

2024-2025

Social Impact Report

Blackpool Carers Centre

Quality • Passion • Respect

Charity No. 1114558





Volunteer Coordinator, Kerry (c) with volunteers at their celebration event at The Village Blackpool

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OUR PURPOSE

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Blackpool Carers Centre exists to make a better life for carers through our values of Passion, Quality and Respect.



Cover images:
Adult carers' trip to Brantwood, Coniston;
Young carer having fun during a respite craft session;
Rock climbing experience for young carers during a respite trip.

WELCOME

to the 2024/25 Annual Review from Blackpool Carers Centre.

This year has been one of progress, innovation, and renewed energy. Despite the challenges facing charities nationally, we are proud that Blackpool Carers Centre has continued to grow in strength, delivering high quality, person focused support that makes a real difference in the lives of unpaid carers and their families.

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We have expanded our reach through new projects, strengthened partnerships with schools, health and social care as well as introducing fresh initiatives such as digital inclusion and innovative group programmes. Each development reflects our ongoing commitment to shaping services around the voices of carers themselves and to continually adapt to meet changing needs.

Our successes this year have only been possible thanks to the passion and commitment of our staff, volunteers and students. Their dedication embodies our values of Passion, Quality and Respect and ensures that every carer who walks through our doors feels seen, valued and supported.

We are deeply grateful to our funders, supporters and corporate partners, whose generosity and belief in our mission enable us to provide vital services to carers and their families. Together, we are building a stronger future for carers in Blackpool.

Looking ahead, we remain ambitious and optimistic. With a clear strategy, strong partnerships and the energy of our incredible team, we are excited to continue developing new opportunities, raising awareness of the vital role of carers and ensuring that every carer in Blackpool has the chance of a better life.



Sarah Lambert
Chair of Trustees



Tom McMurdo
Director of Finance & Resources

WHAT WE DO

Our mission remains steadfast: to create a better life for carers. At Blackpool Carers Centre, we achieve this through a variety of tailored support interventions, centering on a person led approach that recognises the unique journey of each carer.

This year, we've continued to expand and adapt our services to meet the evolving needs of carers across Blackpool. Our support extends from intensive, time-limited one-to-one assistance to community-based activities and trips for carers of all ages. Whether it's a young carer navigating school and family responsibilities or an adult balancing work and caregiving, our services are designed to offer comprehensive support.

Our dedicated team provides personalised care, offering guidance and information that helps carers manage the complexities of their roles. From service navigation to support groups, we create safe spaces where carers can share their experiences, gain valuable insights, and find comfort in knowing they are not alone.

Understanding the physical and emotional demands of caring, we place a strong emphasis on respite. We continue to offer diverse respite opportunities, whether through engaging sessions at Beaverbrooks House or community outings. These moments of respite are crucial, giving carers the chance to recharge and focus on their own well-being.

We are committed to evidence-based practice and continuous improvement. This year, our focus on rigorous data collection and analysis has strengthened, allowing us to better track the impact of our services. By listening to feedback from carers and measuring outcomes, we refine our approaches to ensure that we are truly making a difference in the lives of those we support.

Our achievements are the result of a collaborative effort. Our dedicated staff, volunteers, and Trustees work tirelessly to ensure that every carer who comes to us receives the support they need and deserve. Together, we are making a meaningful impact on the lives of carers in Blackpool.



Adult carer up to monkey business during a respite trip to Barton Grange Garden Centre

ADULT CARERS

We recognise the unique challenges and immense responsibilities that adult carers face, and we're dedicated to providing a wide range of services and resources tailored to their specific needs. Our goal is to support them in their caring roles while also enhancing their own well-being.

Our Adult Carers Service serves as a vital lifeline, offering practical assistance, emotional support, and much-needed respite. We understand that the demands of caring can be overwhelming, often leaving carers with little time for themselves.

That's why our services are specifically designed to provide the respite and support adult carers need to continue their vital work without compromising their own health and happiness.

“It makes such a difference to have someone listen to you, especially if you are on your own and have no company.”

Sarah, ReFocus Carer



BILL'S STORY

I had a well-paid job as an engineer which involved travelling around the country and was often away from home. I was about to travel to Scotland, when my wife Linda had her stroke. It came as a complete shock to us, it was just a normal Friday night, she was on the phone to a friend and within minutes my daughter shouted to me mum's having a stroke. This was in January 2020. When Linda was allowed home, it was clear that our lives had changed forever, I had to give up my job to look after her as a full-time carer.

I was referred to the Carers Centre by the Transfer of Care Hub at Blackpool Victoria Hospital who contacted me before Linda was discharged home. I met a support worker at the hospital which was an opportunity to talk about my caring role and the support that is available. It included planning for an emergency and setting up a Contingency Plan just in case something unexpectedly happened to me, and I was unable to care for Linda.

Having the support from the Carers Centre has helped take away some of the 'What if' and replaced it with some reassurance if an emergency did occur. My support worker applied for a Carers Trust Grant which

is fantastic as I use it to watch Blackpool play football at Bloomfield Road.

I plan my days around Linda, due to her medication she sleeps around 14 hours a day, so we do everything between the hours of 12pm – 7pm. We go out every day and make the most of the time we have. Our relationship has changed and evolved into something different. To some degree you're trying to be a husband and a Carer and that's sometimes difficult. It affects everything. I feel I manage that quite well, but for some people, I think it must just totally change the way they interact with their loved ones.

It's been a gradual thing, but it's always been there, and my family have always tried to encourage me to take a break, but it is a difficult one, you do feel guilty. I do need to start taking more breaks, as now my only respite is the football on a Saturday for 4 hours which is the only time I switch off from my caring role completely. I really appreciate the support I have received from the Carers Centre and would not have been able to move forward without their support, which has allowed me to continue to be a husband and a carer.

WHAT WE ACHIEVED

This year we have seen significant growth in our adult team. We have continued to expand our crucial support to those caring for individuals struggling with alcohol and substance misuse. We have also build upon the success of our adult respite provision, offering more sessions, trips and activities throughout the year.

FACTS AND FIGURES



782

adult carers received one to one support.



312

adult carers' respite sessions took place



967

welfare checks made for adult carers



82

Lasting Power of Attorney forms completed.



I cant thank you enough, I was declined 3 times until your help. It will make a real difference to us not worrying about money as well.

