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

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025



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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

Trustees	Mrs A Bazell Mr I Walton FCA Mrs E Ireland Dr J Orrell Mrs J Clarke Dr S De Kretser Mr L Button
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 Wadebridge House 16 Wadebridge Square Poundbury Dorchester Dorset DT1 3AQ

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The Trustees present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the The Lantern Trust (Weymouth) for the 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025. 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 and support, benefit advice, outreach, crisis response, mental health wellbeing support 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.

c. Achievements and performance

The 2024/2025 financial year has again been very busy for the Lantern with record numbers of people presenting to the Lantern for assistance and once again seeing an expansion in the services on offer.

A fuller description of the various activities and the services offered by the Lantern together with outcomes are attached in the accompanying report.

As regards the financial results and as disclosed in the accounts, consolidated net income for the year was £175,060 (2023/2024 - £293,021).

It should be noted that 2023/2024 did include a one-off donation of £170,000 and on that basis there was an increase in net income of just over £52,000 in the 2024/2025 year if you exclude that donation.

In terms of the economic situation and general uncertainties being experienced by the Third sector during the year we consider our net income for 2024/2025 to be a very satisfactory result.

The result is largely due to an increase in the income from charitable activities and services provided under contract which amounted to £1134809 in the year which compared to £837,923 in the previous year.

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This in turn was largely due to a full year of our Access Wellbeing contract as part of the transformative approach to mental health services under Dorset Healthcare University NHS Foundation Trust.

This contract commenced on 1 April 2024, having been a pilot project only for part of the previous year.

Otherwise, there were reasonable increases in donations (£63,441) compared to the previous year, excluding the special donation of £170,000, and the net income from our HMO properties as more properties came fully on stream in the 2024/2025 year.

On the basis of the net income for the year, our Consolidated Balance Sheet at 31 March 2025 advanced to a net funds position of £1,052,024 including restricted funds of £4,193.

This increase to our net funds, and particularly our working capital, has enabled us to purchase a 6 bedroom HMO property next to our head office premises in Ranelagh Road in June 2025.

This is in line with our strategic plans to acquire further properties as funds allow, as we have found over time that inadequate accommodation is a major factor in the wellbeing of many of the people who present to the Lantern and we feel that suitable accommodation with appropriate support from the Lantern staff can work as a good base to help recovery from the problems experienced.

We were able to contribute approximately £200,000 to the purchase and obtained a mortgage loan of £200,000 for the balance of the purchase price and costs.

Finally, we are extremely grateful to all those who have supported us during this year and beyond in whatever way and we hope 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
Hall and Woodhouse Limited
Weymouth Town Council
Dorset County Council
Albert Hunt Trust
Tudor Trust
Janet Bligh
Medisave (UK) Limited
Weymouth Rotary Club
All Souls Masonic Charities Association
Dorchester
Weymouth Carnival
Titan Manufacturing Limited
Weymouth Precision Engineers Limited
Weymouth College
Gascoyne Estate
Weyline Taxis
John Lewis PLC
Joan Turner Foundation
Dorset Healthcare University NHS Foundation Trust
Green Rewards

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

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.

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This year once again they have managed the increased demand and the expansion in our services and have gone above and beyond to help the people who have presented 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 compassion to their work which encapsulates the very ethos and reason for the existence of the Lantern where every person is treated as special and with respect and where with the right help each person has the capacity and 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. Based on the figures in the financial review above our reserves after allowing for restricted funds of £4,193 and tangible fixed assets of £518,828 stand at £529,003 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:

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

The trustees delegate day-to-day management of the charitable company to the Chief Executive, Mike Graham, with access to a Designated trustee for any required advice.

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.

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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.

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 . 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.

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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.

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:

A message from our Chief Executive

We believe all of our customers can thrive with the right support in a location within their community



Mike Graham
Chief Executive Officer



What a year it has been for all at the Lantern Trust. I wanted to start by thanking all our staff teams for their hard work and dedication, in what has been another busy year. We have seen over 1200 people approach our services needing support. We are often the last place that people can turn to. We have seen the year present many developments with our REN (Research, Education Network) approach being used as best practice as our lived experience researchers have been used by Dorset Council and Bournemouth University. The approach places the voice of lived experience at the center of service creation and system change as the researchers are all people with a lived experience of homelessness. This is key to all of the Lanterns support services in the sense that our customer voice groups drive the creation of all of our current and new services. The project has seen me and staff members being co-authors on academic papers in partnership with Bournemouth University. My passion has always been that the voice of our customers will be heard at the highest tables and that the Lanterns unique Hub approach is seen as the delivery model for the best outcomes for their communities.

At the very heart of the Lanterns offer is an integrated neighborhood team, where our teams as well as colleagues are located at our hubs. Our model is one of collaboration and that by providing physical/mental health support in the community itself, people will gain access to services that they haven't been able to before. Support is delivered where the individual feels the most comfortable and is led by them. The teams look to support at the earliest opportunity to enable our customers to once again thrive. Our hubs are divided into 3 locations with our Crisis, Recovery and Prevention hubs to offer an extensive range of services and outreach. The range of support covers every aspect of our customers' lives and is available with the least amount of referral red tape. A quote I love from a customer "just ordinary buildings, in ordinary street where extra ordinary things happen" Thank you to colleague from the NHS, Dorset Council, Shelter, Julian House, CAB, Weymouth Town Council, STARS Domestic Abuse Services, Probation, CMHT, S2W, REACH and everyone who is based at our hubs. Together, we are truly changing lives.

