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Charity number: 1114979

THE LANTERN TRUST (WEYMOUTH)
(A company limited by guarantee)

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

Trustees	Mrs A Bazell Mr I Walton FCA Mrs E Ireland Dr J Orrell Mrs J Clarke Dr S De Kretser Mr L Button (appointed 26 February 2024)
Company registered number	05577019
Charity registered number	1114979
Registered office	Wadebridge House 16 Wadebridge Square Poundbury Dorchester Dorset DT1 3AQ
Company secretary	Mr I Walton FCA
Chief executive officer	M Graham
Independent auditors	Xeinadin Audit Limited Accountants 8th Floor, Becket House 36 Old Jewry London EC2R 8DD

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The Trustees present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the Charity for the year 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024. The Annual report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable 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 (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the group and the Charity qualify as small under section 383 of the Companies Act 2006, the Group strategic report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

The objectives of the charity as set out in the Memorandum and Articles of Association are to relieve those persons in need, in particular those who may be vulnerable due to age, infirmity, disabilities and financial hardship. In furthering the objectives, due regard shall be given to the principles of the Christian faith.

b. Activities undertaken to achieve objectives

The charity seeks to benefit vulnerable people in the Weymouth & Portland area and wider Dorset area through its resource centre and by working closely and professionally with other agencies. The charity offers a range of services including advocacy, housing advice, benefit advice, outreach, counselling, crisis response and frontline practical support.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

The 2023/2024 financial year has once again seen a further increase in the demand for the services on offer from the Lantern and has been very significant in other aspects.

A summary of the various activities and the services offered by the Lantern together with outcomes for the year are attached in the accompanying report.

As regards the financial results and as disclosed in the accounts consolidated net income of £293,021 for the year compared with a figure of £73,017 in the previous year. Fees from contracted services and grants of £837,923 (2023 - £567,877) were again a large contributor to the total income of £1,226,976.

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The increase in these fees from the previous year were largely due to contracts with the NHS and which expanded the Lantern services in the area of mental health and wellbeing. This has ultimately led to a contract with Dorset Healthcare where we have subcontracted to Bournemouth Churches Housing Association as the principal contractor to deliver an Access Wellbeing service commencing 1 April 2024 for an intended 5 year period and with total projected income in excess of £2.5 million for the Lantern over that time. Obviously this is a significant development in the life of the Lantern and represents a solid base on which to strategically plan the overall direction of the Lantern for the next few years.

We were also extremely fortunate and thankful for a very generous donation of £170,000 from the Albert Hunt Trust which forgave that amount as the entire balance owing on a mortgage loan previously used to acquire our premises in Queen Street Weymouth. This donation has substantially improved the strength of our Balance Sheet at 31 March 2024 and means that we now own both of our premises at Ranelagh Road and Queen Street Weymouth outright and without encumbrance.

Our consolidated balance sheet at 31 March 2024 shows net funds of £876,964 including Restricted funds of £32,915 carried forward.

In terms of our net income earned during the year and our improved balance sheet we consider this a satisfying year particularly considering the economic situation with some uncertainty about funding for the areas in which we largely operate and the difficulties in raising funds generally.

Finally we are extremely grateful to all those who have supported us during this year and beyond in whatever way and we hope and trust that this support can continue given the work that is happening at the Lantern and the numbers of people who are being helped in their time of need.

In particular our thanks go to the following who have provided grants and other funding during the year:

National Lottery Community Fund
Alice Ellen Cooper Dean Charitable Foundation
Lloyds Bank Foundation
Hall and Woodhouse Charitable Giving
Weymouth Town Council
Dorset County Council
Albert Hunt Trust
Tudor Trust
Janet Bligh
Dorset Showhomes
Green Pastures
Weyline Taxis
Groundwork UK
Weymouth Rotary Club
Weymouth and Portland PCN
Community Action Network
Shelter
Reach Dorset Humankind Charity
Leeds Building Society
Dorset Healthcare University NHS Foundation Trust
NHS Dorset (Integrated) Care Board

And as well of course all of our private donors and Churches who have also been so generous.

We recognise that people with multiple exclusion factors struggle to see a future when the help they need seems desperately out of reach. At the Lantern we listen and endeavour to understand the best way to access the support and services which are required. In many cases this can start with practical assistance such as safe and secure accommodation or perhaps crisis management but whatever the need the Lantern can either provide the necessary services or engage assistance from our partner agencies and wherever possible within the Lantern hub. No longer do these people need to be isolated as they are welcomed within the Lantern community and begin to make positive changes in their lives which can bring hope.

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Also of course as the Lantern becomes more heavily involved in the area of support with mental health and wellbeing this adds to the holistic services which are available at the Lantern and which not only bring positive benefits to the individual but also to our local community and society in general.

Of course none of the above would have been achieved without our wonderful team of staff and volunteers including our charity shop at Chapelhay Weymouth under the leadership of our CEO Mike Graham. This year once again in the face of extra demands and new ventures they have gone above and beyond to help people who present at the Lantern at their point of need. They are all extremely proficient at what they do and in particular they bring a special passion and empathy to their work which encapsulates the very ethos and reason for the existence of the Lantern where every person is treated as special and as an individual and with respect and where with help each person has the hope of making positive changes to their life however long that may take.

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.

b. Reserves policy

The Trustees regularly review the Charity's reserves policy having regard to the need to :

- continue with our basic services for our clients
- meet contractual obligations
- be good and fair employers
- build reserves for our specific purposes and plans
- protect and maintain the Charity's assets.

To this end the Trustees consider that we should aim to maintain free unrestricted reserves at least to the order of 4 to 8 months of future operating costs and which equates to approximately £175,000 to £350,000. Based on the figures in the financial review above our reserves after allowing for restricted funds of £32,915 and tangible fixed assets of £511,067 stand at £332,982 which is consistent with our policy.

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

The Lantern Trust (Weymouth) is a company limited by guarantee. The company is constituted under its Memorandum and Articles of Association and is a registered charity number 1114979. Its registered office is Wadebridge House, 16 Wadebridge Square, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 3AQ and its principal office is 2 Ranelagh Road, Weymouth, Dorset, DT4 7JD.

The trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, who served during the period and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

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Mrs A Bazell
Mr I Walton
Mrs E Ireland
Rev P Elliott (resigned 30 September 2024)
Dr J Orrell
Mrs J Clarke
Dr S De Kretser
Mr L Button (appointed 26 February 2024)

The Trustee Board meet at least 5 times each year and are ultimately responsible for the governance, financial management, strategy and formulation of the Business Plan of the charity at all times ensuring best practice.

Day to day management is the responsibility of the Chief Executive Officer with access to a designated Trustee for any required advice.

A Remuneration sub-committee meets at least once a year and as required to review policy and consider salary levels. All salaries are set at rates which have regard to comparable levels for work undertaken in the area of operation with reference to outside sources such as the NHS and like charities where applicable.

New Trustees go through a set induction process which provides relevant information on the constitution aims and operation of the charity.

All Trustees are provided with necessary training and information sufficient for them to carry out their role. Major risks have been reviewed and systems or procedures have been established to manage those risks.

b. Fundraising standards information

The charity does not engage any professional fundraiser / commercial participator for the purpose of fundraising.

The approach taken by the charity for the purpose of fundraising is to engage with grant making trusts and other large funders companies institutions and individuals who identify with the aims of the charity and wish to contribute funds to its work.

Neither the charity or any person acting on behalf of the charity is subject to any undertaking to be bound by any voluntary scheme for regulating fundraising or voluntary standard for fundraising in respect of activities on behalf of the charity.

There have been no complaints received by the charity or any person acting on its behalf about the activities of the charity or by a person acting on behalf of the charity for the purpose of fundraising.

In carrying out its fundraising activities the charity has not unreasonably intruded on a persons privacy made unreasonable persistent approaches for procuring or soliciting money or property for the charity or placed undue pressure on a person to give money or other property.

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Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the Charity 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 Group and the Charity and of their incoming resources and application of resources, including their income and expenditure, 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 of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) 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 Group will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Group and the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Group and the Charity 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 Group and the Charity 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 charitable group's auditors are unaware, and
- that Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable group's auditors are aware of that information.

Auditors

The auditors, Xeinadin Audit Limited, have indicated their willingness to continue in office. The designated Trustees will propose a motion reappointing the auditors at a meeting of the Trustees.

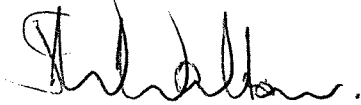
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Small Company

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

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Mr I Walton FCA

(Trustee)

Date: 17/12/2024.

A message from our Chief Executive

This year has seen our services grow, yet again. I have worked in the 3rd sector for over 20 years and never have I seen the numbers of people approaching our services at the Lantern as I have over the last year.



Mike Graham
Chief Executive Officer



The principle of our offer is simple, to build a multi agency support offer that removes the barriers our customers face and to deliver the support at the earliest opportunity in a community location that suits our customers. As services, we have to deliver support where our customers are and for too long services have been delivered with the focus on the organisation delivering them. This year saw us work with 952 new individuals who approached our service for support and this excludes people already known to our services. We delivered a total of 13720 support interventions and this demonstrates just what the last year has meant from both our staffs perspective and the people approaching our services. The gaps between statutory services are growing and more people are finding themselves needing a Lantern service. We operate the only local assisted rent deposit scheme outside of the local authority and paid for 119 to be housed under the scheme. These were people with no where else to turn and this shows you just how essential our services are. Our teams work as one and I will often hear the team discussing cases amongst themselves working in a multi disciplinary way. Thank you to all of our staff at HQ, Karen, Anne,

Jo, Alli, Mon, Dawn, Conor, Rach, Nat, Laura, Tanya, Rodney, Kel, Nikki and Thomas. You bring passion, compassion and dedication to all of your work.

A huge than you to Jane and our wonderful crew of volunteers at our charity shop. The shop not only acts as an essential resource but a community hub in itself. Our customers are often provided with essential items when they have nowhere else to turn.