Jim, carer supported by our Benefits Advisor



677

referrals made to other organisations on behalf of adult carers



658

instances of partnership working took place on behalf of adult carers



Thank you for your support and being there for me. I feel like people are listening to me now. The contacts toolkit you gave me is now my go to contact list.

Jean, adult carer



Carers and loved ones enjoying some happy 'together time' at Dementia Carers' Drop-in



ReFocus Carers' Group making new friends during a respite break to Crow Wood Hotel, Burnley

YOUNG CARERS

Young carers face a multitude of challenges as they navigate the responsibilities of caring for a family member or loved one. Our Young Carers Service is dedicated to providing personalised support, respite, and empowerment to these remarkable young individuals, who often take on adult-sized responsibilities at a young age.



Excited young carers meeting Rob Ferguson, author of 'The Late Crew', a fantastic tale of young carers...and an alien!

Our commitment to young carers is rooted in a deep understanding of their needs and aspirations. Through one-to-one support, group activities, and dedicated projects, we aim to alleviate the burden of caring and create an environment where young carers can thrive.

The Young Carers Service also focuses on fostering a sense of community and belonging for young carers. Through group activities, workshops, and social events, we create opportunities for them to connect with peers, build supportive relationships, and share their experiences in a safe and inclusive space. This sense of belonging helps combat feelings of isolation and provides a network of understanding individuals who can relate to their unique challenges.

Our support extends beyond just providing care-related resources. We also aim to empower young carers by offering opportunities for personal development, education, and skills-building. By giving them the tools they need to succeed both in their caring role and in their personal lives, we help them build a brighter future.

The Young Carers Service is more than just a support system - it's a lifeline for young carers who often feel overwhelmed by their

responsibilities. We are dedicated to ensuring that these young individuals receive the support, recognition, and opportunities they deserve, enabling them to live fulfilling lives while continuing to care for their loved ones.

SCARLETT'S STORY

My name is Scarlett, I am 13 years old and am a young carer for my sister who has ADHD and can be challenging with her behaviour.

My sister's behaviour impacts life at home as she can be violent and I find her behaviour stressful, it also affects my self-confidence, and I barely get any time with my mum. I help my mum a lot around the house by tidying up, washing dishes and going shopping, as my mum can't go with my sister. I also look after my younger sister when things are challenging by taking her to my room.

I was referred to Blackpool Carers Centre in 2019 where I received 1 to 1 support. Since then, I was re-referred and I've been receiving 1 to 1 support, attending the respite sessions and took part in the trips and activities over the summer holidays. Blackpool Carers Centre has given me the chance to get away from my caring role, explore different things and make new friendships. I feel this time is time for myself.



Time spent at Blackpool Carers is time for myself.

Scarlett, young carer



Young carers had an amazing day during a visit to Lancashire Fire Service

WHAT WE ACHIEVED

The Young Carers service, has continued in a position of a strength, supporting hundreds of young carers and their families through a range of caring roles and situations. Our Family Focus Project continues successfully to be one of the few support programmes in the country specifically designed to support children and young people affected by parental mental ill health and/or substance misuse.

You do an amazing job and support adults and children when they need it most. Thank you for everything.

Andrea, Family Focus mum



Young carers practicing archery skills during a residential trip

You've helped me to know that I can now talk to people and not keep it all to myself.

Carol, parent of young carer



Respite Coordinator, Pat, teaching helping a young carer with her culinary skills

FACTS AND FIGURES



404
young carers accessed support



718
instances of one to one support with young carers



599
instances of partnership working took place on behalf of young carers and their families



100
multiagency meetings took place on behalf of young carers and their families



177
young carers respite sessions took place



221
welfare checks made for young carers



This young carer was let loose with a few paint pots during Take5 respite...

VOLUNTEERS

Our volunteers play an vital role in the operations of Blackpool Carers Centre. Whether its welcoming all of our carers and visitors to Beaverbrooks House, delivering the Caring Times or supporting respite sessions; our volunteers are intertwined in all of the work we do as an organisation.

As our charity, our strength is to be able to offer support and flexibility when our volunteers experience changes in their personal lives and our willingness to change in response to the needs of the organisation to ensure that volunteering remains 'at the heart of Beaverbrooks House'.



Dianne (r) and her team of knitters

One of the objectives for 2024 was to develop our relationship with key partners and to explore new ways of engaging with external organisations. The Department of Work and Pension has supported the centre with volunteers from their 'Community 10 000' project for several years and this year we were able to offer opportunities for them to volunteer alongside carers by organising an afternoon tea for our regular 'Dementia Drop In' and creating a bug themed session for the young carers in Take 5. During their visits our volunteers with long term caring roles described their daily routines and lived experience to the teams as they described the impact of our work. Alongside

another two teams who came to work in the garden, they donated food, resources and plants as well as their time. Their positive feedback to their colleagues has led to a visit early in 2025 to continue their work.

This year volunteering has taken a new direction with community volunteers who do not attend the centre. In 2024 our regular volunteer Dianne took on the challenge of developing knitting for Rocco and the fundraising that it generates. With some help from friends and contacts in the crafting community this contribution has gone from strength to strength. We now have an additional 14 people who knit for us and we are also supported by knit and natter groups in Layton and Poulton. Each knitter has adopted their own Rocco and it has resulted in over 600 outfits being produced and £4,600 in donations from the hotels that support us by selling them to guests. We celebrated their success by inviting all the knitters to a Xmas afternoon tea where they received a surprise thank you from the 'real' Rocco. Volunteering in this way enable us to engage with a new group of people who cannot commit to a regular role but can contribute their time and skills to the centre.

“Volunteering at Take 5 is such an honour.

Danielle, Take 5 volunteer

DANIELLE'S STORY

I've been volunteering for just over a year with Take 5, and I have been involved in organising activities, such as teaching cooking skills and organising crafts. I have also offered emotional support by actively listening to any young person if they need to offload any issues that they are having. Take 5 has given me the opportunity to learn more about myself and others, and has expanded not only my own skills, but has allowed me to learn and develop new skills as well. For example, I didn't think I would be helping teenagers in the kitchen learning how to cook meals for their friends, but I'm so glad I have! Because of this, I'm now constantly coming up with and researching new ideas I can try out with the group- especially when it comes to food!

I enjoy volunteering with Take 5 because not only does it give me valuable work experience, but volunteering also has made a valuable impact upon myself as a person. I have become much more confident in myself, and I have become someone who young people can come to if they feel safe to do so. This to me is such an honour, and I feel so grateful that the Take 5 team has allowed me to become a volunteer with them- thank you so much.