I was invited to 10 Downing Street this year as part of the Prime

Ministers Reception to share our unique approach to supporting people, alongside other community icons. The event was an incredible opportunity to share and learn with other fellow leaders and CEO's. I am proud to chair both the REACH Out project for complex addiction support and also the Mental Health Partnership Board which leads in the transformation of mental health services across Dorset. Our newly commissioned Access Wellbeing Service has now created several drop in spaces across the Weymouth, Portland and Dorchester areas which act as more community access points outside of our main hub provision. This growth has further strengthened the "no wrong door approach" that the Lantern has championed for over 40 years.

The Lantern has continued to grow our portfolio this year with the additions of Melcombe Mews and 3 Ranelagh Road properties. These are in addition to our existing units that aim to create supported housing to meet the needs of our broad customer groups needs. I am proud as a landlord at the level of support we offer and the standard of our units. I wanted to thank all of the landlord's that work with us to give our customers an opportunity to once again thrive.

The next year will bring more services as we work on a new oral health program as well as

strengthen our links with health locally and nationally. Our Rough Sleepers Initiative teams continue to offer lifesaving interventions for people whom are experiencing homelessness and our customers continue to maintain their tenancies. Our Housing Team have had their busiest year on record and have once again housed record numbers via our assisted rent deposit scheme. The Supported Accommodation Officers continue to work with mental health services to help people from hospital settings into their accommodation and able to live independently. Our REACH Out worker and team lead the way on intensive ways to support people facing addiction as is complimented by our Employment and Education Worker to help explore what life could hold for them.

I would like to thank my Senior Management Team of Kelly, Katie, Meg and Jo for their support and being the engine room to our whole operation. I would also like to thank our trustee's, supporters, customers and our communities for supporting our work and enabling the growth the last year has seen. Here is to the Lanterns services reaching more people areas across Dorset and leading the way on Integrated Neighborhood working.

Thank you.



"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."

Chairman's Impact Report



Ian Walton
Chair of Trustees

Another record year in terms of the number of people seeking help through the services on offer at the Lantern!

A significant reason for that growth is obviously that there has been an increase in the need generally in our community for those services but also that at the Lantern we have endeavoured over the years to listen to our customers, monitor closely their needs and where possible seek to tailor our services to address those needs.

A few years back we identified that many of the people who approached the Lantern for help were being lost in the system as they were sent between various agencies and quite often were not seen again.

With that in mind we determined that we should establish a Hub or "one stop shop" where people could find assistance with most of the difficulties and problems they

were experiencing.

We were fortunate to be able to acquire premises in Queen Street Weymouth adjoining our main premises in Ranelagh Road and our Crisis and Recovery and Prevention Hubs were established with other agencies either housed within our extended premises or visiting on a regular basis to complement the services provided directly through the Lantern.

These Hubs were therefore then able to offer that wrap-around provision and in subsequent years the services on offer have been tailored and refined to continue to meet most of our customers needs and you will see in the balance of this Report the breadth and significance of those services.

In the meantime we also identified that many of the people who presented to us came with problems that were either caused through or exacerbated by a lack of safe and secure accommodation.

To that end over recent years we have leased and are now looking to acquire properties to provide that necessary accommodation and we have supplemented that with suitable dedicated support including the wrap-around services provided through our Hubs.

Looking forward and very much as part of our strategic plans we will continue to tailor the direction of our services according to what we perceive

from listening to our customers and monitoring their needs.

In this regard we are extremely grateful that our CEO Mike Graham is now very much involved in the upper levels of the NHS in Dorset which sets policy on mental health provision in our County and this means that the Lantern has a voice at that level and particularly that Mike can table the particular needs that we see from listening to and monitoring the needs of our customers.

Also as part of our strategic plans we see a real need to increase our accommodation offer and so we will endeavour to acquire further properties or enter into leasing or management arrangements so that we can provide more suitable accommodation units where people can receive the focused assistance they need to address their problems and difficulties.

Of course I should also refer particularly to the Access Wellbeing project which commenced on 1 April 2024 following on from a pilot project which was carried out by the Lantern in the previous year and which demonstrated the demand for such a service and the efficacy of meeting this demand through such a service.

The project forms a new and transformative approach to mental health services throughout Dorset under the auspices of Dorset HealthCare University NHS Foundation Trust and from a Lantern perspective it has settled extremely well

Finance Managers Report

at our various locations in Weymouth Portland and Dorchester and from our experience to date does certainly meet a very large need in our community.

It is a significant development for the Lantern and for our future and we are very pleased to be involved in this initiative with our partners headed by BCHA and Help and Care.

None of the above work of the Lantern could be achieved without our wonderful very competent and dedicated team of people under the leadership of our CEO Mike Graham and on behalf of all those who we serve I offer our sincere and heartfelt thanks.

