hostels and prison to residential rehabilitation. This project was supported by the SSMTRG (Supplementary Substance Misuse Recovery Grant).

THOMAS Data Monitoring showed that the following were successfully discharged from its residential projects.

- 59% Witton Bank Blackburn – (Male House)
- 98% Galligreaves Blackburn (Male)
- 53% St Boniface Salford Stage 1 (Male)
- 63% Scovell House Salford Stage 1- (Female)
- 80% Stage 2 Projects Salford (Male & Female)

Age range in residential projects (Blackburn – Stage 1)

18 – 24	3%
25 – 29	10%
30 – 39	29%
40 – 49	29%
50-59	1%
60-65	0%
65+	0%

Age range in residential projects (Blackburn – Stage 2 (Male))

18 – 24	0%
25 – 29	0%
30 – 39	76%
40 – 49	12%
50-59	12%
60-65	0%
65+	0%

Age range in residential projects (Salford & Bolton – Stage 1 (Male & Female))

18 – 24	3%
25 – 29	3%
30 – 39	23%
40 – 49	30%
50-59	23%
60-65	12%
65+	6%

Age range in residential projects (Salford & Bolton – Stage 2 (Male & Female))

18 – 24	10%
25 – 29	0%
30 – 39	20%
40 – 49	30%
50-59	20%

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60-65 10%
65+ 10%

Care Quality Commission Inspections

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspection reports highlight our commitment to delivering quality care. All our regulated services are commended for maintaining high standards in service user safety, effective care, responsiveness to people's needs, good governance and well led. The inspections note service users' positive feedback and acknowledge our continuous efforts to improve services. It underscores compliance with regulatory standards and emphasises the positive impact on the well-being of those we serve. The CQC inspections affirm our commitment to good social care delivery.

The most recent report for Witton Bank Blackburn (19 July 2022) stated the following:

- The service provided safe care. The premises were safe and clean. The service had enough staff. Staff assessed and managed risk well and followed good practice with respect to safeguarding.
- Staff developed holistic, recovery-orientated care plans informed by a comprehensive assessment. They provided care and treatment suitable to the needs of the clients and in line with national guidance and best practice.
- Staff treated clients with compassion and kindness, respected their privacy and dignity and understood their individual needs. Staff actively involved clients in their care.
- Managers ensured staff received training and supervision. Staff worked well together as a team and with relevant services outside of the organisation.
- Staff planned and managed admission and discharge well.
- The service was well led. Governance processes ensured that quality and performance was monitored, incidents and complaints were investigated, and learning was disseminated to staff.

Service Users' Feedback

Service User 1

Before I came to THOMAS, I was living in a hostel. I was taking cocaine and crack nearly every day, and it was getting a hold of me. I was having to shoplift every day to get the drugs. I was in a bad space and owed people money for drugs, and deep down, I knew I had to change my life. I had lost everything, including family and friends. When I was in the hostel, I was doing a group with staff from the THOMAS rehab, which made me open my eyes, and I wanted to get into recovery and wanted to be clean from drugs.

I am so grateful to the THOMAS staff for getting me into rehab and helping me. I've been here for over three months, and I've changed a lot; I've done my 12 steps, I'm going to the gym three times a week, and I am seeing and speaking to my daughters again, and that's all I want in life: to be a good person.

Service User 2

I am 24 years old and I'm an addict. From about age 16 I've been using all kinds of drugs but recently before rehab crack cocaine was my drug of choice. Growing up my drug use caused me so many problems including losing all my family and being sectioned on hospital numerous times. I just could not stop using drugs and felt deflated. I would be picking up drugs being physically sick with anxiety but didn't have the power to stop on my own. What brought me to THOMAS was a series of events as follows - I was basically being used as a modern day slave to sell drugs in Bolton, I saw no way out so I escaped to Blackburn. When in Blackburn I got put into a Hostel.

My using and level of crime spiraled to the point I was taking overdoses and hurting everyone around me. I knew of a THOMAS member of staff coming into the hostel delivering groups but was so gripped with fear that I thought I was past any form of help, one overdose later at the hospital a person from SPARK told me I needed rehab. From that first day to now my life is so much different not only do I have my family back, my mental health is good and I'm physically fit. I have re-developed a conscience of what is right and wrong. I've got a lovely girlfriend, and for once, I'm happy this is from someone who thought they were past human help. All thanks go to my peers, THOMAS and Alcoholics Anonymous.