Volunteer, Dan with young carers during a respite trip to Blackpool Zoo



Volunteering at Blackpool

Carers is like belonging to a huge family, it's a lovely place to be, everyone is happy and smiling even though the staff have some very difficult situations to work through and I hope to be helping for a long time to come"

Volunteer

FACTS AND FIGURES



133

individuals volunteered during the year



5,949

hours donated by volunteers



64

new volunteers welcomed

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Blackpool Carers Centre will continue to deliver a provide a wide range of services and projects to carers and their families as we remain focused on delivering a better life for carers.

Our 5 year strategy continues to define our work as we seek to achieve our objectives for carers, for our people and for resources respectively. We have identified some specific focuses for the next financial year, the delivery of which will progress our objects and strengthen the organisation's position.

The first of these is a focus on identifying more carers at an early stage in their caring role by improving our external communications with professionals, families, businesses and the public generally. This aim will see the unveiling of a new brand for Blackpool Carers Centre and new literature which is more visually centered. There will also be work on our social media presence and a new push on our literature in the community. These steps will be further supported by specific awareness work with local agencies and support teams in both statutory and third sector organisations.

We will also work to improve the financial position of carers by increasing our provision of benefits advice. This will see the organisation source specific funding for work around income maximisation for carers to ensure that we remain able to meet the demand presented by our community.

Another key focus for the year is securing long term funding for our Family Focus Project which supports

children and young people affected by substance misuse and/or mental ill health

Importantly, as the Health and Social Care landscape shifts, we will develop new ways of working that align with the priorities of our statutory partners.



Respite Coordinator, Pat leading an adult carers' Tai Chi session on Wellbeing Wednesday

OUR SUPPORTERS

We remain incredibly grateful to our supporters whose continued help enables us to delivery our work and pursue our mission. This year, we have seen another bike ride and a range of personal challenges, with people running, walking and even fighting to raise vital funds for Blackpool Carers Centre.

The help of our Caring Corporates has been very gratefully received, as businesses from across the town have worked hard to raise funds and to raise awareness of carers across the community. From Hotels selling our Rocco teddies, through to larger organisations donating for every job they do, all of our wonderful Caring Corporates work towards making a better life for carers.

Below: Our 2024 Blackpool to 5 Countries Cyclists at the finish of their epic challenge, at Chester Racecourse.



Great North Runners, Debbie and Tony, are regular supporters of Blackpool Carers.

“We love the fact that we can support such a worthwhile and local charity as we can see a direct impact in our local area.

**Rachel Lawless, Imperial Hotel
(Caring Corporate)**



Above: Pupils from Baines School raised £550 by holding a Christmas Fair, Easter Bingo and Summer Raffle throughout the year.



Terry (r) with the winning team from InXpress, at our 2024 Charity Golf Day.

“I support Blackpool Carers Centre because someone needs to care for those who care for others.

Mark Prince, MarkSafety (Caring Corporate)

THE IMPACT OF BLACKPOOL CARERS OVER THE PAST YEAR, THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT...



Every £1 invested
in Blackpool Carers Centre provides
a Social Return on Investment of

£19.47



Our adult carers feeling
less socially isolated
returned a value of

£325,352



Our adult carers
returning to work
generated a value of

£344,818



The improvements in the
financial situations of our adult carers
generated a value of

£491,489



Our work within
schools has returned
a social value of

£243,072



The reassurance provided by
Blackpool Carers to young carers with a
low level of need generated a value of

£1,604,986



Our work within Social Care teams
returned a social value of

£262,207



Our work with
our carers' 'cared-for'
has returned a value of

£2,059,126



Our work with young carers with a
high level of need
returned a value of

£557,233



Our respite provision
for young carers
returned a value of

£238,469



Our support meaning that our carers'
'cared-for' are less likely to require
institutionalised care returned a value of

£1,379,225



Our work with GPs
reducing unnecessary appointments
returned a value of

£355,810



To make a donation to provide
respite for our carers
**Text BLACKPOOLCARERS to
70085 to give £5***

*Texts charged at your standard network rate

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*Carers enjoying some relaxing
art-therapy during
Wellbeing Wednesday*

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Adult carers on an inspirational trip to the Meditation Centre at Ulverston.

INTRODUCTION

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Carers and loved ones enjoying Afternoon Tea and Tunes at The Village Blackpool



Trips with their peers are a vital form of respite for our young carers.



Young carers with one of the 71 Elmer Elephants on Blackpool Promenade

Sarah Lambert

Sarah Lambert
Chair of Trustees

Tom McMurdo

Tom McMurdo
Director of Finance
& Resources

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2015.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity Name

Blackpool Carers Centre Ltd

Registered Company number

05633524 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1114558

Registered office

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KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

The Trustees delegate responsibility for the day-to-day management of the charity to the following senior employees:

- Nigel McMurdo – Director of Operations
- Tom McMurdo – Director of Finance and Resources
- Alison Brown – Director of Quality

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Charitable Company (hereafter referred to as "the Charity") is controlled by its governing document, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

As set out in the Articles of Association, the board of trustees comprises not less than three trustees but not more than 12 trustees.

The Board is responsible for the recruitment and appointment of new Trustees. Each year a skills audit is undertaken and if gaps are identified, a recruitment process takes place. The recruitment

process has been developed in order to attract a diverse group of trustees with appropriate skills, knowledge and experience.

Occasionally potential trustees register an interest in the organisation. Following this, a meeting is arranged with the Chair and a Director and the trustee is held on a waiting list until an appropriate vacancy arises.

Induction and training of new trustees

Once a decision has been made to take up a Board position, Trustees receive an induction pack containing the annual report, strategy and business plan and detailed information about the organisation and the personal commitment required. Trustees are invited to visit Beaverbrooks House and shadow workers in order to ensure a detailed understanding of the work carried out.

Each year a Board Development Day is held, when trustees, supported by senior staff, take part in governance training and review the strategy, developing new ideas and learning about each other's roles.

Organisational structure

The activities of the organisation are governed by the board of trustees, all of whom are directors. The board has established an Audit and Governance Sub-Committee.

Board meetings are held quarterly, and a board assurance framework has been established in order to guide the board and sub-committee agenda.

The Treasurer works closely with the finance team to provide assurance to the board around organisational finance.