I also thank our patron, our ambassadors, our volunteers - including the wonderful team at our charity shop in Chapelhay - and all those public bodies organisations agencies, businesses, churches and individuals who have contributed to the work of the Lantern with grants and donations or in many other ways. The breadth and success of the work of the Lantern would not be possible without your contribution.

Finally may I offer my thanks to my fellow Trustees/Directors for their tireless work and contribution to the work of the Lantern and which derives in every case from a deep desire to help those in our community who at a certain stage in their lives need to seek the help and hope which we offer.



Megan Revell
Finance Manager

As we close out the financial year, I am pleased to share some updates from a busy year in the Finance Team.

In June 2024, we bid farewell to Ann Baker, our Finance Manager, who retired after six years with the Lantern. Ann was instrumental in establishing strong financial systems and processes, ensuring a smooth transition as I took over the role.

This year marked a significant milestone as we successfully completed our first annual audit. The process provided valuable insights and affirmed our commitment to maintaining strong internal controls and compliance standards.

As we step into 2025, our focus remains on continuous improvement. We aim to build upon this year's successes by further refining our financial practices and addressing any areas for growth identified during the audit.

Thank you to all who contributed to the work of the Finance Team this year. We look forward to continuing this progress as we move into 2025.

Project Development Manager Report



Jo Hurst
Project Development Manager

2025 marks my 20th anniversary of working for The Lantern Trust. Throughout this time, I have seen our charity grow from strength to strength, helping increased numbers of beneficiaries each year and developing new projects in response to growing client need. Having worked for years on the front line in the housing, benefits and tribunal areas, my role as Project Development Manager sits firmly in the “engine room” of our operations. Over the last year I have applied to numerous grant-

making trusts for core costs and project funding and our fundraising strategy is currently under development. An important element of my work involves monitoring our Rough Sleeping Initiative (RSI) contracts and producing reports on the work undertaken by our Wellbeing and Accommodation Sustainment Project (WASP) and Education, Training and Employment Coordinator (ETE). I also produce monitoring reports for our Dorset Integrated Prevention Partnership Service (DIPPS). I produce Lantern Trust Yearbooks for both the calendar and financial year and provide information needed to produce our Impact Reports. Other reports are written throughout the year, highlighting the work of other Lantern Trust teams and projects, as required. Much of the data used for my reports comes from our evidence-based case management system but over the last year, we have been developing use of Outcome Star reporting, which enables us to measure client progress and more effectively use our data (and systems) to measure and articulate our impact. Together with impact, I hope to

better articulate the value we provide to a range of stakeholders and to use this clarity to build a longer-term strategic approach to external relationships and income streams. Our work is challenging, rewarding and truly beneficiary led. I feel proud to have been part of our organisation’s journey over the last 20 years and I look forward to what the future brings for The Lantern Trust and the people we serve.

Access Wellbeing Manager Impact Report



Katie Turner
Access Wellbeing Manager

We are now a year into our Access Wellbeing contract, as part of NHS England long term plan to transform Mental Health services. Our team of Wellbeing co-ordinators based at our Access Wellbeing Hub at Hope House, within the grounds of St John's church, Weymouth, have provided 1:1 mental health & wellbeing support to over 2,600 customers within the Weymouth, Portland and Dorchester community since February 2024.

We continue to work alongside other mental health professionals within our community, to offer our hub model from Hope House, in particular our onsite Specialist Mental Health Nurse Practitioner and local Community Mental Health Team's (CMHT), this has allowed for person

centred wrap around care and 'warm handovers' to take place within the hub, ensuring that our customers are supported in a person-centred way that is right for them.

Alongside the 1:1 support being offered by the wellbeing co-ordinator team, we are able to offer space at Hope House, for a multitude of group activities, such as Yoga, chair yoga and art based, peer led sessions. These groups have supported over 2,400 people within the community and given them a safe space to attend a meaningful activity alongside their peers, and enabled friendships to form.

Alongside our main hub, we have over the year, seen the opening of our Access Wellbeing 'Drop in' spaces across, Weymouth, Portland and Dorchester. We have our main Weymouth drop in space which runs 3 days a week from St Mary's street within the town centre. I would like to thank Cassie and the Wellco team for the care & support that they are offering to our local community and for the support around the setting up of these Drop in spaces, which has allowed more people to get early interventions and support in spaces where they feel seen, heard and part of their community.

As part of the Access Wellbeing provision, our staff team are trained in the Peer Open Dialogue approach, ensuring that people and their

networks are at the centre of any decision making or discussions regarding their care.

We are extremely proud of the Open Dialogue offer within our Access wellbeing Hub. Our lead wellbeing co-ordinator, Cassie, is part of the 'train the trainer' cohort of 6 practitioners across Dorset, that are training to be able to offer inhouse Open dialogue training to staff across the county in the future. I have seen firsthand the positive impact that Open Dialogue can have on customers and their wider, network and families, it is heart-warming to hear individual stories of how this work has transformed their lives.

As our offer continues to grow, I would like to personally thank the whole of the access wellbeing team, for their ongoing care, support and commitment to the community and the service, it has been a busy year, but one that we can all share a sense of pride about.