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News Items

Salford

- THOMAS Salford features in BBC Northwest News in its partnership with GMMH Chapman Barker Unit
- Salford residents linking in with horticulture project Sow the City, working in the THOMAS gardens growing fruit & vegetables.
- Female residents attending sessions with "Stand up Sister" (A female well-being group)
- New flooring at the Scovell Street property
- New security cameras and fencing fitted at the Scovell property
- Opening Day at St Boniface took place with Achieve Partners
- New staff recruited for Bolton House
- Bolton House opened on 14 November 2022
- Two new members of staff were appointed in Salford (residential worker for the female project and lead group worker)
- A new minibus was purchased for Bolton House.

Blackburn

- Third-year medical students from the University of Central Lancashire work with THOMAS on placements in its Blackburn projects.
- New kitchens and bathrooms fitted at Galligreaves
- New Team leader appointed at Witton Bank.
- Witton Bank receives a good inspection report from the Care Quality Commission.

Dynamic Intelligence Learning

The CEO led the dynamic intelligence learning programme, focusing on attention spans, cognitive assimilation and accommodation, and researching engagement and disengagement with hard-to-reach groups.

Dawn Clarke

In the year, we mourned the passing of a cherished member of our Salford team, Dawn Clarke. Dawn was not just a dedicated worker; she inspired both staff and service users alike. Her unwavering commitment and hard work left an indelible mark on our community. Dawn's absence is deeply felt, and she is fondly remembered by all who had the privilege of working alongside her. Her legacy of dedication and inspiration continues to resonate within our team, and she will be dearly missed.

b. INVESTMENT POLICY AND PERFORMANCE

The trustees retain funds in an interest bearing account and take advantage of the interest received albeit currently at low rates.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

a. GOING CONCERN

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity 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.

b. RESERVES POLICY

The unrestricted general fund represents the unrestricted funds arising from past operating results. It also represents the free reserves of the charity. The Trustees are aiming to hold free reserves of six months of the operating expenditure of the charity. The Trustees have examined the requirement to maintain free reserves and have concluded that the most appropriate level is six months of operational expenditure. This has not yet been achieved, although reserves are increasing to meet this requirement. At 31 March 2023, the charity had total funds of £1,468,278, of which £1,267,907 represented unrestricted funds.

c. FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE YEAR

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The charitable company had total incoming resources of £1,510,668 for the year ended 31 March 2023 compared to £1,411,708 in the previous year. Resources expended to 31 March 2023 amounted to £1,398,061 (2022 - £1,447,994). This has resulted in a surplus for the year of £112,607 (2022 - Deficit of £36,286). Funds brought forward from previous years amounts to £1,355,671, which, together with current funds, total £1,468,278 to carry forward to 2023/24. These funds to carry forward include £200,371 of restricted funds.

d. PRINCIPAL FUNDING

Principal funding is provided by contracts with Blackburn with Darwen, spot purchase contracts via social care funding, Supporting People, subcontracts with Greater Manchester Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust (GMMH) Change, ,Housing benefits. The charity is also grateful for donations from sponsors.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

a. CONSTITUTION

The charity is a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Memorandum of Association on 28 September 2005.

The charity is constituted under a Memorandum of Association dated 28 September 2005 and is a registered charity number 1114489.

The charity has a Code of Governance that identifies its values and works within the remit of its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

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b. METHOD OF APPOINTMENT OR ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Articles of Association. Trustees continually look to bring onto the board new people who reflect the diversity of the charity's targeted beneficiaries, as well as an understanding of the organisation's business needs.

c. POLICIES ADOPTED FOR THE INDUCTION AND TRAINING OF TRUSTEES

A comprehensive induction and training policy for new trustees is now implemented. This is designed to give the strategic board a greater insight in to operational activity that can influence their strategic thinking. All new trustees undergo an induction period, providing them with an opportunity to understand different aspects of the company. Specific training is identified between the individual trustee and chair of the board.

d. ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE AND DECISION MAKING

THOMAS consists of a board of trustees who are responsible for the strategic direction and overall performance of the charity. They meet at least four times a year to review quarterly financial and operational performance and the monitoring of the strategic plan. The day to day management of the charity is handed down to a professional management team. The chief executive leads the senior management team and reports directly to the board. The senior management team has expertise in business strategy, financial management and the operational objectives of the charity. In addition an external financial advisor feeds into the senior management team and also reports to the board. They set targets and monitor outputs. Operational managers' and the senior finance officer report to the chief executive who chairs a monthly meeting that monitors: outputs, targets, health & safety, safeguarding, human resources, data collection and business development. A sub-committee of the senior management team exists that monitors financial management and the senior finance officer reports directly to the chief executive and external financial advisor who both report directly to the board of directors/trustees.

e. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Trustees have a risk register that is active and ongoing to monitor exposure to risk. They are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate major risks.

Governance

Potential for weak strategy and monitoring: In-depth strategic and financial reporting is provided each quarter to the board so it can respond to strategic challenge. Levels of accountability are clearly defined between board, senior management, operational management and frontline. Policies are reviewed every two years and earlier if legislation necessitates. A business continuity policy/ plan is in place.

Skill Base of Board: The board has a quality assurance framework in place to recruit essential skill mix covering, finance, management, business and local knowledge.

Financial Management

Fraud: Systems are in place to minimise the risk of fraud. Different levels of responsibilities are in place to maximise control systems.

A risk register is constantly reviewed.

Income/Expenditure: Income and expenditure is analysed on a monthly basis. Contingency is allowed within overall budget with anticipated surpluses to compensate for under performance in other areas. The charity has invested in a central data analysis system that monitors operational performance linking into financial performance. Targets are set and outcomes monitored.

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Loss of Public Sector Contracts: The charity is heavily reliant on public sector funding. However, its specialist asset base community has placed it in a good position to access sub contracts with prime providers. Local authority commissioning encourages partnership bids.

Operational Management

Under performance with subcontracts impacting contractual targets: The charity has performance management plans. Operational data reports are provided to managers on a weekly basis. Managers hold meetings with staff on a weekly basis and with senior management on a monthly basis.

Employment of Recovering Addicts: The charity employs a high proportion of people in recovery to fulfil its mission – hence the risk of relapse. However systems are in place to support staff through its outsourced HR Team.

Human Resources: The charity outsources its HR to a specialist team. This includes an occupational health unit, 24 hour help line for staff who may suffer from stress and a psychologist who is available for clinical supervision.

Information Technology

IT Data Performance Loss: All data is backed up and stored in an external data unit.

Security of Data: ThinkPads are used throughout the organisation with no data stored on individual computers. All data is managed on a network system with individual password access.

Breach of Information Governance: The charity is fully compliant with the NHS information governance toolkit. Information governance is part of staff induction. Staff engage on a refresher course each year.

Health & Safety

Fragmented Management of H&S: Health & safety is managed with risk assessments covering buildings, fire, generic project working, lone working and safeguarding. Each service user has an individual risk assessment.

Environment

Environmental factors are analysed on a regular basis with strategic planning to meet the challenge of the business environment. Business continuity procedures and plans are in place for unforeseen events.

Regulated Activity

The charity works with vulnerable people and is regulated under the Care Quality Commission. Its governance and management is independently inspected on a regular basis and it meets all CQC standards.

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PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

a. FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

THOMAS is committed to sustaining an innovative strategy that involves operating within its means while prioritising the development of high-quality services. This approach focuses on resource efficiency, ensuring the charity maximises its potential within existing capabilities. Simultaneously, THOMAS emphasises enhancing programme quality, reflecting a dedication to delivering impactful and effective services. This innovative strategy underscores the importance of striving for excellence and keeping a rigid focus on sustainability in its operations.

Bolton holds strategic importance in our development plans, primarily focusing on boosting bed occupancy rates. Additionally, we aim to expand our spot purchase provision at Witton Bank with increased attention on local authorities across England. Simultaneously, we are dedicated to advancing our Trainee Brief Coaching Programme to create employment opportunities for some trainees. This initiative reflects our commitment to enhancing bed utilisation and empowering our trainees through skill development and employment prospects.

THOMAS is placing a heightened emphasis on its communication strategy, with a specific focus on sharing success stories with the general public. This initiative involves actively and effectively communicating the organisation's achievements, positive outcomes, and impact on various platforms. By showcasing success stories, THOMAS aims to engage and inform the broader community about its meaningful contributions and the positive changes it brings about. This approach not only fosters transparency but also creates a compelling narrative that enhances public awareness and support for THOMAS's mission and initiatives.