The board of trustees appoints the Directors who report to the Board on the operational running of the organisation.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES continued

Trustees' attendance at board meetings

Trustee	13.05.24	12.08.24	11.11.24	10.02.25
Sarah Lambert (Chair)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Alison Gilmore (Treasurer)	x	✓	✓	✓
Tracy Jackson	x	N/A	N/A	N/A
Anthony Ward	✓	✓	N/A	N/A
John Topping	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sian Howarth	x	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sarah Leighton	x	x	x	x
Ben Reilly	✓	✓	✓	x
Nicola Blackburn	✓	✓	✓	✓

Related parties

None of the trustees receives remuneration or other benefits from their work with the charity. Trustees are invited to declare any relevant interests at each board meeting, and formally requested to submit an annual register of interests form.

Blackpool Carers' Centre Ltd is a network partner of Carers Trust.

Remuneration policy

The board is responsible for considering the remuneration of all staff, taking account of the skills and experience required, as well as the sector norms for charities of this size. Staff pay is reviewed annually by the board of trustees and a full pay review has been conducted with a new salary structure in place.

Risk management

The board follows a comprehensive risk management policy which clearly defines the roles of the board, audit committee and staff in identifying and managing risks, and how the register of risks should be used as a live document.

The board has a risk matrix to identify all major risks. Each risk is scheduled for attention according to the severity of its potential impact and the Audit and Governance Sub-Committee manages the risk process.

MarkSafety Limited has been employed to manage Health and Safety.

Relationships with funders are maintained and regarded as high priority in order to develop sustainable and diverse funding streams.

Quality

Blackpool Carers Centre holds the Trusted Charity Level 2 Quality Mark and is a Carers Trust Centre of Excellence.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The Charity's objects as set out in the objects contained in the company's memorandum of association are:

- For the public benefit, to relieve the stresses experienced by carers and the families of people with physical, mental, sensory impairment or substance misuse problems, within the family or home, through the provision of support services and the promotion of the needs of carers on the Fylde Coast and surrounding areas.
- To advance public education concerning carers.
- To undertake any other charitable activity in connection with the above.

Purpose

The charity has a clear and easily understandable purpose which is to make 'A Better Life for Carers'.

Public Benefit

The trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in setting its strategy and when planning for the future. The charity supports carers from age of 5 who live, attend school/college or have a GP in Blackpool. A wide variety of support is offered to carers, families and professionals without charge.

We provide:

- One to one intensive support plans;
- Respite activities including youth clubs, trips and activities-age specific
- Beaverbrooks House as a venue for respite and ad hoc support
- Benefits advice
- School liaison
- Information and advice
- Volunteering opportunities
- Dementia training
- Substance Misuse project
- Mental Health support
- Emergency and small grants
- Whole family support
- Hospital based service
- Magazine

In order to ensure that resources are allocated effectively and to reduce dependency on services, initial assessments identify carers who are in the highest need according to a 'red/amber/green' status. The most complex families receive time limited, intensive packages of support intended to improve the quality of their lives. At the end of the support plan, carers are able to access peer or volunteer led support alongside organised events and activities.

Beaverbrooks House is open 5 days a week from 8.00am to 6.00pm with activities also taking place most weekends. Carers can call into Beaverbrooks House at any time to use facilities, gardens, take part in activities or seek advice and support. By embedding ourselves in our community, we are able to

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES continued

introduce the concept of caring and its potential impact on individuals/ families and educate all our stakeholders in the services that we offer.

Charitable activities

In order to deliver our purpose, we have developed a strategy focusing on three areas and this is reviewed annually. With the use of an operational plan, we review how our activities have performed against outputs and outcomes. We report on impact and ensure that all planned activities will achieve our purpose. Regular reviews allow trustees to build on the successes and learn when things go wrong in order to feed into a cycle of continuous development.

A. Carers

We will:

- a) Deliver excellent carer-led, time-limited and outcome focussed support to carers and their families
- b) Be the Single Point of Access for all carers in Blackpool
- c) Identify hidden carers each year.
- d) Increase the understanding of carers within the local community each year

B. People - Developing a high-quality team of staff, volunteers, students and partners and be an employer of choice.

We will:

- a) Provide a values driven, performance based learning culture for our team
- b) Grow our own workforce; providing excellent training with opportunities for progression and continuous development.
- c) Increase our capacity through providing a safe, supportive and stimulating placement for staff, students and volunteers
- d) Be an employer of choice.

C. Resources – Developing a sustainable future.

We will:

- a) Develop and maintain strong relationships with a diverse range of funders and partners, focusing on unrestricted income streams
- b) Develop a sustainable and vibrant carers centre
- c) Achieve net carbon neutrality
- d) Deliver excellence in governance and financial management.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Over 2024/25:

For adult carers:

- 677 carers were signposted to partner services;
- 3,213 1:1 support sessions were provided;
- 936 adult carers accessed support;
- 502 referrals for support;
- 967 welfare checks made for adult carers;
- 180 training places provided for carers caring for those suffering from dementia;
- 256 face-to-face benefits reviews, applications and appeals;
- £318,618 is the total value of benefits that have been accessed for carers.

For young carers:

- 220 referrals for support;
- 404 young carers accessed support;
- 2,180 instances of support provided;
- 599 instances of partnership working;
- 100 multiagency meetings attended on behalf of young carers

For young adult carers

- 633 instances of support provided;
- 47 referrals for young adult carer support;
- 121 young adult carers specific

respite sessions have taken place.

- 159 instances of partnership working took place with YACs

Resources

We are particularly indebted to the many funders who have provided vital support this year. We are indebted to The Beaverbrooks Charitable Trust, who have not only provided Beaverbrooks House at a peppercorn rent for 20 years, but also provide the funding for our Volunteer Coordinator.

In addition to monetary support we have been fortunate to benefit from many pro bono supporters who provide professional guidance and corporate resources.

We very much appreciate the kindness of all our supporters who so generously fundraise and volunteer to make a better life for carers.

Passion, Quality, Respect

As part of our commitment to our staff, students and volunteers, we have introduced a values-based performance management system. This has seen the end of annual appraisals with monthly live time feedback, matched against our values.

Donations

We make every penny count. For every £1 we spend on fundraising, we bring in £26.98 to support more local carers (2024: £20.60).

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial review and reserves
The results of the Group are summarised on the Statement of Financial Activities.

The closing reserves are shown on the Balance Sheet.