Operations Manager Report



Kelly Fernley
Operations Manager

During this last year It's been a pleasure to see the Lantern grow in customer support, community opportunities and housing options.

When looking at the barriers that our customers experience we see how lack of tenancy support impacts them to manage a tenancy as well as their emotional and physical wellbeing.

I manage various teams including a team that triage customers that come into our service. We offer a welcoming safe space that has recently been refurbished for customers to visit for refreshments and during these visits to our service we do our best work by supporting them to identify what their needs are and collaboratively put in place support plans to achieve their goals. The drop in and coffee bar runs from our flexible space to offer other

services such as housing, benefits and various health and wellbeing clinics. We welcome both new and returning customers, a space where they feel heard and when leaving the Lantern services feel more confident.

We have a team of Supported Accommodation Officers (SAO) that provide support in getting customers tenancy ready and supporting them for a period of time after their move to encourage management of their tenancies. This last year the SAO project has seen an increase of numbers to their caseload, in addition it has been a pleasure to see many clients move into their forever homes. This last year we reached record numbers of customers under the SAO service whether they have approached us directly or have been referred by other services.

In addition our Wellbeing, Accommodation and Sustainment Project (WASP) provide support to customer with multiple needs. The WASP team have been introduced to us via the rough sleepers initiative (RSI) a service with Dorset Council. It's been a pleasure last year to see so many customers brave the challenges of living independently with support from the WASP team.

The work that the SAO and WASP team do is bespoke to the customer and our aim is always to work with customers to help them gain the tools they need to encourage and increase confidence

and ability with all aspects of their lives.

Our Employment, Training and Education (ETE) specialist has continued to grow the offer of various groups and opportunities to encourage inclusion for those that are under the RSI pathway. These opportunities enable customers to build on and identify further learning and employment engagement.

"Your Voice" is held regularly, it's an opportunity to hold workshop sessions with our customers so that they can share their experiences of various topics. Last year just to name some of the topics that we covered: discussions around mental health, local community opportunities, cancer screening and research for those that are often forgotten in research. Attendance to these workshops is increasing and it has been a pleasure to experience our customers open discussions around subjects they often don't get included in.

Housing availability in Dorset is an ongoing concern. The Lantern have always been keen to engage with local landlords to build a stronger housing offer for our customers. Last year we also purchased 2 properties which has provided housing with a support offer and we will continue to build on this.

What an amazing year spent with our customers and I'm looking forward to more fantastic wins in 2025!



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,

front line 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.



Access Wellbeing Hub, Hope House

Based at Hope House, 2 Dorchester Road, Weymouth, DT4 7JS, our Access Wellbeing main Hub offers a range of services to our local community.

Our Wellbeing Coordinator team can meet with customers on a 1:1 basis at the Hub to offer ongoing person-centred support, help and advice across a wide range of areas. They have the time to listen, and can help people to access support on topics including:

- Mental health and emotional wellbeing
- Social connections and activities
- Grief and loss/bereavement
- Work, money, housing, benefits support
- Support for carers and family members
- Volunteering

We are also able to provide a range of group activities from the Access Wellbeing Hub, which include Yoga, chair yoga, art based, peer led sessions, men's walking group and a Women's Group, which help to support individuals with their wellbeing and give them a sense of community.



Our Support

Drop-In Support

Our drop-in support and guidance service assists people towards managing more successfully in their own homes or other types of accommodation.

We provide drop-in support to individuals experiencing a range of needs including mental health, offending behaviour, addiction and homelessness as well as a variety of personal crises. We also work with the community to bring them together via our on-site coffee shop.

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 including relationship building, community involvement, medical, dental and general welfare as well as benefits signposting.

Wellbeing 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 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.

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.

Older Persons Income Maximisation Service

We can advise older persons on benefits including all pension age benefits including Attendance Allowance. Our dedicated worker will undertake benefit checks to ensure that customers are not missing out on any available benefits, assist them in completing the necessary forms and assist and advise if their benefit claim is denied or they do not receive the amount expected. Many of these appointments are done on an outreach basis to support the needs of the older community.



624

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 does 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?

A total of 1203 unique clients were assisted by The Lantern Trust in 2024/25. 714 clients were male, 488 were female and 1 was non-binary. 628 clients were deemed to have complex needs. 852 were new referrals and 351 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	507
Alcohol misuse	216
Substance misuse	208
Physical Disability	231
Chronic/Terminal Illness	68
Learning disabilities	87
Ex-offenders	164
Gambling issues	5
Refugees	0
Men at risk of violence	18
Women at risk of violence	42
Special needs elderly requiring extra care	7
Vulnerable mother & baby	10
Young people at risk/leaving care	9
Vulnerable ex-service personnel	13
Street homeless	86
Sofa-surfing	86
Homeless in another setting	75
Repeat homelessness	87
Threatened with homelessness	133