Our hub provision has continued to evidence the best practice for service delivery, with both our current Crisis and Recovery hubs and we have now been part of the successful Dorset wide tender for the new Dorset Healthcare commissioned Access Wellbeing service. This service builds on our history of creating more accessible community services and is a collaboration between the Lantern, BCHA and Help & Care. This service will be Dorset wide and will represent a new dawn for mental health services as we are the foundation of the new system. The idea is to deliver services at the earliest opportunity to prevent crisis in peoples lives that may need a clinical service. Already, we are seeing lives changed and

saved. Our Wellbeing hub is at Hope House in Weymouth and we chose a separate location to ensure we were accessible to all. We are one of two, test of concept sites, one based at Hope House and the other in Poole. Both sites are already demonstrating people receiving support and building better lives for themselves. The team has been forming at the site and already we have 2 admins, 3 Wellbeing Co-ordinators, 1 Lead Wellbeing Coordinator and a Manager. I am proud of what the team has already achieved in a small amount of time as the service officially launched in February and was built on the amazing work of our Lead Wellco Cassie, who helped form the service during its pilot period.

Congratulations Katie, Cassie, Iain, Sharon, Darren, Lindsey and Charlotte. You are already changing lives.

As a trust, we took the decision to partner with Green Pastures to purchase properties so that we could become a landlord. We currently have two properties which house a total of 9 tenants. Our houses act as community hubs where the tenants are listened to and directly share ideas that help us shape the environment they live in. After all, it is their home. Both our Rodwell and Tower House properties offer people the chance to not only have a tenancy but build the skills needed to thrive again in their

lives and communities. Above all else, we believe that the voice of those using our services would be central in creating new services and leading the way in how services are delivered. With this in mind the Lantern partnered with NHS Dorset, The Health Bus and Bournemouth University for the REN project. The projects aim was to create researchers with a lived experience of homelessness to share their experiences in a way that could be presented to partners throughout the sector to bring about system change. The projects researchers then held an event at the Spire in Poole which I attended. The event was both profound and humbling as our researchers shared their experiences. I am proud to announce that the project has received more funding to continue under REN 2.

We are also involved in a UKRI partnership with STEPs Youth Club and Island Community Action, called the Forgotten Towns project based in Weymouth & Portland. The first funded element was for us to build our network and already there has been excellent work with the Lanterns marginalised customer group via "Humans Of The Lantern" video created with the project and also brilliant youth research via STEPs and ICA. We are hoping to secure a larger funding pot to really build on the work to date and to become a research network that can be identified to bring the real voice of

lived experience to the table.

Each year I find myself reflecting on yet another year of growth and this would not be possible without our funded partnerships with Dorset Council, Dorset Healthcare, The Tudor Trust, The Alice Ellen Cooper Dean

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Charitable Foundation, NHS Dorset, The Albert Hunt Trust, The National Lottery and very kind private donors. Our Hub provision is now celebrated as the way to deliver services in communities by communities and I am excited as to what the next year will bring.

I wanted to personally thank all of the trustees Ian, Cherry, Jon, Philip, Lee, Liz, Sarita and Avis who support not only my leadership, but all areas of the Lantern. We are one team.

Here's to the next year and a Dorset wide provision!



What do Lantern do?

Helping vulnerable and marginalised people

The Lantern is an independent registered charity which was founded in 1983 to benefit vulnerable and marginalised people in the Weymouth and Portland area and we now serve the wider Dorset area.

We aim to bring lasting change to people's lives through providing a dedicated service meeting people's practical, emotional and personal care need. Our ethos is one of social inclusion and we aim to break cycles of disadvantage and dependency.

A key aspect of The Lantern's success is working closely and professionally with other agencies and we view collaboration as key to achieving the outcomes our beneficiaries require.

Our customers approach us with a varied range of personal concerns including mental health problems, offending behaviour, addiction, homelessness and personal crises.

We aim to meet these needs through providing a wide range of services including advocacy, crisis response,

frontline practical assistance, housing and accommodation support, an assisted rent deposit scheme, welfare benefit advice and mental health and wellbeing services.

We have developed a unique service delivery model which is based in Crisis, Recovery and Mental Health and Wellbeing Hubs and includes outreach into the community.

Our ethos throughout our work is to empower the individual and always encourage personal choice and responsibility. The building of lasting trusting relationships with our customers is the foundation on which all our work is built, the Lantern continues to be a place where laughter, friendship and hope are very apparent.

Our customers remain central to all that we do. We believe that support should be something that we are all able to access when we need it most.

We aim to bring lasting change to people's lives

Lantern Hubs

Pathways to Improved Health and Wellbeing



Crisis Hub

Based at 2 Ranelagh Road, Weymouth, DT4 7JD, our Crisis Hub is home to our Drop-In Centre, which is the gateway to all Lantern Hub and partner agency services. Our Service Coordinators operate a triage system, offering light-touch support and advice and referrals into specialist services where appropriate.

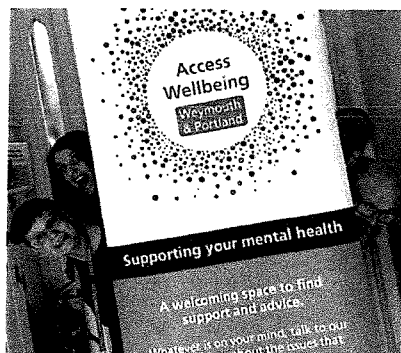
Our Housing and Benefits Team, Wellbeing and Accommodation Sustainment Project, Education, Training and Employment Coordinator and Complex Drug and Alcohol Worker and Supported Accommodation Officers are based here.



Recovery Hub

Based at 1 Queen Street, Weymouth, DT4 7HZ, our Recovery Hub is equipped with an NHS standard clinical room which hosts our own GP Outreach Service twice a week. Hub partner agencies Julian House and Shelter Housing First are permanently based at this location.

Other agencies currently providing services include the NHS Homeless Health Service, NHS Podiatry, Catch22, Interventions Alliance and a Domestic Abuse Service. Showers, lockers and clothes washing facilities are also available here.



Hope House Mental Health & Wellbeing Hub

Based at Hope House, 2 Dorchester Road, Weymouth, DT4 7JS, our Mental Health and Wellbeing Hub offers a range of services to our local community. Our Wellbeing Coordinator oversees referrals to Dorset Mind Active Monitoring Service, an ARRS Worker, EMDR therapy and access to psychological therapies. Other activities include a Women's Group and yoga and further activities which promote wellbeing are being planned.

Our Support

Drop-In Support

Our drop-in support and guidance service assists people in maintaining residency in their own home or other types of accommodation. We provide Drop-In support to individuals experiencing mental health difficulties, who have a history of offending behaviour, addiction, homelessness, as well as a variety of personal crises.

Support is person-centred and fully tailored to individuals; the service provides a supportive environment that assists with a broad range of daily tasks and responsibilities.

Whether people live in supported or independent housing, we provide support and guidance on a variety of topics, including transport, shopping, education, health, and discussions about parenting, relationship building, community involvement, and general welfare.

Mental Health Support

If an individual suffers from mental health difficulties, we can help by helping them identify and diagnose the problem, providing advice and necessary resources, helping them to feel safe and supported, offering them a range of treatment options, providing supported housing, helping with their recovery, getting them involved in social activities and helping them to feel more independent.

Benefit Advice

We can advise people on all benefits and other entitlements that may be available to them, undertake benefit checks to ensure they are not missing out on any available benefits, assist them in completing the necessary forms and assist them with advice and support if their benefit claim is denied or they do not receive the amount they expected.

Homelessness Support

We support all those who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, no matter their support needs, including those at risk of offending or people with mental health needs, low self-esteem or poor literacy/numeracy.

Emotional Support

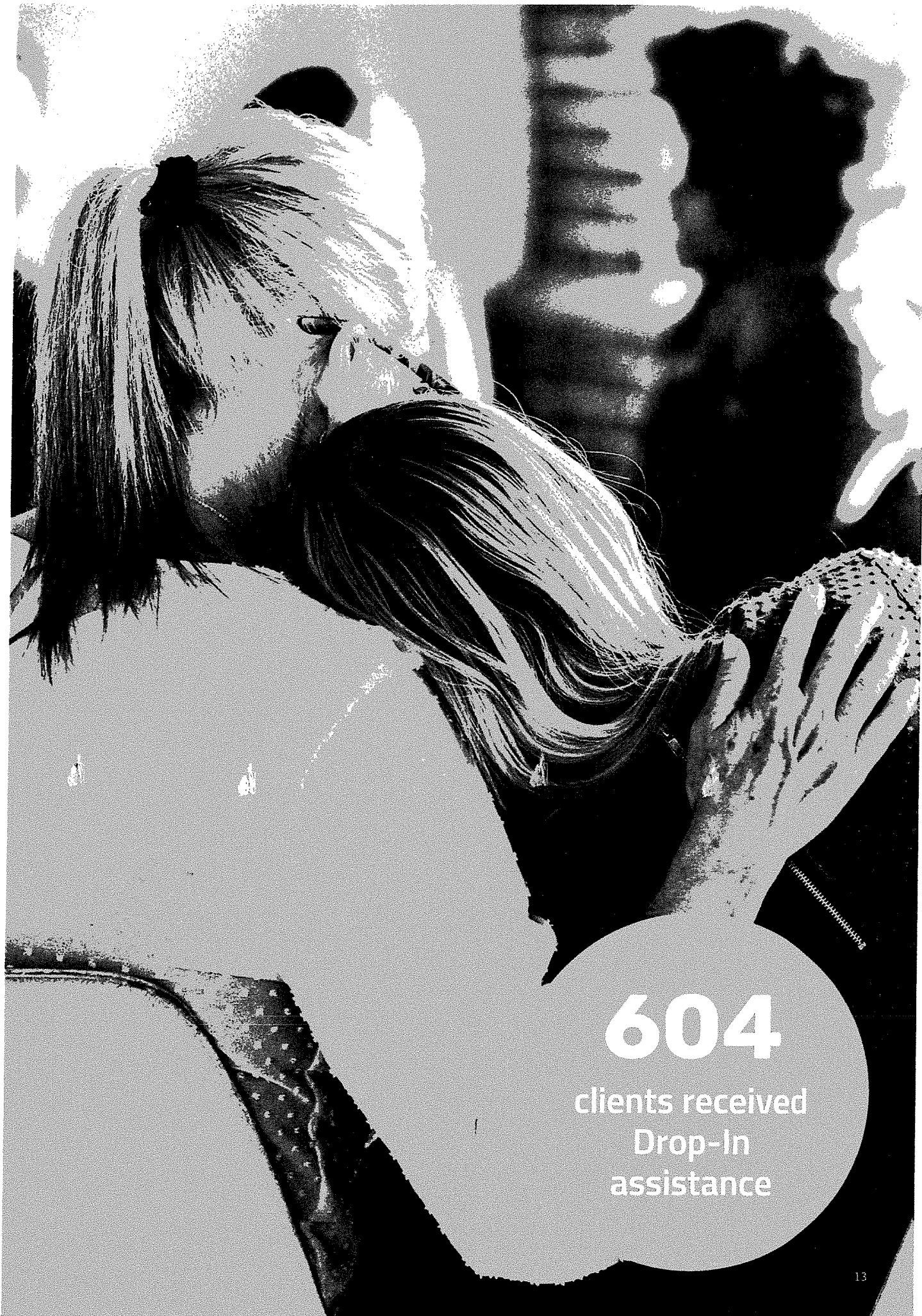
Various factors can have a negative impact on an individual's emotional and mental well-being. Abuse, anger, bereavement, bullying, depression, and self-harm, to name a few – all of these things can prevent them from living life fully. Our employees and volunteers have been trained to offer emotional support to each of our customers.