The group has reserves of £1,212,071 at the year end.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES continued

Of this total; £752,981 is a designated fund which includes the net book value (after depreciation) of donated assets received in respect of leasehold improvements during the DIYSOS: BBC Children in Need Big Build in 2016 and the capital expenditure on the annexe development during 2023. This leaves a balance of £459,090 constituting free reserves.

The Charity's reserves policy is to hold a level of 3-6 months free reserves equating to the unrestricted direct charitable costs for the year, being approximately £104,390 per month.

The free reserves of £459,090 currently represent around 4 months' worth of those costs.

The Trustees will endeavour to retain this level in the future.

Investment policy and objectives

The Charity is holding £200,000 in a deposit Bond for safekeeping.

Future Developments

During 2025 we will be focusing on:

- identifying more carers at an early stage in their caring role by improving our external communications with professionals, families, businesses and the public generally;
- improving the financial position of carers by increasing provision of benefits advice;
- securing long term funding for young carers substance misuse support

Importantly, as the Health and Social Care landscape shifts, we will develop new ways of working that align with the priorities of our statutory partners.

OUR FUNDRAISING PRACTICE

Blackpool Carers Centre Ltd has moved away from a heavy reliance on statutory funding from the local

authority. Instead, the Charity is developing and widening its income streams to ensure a sustainable future.

Our approach to fundraising is based on building and maintaining key relationships. We take this approach seriously, ensuring that donors feel fully involved in our work and able to see clearly why their donations are making a better life for carers. Whilst we accept single donations, we do not actively seek them. Our best fundraisers are the service delivery team who deliver excellence in their daily work.

Passionate, committed donors who understand the value of unpaid carers will often become our ambassadors. We aim to connect with donors and help them to understand why donations are important and how their money will be used. We offer our donors choice and focus on the impact of their donations. We consult with donors regularly. Many donors accept recognition whereas some of our donors request anonymity.

Our Head of Fundraising holds the MInstF (Cert) qualification from the Institute of Fundraising (IoF). We have subscribed to the IoF's Code of Fundraising Practice and pro-actively adhere to the code by training all staff and volunteers in its contents.

As a result of our relationship approach, we do not approach individuals for donations and we have not received any fundraising complaints. There is a clear process to deal with complaints.

GOING CONCERN

The accounts are prepared on a going concern basis, which the Trustees consider to be appropriate having considered the foreseeable future. The Charitable Company holds reserves which are sufficiently in line with its reserves policy.

MEASURING PERFORMANCE

The charity employs a number of tools to measure the performance of each of its projects. All carers across the service receive a pre and post intervention assessment, enabling a measure to be taken of the impact achieved by each project, both collectively and individually with carers and their families.

Quantitative information is generated through each contact made, with a range of key performance indicators, including referral numbers, instances of 1:1 support and activity attendances, all being regularly assessed to ensure quality throughout the service. Qualitative information, most frequently communicated through case studies, is used to give a holistic picture of a case, both internally to measure performance and externally to inform our partners.

EMPLOYMENT POLICY

The charity's policy is to promote equality of opportunity to all in employment and throughout the selection process, irrespective of their gender, race, ethnic origin, disability, age, nationality, sexuality, marital status and social class. Blackpool Carers oppose all forms of unlawful and unfair discrimination.

All employees, students and volunteers are treated fairly and equally. Selection for employment, promotion, training and any other benefits is on the basis of aptitude and ability. All employees are helped and encouraged to further develop to their full potential and the talents and the resources of the workforce are fully utilised to maximise the efficiency of the organisation.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Blackpool Carers Centre 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 (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which 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 those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to 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.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

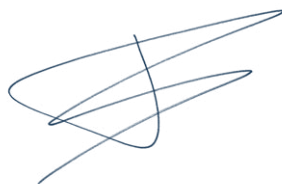
AUDITORS

The auditors, Champion Accountants LLP will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:



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A Gilmore - Trustee
27th January 2026



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Mr T W McMurdo - Secretary
27th January 2026

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Blackpool Carers Centre Limited (the 'parent company') and its subsidiaries (the 'group') for the year ended 31st March 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. 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).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and of the parent company's affairs as at 31st March 2025 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 Companies Act 2006.

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 group in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC'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.

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 Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, 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.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the parent company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the

- accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees 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.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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 a Report of the Independent Auditors 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 Report of the Independent Auditors.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Charitable company's / Group's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's / Group'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/Group and the Charitable Company's / Group's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



P Buck FCA, DChA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of
Champion Accountants LLP
& Statutory Auditors
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Hesketh Bank
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Lancashire
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27th January 2026

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

for the year ended 31st March 2025 (incorporating income and expenditure account)

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted fund	2025 Total funds	2024 Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	188,930	440,828	629,758	597,104
Charitable activities					
Direct charitable activities	5	454,595	7,252	461,847	466,282
Other trading activities	3	78,149	-	78,149	97,913
Investment income	4	22,650	-	22,650	14,486
Total		<u>744,324</u>	<u>448,080</u>	<u>1,192,404</u>	<u>1,175,785</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	6	44,200	-	44,200	57,056
Charitable activities					
Direct charitable activities	7	<u>804,600</u>	<u>448,080</u>	<u>1,252,680</u>	<u>1,047,553</u>
Total		<u>848,800</u>	<u>448,080</u>	<u>1,296,880</u>	<u>1,104,609</u>
NET INCOME BEFORE TRANSFERS		(104,476)	-	(104,476)	71,176
Gross transfers between funds	19	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET INCOME		(104,476)	-	(104,476)	71,176
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>1,316,547</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,316,547</u>	<u>1,245,371</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>1,212,071</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,212,071</u>	<u>1,316,547</u>

The consolidated figures above include the results of the Charity which had income for the year of £1,176,388 (2024: £1,157,217) and a net deficit of (£104,795) (2024: £72,921 surplus).

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year and therefore a statement of total recognised gains and losses has not been prepared.