MEMBERS' LIABILITY

The trustees of the charity guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charity in the event of winding up.

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TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

The trustees (who are also directors of T.H.O.M.A.S. (Those on the Margins of a Society) 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 year. 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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards 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 charitable company will continue in operation.

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

DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS

Each of the persons who are trustees at the time when this trustees' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware, and
- each trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a trustee in order to be aware of any information needed by the charity's auditors in connection with preparing their report and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

AUDITORS

The auditors, Smith & Goulding Limited, have indicated their willingness to continue in office. The Designated trustees will propose a motion re-appointing the auditors at a meeting of the trustees.

In preparing this report the trustees have taken advantage of the small companies exemption provided by section 419(2) of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the trustees on *19-12-2023* and signed on behalf of the board.

J. M. Malowana-Murphy

C. J. Porter

Trustee *J. M. Malowana-Murphy*

Trustee

CJP

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF T.H.O.M.A.S. (THOSE ON THE MARGINS OF A SOCIETY)

OPINION

We have audited the financial statements of T.H.O.M.A.S. (THOSE ON THE MARGINS OF A SOCIETY) (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2023 set out on pages 18 to 39. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

BASIS FOR OPINION

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

CONCLUSIONS RELATING TO GOING CONCERN

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charitable company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF T.H.O.M.A.S. (THOSE ON THE MARGINS OF A SOCIETY)

OTHER INFORMATION

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditors' report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

MATTERS ON WHICH WE ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT BY EXCEPTION

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Trustees' report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charity for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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AUDITORS' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditors' report.

OTHER MATTERS

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities including fraud. Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the charitable company through discussions with trustees and other management, and from our commercial knowledge and experience of the charity sector;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the charity, including the Companies Act 2006, taxation legislation and data protection, employment, environmental and health and safety legislation;
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence; and
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the company's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions; and
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates were indicative or potential bias.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;

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- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and
- reviewing correspondence with relevant regulators and the company's legal advisors.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the directors and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

USE OF OUR REPORT

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Simon Worswick

Simon Worswick B.A FCA
for and on behalf of
Smith & Goulding Limited

Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors

21 December 2023

2 Southport Road
Chorley
Lancashire
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Simon Worswick B.A FCA
for and on behalf of

Smith & Goulding Limited are eligible to act as auditors in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (Incorporating the Income and Expenditure Account)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	Restricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
INCOME FROM:					
Donations and legacies	2	-	30,805	30,805	46,100
Charitable activities	3	37,385	1,441,150	1,478,535	1,345,670
Other trading activities	4	-	300	300	19,938
Investments	5	-	1,028	1,028	-
TOTAL INCOME		37,385	1,473,283	1,510,668	1,411,708
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Raising funds	4	-	643	643	323
Charitable activities	6,8	51,265	1,346,153	1,397,418	1,447,671
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		51,265	1,346,796	1,398,061	1,447,994
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE) BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES		(13,880)	126,487	112,607	(36,286)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(13,880)	126,487	112,607	(36,286)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:					
Total funds brought forward		214,251	1,141,420	1,355,671	1,391,957
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		200,371	1,267,907	1,468,278	1,355,671

All activities relate to continuing operations.

The notes on pages 21 to 39 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	£	2023 £	£	2022 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	12		835,275		853,537
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	13	162,009		263,198	
Cash at bank and in hand		846,570		651,781	
		<u>1,008,579</u>		<u>914,979</u>	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	14	(105,876)		(113,615)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>902,703</u>		<u>801,364</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			<u>1,737,978</u>		<u>1,654,901</u>
CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year	15		(269,700)		(299,230)
NET ASSETS			<u>1,468,278</u>		<u>1,355,671</u>
CHARITY FUNDS					
Restricted funds	16		200,371		214,251
Unrestricted funds	16		1,267,907		1,141,420
TOTAL FUNDS			<u>1,468,278</u>		<u>1,355,671</u>

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

The trustees consider that the charity is entitled to exemption from the requirement to have an audit under the provisions of section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 ("the Act") and members have not required the charity to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act. However, an audit is required in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011.