Our team is available to listen, provide information, and offer feedback. They can assist individuals in making sense of their difficulties, discussing their options, and establishing a sense of control over their life. By speaking with us, they can get things off their chest, work through any issues, and let go of traumatic situations.

Housing Support

We support all those who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, no matter their support needs, including those at risk of offending or people with mental health needs, low self-esteem or poor literacy and numeracy.

If an individual is homeless or at risk of becoming homeless we can help by evaluating their current housing situation, working out what their needs are and giving them advice on the next steps to take. We will work with them to create a unique housing and wellbeing plan that outlines the steps we will take together to prevent or alleviate their homelessness.



604

clients received
Drop-In
assistance

Our Impact: Customer Stories



Adrian's Story

I arrived at The Lantern's Safe Sleep Project Homeless and didn't know what to do. I was able to see a GP for the first time in ages and felt respected and listened to. I moved into a hostel they run and have started gardening again. I am now living in my own flat and have hope for the future.



Dan and Laura's Story

We couldn't afford to pay the deposit needed for our flat. The Lantern offered help when we had no more options.



Bill's Story

Life had hit the buffers. I was sleeping on a beach with nowhere to go. The Lantern listened, housed me and I began to see a future for myself. I am now back fishing and love where I live as it's like a community where we support each other.



Dave's Story

I didn't need lots of support. I just needed a place where I could go where I could chat through my concerns and needed help with my benefits.

Ben's Story

Ben (not his real name) was referred to our Wellbeing and Accommodation Sustainment Project (WASP) when he was placed in temporary accommodation by Dorset Council. He needed intensive support due to his complex needs, which included mental health issues.

Whilst working with us, he stabilized his medication and his mental health improved considerably. We supported him in many ways, including attending appointments with other agencies such as the Community Mental Health Team. At times he struggled with anxiety due to triggers, but we always managed to find common ground and retrieve the situation.

After assisting him with a Housing Application, he successfully secured accommodation in the social housing sector, leaving his temporary accommodation. We assisted him with the move, sourcing removals and items needed for his new home. We made sure that he was registered for all utilities, Council Tax and a TV license, and helped him settle into his new accommodation. He told his WASP worker that, when the day came that he no longer needed our support that he would miss him as he had "been a diamond." He also said; "thanks for all that The Lantern do for me. I don't know where I would be without you."

He successfully exited our WASP and no longer requires our intensive support. However, he knows he can always come into The Lantern and receive assistance from our Service Coordinator team.

*"Thanks for all that The Lantern do for me.
I don't know where I would be without you."*

Who do Lantern support?

We are based in an area which is in the top 20% most deprived areas nationally regarding multiple deprivation. Our clients present with multiple social exclusion factors and face associated barriers to housing, benefits, health care, practical and emotional support which our services seek to address.

Who benefits from our work?

In 2023/24, 580 people were assisted by The Lantern, 493 of whom had complex needs. 600 were new referrals and 352 were pre-existing clients. Our services are unique in approach when considering local provision, in that we offer a complete range of services under one roof.

We complement local statutory services by having the ability to work with those who are unable or unwilling to engage with mainstream services, acting as a last line in assistance for the difficult to engage.

Number of People Experiencing each Social Exclusion Factor	
Social Exclusion	Number
Mental Illness	422
Alcohol misuse	182
Substance misuse	190
Physical Disability	171
Chronic/Terminal Illness	51
Learning disabilities	64
Ex-offenders	149
Gambling issues	4
Refugees	1
Men at risk of violence	26
Women at risk of violence	41
Special needs elderly requiring extra care	3
Vulnerable mother & baby	5
Young people at risk/leaving care	12
Vulnerable ex-service personnel	20
Street homeless	101
Sofa-surfing	96
Homeless in another setting	82
Repeat homelessness	86
Threatened with homelessness	108

Number of People Experiencing each Mental Health Issue

Mental Health	Number
Depression	315
Anxiety	273
Self-Harm	46
Suicidal Ideation/Attempts	106
ADHD	51
OCD	16
Asperger's	23
PTSD	80
Schizophrenia	31
Bipolar Disorder	33
Personality Disorder	57
Agoraphobia	8
Mental Health issues due to Brain Injury	7
Autism	11
Under the CMHT for Assessment	15
Dual Diagnosis	47



The Lantern charity shop in Weymouth, Dorset.

The GSK IMPACT Awards 2022

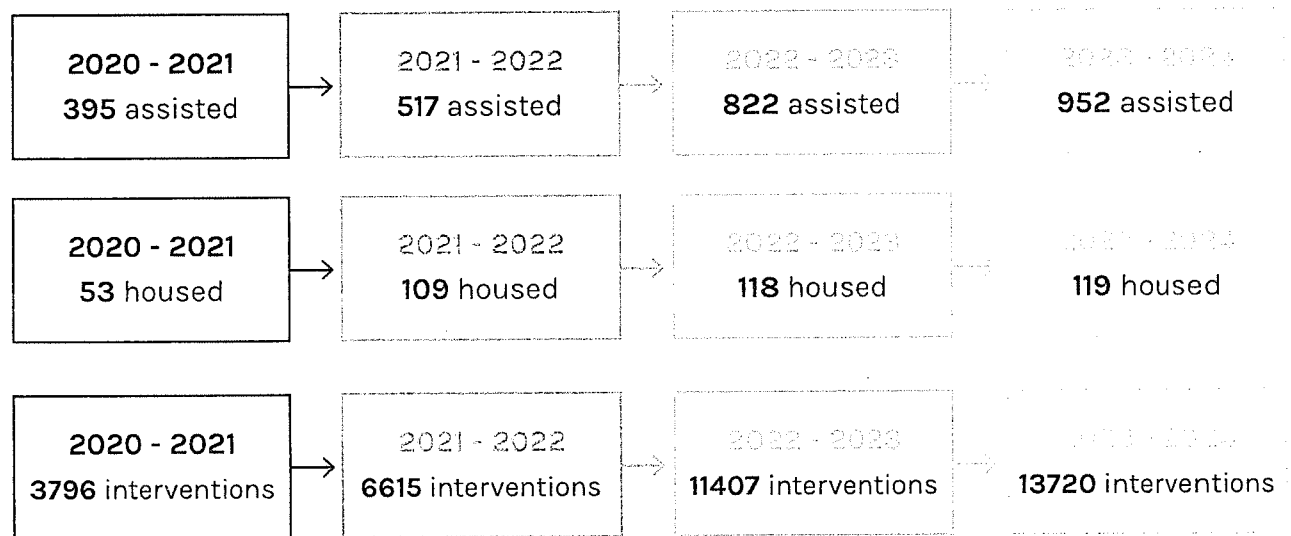
The Lantern Trust was judged to be in the top 20 of 350 applications from registered charities that are at least three years old, working in a health-related field in the UK. As runners-up, we were fortunate to receive a grant of £4000 to further our charitable aims. The GSK IMPACT Awards are funded by GSK and managed in partnership with The King's Fund, providing funding, training and development for charities doing excellent work to improve people's health and wellbeing. We aim to build on this achievement in the future through monitoring client health and wellbeing needs and developing services accordingly.



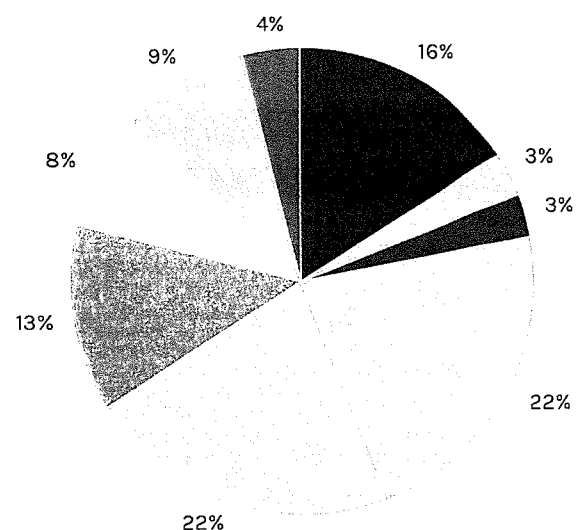
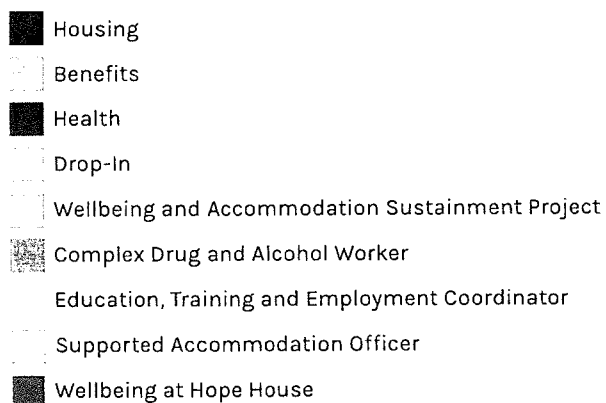
The GSK IMPACT Awards are funded by GSK and managed in partnership with The King's Fund.