All of the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

BALANCE SHEETS

as at 31st March 2025

		Consolidated		Charity	
	Notes	2025 Group £	2024 Group £	2025 Charity £	2024 Charity £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	14	388,046	430,086	383,921	424,586
Investments	15	-	-	100	100
		<u>388,046</u>	<u>430,086</u>	<u>384,021</u>	<u>424,686</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stock – raw materials		6,678	2,326	6,678	2,326
Debtors	16	60,486	81,364	59,525	80,062
Investments	17	820,001	831,623	820,001	831,623
Cash at bank		<u>139,820</u>	<u>161,765</u>	<u>118,971</u>	<u>152,608</u>
		1,026,985	1,077,078	1,005,175	1,066,619
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	18	<u>(202,960)</u>	<u>(190,617)</u>	<u>(191,864)</u>	<u>(189,177)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>824,025</u>	<u>886,461</u>	<u>813,311</u>	<u>877,442</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		1,212,071	1,316,547	1,197,332	1,302,128
NET ASSETS		<u>1,121,071</u>	<u>1,316,547</u>	<u>1,197,332</u>	<u>1,302,128</u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds:					
General fund	19	459,090	423,247	444,351	414,328
Designated fund		<u>752,981</u>	<u>893,300</u>	<u>752,981</u>	<u>887,800</u>
		1,212,071	1,316,547	1,197,332	1,302,128
Restricted fund		-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>1,212,071</u>	<u>1,316,547</u>	<u>1,197,332</u>	<u>1,302,128</u>

***The designated fund includes the net book value (after depreciation) of donated assets received in respect of leasehold improvements. This does not represent available liquid resources.**

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 for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 27th January 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:



.....
A Gilmore - Trustee

Registered Company Number: 05633524 (England and Wales); Charity Number: 1114558

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

for the year ended 31st March 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Cash generated from operations	1	<u>(56,217)</u>	<u>227,203</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		<u>(56,217)</u>	<u>227,203</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		-	(751)
Disposal of tangible fixed assets		-	-
Interest received		<u>22,650</u>	<u>14,486</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		<u>22,650</u>	<u>13,735</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		<u>(33,567)</u>	<u>240,939</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		<u>993,388</u>	<u>752,449</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u><u>959,821</u></u>	<u><u>993,388</u></u>

NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT

for the year ended 31st March 2025

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2025 £	2024 £
Net income for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	(104,476)	71,176
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	42,040	45,042
Interest received	(22,650)	(14,486)
Decrease/(Increase) in stocks	(4,352)	1,364
Decrease/(Increase) in debtors	20,878	61,389
Increase/(Decrease) in creditors	12,343	62,718
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>(56,217)</u>	<u>227,203</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 31st March 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with the exception of investments which are included at market value.

Group Financial Statements

These Financial Statements consolidate the results of the charity, and its subsidiary: Blackpool Carers Centre Trading Limited on a line by line basis. Details of the relationship between these entities are included in the notes to the Financial Statements.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has legal entitlement to the funds, it is possible that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Grants are credited to income (voluntary income; where no conditions are attached) as they are received except where there is confirmation from the donor that these should be deferred, to be matched against future costs.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, 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 accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Allocation and apportionment of costs

Support costs

There is only one charitable activity heading, and a very small proportion of charitable activities are attributed to fund raising, therefore to reallocate support costs to this heading would be meaningless and the figures involved immaterial.

Only costs formerly included in governance are shown as support costs and allocated to charitable activities. Since there is only one charitable activity heading, all costs are included there.

Tangible fixed assets

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

Leasehold improvements	- 5% straight line over the life of the lease
Plant and machinery	- 25% on reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% on reducing balance
Motor vehicles	- 25% on reducing balance

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS continued

for the year ended 31st March 2025

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Donated assets and services

In accordance with the Charity SORP, donated services are included in the accounts at the value they would have otherwise have been if paid for by a customer. Donated goods are included at the cost to the donor. The resulting amount is shown within donation income on the Statement of Financial Activities, with a corresponding cost heading within charitable activities. Items that would normally be capitalised are included as fixed assets and depreciated over the life of the asset as noted above. The value of volunteer labour is not included within the Accounts except as a narrative note valued by taking the amount of time given multiplied by a reasonable rate per hour (such as national minimum wage). Goods donated for re-sale, especially those that are difficult to place a value on, are not included within the accounts (as income or stock) until the items are sold when the price sold for is recorded as income.

Investments

Investments are shown at market value.

Stock

Stocks are included at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS continued

for the year ended 31st March 2025

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES – Charity and Group

	2025	2024
	£	£
Donations	50,581	70,772
Grants	526,056	494,367
Donated services	53,121	31,965
	<u>629,758</u>	<u>597,104</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Beaverbrooks Charitable Trust	28,000	28,000
Blackpool CCG – Connect 5	25,502	25,350
Blackpool Council – Accelerating Reform	18,000	-
Blackpool Council – Managing Challenging Behaviour	26,734	26,575
Cares Trust – Making Carers Count	4,088	39,540
Carers Trust – Employability	15,000	15,000
Community Foundation – Know Your Neighbourhood	47,611	-
Community Foundation – Moore and Smalley	3,933	-
Children in Need	39,858	39,878
Eric Wright Charitable Trust	36,000	30,000
Henry Smith	67,833	39,570
ICB – VCFSE Transformation	74,540	70,284
Individual grants	32,867	9,912
The National Lottery Community Fund – RC North West Region	78,989	99,181
The National Lottery Community Fund – Know Your Neighbourhood	22,494	22,494
The Rank Foundation – Time 2 Shine	4,607	-
Vera Wolstencroft Trust	-	-
	<u>526,056</u>	<u>494,367</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS continued

for the year ended 31st March 2025

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2025 £	2024 £
Fundraising and events – charity	62,134	79,344
Trading – subsidiary	16,015	18,569
	<u>78,149</u>	<u>97,913</u>

4. INVESTMENT INCOME – Charity & Group

	2025 £	2024 £
Deposit account interest	22,650	14,486
Interest receivable – trading	-	-
	<u>22,650</u>	<u>14,486</u>

5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES – Charity & Group

	Activity	2025 £	2024 £
Social work, student placements	Direct charitable activities	3,400	5,400
Contract income	Direct charitable activities	432,077	443,861
Support services	Direct charitable activities	26,370	17,021
		<u>461,847</u>	<u>466,282</u>

	2025 £	2024 £
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Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

Blackpool CCG – Adult Carers' Support	194,737	193,873
Blackpool CCG – Carers Break and Relief Fund	10,673	10,312
Blackpool CCG – Dementia Support	77,807	77,343
Blackpool CCG – Young Carers' Support	65,358	64,968
Blackpool Council – Early Help	26,250	35,000
Blackpool Council – HAF	7,252	6,115
ICB – TOCH	50,000	56,250
	<u>432,077</u>	<u>443,861</u>

6. RAISING FUNDS – Charity & Group

	2025 £	2024 £
Fundraising costs – Charity	28,506	36,741
Charity shops and trading – subsidiary	15,694	20,315
	<u>44,200</u>	<u>57,056</u>

7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS – Charity & Group

	Direct costs £	Grant funding of activities (see note 8) £	Support costs (see note 9) £	Totals
Direct charitable activities	<u>1,217,017</u>	<u>25,099</u>	<u>10,564</u>	<u>1,252,680</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS continued

for the year ended 31st March 2025

8. GRANTS PAYABLE – Charity & Group

Grants paid to individuals amount to £25,099 (2024: £12,446).