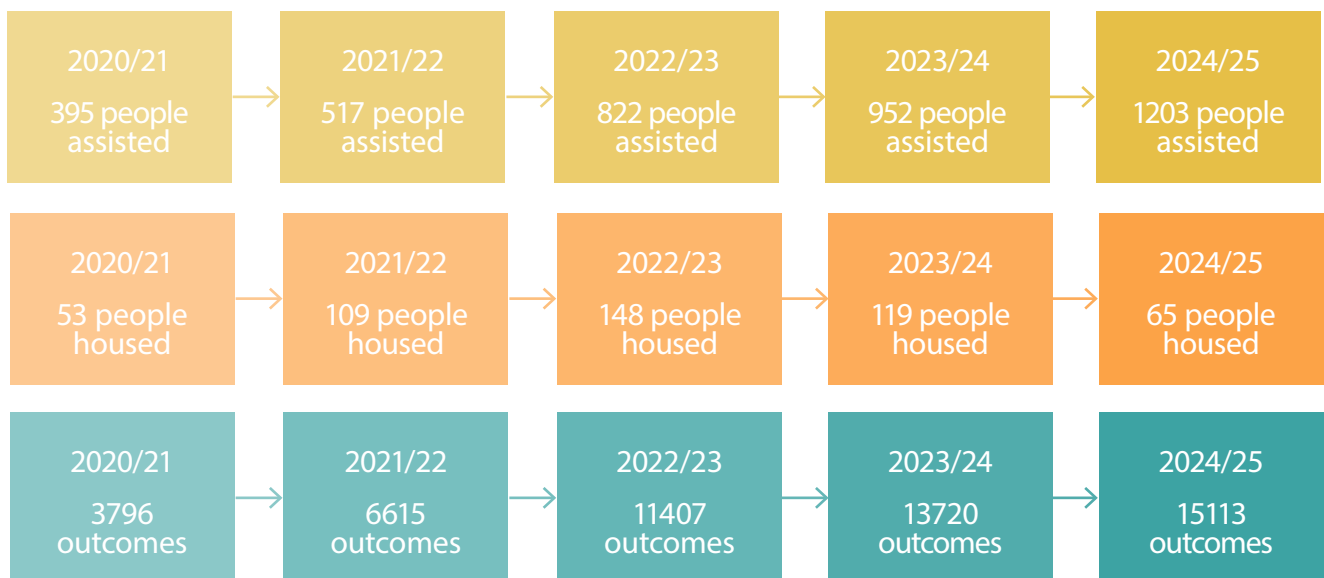
Number of People Experiencing each Mental Health Issue	
Mental Health	Number
Depression	365
Anxiety	330
Self-harm	52
Suicidal ideation/suicide attempts	132
ADHD	66
OCD	22
Autism	55
PTSD	111
Schizophrenia	29
Bi-polar Disorder	31
Personality Disorder	70
Eating Disorder	11
Epilepsy	5
Psychosis	6
Dual Diagnosis	34
Agoraphobia	8
Mental health issues from brain injury	12
Under CMHT assessment	12



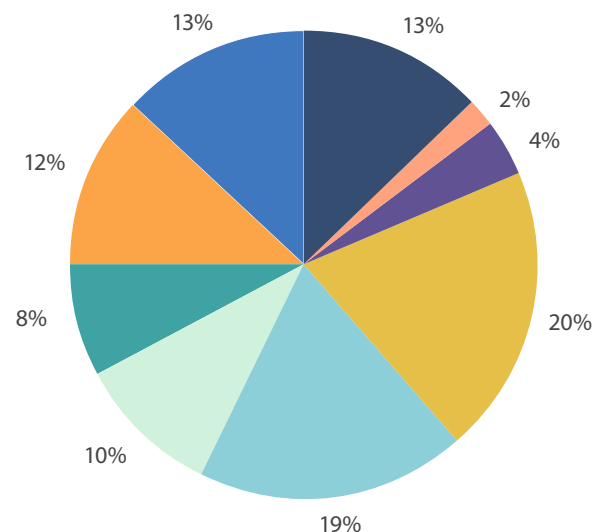
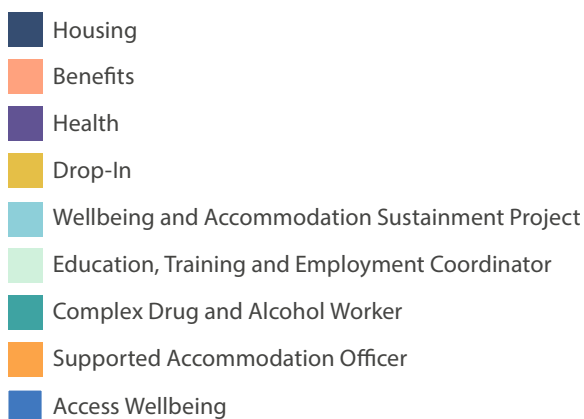
The Lantern charity shop in Weymouth, Dorset.

How do we Measure Success?