How do we Measure Success?

The number of people we reach, the number we house and the interventions delivered to meet people's needs has grown year on year:



2023/24 Lantern Interventions by Service



How are we doing?

In 2022/23

538

clients received
housing assistance

2219

Housing interventions

185

clients received health
assistance

160

clients received
benefit
assistance

1188

Supported Accommodation
Officer interventions

45

clients were assisted
under our Wellbeing
and Accommodation
Sustainment
Project

119 unique clients were housed as 14 clients were housed in more than one setting

264

Benefits
interventions

604

clients received
Drop-In
assistance

1159

Complex Drug and Alcohol
Worker interventions

7 Lantern units of accommodation

455

Health interventions

102

clients received
Education, Training
and Employment
Coordinator

24

clients received
Complex Drug and
Alcohol Worker
assistance

104 clients received Wellbeing at Hope House + 587 Wellbeing interventions

75

clients received assistance
from our Supported
Accommodation Officers

1775

Education, Training and
Employment Coordinator
interventions

3065

Drop-In
interventions

6

clients were supported
by our Hostel Support
Worker

3008

Wellbeing and Accommodation
Sustainment Project interventions

Hope House Mental Health and Wellbeing Hub

Hope House Health and Wellbeing Hub is a new Lantern initiative which has been created in response to an identified need for an accessible mental health pathway with provision for outreach into the wider community across Dorset.

This plan is in line with the national NHS England long-term plan to transform mental health services. The basis of our planned health offer is to carry on our already established, evidence-based model of basing multiple agencies at one location in order to avoid duplication and red-tape in accessing services.

After completing our Crisis and Recovery Hub models, a gap in provision was identified, whereby some people found it difficult to access statutory primary and secondary mental health services. As, in our current location we could

not be all things to all people, we built an offer of a "Lantern Lite" building at Hope House, located away from our Hub location. Our idea is to help us establish a community-based asset offering primary and secondary mental health service drop-ins which will facilitate people's easy access to services.

It is our belief that, in integrating both primary and secondary mental health care alongside colleagues from the third sector, we can build a new service model, bridging a gap

which exists through having multiple care systems in place. It will also carry on the clearly defined working model of the Lantern's Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) approach, which not only tracks, minutes and evidences client need but enables us to grow services in a way which is integrated and avoids duplication, ensuring that true collaboration is at the heart of all we're doing. This not only reflects best practice but, as a Hub together, we grow based on need.

Hope House will be run on Open Dialogue methodology, ensuring



that people are central to decision-making regarding their care.

Our approach will be based on taking time to building lasting, trusting relationships with our clients, taking a holistic view of treating mental health issues, not in isolation but with an understanding of how all aspects of life are for the client and how support networks regarding family and friends can be utilized to the best advantage.

We are now proud to announce that alongside our partners Help & Care and BCHA, we have been awarded the new Access Wellbeing contract for the next 5 years. What a moment for us all to be proud as we are part of the formation of the new mental health system



Green Pastures

We are delighted to have become partners with Green Pastures, a social enterprise which, through their unique ethical investment model, changes the lives of homeless people, with one person housed through every £15,000 invested.

Green Pastures purchased Boot Hill, a 7-bedroom property which the Lantern was already supporting via the Rapid Rehousing Pathway Supported Lettings Service under agreement with the previous owners. The bedrooms are all en-suite and there is a shared kitchen, yard and garden area.

Our residents benefit from good quality accommodation and intensive support from Lantern Hub services. We have just expanded our portfolio, with the addition of a 2-bedroom flat which will provide essential move on for people already

in our housing stock or that of partner landlords and are ready for their next step.

Under the partnership, The Lantern identified and proposed the property to be purchased, refer people to the property and receive Housing Benefit which pays for the lease and maintains the property. Green Pastures purchased the property, leases it to The Lantern, provides professional consultancy on Housing Benefit, provides staff training regarding paperwork and practical issues and gives ongoing support, feedback and information.

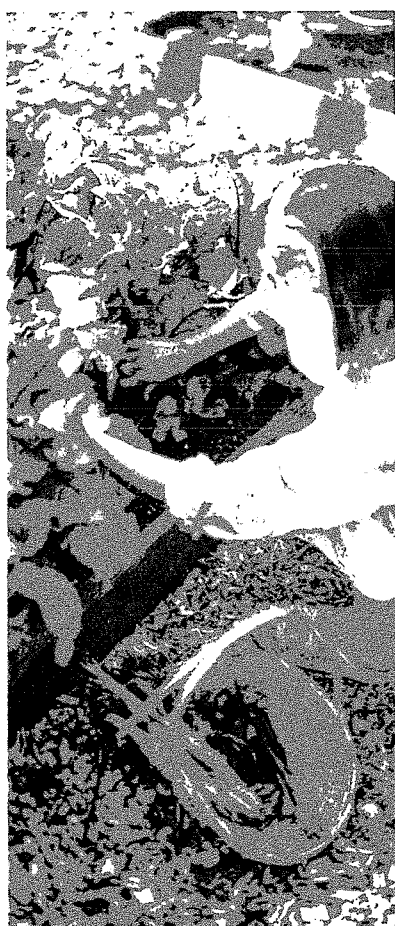
Green Pastures and The Lantern share the view that providing housing is a starting point for supporting homeless people and that it can be used as a springboard to provide support for residents to gain life skills and the confidence to access meaningful activity and employment.

The premise of the offer at Hope House is the role of our Wellbeing Coordinators. They act as the building point to all of the Lanterns wider support offer that enable our customers to approach, feel listened to and supported.



Tumbledown Farm

The COVID-19 pandemic and lockdown has made us realize the importance of our community spaces and, more specifically, how we use them.



Tumbledown in Weymouth is a 27-acre former farm owned by Weymouth Town Council, which is being developed into a community asset in partnership with Weymouth Area Development Trust (WADT).

Tumbledown Farm is a project run by Weymouth Town Council, who are working in partnership with Dorset Council, Public Health and Natural England. Following public consultations at the end of 2019, several key themes emerged which expressed how local people felt the land and its natural capital might be repurposed to meet the needs of the community, and its vulnerable members.

Our mission with the community grow-space is to give people a purpose and routine to their week. The Lantern prides itself on its sense of community, and it is our desire to carry this on into the project at Tumbledown. We also want to draw on the physical and mental health benefits of outdoor work and being

in nature and green spaces.

For many this will create a therapeutic atmosphere to escape the isolation and boredom people sometimes experience at home.

As a result of this, there will be the chance for participants to take the produce they have helped grow home to use themselves, reaping the benefits of their hard work. We offer a non-judgmental atmosphere for all people from all walks of life to be involved, giving people the opportunity to join a new community of like-minded and enthusiastic people ready to learn new skills and put their minds to new challenges.

There are a wide range of activities and lots of planned projects for Tumbledown, including: Volunteer Days, Community Grow Spaces and veggie boxes. Future prospective projects include a Community Kitchen, making jams and chutneys, cooking courses, a Café and a Farm Shop.

Service Coordinators (SCO) and Hub Services

Drop-In and Coffee Bar

Our Drop-In is often the first point of contact for clients approaching our service and our Service Coordinators triage and signpost them to relevant agencies, whether that be in-house, Hub partner or external agencies. Our SCOs are trained regarding homelessness and general support and offer light-touch interventions, from helping with energy bills, logging on to Universal Credit Journals and providing Food Bank vouchers to referrals into our GP Outreach Service, Dentaaid, podiatry services and Specsavers.

Our coffee bar is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10am – 2pm and offers a safe space for many of our clients. We serve refreshments at a reasonable cost, and clients are made to feel welcome whether they are approaching for assistance or just popping in to socialize and relax.

We believe that offering this “front room” environment encourages the growth of trusting relationships with our clients and breaks down barriers to accessing appropriate support.

Citizens Advice Bureau

Our Hub offers a CAB advisor, who specialises in benefit queries and debt advice and can help with Universal Credit, Limited Capability For Work Questionnaires and other disability claim forms such as those for Personal Independence Payment. An Income Maximisation Service is also offered in order to check that customers are in receipt of the correct benefits. We offer a variety of appointments from Monday to Thursday.

Interventions Alliance

Interventions Alliance is based in our Hub on Wednesdays, supporting clients on a license or Community Order, with a focus on community reintegration.

Barber Service

We have recently introduced a Barber Service, which runs every other Friday afternoon and requires pre-booking. Our Barber is recently qualified, and has offered to give free haircuts at the Lantern, in order to support people in the disadvantaged situation which he once found himself in.

Catch22

Catch22 offender management service is based in our Hub on Mondays, providing a rehabilitation service and long-term support needed for positive outcomes and to reduce reoffending.

You First Domestic Abuse Services

We understand the extra support needed for those experiencing domestic abuse or violence. We have tried to make this as easy as possible for our clients, by offering a drop-in service with You First every Thursday morning from 10am-12pm.

Food Bank

We work closely with Weymouth, Portland, Dorchester, Bridport and Bournemouth Food Banks, offering referral codes and informing clients of opening times, either in person or over the phone. We always ask for the underlying reasons behind the need to ensure that further support can be offered where appropriate.