9. SUPPORT COSTS – Group

	Governance costs £
Direct charitable activities	<u>10,564</u>

10. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) - Group

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2025 £	2024 £
Auditors' remuneration – charity	10,080	8,280
Accountancy fees – subsidiary	1,596	1,440
Depreciation – owned assets	9,540	12,542
Depreciation – donated assets	32,500	32,500

11. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses in the year ended 31 March 2025.

12. STAFF COSTS – Charity & Group

	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	754,017	651,476
Social security costs	67,071	55,627
Other pension costs	<u>22,632</u>	<u>19,566</u>
	<u>843,720</u>	<u>726,669</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2025	2024
Charity	27	24
Subsidiary	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>27</u>	<u>24</u>

The key management personnel of the Charity are noted in the Trustees Report. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the Charity were £137,240 (2024: £151,449)

No member of staff was paid more than £60,000 during the year (being the reportable limit specified by the Charity Commission).

There are pension contributions outstanding at the balance sheet date of £1,171 (2024: £46).

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS continued

for the year ended 31st March 2025

13. GRANT INCOME IN ADVANCE – Charity (note 18)

	As at 1/4/24 £	Movement £	As at 31/3/25 £
The National Lottery Community Fund – RC North West Region	16,980	(16,980)	-
Blackpool Council – Accelerating Reform	-	40,250	40,250
Blackpool Council – YC Link	-	35,000	35,000
Blackpool Council – Early Help	26,250	(26,250)	-
Children in Need	6,643	-	6,643
Henry Smith	28,231	(34)	28,197
The Community Foundation – Moore & Smalley	3,933	(3,933)	-
Carers Trust – YAC Employability	-	31,500	31,500
ICB – VCFSE Transformation	74,540	(74,540)	-
The Rank Foundation – Time 2 Shine	-	13,821	13,821
	<u>156,577</u>	<u>(1,166)</u>	<u>155,411</u>
Group total	<u>156,577</u>	<u>(1,166)</u>	<u>155,411</u>

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14 a) TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - Group

	Leasehold Improvements (Donated) £	Improve- ments Property £	Plant to Machinery £	Fixtures and Fittings £	Vehicles £	Totals £
COST						
At 1st April 2024	580,234	8,987	138,699	55,250	31,540	814,710
Additions/(Disposals)	-	-	-	-	-	-
At 31st March 2025	580,234	8,987	138,699	55,250	31,540	814,710
DEPRECIATION						
At 1st April 2024	188,308	5,959	117,516	43,083	29,757	384,623
Charge for year	32,500	756	5,296	3,042	447	42,040
At 31st March 2025	220,808	6,715	122,812	46,125	30,204	426,663
NET BOOK VALUE						
At 31st March 2025	359,426	2,272	15,887	9,125	1,336	388,046
At 31st March 2024	391,926	3,028	21,183	12,167	1,783	430,086

14 b) TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - Charity

	Leasehold Improvements (Donated) £	Plant and Machinery £	Fixtures and Fittings £	Motor Vehicle £	Totals £
COST					
At 1st April 2024	580,234	138,699	48,794	31,540	799,267
Additions/Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At 31st March 2025	580,234	138,699	48,794	31,540	799,267
DEPRECIATION					
At 1st April 2024	188,308	117,516	39,101	29,756	374,681
Charge for year	32,500	5,296	2,423	446	40,665
At 31st March 2025	220,808	122,812	41,524	30,202	415,346
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31st March 2025	359,426	15,887	7,270	1,338	383,921
At 31st March 2024	391,926	21,184	9,693	1,783	424,586

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15. SUBSIDIARY COMPANY

The Charity has one trading subsidiary: Blackpool Carers Centre Trading Ltd, a company incorporated in England and Wales which is consolidated into the results of the Charity. The Charity owns the entire share capital of the trading subsidiary, being 100 £1 ordinary shares.

The audited Financial Statements of Blackpool Carers Centre Trading Ltd for the year ended 31st March 2025 are filed with the Registrar of Companies. A summary of the trading results of Blackpool Carers Centre Trading Ltd are shown below:

	2025 £
Turnover	16,015
Cost of sales	(2,569)
Gross profit	13,446
Administrative and finance costs	(11,750)
Depreciation	(1,375)
Net Profit for the year	321

	2025 £
The aggregate of assets, liabilities and reserves is:	
Fixed Assets	4,125
Current Assets	21,811
Current Liabilities	(11,096)
Total reserves	14,839

16. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Group		Charity	
	2025 £	2024 £	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	44,800	65,624	44,500	63,698
Inter company account	-	-	(661)	624
Other debtors	2,436	6,704	2,436	6,704
Prepayments	13,250	9,036	13,250	9,036
	60,486	81,364	59,525	80,062

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17. CURRENT ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Group		Charity	
	2025	2024	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Unlisted investments – bonds and deposits	<u>820,001</u>	<u>831,623</u>	<u>820,001</u>	<u>831,623</u>

18. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Group		Charity	
	2025	2024	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Trade creditors	19,129	8,195	9,629	8,195
Social security and other taxes	15,466	14,265	15,466	14,265
Accruals and deferred income (note 13)	155,411	156,577	155,411	156,577
Accrued expenses	<u>12,954</u>	<u>11,580</u>	<u>11,358</u>	<u>10,140</u>
	<u>202,960</u>	<u>190,617</u>	<u>191,864</u>	<u>189,177</u>

19. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - Charity & Group

	At 1.4.24	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 31.3.25
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
Designated fund – Charity	887,800	(60,000)	-	752,981
General fund – Charity	414,328	(44,796)	-	444,351
Designated fund – Subsidiary	5,500	(5,500)	-	-
General fund – Subsidiary	<u>8,919</u>	<u>5,820</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,739</u>
	1,316,547	(104,476)	-	1,212,071
Restricted funds				
Restricted fund – Charity & Group	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,316,547</u>	<u>(104,476)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,212,071</u>