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

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the trustees on 19-12-2023 and signed on their behalf, by:

J. M. Malowiana-Murphy

C. J. Porter

Trustee *J. M. Malowiana-Murphy*

Trustee

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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	18	<u>230,883</u>	<u>(88,869)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		<u>(36,094)</u>	<u>(80,292)</u>
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(36,094)</u>	<u>(80,292)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		194,789	(169,161)
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward		<u>651,781</u>	<u>820,942</u>
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward		<u><u>846,570</u></u>	<u><u>651,781</u></u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 BASIS OF PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements have been prepared 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 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The 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 the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

T.H.O.M.A.S. (THOSE ON THE MARGINS OF A SOCIETY) 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.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.2 INCOME

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

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the Trust that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Gifts in kind donated for distribution are included at valuation and recognised as income when they are distributed to the projects. Gifts donated for resale are included as income when they are sold. Donated facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified and a third party is bearing the cost. No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

Donated services or facilities are recognised when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use of the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the general volunteer time of the Friends is not recognised and refer to the trustees' report for more information about their contribution.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.3 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.

Fundraising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities. Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out at Headquarters. Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Costs of generating funds are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities and Governance costs are costs incurred on the charity's educational operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

1.4 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION

All assets costing more than £1,000 are capitalised.

Tangible fixed assets are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold property	-	2% straight line
L/Term Leasehold Property	-	2% straight line
S/Term Leasehold Property	-	20% straight line
Plant & machinery	-	20% straight line
Motor vehicles	-	20% straight line
Fixtures & fittings	-	20% straight line
Office equipment	-	20% straight line
Medical equipment	-	20% straight line

The freehold property is stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. The property has been valued at £475,000 which is below the net book value in the accounts. However, as the Trustees consider that the cost of purchasing and converting a similar property would exceed the current book value of the property, it is not considered necessary to write down the value of the asset on the balance sheet.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.5 INTEREST RECEIVABLE

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

1.6 OPERATING LEASES

Rentals under operating leases are charged to the statement of financial activities incorporating income and expenditure account on a straight line basis over the lease term.

1.7 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.

1.8 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.

1.9 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 charity 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 within interest payable and similar charges.

1.10 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The charity 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.

1.11 PENSIONS

Contributions to the charity's defined contribution pension scheme are charged as expenditure in the year in which they become payable.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.12 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 charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity 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.

1.13 CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND AREAS OF JUDGEMENT

Estimates and judgments are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

The charity makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

Critical areas of judgment:

- Depreciation

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2. INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Restricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Donations including Gift Aid	-	18,845	18,845	23,587
Sisters of St Joseph	-	5,000	5,000	-
Albert Hunt SP	-	-	-	5,500
Charles Plater Trust	-	-	-	4,700
Give As You Live Ltd	-	4,960	4,960	-
The Asda Foundation	-	1,000	1,000	-
Isherwood & Hose	-	-	-	3,188
Napthens LLP	-	-	-	1,000
Trustee of Trelux Charitable Trust	-	1,000	1,000	-
The Dowager Countess Eleanor Peel Trust	-	-	-	5,000
Mayors Charity	-	-	-	1,000
Groundwork UK	-	-	-	1,125
Pennine Community Credit Union Ltd	-	-	-	1,000
Total donations and legacies	-	30,805	30,805	46,100
Total 2022	-	46,100	46,100	

3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Restricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Contracts for charitable services	37,385	1,441,150	1,478,535	1,345,670
Total 2022	218,011	1,127,659	1,345,670	

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CONTRACTS FOR CHARITABLE SERVICES