Housing Team



The Lantern Housing & Resettlement Project, in funding partnership with Dorset Council and Weymouth Town Council, continues to provide a specialised service for those in housing need as part of the Integrated Prevention and Support (IPS) Service, endeavouring to meet the complex needs and wishes of our customers with a flexible and holistic approach.

The Lantern values inter-agency working very highly and acts as a direct and easily accessible gateway to many other services within the area of Weymouth and Portland, whilst retaining its position as an in-house provider of a comprehensive Housing & Resettlement Project with provision for internal referrals to other Lantern services provided in our Crisis and Recovery Hubs.

During 2022/23, the project assisted vulnerable members of society with varying levels of need. Accommodation has been sourced, loans for rent deposits and rent in advance provided, homelessness has been prevented and tenancies have been sustained through intensive ongoing support.

The service offers a minimum of six months tenancy support to those engaging with the service, with provision to provide ongoing support to those most in need.

Services

At the Lantern we know how important it is for our clients to improve their housing situations with a minimum of delay. The team works alongside Hub and external partner agencies including Julian House Dorset Assertive Homeless Outreach Team, Shelter, Shelter Housing First, The Bus Shelter Dorset and Dorset Council, to help navigate the client's housing journey.

They offer 3 housing appointments every Monday, Wednesday and Friday and are due to increase this offer in April 2023 to 5 days a week. Referrals are regularly made to supported accommodation and our own accommodation is utilized when vacancies permit.

In addition to a general housing advice service, the Team also assists with more specialised casework, such as Mandatory Reconsiderations and Appeals against intentionally homeless and non-priority need decisions.



Assisted Deposit and Rent in Advance Schemes

Our clients are often in receipt of welfare benefits or on a low income and struggle to meet the considerable costs involved in securing accommodation. In order to remove this particular barrier to housing, we offer means tested Assisted Deposit and Rent in Advance Schemes. For those unable to secure funding from other sources, we remain a last port of call.

WASP

Wellbeing and Accommodation Sustainment Project



In October 2022, the Rapid Rehousing Pathway (RRP) was remodeled as the Wellbeing and Accommodation Sustainment Project (WASP), delivering a dedicated tenancy and wellbeing support service to clients needing a more intensive support offer than is offered by our Housing Team.

As with the RRP, the WASP forms part of Dorset Council's Rough Sleeper Initiative, and we work in partnership with the local authority and partner agencies to provide a well-rounded support offer to this complex cohort.

The WASP provides trauma-informed and person-centred ongoing support to clients, building lasting and trusting relationships which allows for honest, open dialogue and mutually agreed support pathways development.

Support focuses on developing life skills, increasing motivation and using Personal Budgets to maximum effect to improve client prospects of accessing and maintaining accommodation and becoming tenancy ready for successful move-on into permanent accommodation.

We have great experience in working with a range of housing providers in the private sector and the team have worked to develop a robust landlord offer which has led to new units of accommodation becoming available.



We are now also landlords in our own right, in partnership with Green Pastures and are currently in the process of expanding our property portfolio.

"I need a place of hope that has been missing from my life. My WASP Worker enabled me to feel listened to and maintain my accommodation, but also allowed me to explore what life might hold for me."

In 2022/23

13

Free therapy
provided by 13
Mental Health
Workers

90

Therapy
sessions provided

26

Health
interventions

15

Therapy
sessions provided

17

Therapy
sessions provided

Hardy House Hostel Project

The Lantern Hardy House Hostel Project was created in response to an increased need for homelessness provision caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and is undertaken in collaboration with Dorset Council.

The Lantern commenced delivery of the project on 27/07/20, providing specialised support to vulnerable residents. The project ran until 06/12/23. Hardy House is situated in Portland and is owned by Dorset Council. It provided 6 bedrooms with separate shower rooms and a shared kitchen for high needs individuals with support and security on site. There was also a self-contained one-bedroom flat which Dorset Council Housing Team used as emergency accommodation.

The project offered residents tailored packages of support and triage into Lantern and partner agency services, with the aim of providing them with a better chance of entering and sustaining settled accommodation. 48 clients were assisted under the project.



CDAW

Complex Drug and Alcohol Worker Project

Our Complex Drug and Alcohol Worker (CDAW) post provides clients with specialised drug and alcohol interventions, complementing support given by The Lantern and working with the Dorset RSDATG¹ team and local partners to provide coordinated support to our clients. The role supports close partnership working with housing, health and wellbeing services, police, Criminal Justice and other relevant partners.

Trusting and professional partnerships are developed with and work undertaken alongside other support providers, statutory and voluntary sectors, prisons and hospitals to embed co-production and involvement.

The CDAW role is key to achieving the Public Health England objective to improve the lives of vulnerable people and will be part of our growing partnership of homelessness, support and rough sleeping services in the county, ensuring delivery of a seamless and collaborative approach which places the individual at the heart of all decisions.

¹RSDATG – Rough Sleeping Drug and Alcohol Treatment Grant.

SAO

Supported Accommodation Office Project

The Lantern Supported Accommodation Officer (SAO) roles were created in response to an increased need for tenancy support which had been identified in our client group.

The Lantern commenced delivery of the project on 01/04/22, providing specialised support to vulnerable residents. The project offers residents tailored packages of tenancy support and triage into Lantern and partner agency services, with the aim of providing them with a better chance of sustaining their accommodation.

We also promote social reablement, supporting clients with access to health and wellbeing services and also supporting them to engage in meaningful occupation within the community. We draw on the many available resources found within our Hub Services. The purpose of the SAO role is to support people who are facing challenges in their lives and to help them overcome them by delivering tailored support which improves emotional wellbeing, self-esteem and confidence.

The SAOs support individuals who have experienced vulnerable housing in the past, enabling our clients to obtain the life skills necessary to move on into more independent living. Support is provided to a range of clients in Lantern accommodation and temporary accommodation, giving a continued single point of contact. As a stand-alone project, our SAOs have deployed a great deal of initiative in establishing and maintaining the project to ensure its ongoing success in supporting our clients.

ETE

Education, Training and Employment Coordinator Project

Our ETE Coordinator helps vulnerable clients work towards improving their self-confidence and self-esteem, which is a key element of work contributing towards our goal to improve client health and wellbeing. This is achieved through offering clients the opportunity to engage in meaningful occupation, with a view to reducing feelings of social isolation, encouraging social integration into our wider community.

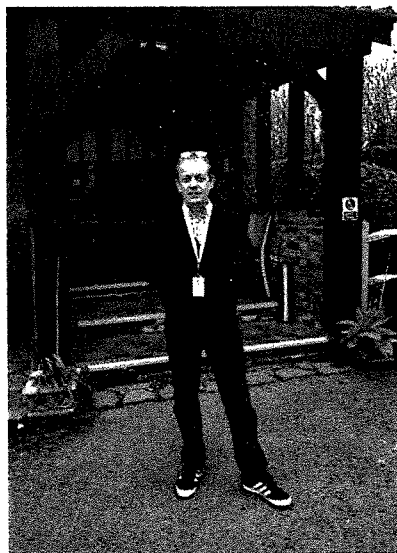
Clients are currently encouraged to take part in activities such as relaxation sessions, reading, art

classes, walking, gym sessions, swimming and Fight Back Mental Health classes. As client confidence increases, we expect to see a natural progression towards an uptake in volunteering opportunities, education and, ultimately, employment.

The ETE Coordinator also oversees the Lantern's Tumbledown Farm green space allotment project - a meaningful activity project which acts as a valuable step towards social reintegration through the development of social and practical life skills.

"The ETE project provides access to opportunities to engage clients in a variety of activities including life skills, learning and access to pathways to training and education."

Tanya Bailey, ETE Coordinator



The Lantern GP Outreach Service

Our GP Outreach Service is funded by the Weymouth and Portland Primary Care Network (PCN), which is a collaboration between 6 GP practices.

Its aims are to act as a gateway to healthcare, to register hard to engage people with the practices and to encourage people to use primary care services. Many people engaging with The Lantern need encouragement to access primary care and providing a GP Service in our Queen Street Hub has helped break down barriers to accessing care.

Clients are booked in for Thursday and Friday appointments upon request by Lantern staff throughout the week and seen in our clinical room. The service also offers GP registration to people with no means of identification. An average of 5 to 6 clients are seen during each surgery. Many clients are street homeless and people experiencing housing vulnerabilities and poverty. By its

very nature, an outreach project breaks down barriers through meeting people on their own terms.

The Bridges Medical Practice, Cross Road Surgery, Dorchester Road Surgery, Royal Crescent and Preston Road Surgery, Royal Manor Health Care and Wyke Regis and Lanehouse Medical Practice.



GP Outreach present at: The Bridges Medical Practice, Cross Road Surgery, Dorchester Road Surgery, Royal Crescent and Preston Road Surgery, Royal Manor Health Care and Wyke Regis and Lanehouse Medical Practice.

Your Voice

Our service users are stakeholders and therefore all our services are client-led and driven by the needs of our local community.

We have formed a sub-group entitled "Your Voice," which is comprised of our CEO, Chair of Trustees and Operations Manager who hold regular meetings with our service users in order to gain feedback and inform future and current services. This ensures that we are aware of shifting trends regarding service user needs and local issues, allowing us to make a positive contribution to a drive against poverty, marginalisation and social isolation in our locality.



Client involvement and engagement in developing wider service provision relevant to presenting needs is actively encouraged via discussion and

the opportunity to take part in Lantern "Your Voice" sessions where appropriate. "Your Voice" was developed in order to give our clients the opportunity to raise, respond to and discuss presenting issues and service delivery. In this way they can play a valuable part in shaping future development of our services and assist us in identifying gaps in service provision. We also hope to engender a positive sense of empowerment in those who participate in "Your Voice" sessions.

The feedback gathered is shared and discussed during established stakeholder meetings and, where appropriate, fed into development plans. As an example, during a "Your Voice" session on the topic of homelessness, participants felt that new rough sleepers and the homeless community using The Lantern would benefit from a peer-led system where information could be shared with them about facilities and processes in the Weymouth area and to manage expectations for help.