Analysis of net assets between funds: Group

	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Total
	£	£	2025 £
Fixed Assets	-	388,046	388,046
Current Assets	-	1,026,985	1,026,985
Current Liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>(202,960)</u>	<u>(202,960)</u>
Net Assets	<u>-</u>	<u>1,212,071</u>	<u>1,212,071</u>

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19. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - Charity & Group - Continued

Analysis of net assets between funds: Charity

	Restricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2025 £
Fixed Assets and Investments	-	384,021	384,021
Current Assets	-	1,005,175	1,005,175
Current Liabilities	-	(191,864)	(191,864)
Net Assets	-	1,197,332	1,197,332

Designated funds are allocated as follows: £192,500 is a designated fund which represents the net book value (after depreciation) of leasehold improvements donated in 2017), £190,000 is designated for specific elements of the Young Carers programme, £131,555 is designated for hospital discharge and rehabilitation, £166,926 is designated towards fixed assets purchased and £72,000 is designated for Family Focus. This leaves a balance of £459,090 constituting general / free reserves.

The transfer from restricted funds to unrestricted funds represents costs incurred in head office and central activities relating to restricted projects which have been re-charged by way of a management recharge.

20. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the year the charity incurred net income totalling £14,500 in relation to the trading subsidiary. The balance owed by the trading subsidiary at the year end, and shown within debtors is (£661) (2024 debtors: £624).

21. DONATED SERVICES AND FACILITIES

The figure recognised as income/expenditure relating to donated services and facilities may be summarised as follows:

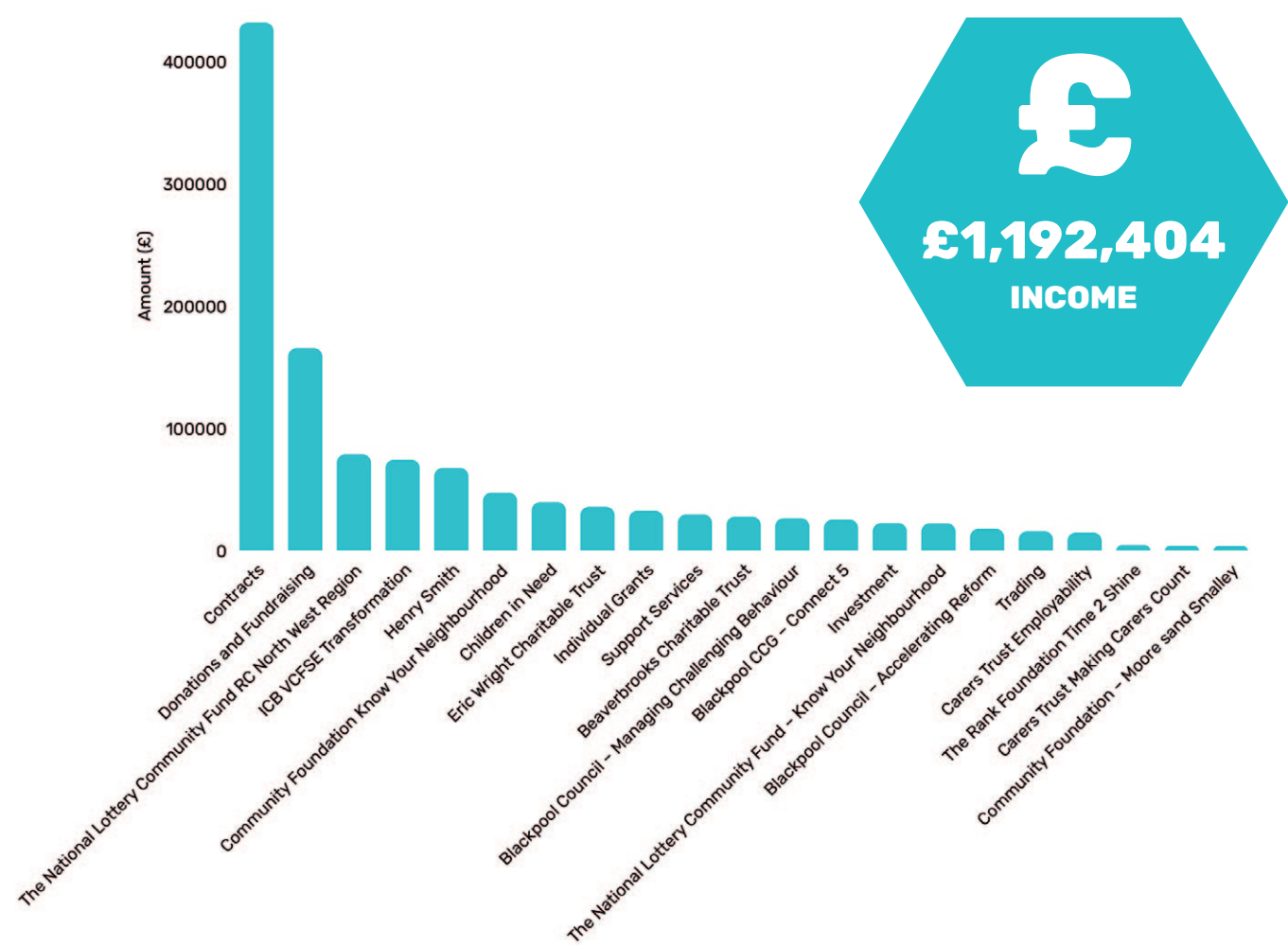
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General donations	33,121
Notional annual rent- Beaverbrooks House	20,000
	53,121

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Comparative figures for the year ended 31st March 2025

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	173,021	424,083	597,104
Charitable activities			
Direct charitable activities	460,166	6,116	466,282
Other trading activities	97,913	-	97,913
Investment income	<u>14,486</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,486</u>
Total	745,568	430,199	1,175,785
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	57,056	-	57,056
Charitable activities			
Direct charitable activities	<u>617,354</u>	<u>430,199</u>	<u>1,047,533</u>
Total	<u>674,410</u>	<u>430,199</u>	<u>1,104,609</u>
NET INCOME BEFORE TRANSFERS	71,176	-	71,176
Gross transfers between funds	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET INCOME	71,176	-	71,176
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	<u>1,245,371</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,245,371</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>1,316,547</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>1,316,547</u></u>

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