	Restricted Funds 2023	Unrestricted Funds 2023	Total Funds 2023	<i>Total Funds 2022</i>
	£	£	£	£
BwD BC - Supporting People - GU	-	24,033	24,033	26,218
BwD BC Social Fund - Emergency Food Provision	-	22,000	22,000	20,000
BWD BC - Housing Support Grant	-	-	-	11,000
Service User Housing Benefits - Galligreaves Unit	-	68,096	68,096	69,848
BWD BC - Infection Control	-	-	-	16,122
Service User General Benefits - Witton Bank	-	72,748	72,748	57,682
BWD SSMTRG	-	57,000	57,000	57,000
Service User Housing Benefits - Salford	-	232,731	232,731	230,488
BST SSMTRG	-	186,000	186,000	36,990
Service User Housing Benefits - BwD Gateways/Oozehead Lane	-	17,272	17,272	26,385
Hyndburn Borough/ Salford City Council - COVID 19	-	-	-	10,450
Local Authority Funding for Witton Bank Rehab and Spot Purchase	-	284,980	284,980	198,841
Greater Manchester Mental Health NHS - Salford	-	465,829	465,829	358,332
CGL BWD - Inspire	-	-	-	126,408
Selnet Ltd	27,374	-	27,374	36,915
Zocharius Charitable Trust	-	-	-	7,500
Other small grants	-	1,461	1,461	1,000
DWF Charitable Fund	-	-	-	4,500
Trustees of 1961	-	3,000	3,000	-
UCLAN	-	6,000	6,000	-
HMRC JRS	-	-	-	9,804
The Dowager Countess Elanor Peel Trust	-	-	-	5,000
DWP Kickstart	10,011	-	10,011	35,187
Total	37,385	1,441,150	1,478,535	1,345,670

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4. CHARITY TRADING INCOME

	Restricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
CHARITY TRADING INCOME				
Income from Charity Shop	-	300	300	19,938
	-	300	300	19,938
FUNDRAISING TRADING EXPENSES				
Charity Shop trading expenses	-	643	643	323
	-	643	643	323
Net (expenditure)/income from charity trading income	-	(343)	(343)	19,615

In 2023 and 2022, all trading income and trading expenses were from unrestricted funds.

5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Restricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Investment income	-	1,028	1,028	-

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6. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Restricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Core (including SSMTRG/ Grants)	16,056	233,579	249,635	141,541
Galligreaves Unit	-	68,837	68,837	54,457
Witton Bank SS Rehab	-	345,841	345,841	315,686
Salford Housing and Recovery Projects	-	637,321	637,321	598,568
CRI - East and North Lancashire	-	-	-	69,197
BwD Gateways/Oozehead	-	17,656	17,656	13,455
Social Enterprise Projects (including Big Lottery)	-	-	-	132,248
Selnet Ltd - BBO Funding	35,209	-	35,209	70,784
Society of the Holy Child Jesus	-	-	-	14,386
	<u>51,265</u>	<u>1,303,234</u>	<u>1,354,499</u>	<u>1,410,322</u>
<i>Total 2022</i>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,410,322</u>	<u>1,410,322</u>	

7. SUPPORT COSTS

	THOMAS £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Core storage rent and utility costs	4,794	4,794	4,893
Wages and salaries	36,750	36,750	40,666
National insurance	3,184	3,184	3,231
Pension cost	791	791	934
	<u>45,519</u>	<u>45,519</u>	<u>49,724</u>
<i>Total 2022</i>	<u>49,724</u>	<u>49,724</u>	

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8. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Restricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Accountancy fees	-	6,052	6,052	3,891
Auditors' remuneration	-	4,000	4,000	2,960
Legal and professional fees	-	11,160	11,160	11,926
Loan interest	-	19,757	19,757	14,699
Bank charges and loan arrangement fees	-	1,950	1,950	3,873
	-	42,919	42,919	37,349

9. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

This is stated after charging:

	2023 £	2022 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets:		
- owned by the charity	54,356	47,137
Auditors' remuneration - audit	4,000	2,960
Accountancy fees	6,052	3,890
Operating lease rentals	122,855	121,984

During the year, no trustees received any remuneration (2022 - £NIL).

During the year, no trustees received any benefits in kind (2022 - £NIL).

During the year, no trustees received any reimbursement of expenses (2022 - £NIL).

Operating Leases

	2023 £	2022 £
Land and buildings	122,855	121,984
Office equipment	-	-
Total	121,984	121,894

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10. DIRECT COSTS (Excl Support and Governance costs)

	2023 £	2022 £
Building and general office costs	314,779	310,996
Printing, postage and stationery	5,743	6,839
Travel and volunteer expenses	5,366	8,340
Staff training and resources	9,144	4,670
Sessional worker costs	1,247	1,280
Client living expenses	130,635	108,010
Staff recruitment	1,770	430
Social enterprise costs	979	15,367
Wages and salaries	698,250	772,655
Employers national insurance	60,489	61,394
Employers pension costs	15,019	17,746
Depreciation	54,356	47,137
Legal and professional	11,203	5,734
	<u>1,308,980</u>	<u>1,360,598</u>

11. STAFF COSTS

Staff costs were as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	735,000	813,321
Social security costs	63,673	64,625
Other pension costs	15,810	18,680
	<u>814,483</u>	<u>896,626</u>

The average number of persons employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	2023 No.	2022 No.
Project personnel	27	33
Charity administration (incl projects)	5	5
	<u>32</u>	<u>38</u>

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

Total remuneration and benefits received by management and key personnel amounted to £103,871 (2022 - £80,071).