The idea was floated about forming a working group or a homelessness



forum where people's lived experience could be used to shape and inform the development of services which most participants felt would be useful, and this idea will be developed through further client discussion. During a session on the subject of mental health, it became apparent that some clients on strong anti-psychotic medication were not able to access essential physical health checks, due to reasons such as being homeless, having a transient lifestyle, moving address frequently or not being linked in with a GP. After this gap in provision was identified, Lantern staff arranged for two clients to be given health and wellbeing assessments, one via our GP Outreach Service and one via an external GP.

Case Study

Tim* has complex health needs, housing needs and substance misuse issues.

He attended The Lantern COVID-19 vaccination clinic for his booster and the Complex Drug and Alcohol Worker (CDAW) introduced himself and explained his role. Tim engaged well and agreed to work with the CDAW towards tackling his addiction issues. He had a long history of alcohol dependence which had an extremely harmful impact on his social capabilities and had led to homelessness and considerable physical ill health.

He expressed a willingness to stop drinking but was unable to do this himself safely. The CDAW visited him in his accommodation and it soon became apparent that his health needed addressing in many ways. With his agreement, the CDAW liaised with our Nurse Practitioner. His physical health was a concern - he had been admitted to hospital with melaena, a gastroscopy showed grade B oesophagitis, a gastric ulcer, gastritis and portal hypertension. He was jaundiced, confused and had ascites; liver cirrhosis was confirmed on a CT scan. He had osteoporosis and had sustained multiple fractures as a result of falling while intoxicated.

The CDAW, Nurse Practitioner and Tim discussed these health outcomes and he was re-referred to the Orthopaedic Team for treatment of his complex fractures. With medical testimony, the CDAW was able to apply for rehab. In order to give him the support needed, Lantern staff created a collaborative support network and plan involving our Hostel Support Worker, Education, Training and Employment Coordinator (ETE), Housing Team and Nurse Practitioner.

Our Hostel Support Worker liaised with the CDAW and notified him of his Probation appointments, and the CDAW attended and liaised with the Probation Officer. Staff identified that Dorset Council could reassess his housing status and a meeting was arranged, with the result that his case was

reassessed. He was then placed on Wellbeing and Accommodation Sustainment Project (WASP) and was housed through the local authority in his own independent flat. Lantern staff then organised a Social Services Care Assessment to ensure his additional needs were met.

Our ETE introduced herself and met with him on a weekly basis. These meetings ranged from general discussion to walks, cooking and discussions regarding ideas/ goals for the future. He was also invited to join our relaxation and reading mornings. As a team, we have seen the benefits of this collaborative approach. Tim has reflected and demonstrated this by his motivation and attendance of all meetings, appointments and activities. His attitude, mindset and input into all discussions is positive and proactive as are, most noticeably, his efforts to reduce his drinking when participating in all these activities.

As part of the process of application to detox/rehab, he succeeded in demonstrating his motivation. We were successful in our application and funding was granted for detox/ rehab. Having liaised with a specific rehab, he was identified as needing a specialist detox first as a result of his medical/health status, in particular his cirrhosis of the liver.

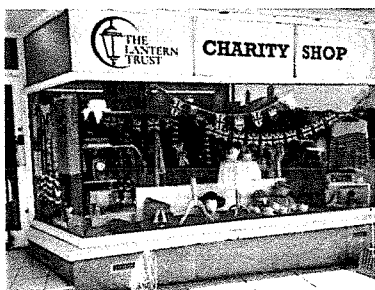
The CDAW sourced a specialist detox unit and he was successfully assessed. An admission date to rehab was agreed on with a two-week detox first. The Lantern supported him to detox in Kent for two weeks. The CDAW liaised with Rehab and organised for him to be collected from detox and to go straight to rehab.

* Name has been changed

Where Does Our Support Come From?

We receive funding for commissioned services and we make numerous applications to grant-making Trusts in order to fund core running costs and other specific projects when required.

We apply to a range of funders to ensure that we are not reliant upon a limited number of funding sources, thereby mitigating financial risk to our services. Our Charity Shop generates income and we receive rent from stakeholder agencies using office space in our Hub. Our accommodation units generate rental income and we will expect this income to rise as our property portfolio increases. We also have a fundraising team and occasionally hold fundraising events in the local community.



Our Charity Shop

The Lantern Charity Shop is located in an area of multiple deprivation. It has become a local community Hub in its own right, providing a valued community resource and a sociable meeting place for regular customers.

For those in most need, we provide our own vouchers enabling clients to obtain clothes, shoes and household items free of charge. The shop also provides a chance for clients to take the first steps into voluntary work and meaningful occupation, which ties in with our Education, Training and Employment Coordinator Project.

Fundraising

We are always looking at new and innovative ways of fundraising for our project and have a dedicated Fundraiser Page on Facebook. To donate to The Lantern, please go to www.give.net and click on the donate button.

For further information regarding fundraising, please see our website www.lanterntrust.org.uk, Facebook pages @LanternTrustUK or contact us via info@lanterntrust.org.uk

Support from Local Businesses

We are very fortunate to have the support of many local businesses, whom we would like to thank. Not only do our customers benefit from their kindness, donations, ideas and expertise, they also benefit from a real sense of community which their involvement brings. In an area of multiple deprivation, we see a real coming together of local people who are passionate about helping those most in need.

Future Planning

Organisational Development

Organisational development needs identified in our Strategic Plan 2022-2024 are to consolidate services, build a fit for purpose organisation, generate a solid evidence-base of needs and impact, achieve financial sustainability and establish our position in the sector.

We will measure success through working towards the agreed targets set out in the strategic plan and

recording the results achieved. We wish to monitor our progress on the Strategic Plan and explore areas of development such as social enterprise, back to work initiatives, developing the wellbeing aspects of our Hub services, maintaining the financial capability of offering a rent deposit scheme to a growing number of applicants and continued implementation of the Outcome

Star as a means of recording client outcomes. We also wish to expand our accommodation portfolio in partnership with Green Pastures.

Our ambition is to fulfil the goals set out in our Strategic Plan and to achieve the financial resilience necessary to continue to meet the needs of our growing client base.

What next? Our Strategic Priorities

- Everyone we support will receive a person-centred holistic support offer covering every aspect of their lives.
- We aim to work more closely with the NHS and Dorset Healthcare colleagues so people can get appropriate access to mental health and wellbeing support at the earliest opportunity.
- We will strive to continue collaborating with colleagues across Dorset from both statutory and non-statutory agencies in order to reduce the barriers people face in receiving support.
- The voice of lived experience and those using our services will continue to direct where and how our support is delivered.
- The Lantern are working to increase their own portfolio in order to create available housing stock for the most socially excluded.





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Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Lantern Trust (Weymouth) (the 'parent charitable company') and its subsidiaries (the 'group') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the Consolidated statement of financial activities, the Consolidated income and expenditure account, the Consolidated balance sheet, the Charity balance sheet, the Consolidated statement of cash flows and the related notes, 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, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (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 charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of the Group's 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 and 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 Group 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

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Group's or the parent charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report other than the financial statements and our Auditors' report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Annual report. 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. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the

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other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of 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 this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. 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.

Opinion 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 Trustees' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Directors' Report included within the Trustees' Report has been prepared in accordance with the applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our 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 Trustees' Report.

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

- the parent charitable company has not kept adequate and sufficient accounting records, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the parent charitable company 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; or

the Trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies' regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Trustees' Report and from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company 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 Group's and the parent 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 Group or the parent 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

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.

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. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

We assessed the risk of material misstatement due to non-compliance with laws and regulations by:

- obtaining an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the Group and how it complies with those through enquires of management and those charged with governance. Laws and regulations which make have a direct material effect on the financial statements include the Companies Act 2006 and the Charity Act 2011. Other laws and regulations which may have a material effect on the financial statements include safeguarding, housing and health and safety laws; and
- communicating within the audit team and maintaining professional scepticism.

Specifically in respect of fraud we discussed with those charged with governance areas in which the Group was susceptible to fraud and whether there were an instances of known, suspected or alleged fraud. We also assessed the ability of internal controls to mitigate the risk of fraud and where internal controls were lacking we performed additional audit procedures.

We assessed the risk of non-compliance with laws and regulations by:

- making enquiries of management and those charged with governance concerning actual and potential litigation or claims;
- reading meeting minutes for evidence of discussions which may indicate potential litigation and claims;
- reviewing the company's records for evidence of legal costs which may indicate non-compliance with laws and regulations; and
- requesting sight of any correspondence from regulators.

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

- tested the validity of journal entries;
- tested accounting estimates for evidence of potential bias;
- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual relationships;
- sought explanations and evidence for any transactions outside the normal course of business; and

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- assessed the appropriateness of accounting policies, including in respect of revenue recognition, bearing in mind the specific requirements of the Charities SORP, using data from outside the accounting system.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

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

The comparative information in the financial statements is derived from the prior year financial statements of the charitable company which were not audited.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006, and to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, 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.



Mr P A Cattermole FCA (Senior statutory auditor)

for and on behalf of
Xeinadin Audit Limited

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors
Wadebridge House
16 Wadebridge Square
Dorchester
Dorset
DT1 3AQ

Date: 17 December 2024

THE LANTERN TRUST (WEYMOUTH)

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 (unaudited) £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	5,600	210,529	216,129	73,284
Charitable activities	4	197,892	730,927	928,819	649,026
Other trading activities	5	-	46,547	46,547	40,358
Investments	6	-	35,481	35,481	26,198
Total income		203,492	1,023,484	1,226,976	788,866
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	7	-	69,930	69,930	64,619
Charitable activities	8	204,315	659,710	864,025	651,230
Total expenditure		204,315	729,640	933,955	715,849
Net movement in funds		(823)	293,844	293,021	73,017
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		33,738	550,205	583,943	510,926
Net movement in funds		(823)	293,844	293,021	73,017
Total funds carried forward		32,915	844,049	876,964	583,943

The Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 46 to 72 form part of these financial statements.