The following figures show the number of people we have reached, the number we have housed and the interventions delivered to meet people's needs over a five-year period, showing service growth:

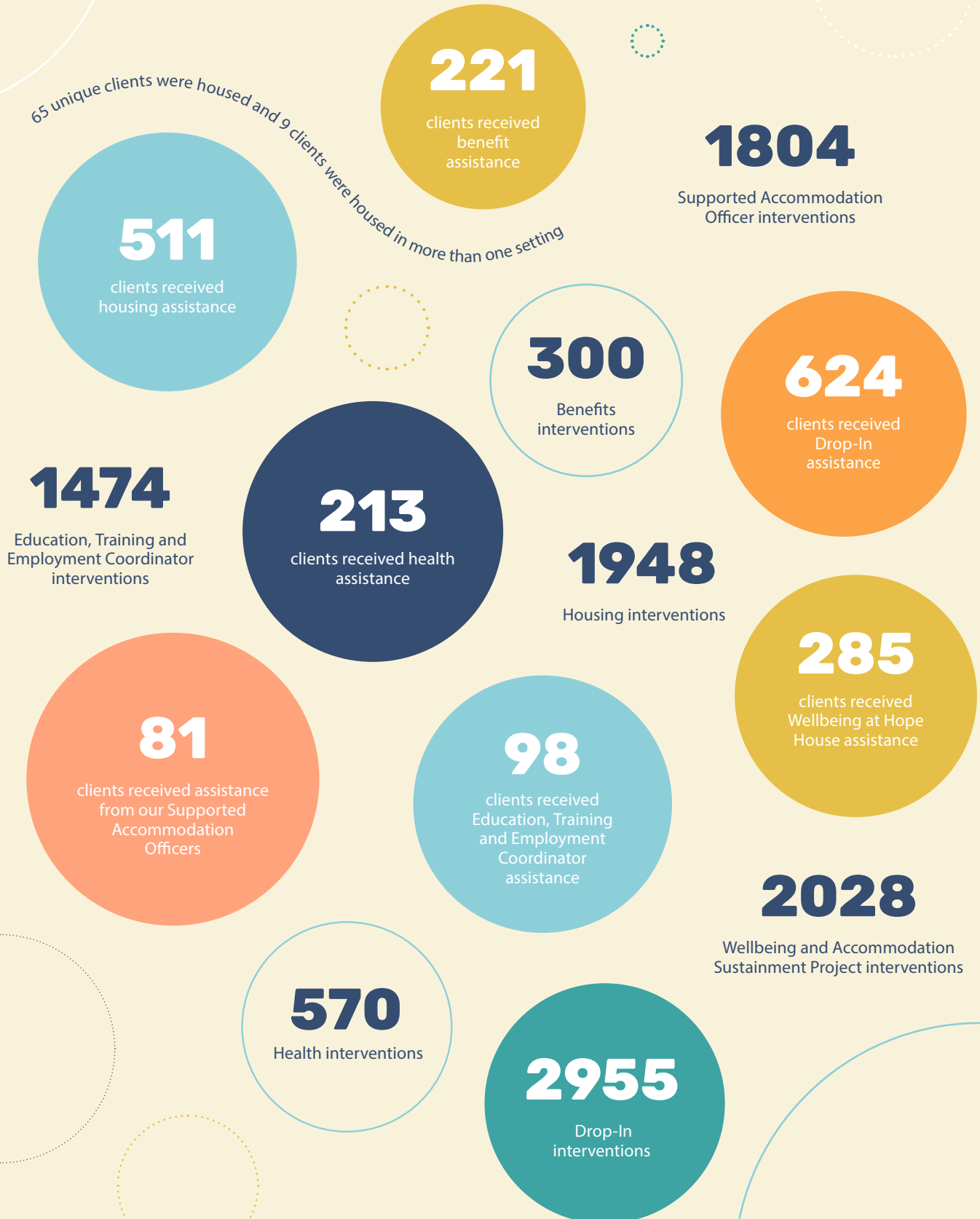


2024/25 Lantern Interventions by Service



How are we doing?

In 2024/25



Hope House Mental Health and Wellbeing Hub

Hope House Mental 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.

Access Wellbeing service within our main Hub at Hope House 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 and wellbeing 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 Lantern Hub location. Our idea is to help us establish a community-based asset offering primary and secondary mental health service and drop-ins which will facilitate people's outreach into the wider community across Dorset.

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 and a single point of access. 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 evidence 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. The Access Wellbeing service 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 & wellbeing 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 utilised to the best advantage.

In partnership with our colleagues at BCHA, Help & Care, Harmony and Dorset Mind, 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.



Lantern Housing Portfolio

This year has seen the Lantern grow its property portfolio with the purchase of 3 Ranelagh Road, which will become a 6 unit HMO.

GWe believe that every person has the right to a home and we deliver high quality, well maintained units of accommodation. We also work with landlords who lease properties to us to provide our customers with a roof and a chance to thrive. The plan is that we build a varied portfolio with a range of unit sizes and support to meet our customers needs and provide move on options. We continue to work with Green Pasture in providing two units with them, one

is a 7 bed HMO and the other is a two bed flat move on flat. For all of our units the aim is for our customers to maintain their tenancies and for us to provide the right support at the right time. Our units offer 19 bed spaces in total and our ambition is to increase our portfolio over the coming 12 months to over 25 bed spaces. Our commitment is to increase our units yearly to ensure a varied range of housing options for our community.



Tumbledown Farm

The COVID-19 pandemic and lockdown has made us realise 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 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, signposting including domestic abuse and violence and general benefits.