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12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Land and buildings £	Other fixed assets £	Total £
COST			
At 1 April 2022	1,240,843	169,692	1,410,535
Additions	6,339	29,755	36,094
At 31 March 2023	<u>1,247,182</u>	<u>199,447</u>	<u>1,446,629</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2022	402,435	154,563	556,998
Charge for the year	42,728	11,628	54,356
At 31 March 2023	<u>445,163</u>	<u>166,191</u>	<u>611,354</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2023	<u>802,019</u>	<u>33,256</u>	<u>835,275</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>838,408</u>	<u>15,129</u>	<u>853,537</u>

At 31 March 2023, included within the net book value of land and buildings is £626,228 (2022 - £644,888) relating to freehold land and buildings, £118,200 (2022 - £120,339) relating to long term leasehold land and buildings and £57,593 (2022 - £73,182) relating to short term leasehold land and buildings.

The buildings include Witton Bank, Spring Lane which has a security held against this building by the Unity Bank with a second legal charge being held by Futurebuilders. The Net book value of this secured property is £626,228.

13. DEBTORS

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade debtors	55,393	125,280
Other debtors	23,164	22,727
Prepayments and accrued income	83,452	115,191
	<u>162,009</u>	<u>263,198</u>

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14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023 £	2022 £
Bank loan	17,391	17,391
Other loan	12,792	12,792
Trade creditors	39,159	42,306
Other taxation and social security	16,454	18,198
Other creditors	4,522	4,771
Accruals and deferred income	15,558	18,157
	<u>105,876</u>	<u>113,615</u>

15. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2023 £	2022 £
Bank loan	63,864	81,335
Other loan	205,836	217,895
	<u>269,700</u>	<u>299,230</u>

Creditors include amounts not wholly repayable within 5 years as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Repayable by instalments	<u>148,968</u>	<u>178,498</u>

The bank loan is from Unity Trust Bank plc and £81,255 is still owing at 31 March 2023 (total loan repayable over 25 years at a rate of interest of 2.25% over the Bank's Base Rate). The other loan is for £218,628 from Futurebuilders England and is repayable over 25 years at a rate of interest of 3% over the Bank's Base Rate.

The borrowings from Unity Trust Bank are secured by a first legal charge on Witton Bank, Spring Lane, Blackburn. Futurebuilders have the second legal charge on the property. The amount of the secured liability is £363,506.

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16. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

STATEMENT OF FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS				
General Funds - all funds	1,141,420	1,473,283	(1,346,796)	1,267,907
RESTRICTED FUNDS				
	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Futurebuilders - capital grant	83,205	-	(2,800)	80,405
BwD PCT - capital grant	1,938	-	(240)	1,698
BwD DAAT - capital grant	286	-	(60)	226
Selnet Ltd	49	27,374	(35,209)	(7,786)
Public Health England - capital grant - new building	128,773	-	(2,945)	125,828
DWP Kickstart	-	10,011	(10,011)	-
	214,251	37,385	(51,265)	200,371
Total of funds	1,355,671	1,510,668	(1,398,061)	1,468,278

STATEMENT OF FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
General Funds - all funds	1,028,685	1,322,822	(1,210,087)	1,141,420