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SUMMARY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 (unaudited) £
Gross income in the reporting period		1,226,976	788,866
Less: Total expenditure		(933,955)	(715,849)
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period		<u>293,021</u>	<u>73,017</u>

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REGISTERED NUMBER: 05577019

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 (unaudited) £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	13	511,067	495,701
		<u>511,067</u>	<u>495,701</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	15	135,191	73,808
Investments	16	250,000	100,000
Cash at bank and in hand		221,994	143,584
		<u>607,185</u>	<u>317,392</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	(241,288)	(59,150)
Net current assets		<u>365,897</u>	<u>258,242</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>876,964</u>	<u>753,943</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	18	-	(170,000)
Net assets excluding pension asset		<u>876,964</u>	<u>583,943</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>876,964</u></u>	<u><u>583,943</u></u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	19	32,915	33,738
Unrestricted funds	19	844,049	550,205
Total funds		<u><u>876,964</u></u>	<u><u>583,943</u></u>

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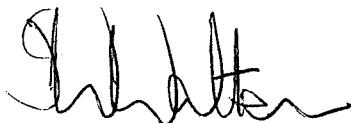
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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

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

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

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Mr I Walton FCA
(Trustee)

Date: 01/02/2024

The notes on pages 46 to 72 form part of these financial statements.

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CHARITY BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 (unaudited) £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	13	511,024	495,646
Investments	14	2	2
		<u>511,026</u>	<u>495,648</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	15	138,453	75,621
Investments	16	250,000	100,000
Cash at bank and in hand		216,468	139,821
		<u>604,921</u>	<u>315,442</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	(238,983)	(57,147)
Net current assets		<u>365,938</u>	<u>258,295</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>876,964</u>	<u>753,943</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	18	-	(170,000)
Net assets excluding pension asset		<u>876,964</u>	<u>583,943</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>876,964</u></u>	<u><u>583,943</u></u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	19	32,915	33,738
Unrestricted funds	19	844,049	550,205
Total funds		<u><u>876,964</u></u>	<u><u>583,943</u></u>

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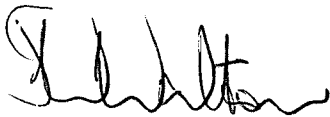
CHARITY BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

The Charity's net movement in funds for the year was £293,021 (2023 - £73,013).

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Mr I Walton FCA

(Trustee)

Date:

17/2/2024

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**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

	2024	2023
	£	(unaudited)
		£
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net cash used in operating activities	212,830	(86,768)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Dividends, interests and rents from investments	35,481	26,198
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(19,901)	(46,182)
Proceeds from sale of investments	100,000	-
Purchase of investments	(250,000)	(100,000)
Net cash used in investing activities	(134,420)	(119,984)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Net cash provided by financing activities	-	-
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	78,410	(206,752)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	143,584	350,336
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	221,994	143,584

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THE LANTERN TRUST (WEYMOUTH)

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1. General information

The Lantern Trust (Weymouth) is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Wadebridge House, 16 Wadebridge Square, Poundbury, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 3AQ. The charity operates from premises at 2 Ranelagh Road, Weymouth, DT4 7JD.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - 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 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The Lantern Trust (Weymouth) 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.

The Consolidated statement of financial activities (SOFA) and Consolidated balance sheet consolidate the financial statements of the Charity and its subsidiary undertaking. The results of the subsidiary are consolidated on a line by line basis.

The Charity has taken advantage of the exemption allowed under section 408 of the Companies Act 2006 and has not presented its own Statement of financial activities in these financial statements.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.2 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.

The recognition of income from legacies is dependent on establishing entitlement, the probability of receipt and the ability to estimate with sufficient accuracy the amount receivable. Evidence of entitlement to a legacy exists when the Charity has sufficient evidence that a gift has been left to them (through knowledge of the existence of a valid will and the death of the benefactor) and the executor is satisfied that the property in question will not be required to satisfy claims in the estate. Receipt of a legacy must be recognised when it is probable that it will be received and the fair value of the amount receivable, which will generally be the expected cash amount to be distributed to the Charity, can be reliably measured.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount.

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.

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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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.3 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.

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the company and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

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

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.4 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Group; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

2.5 Gift Aid

In the case of a Gift Aid payment made within the Group, income is accrued when the payment is payable to the Parent Charity under a legal obligation. Measurement is at the fair value receivable, which will normally be the transaction value.

2.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

At each reporting date the Charity assesses whether there is any indication of impairment. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined to be the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use. An impairment loss is recognised where the carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation (continued)

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Freehold property - land	-	not depreciated
Freehold property - structure	- 1%	
Freehold property - roof and internal fixtures	- 4%	
Fixtures and fittings	- 15%	reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 15%	reducing balance

The assets' residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted prospectively if appropriate, or if there is an indication of a significant change since the last reporting date.

2.7 Investments

Investments in subsidiaries are valued at cost less provision for impairment.

2.8 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.

2.9 Current asset investments

Current asset investments includes short-term investments with a maturity of over three months from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account and maturity of less than 12 months from the reporting date.

2.10 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.

2.11 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.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.12 Financial instruments

The Group 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.

2.13 Operating leases

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Consolidated statement of financial activities on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

2.14 Pensions

The Group operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Group to the fund in respect of the year.

2.15 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 Group and which have not been designated for other purposes.

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

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

3. Income from donations and legacies

	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Donations	<u>5,600</u>	<u>210,529</u>	<u>216,129</u>

	<i>Restricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Donations	<u>7,500</u>	<u>65,784</u>	<u>73,284</u>

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4. Income from charitable activities

	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Grants and services provided under contract	197,892	640,031	837,923
Property	-	90,896	90,896
	<u>197,892</u>	<u>730,927</u>	<u>928,819</u>
	<i>Restricted funds 2023 (unaudited) £</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds 2023 (unaudited) £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 (unaudited) £</i>
Grants and services provided under contract	136,701	431,176	567,877
Property	-	81,149	81,149
	<u>136,701</u>	<u>512,325</u>	<u>649,026</u>

5. Income from other trading activities

Income from non charitable trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Subsidiary trading income - sale of goods	<u>46,547</u>	<u>46,547</u>

The subsidiary's trading income comes from a charity shop which sells goods donated by the public.

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5. Income from other trading activities (continued)

Income from non charitable trading activities (continued)

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2023 (unaudited) £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 (unaudited) £</i>
Subsidiary trading income - sale of goods	<u>40,358</u>	<u>40,358</u>

6. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Rental income	33,723	33,723
Investment income	1,758	1,758
	<u>35,481</u>	<u>35,481</u>

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2023 (unaudited) £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 (unaudited) £</i>
Rental income	<u>26,198</u>	<u>26,198</u>

7. Expenditure on raising funds

Costs of raising voluntary income

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Allocated centrally incurred fundraising and governance costs	<u>36,475</u>	<u>36,475</u>

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7. Expenditure on raising funds (continued)

Costs of raising voluntary income (continued)

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2023 (unaudited) £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 (unaudited) £</i>
Allocated centrally incurred fundraising and governance costs	<u>33,559</u>	<u>33,559</u>

Other trading expenses

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Subsidiary trading expenses	21,011	21,011
Subsidiary staff costs	12,444	12,444
	<u>33,455</u>	<u>33,455</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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7. Expenditure on raising funds (continued)

Other trading expenses (continued)

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2023 (unaudited) £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 (unaudited) £</i>
Subsidiary trading expenses	21,867	21,867
Subsidiary staff costs	9,193	9,193
	<u>31,060</u>	<u>31,060</u>

8. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Grants and services provided under contract	204,315	575,586	779,901
Property	-	84,124	84,124
	<u>204,315</u>	<u>659,710</u>	<u>864,025</u>

	<i>Restricted funds 2023 (unaudited) £</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds 2023 (unaudited) £</i>	<i>Total 2023 (unaudited) £</i>
Grants and services provided under contract	114,210	471,308	585,518
Property	-	65,712	65,712
	<u>114,210</u>	<u>537,020</u>	<u>651,230</u>

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9. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Direct costs - see below	779,901	779,901
Property	84,124	84,124
	<u>864,025</u>	<u>864,025</u>

	Activities undertaken directly 2023 (unaudited) £	Total funds 2023 (unaudited) £
Direct costs - see below	585,518	585,518
Property	65,712	65,712
	<u>651,230</u>	<u>651,230</u>

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9. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs (continued)

Analysis of direct costs

	Grants and services provided under contract 2024 £	Property Income 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Staff costs	500,008	-	500,008
Coffee bar purchases	287	-	287
Telephone and internet	4,437	-	4,437
Insurance	8,941	-	8,941
Light, heat and power	14,352	-	14,352
Rent, rates and water	38,317	-	38,317
Repairs and maintenance	14,657	-	14,657
Office supplies and postage	5,657	-	5,657
Equipment, repairs and replacements	8,340	-	8,340
Staff and volunteer expenses	13,284	-	13,284
Training and resources	7,875	-	7,875
Rent deposits and customer support	116,304	-	116,304
Software support	16,485	-	16,485
Boot Hill rent and expenses	-	70,331	70,331
Carlton Road rent and expenses	-	13,793	13,793

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9. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs (continued)

Professional fees	10,249	-	10,249
Sundries	185	-	185
Depreciation and impairment	4,523	-	4,523
Governance costs	16,000	-	16,000
	<u>779,901</u>	<u>84,124</u>	<u>864,025</u>

	<i>Grants and services provided under contract 2023 (unaudited) £</i>	<i>Property Income 2023 (unaudited) £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 (unaudited) £</i>
Staff costs	411,475	-	411,475
Coffee bar purchases	361	-	361
Telephone and internet	3,798	-	3,798
Insurance	7,190	-	7,190
Light, heat and power	9,599	-	9,599
Rent, rates and water	5,080	-	5,080
Repairs and maintenance	22,649	-	22,649
Office supplies and postage	7,637	-	7,637
Equipment, repairs and replacements	9,341	-	9,341
Staff and volunteer expenses	11,685	-	11,685
Training and resources	4,079	-	4,079
Rent deposits and customer support	60,207	-	60,207

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9. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs (continued)

Software support	17,833	-	17,833
Boot Hill rent and expenses	-	65,712	65,712
Independent examiners fee	3,500	-	3,500
Professional fees	762	-	762
Depreciation and impairment	3,913	-	3,913
Governance costs	6,409	-	6,409
	<u>585,518</u>	<u>65,712</u>	<u>651,230</u>

Property costs are allocated based on direct expenditure incurred.