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 socialise 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 work specifically with customers that are homeless, at risk of homelessness or those that have recently moved into new accommodation 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.

Catch22

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

Food Bank

We work closely with Weymouth, Portland, Dorchester, Bridport 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.

STARS

We understand the extra support needed for those that have experienced or are experiencing sexual assault, abuse or harm. We have tried to make this easy as possible for our clients by offering a drop in service every other Thursday from 10-12.

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 2023/24, the project assisted vulnerable members of society with varying levels of need. Accommodation has been sourced, loans for rent deposits, rent in advance provided as well as discretionary housing payments applied for management of arrears, homelessness has been prevented and tenancies have been sustained through intensive ongoing support.

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 housing appointments 5 days a week 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 utilised when vacancies permit.

In addition to a general housing advice service, the Team also assists with more specialised casework, such as Mandatory Reconsiderations and Reviews 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 and increasing motivation 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."



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, permanent settled housing as well as temporary accommodation, giving a continued single point of contact and whole person support offer.

ETE

Education, Training and Employment Coordinator Project

Encouragement, trust and enabling. Okay, so that's not what ETE officially stands for, however, these are the elements that must co-exist alongside this work if it's to genuinely benefit the people we support.

The important thing to consider about any ETE role, whatever professional environment you are working within, is to be mindful of the human beings you are supporting, the first being: how can I open the possibilities of education, training and employment and what does each of these areas mean personally, and uniquely to each person I encounter.

The role at the Lantern has developed over time to provide various activities and support that enables people to access opportunities and experiences for their personal development and their holistic health and well-being.

Meaningful activities can provide clients safe spaces to explore life skills, emotions, social connection and trying new experiences to develop their confidence, resilience and taking positive action to help people explore their limitless potential.

Providing both consistency and one-off activities, the Lantern offers an eclectic mix of learning and

participation sessions including creative writing, art projects, walking groups, fitness sessions and other bespoke art and culture opportunities.

"The ETE project continues to provide access to opportunities to engage clients in a variety of activities including life skills, learning and access to learning and personal development."

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 Operations Manager and Education, Training and Employment worker, which feed up into the Chair of Trustees and CEO for wider linking into strategic developments and to ensure the voice of our customers is the driving force for the organisation

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 the topic of women’s community needs was discussed.

Participants felt that women would benefit from a collaborative approach with services and a peer led system to engage in developing a regular group to explore areas of needs for our female community including workshops, wellbeing sessions including female safety, life skills, crafts and learning new skills.

The participants were a huge part in deciding where the sessions would be and also what the monthly schedule would look like. The women felt heard and action on their real needs were met. The women’s group has been running weekly since 2023 and is a very successful group at the Lantern.

The group has different subject matters which then ask our customers to put themselves forward for meetings which interest them. We have already

covered a range of subjects including homelessness, health inequalities and excluded groups. The session's content is rich and provides a safe space for customers to feed into the Lanterns work and share their experiences, where they are comfortable too.



Case Study

SL is a 47 year old Male, who uses drugs on/off, historic use of spice and cocaine. More recently when SL uses, which since moving is rare is cannabis with the very occasional heroin.

SL was referred to Lantern services through Dorset council and was accepted onto the RSI pathway back in June 2019.

SL was a very chaotic individual, under Weymouth CMHT and AOT with mental health diagnosis of paranoid schizophrenia. SL was living within his own accommodation, 1 bed flat, close to local town centre. There was involvement with county lines, which were using his accommodation. This heavy involvement caused him to lose his tenancy through the courts. SL mental health declined for some time, he disengaged with services on/off including the Lantern, whilst in and out of various temporary accommodations. The council moved SL out of area for a short while to safeguard him against county lines, SL never saw the county lines as anything other than friends at the time and couldn't understand the issues/ASB they caused.

I began working with SL September 2023, SL at the time was independently bidding on home choice. They bid on a property in quiet a rural area and was successful. SL didn't initially realise how rural the location was as he bid on everything to get out of temp, without fully understanding the consequences around turning properties down if offered following his own bidding. However, he moved in during Jan 2024 and this has appeared to be hugely beneficial to SL mental health, at one point he stated "because its so quiet here my head feels like theres less human traffic, everything is still and peaceful "

By moving here SL is now able to pay all his bills without any financial issues, as the location has no public transport this makes getting around very tricky for him, SL decided to be paying out for Sky TV package as this is now affordable without life temptations in front of him.

Due to the location SL local shop (a small basic shop) was 3 miles away and the main town a 20 min drive, we discussed the potential need for online shopping, but SL did have some trust issues around this, convincing himself scammers would take all his money so would never pay online for anything. I supported him to look for secure sites and how to stay safe online when making purchases, after some time we were able to complete small purchases online to build his confidence and knowledge around internet, to now being able to complete full food shops, still requiring support with these tasks, but feel more for a reassurance element.

SL has successfully maintained his tenancy for over a year now with Stonewater and continuing to engage with them directly when maintenance is required.