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RESTRICTED FUNDS

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2021 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 March 2022 £</i>
Futurebuilders - capital grant	86,005	-	(2,800)	83,205
BwD PCT - capital grant	2,178	-	(240)	1,938
BwD DAAT - capital grant	346	-	(60)	286
Zochorius Charitable Trust	-	7,500	(7,500)	-
Big Lottery Fund - Social Enterprise	66,459	-	(66,459)	-
Selnet Ltd	33,471	36,915	(70,337)	49
Public Health England - capital grant - new building	128,773	-	-	128,773
The Society of the Holy Child Jesus	13,492	-	(13,492)	-
DWF Charitable Foundation	-	4,500	(4,500)	-
Big Lottery Fund - Covid 19	10,050	-	(10,050)	-
Big Lottery Fund - Main Grants Covid	10,000	-	(10,000)	-
Albert Gubay Charitable Trust	12,498	-	(12,498)	-
The Dowager Countess Elanor Peel Trust	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
DWP Kickstart	-	23,971	(23,971)	-
BWD Borough Council - Housing Support Grant	-	11,000	(11,000)	-
	<u>363,272</u>	<u>88,886</u>	<u>(237,907)</u>	<u>214,251</u>

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Restricted Funds:

Restricted funds to be carried forward into the next financial year are;

Futurebuilders - This fund is to be utilised in respect of capital works carried out to the Witton Bank property.

BWD PCT - To be spent on capital works at Witton Bank and 181 - 192 Dickson Close properties.

BWD DAAT - This is to be utilised for improvements made to previous rental properties within Blackburn and Darwen.

Public Health England new building grant - This fund has been utilised in purchasing a new property in the Salford area.

Selnet Ltd - This fund is for Building Better Opportunities and will be fully utilised over the next few years.

Big Lottery Fund – This fund is for the 'THOMAS Works' project.

The Society for the Holy Child Jesus - This is to be utilised for staff costs.

The Big Lottery Fund - COVID 19 - To fund staff and other costs throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Big Lottery Fund - Main Grants COVID - A continuation to the fund above.

Albert Gubay Charitable Trust - This fund is to be spent on building works/ furnishings across the properties.

DWP Kickstart - This funding is to cover the salaries of young people to give them experience to get into employment.

Community Foundation - This was a small grant towards the initial response to COVID-19.

SUMMARY OF FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
General funds	1,141,420	1,473,283	(1,346,796)	1,267,907
Restricted funds	214,251	37,385	(51,265)	200,371
	<u>1,355,671</u>	<u>1,510,668</u>	<u>(1,398,061)</u>	<u>1,468,278</u>

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16. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (continued)

SUMMARY OF FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2021</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>Balance at 31 March 2022</i>
	£	£	£	£
General funds	1,028,685	1,322,822	(1,210,087)	1,141,420
Restricted funds	363,272	88,886	(237,907)	214,251
	<u>1,391,957</u>	<u>1,411,708</u>	<u>(1,447,994)</u>	<u>1,355,671</u>

17. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Restricted funds 2023	Unrestricted funds 2023	Total funds 2023
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	208,157	627,118	835,275
Current assets	(7,786)	1,016,365	1,008,579
Creditors due within one year	-	(105,876)	(105,876)
Creditors due in more than one year	-	(269,700)	(269,700)
	<u>200,371</u>	<u>1,267,907</u>	<u>1,468,278</u>

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	<i>Restricted funds 2022</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds 2022</i>	<i>Total funds 2022</i>
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	-	853,537	853,537
Current assets	214,251	700,728	914,979
Creditors due within one year	-	(113,615)	(113,615)
Creditors due in more than one year	-	(299,230)	(299,230)
	<u>214,251</u>	<u>1,141,420</u>	<u>1,355,671</u>

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18. RECONCILIATION OF NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2023 £	2022 £
Net income/(expenditure) for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	112,607	(36,286)
Adjustment for:		
Depreciation charges	54,356	47,137
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	101,189	(77,616)
Decrease in creditors	(37,269)	(22,104)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	230,883	(88,869)

19. ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash in hand	846,570	651,781
Total	846,570	651,781

20. PENSION COMMITMENTS

Payments were made to personal pension plans for the year ended 31 March 2023. Outstanding monies due at 31 March 2023 amounted to £2,999 (2022 - £3,528) and are included in creditors.

21. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

At 31 March 2023 the total of the charity's future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases was:

	Land and buildings 2023 £	2022 £	2023 £	Other 2022 £
AMOUNTS PAYABLE:				
Within 1 year	30,714	30,496	-	-

22. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

No related party transactions occurred in the years ended 31 March 2023 and 31 March 2022.

23. CONTROLLING PARTY

The charity is controlled by the Trustees.

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24. COMPANY STATUS

The charity is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company are the Trustees named on page 1. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity. The company was incorporated in England and the registered office is as follows:-

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