10. Auditors' remuneration

The auditors' remuneration amounts to an auditor fee of £12,000 (2023 - £-), and accounts preparation and payroll services of £7,000 (2023 - £6,200).

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11. Staff costs

	Group 2024 £	Group 2023 (unaudited) £	Charity 2024 £	Charity 2023 (unaudited) £
Wages and salaries	490,306	403,602	478,655	394,409
Social security costs	38,903	36,376	38,550	36,376
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	15,792	12,356	15,352	12,356
	<u>545,001</u>	<u>452,334</u>	<u>532,557</u>	<u>443,141</u>

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

	Group 2024 No.	Group 2023 (unaudited) No.	Charity 2024 No.	Charity 2023 (unaudited) No.
Number of employees	<u>26</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>19</u>

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

Key management personnel received wages of £116,161 (2023 - £107,619) with employer's national insurance contributions of £11,197 (2023 - £10,565) and pension contributions of £3,548 (2023 - £3,293).

12. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2023 - £NIL-).

During the year, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2023 - £NIL).

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13. Tangible fixed assets

Group

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation				
At 1 April 2023	468,541	51,819	9,007	529,367
Additions	2,784	-	17,117	19,901
At 31 March 2024	<u>471,325</u>	<u>51,819</u>	<u>26,124</u>	<u>549,268</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2023	-	29,376	4,290	33,666
Charge for the year	-	2,811	1,724	4,535
At 31 March 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>32,187</u>	<u>6,014</u>	<u>38,201</u>
Net book value				
At 31 March 2024	<u>471,325</u>	<u>19,632</u>	<u>20,110</u>	<u>511,067</u>
At 31 March 2023 (unaudited)	<u>468,541</u>	<u>22,443</u>	<u>4,717</u>	<u>495,701</u>

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Charity

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation				
At 1 April 2023	468,541	51,819	8,775	529,135
Additions	2,784	-	17,117	19,901
At 31 March 2024	<u>471,325</u>	<u>51,819</u>	<u>25,892</u>	<u>549,036</u>

Depreciation

At 1 April 2023	-	29,376	4,113	33,489
Charge for the year	-	2,811	1,712	4,523
At 31 March 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>32,187</u>	<u>5,825</u>	<u>38,012</u>

Net book value

At 31 March 2024	<u>471,325</u>	<u>19,632</u>	<u>20,067</u>	<u>511,024</u>
At 31 March 2023 (unaudited)	<u>468,541</u>	<u>22,443</u>	<u>4,662</u>	<u>495,646</u>

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14. Fixed asset investments

	Investments in subsidiary companies £
Charity	
Cost or valuation	
At 1 April 2023	2
At 31 March 2024	<u>2</u>

15. Debtors

	Group	Group	Charity	Charity
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	£	(unaudited) £	£	(unaudited) £
Due within one year				
Trade debtors	123,208	57,600	123,208	57,600
Amounts owed by group undertakings	-	-	7,476	6,677
Prepayments and accrued income	8,464	10,708	4,250	5,844
Tax recoverable	3,519	5,500	3,519	5,500
	<u>135,191</u>	<u>73,808</u>	<u>138,453</u>	<u>75,621</u>

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16. Current asset investments

	Group	<i>Group</i> 2023	Charity	<i>Charity</i> 2023
	2024	<i>(unaudited)</i>	2024	<i>(unaudited)</i>
	£	£	£	£
Fixed term deposit accounts	250,000	100,000	250,000	100,000

17. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	Group	<i>Group</i> 2023	Charity	<i>Charity</i> 2023
	2024	<i>(unaudited)</i>	2024	<i>(unaudited)</i>
	£	£	£	£
Other creditors	8,621	7,183	8,567	7,183
Accruals and deferred income	232,667	51,967	230,416	49,964
	<u>241,288</u>	<u>59,150</u>	<u>238,983</u>	<u>57,14</u>

Deferred income comprises amounts received under contracts for the provision of services, for which services have not been provided at the year-end.

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18. Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	Group	<i>Group</i>	Charity	<i>Charity</i>
	2024	<i>2023</i>	2024	<i>2023</i>
	£	<i>(unaudited)</i>	£	<i>(unaudited)</i>
		£		£
Amount owed to Albert Hunt Trust	<u>-</u>	<u>170,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>170,000</u>

The loan, which was at a below market rate, was secured against property held by the trust. This loan was released and mortgage fully discharged on 15 August 2023.

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19. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Funds	<u>550,205</u>	<u>1,023,484</u>	<u>(729,640)</u>	<u>844,049</u>
Restricted funds				
Restricted Funds	<u>33,738</u>	<u>203,492</u>	<u>(204,315)</u>	<u>32,915</u>
Total of funds	<u>583,943</u>	<u>1,226,976</u>	<u>(933,955)</u>	<u>876,964</u>

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19. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2022 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Transfers in/out £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 March 2023 (unaudited) £</i>
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds	<u>510,926</u>	<u>644,665</u>	<u>(635,587)</u>	<u>30,201</u>	<u>550,205</u>
Restricted funds					
Restricted funds	<u>-</u>	<u>144,201</u>	<u>(80,262)</u>	<u>(30,201)</u>	<u>33,738</u>
Total of funds	<u>510,926</u>	<u>788,866</u>	<u>(715,849)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>583,943</u>

20. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
General funds	550,205	1,023,484	(729,640)	844,049
Restricted funds	33,738	203,492	(204,315)	32,915
	<u>583,943</u>	<u>1,226,976</u>	<u>(933,955)</u>	<u>876,964</u>

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20. Summary of funds (continued)

Summary of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2022 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Transfers in/out £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 March 2023 £</i>
General funds	510,926	644,665	(635,587)	30,201	550,205
Restricted funds	-	144,201	(80,262)	(30,201)	33,738
	<u>510,926</u>	<u>788,866</u>	<u>(715,849)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>583,943</u>

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21. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current period

	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	511,067	511,067
Current assets	32,915	574,270	607,185
Creditors due within one year	-	(241,288)	(241,288)
Total			
	<u>32,915</u>	<u>844,049</u>	<u>876,964</u>

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior period

	Restricted funds 2023 (unaudited) £	Unrestricted funds 2023 (unaudited) £	Total funds 2023 (unaudited) £
Tangible fixed assets	-	495,701	495,701
Current assets	33,738	283,654	317,392
Creditors due within one year	-	(59,150)	(59,150)
Creditors due in more than one year	-	(170,000)	(170,000)
Total			
	<u>33,738</u>	<u>550,205</u>	<u>583,943</u>

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22. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	Group	<i>Group</i>
	2024	<i>2023</i>
	£	<i>(unaudited)</i>
		£
Net income for the period (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	293,021	<i>73,017</i>
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	4,535	<i>3,931</i>
Dividends, interests and rents from investments	(35,481)	<i>(26,198)</i>
Increase in debtors	(61,383)	<i>(26,080)</i>
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	12,138	<i>(111,438)</i>
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	<u>212,830</u>	<i><u>(86,768)</u></i>

23. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	Group	<i>Group</i>
	2024	<i>2023</i>
	£	<i>(unaudited)</i>
		£
Cash at bank and in hand	221,994	<i>143,584</i>
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>221,994</u>	<i><u>143,584</u></i>

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24. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 April 2023	Cash flows	Acquisition of investments	Other non-cash changes	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	143,584	228,410	(150,000)	-	221,994
Debt due after 1 year	(170,000)	-	-	170,000	-
Liquid investments	100,000	-	150,000	-	250,000
	<u>73,584</u>	<u>228,410</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>170,000</u>	<u>471,994</u>

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25. Pension commitments

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

The charge to income and expenditure in respect of defined contribution schemes was £15,792 (2023 - £12,356).

Contributions totalling £2,667 (2023 - £NIL) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date and are included in creditors.

26. Operating lease commitments

At 31 March 2024 the Group and the Charity had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	Group	<i>Group</i> 2023	Charity	<i>Charity</i> 2023
	2024	<i>(unaudited)</i>	2024	<i>(unaudited)</i>
	£	£	£	£
Not later than 1 year	81,099	65,229	66,099	50,229
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	189,374	201,467	183,124	180,217
Later than 5 years	5,200	-	5,200	-
	<u>275,673</u>	<u>266,696</u>	<u>254,423</u>	<u>230,446</u>

The following lease payments have been recognised as an expense in the Statement of financial activities:

	Group	<i>Group</i> 2023	Charity	<i>Charity</i> 2023
	2024	<i>(unaudited)</i>	2024	<i>(unaudited)</i>
	£	£	£	£
Operating lease rentals	<u>80,713</u>	<u>61,376</u>	<u>65,713</u>	<u>47,322</u>

27. Related party transactions

The charity received donations of £13,092 (2023 - £9,292) from its trading subsidiary, Lantern (Weymouth) Trading Company Limited in respect of trading profits distributed under covenant.

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28. Controlling party

The charitable company is controlled by the trustees, who are directors of the charitable company.

29. Principal subsidiaries

The following was a subsidiary undertaking of the Charity:

Name	Company number	Registered office or principal place of business	Principal activity
Lantern (Weymouth) Trading Company Limited	05499909	Wadebridge House, 16 Wadebridge Square, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 3AQ	Charity shop
Class of shares	Holding	Included in consolidation	
Ordinary	100%	Yes	

The financial results of the subsidiary for the year were:

Name	Income £	Expenditure £	Profit/(Loss)/ Surplus/ (Deficit) for the year £	Net assets £
Lantern (Weymouth) Trading Company Limited	46,547	33,455	13,092	2