After roughly 6 months of SL moving into his new accommodation Weymouth AOT transferred SL over to Sherbourne CMHT due to SL successfully maintaining his mental health so well and now requiring lower level of mental health support. Sherbourne CMHT visit SL every few months and this works well for SL.

My support has recently reduced to monthly/6 weekly face to face visits which works well for SL, we do speak on the phone generally more as a way for SL to have some form of interaction now and again. He is looking to move to somewhere still remote/outskirts but with some public transport, so he is able to gain back some independence but remaining 'out the way'

SL does feel his future is looking bright and its possible he may regain his driving license back in the near future, now his medication has been able to change due to his mental health stabilising and improving.

Case Study

N is a 64-year-old gentleman from Weymouth.

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N is a Heroin addict and alcoholic, however, currently not using heroin and stable on his prescription, 35ml of methadone weekly.

N has been engaged with Reach since 2014.

N accessed The Lantern following a pending eviction from his property. N was issued a section 8 notice after falling into arrears.

N's case was investigated by Conor Madden from The Lantern Housing team and more information was gathered. It was deemed that in all probability, an eviction would be hard to challenge and avoid, rendering N intentionally homeless.

The lantern housing team (Conor Madden) raised concerns about N's health, mobility and alcoholism.

Conor asked to me to meet N and have a chat with him. It was immediately clear that N needed a more holistic, collaborative approach and intervention. I requested N works with myself on Reach Out as this allows me the autonomy and freedom to create a collaborative approach and support and address all aspects of N's lifestyle, needs, obstacles and help overcome social barriers.

I was able to work and liaise with The Lantern Housing team, DCC, the landlord and the Family.

Conor Madden submitted a homeless application and placed N on the housing register. This was submitted following a possession date issued.

Temporary accommodation was applied for and granted; we were able to avoid bailiffs.

Conor Madden and myself were able to assist and support N with clearing his accommodation and arranging removals and storage.

I liaised with N's two Sisters who actively helped with some transport of possessions. Also, once the Lantern housing team and DCC identified a suitable temporary placement, I supported N and his sisters in moving him in and liaised with his new landlord.

Once N was housed and felt safe, together we were able to discuss his addictions, underlying issues such as feeling detached from society (N's words), social capabilities, health and mental wellbeing.

N said "I want to be free of addiction, I have used and drank all my life, my alcoholism is the hardest to combat but I think I can do this now that I have all this support" N also reflected "leading up to my eviction I think I was having a breakdown."

I made an appointment with the senior nurse practitioner, Heidi Crompton who assessed N. N was referred to DCH for an endoscopy and Weymouth hospital for an X Ray. I supported N to both these appointments.

To break the cycle of isolation and explore N's social capabilities, we discussed involvement with Tanya Bailey, Lantern ETE (Education, Training and employment). I introduced N to Tanya, and they discussed activities, ideas and goals. Together, we devised a plan. N now attends creative writing, Tumbledown farm and Men's mental health walks. N has become an important member of these activities. Which have also helped his physical and mental health, boosted his self esteem and created a feeling of inclusion.

Alongside these areas of change, N engages with myself weekly where we discuss and explore his addictions and recovery from these. N has remained abstinent from all class A drugs and devised an alcohol reduction plan. I supported N to Reach offices for his methadone script review. N's prescriber commented that she has known N for "10 years and never seen him looking so well"

I approached the subject of alcohol detox, and we explored N's feelings about this. N said "it is scary, but I need to do it as my mental and physical health is deteriorating"

I sourced, supported and applied to PHE for detox funding and was successful. I then put an application into Dame Carol Black detox unit. N is now in detox.

I have supported N in making regular rent top up payments to DCC finance team whilst in Temporary accommodation.

In continuing to work with local authority and the Lantern housing team, N was nominated for social housing with ASTER, and successfully moved into the property on the 29th August.

I supported this move and sourced all furniture and arranged delivery.

N was introduced to a Lantern SAO (Supported Accommodation Officer- Alison Brown) who's role will be to support N once he has gained independent accommodation. I was also able to apply for a bus pass, with medical testimony to support, which promotes N's independence.

N has an Archaeology background and, historically, well known in this field. With this in mind, N has been asked to do some research and talks at our Tumbledown farm project, supported by Tanya Bailey and the volunteers.

Case Study

G is a 35-year-old female from Weymouth.

G whole life has been chaotic from being a small child. G is a drug user and drinker but does go long periods without using either.

G was found in 2021 to be a Non-Priority Need by her housing officer at the time.

In 2022 G was housed at Hardy House in TA with support but was the only female living there she was moved out of this accommodation due to the TA not being suited to her needs and caused her great distress with her mental health, G seriously self-harmed during her stay here at Hardy House. She was even taken to St Ann's asking to be sectioned during this time for her own safety.

In 2022 G was Housed in TA at Abbotsbury Rd November this was in hope it would help with her mental health and help her establish some good relationships, with others around her, this wasn't always the case, and she struggled to form and keep relationships that were healthy.

G was assigned to WASP in Jan 2023 this was a slow progression for trust/opening on feelings.

During G's stay in the temporary accommodation, it affected her eating habits due to this her mental health declined as she was harming herself due to this, with not eating correctly and struggling some weeks to make any meals in the accommodation, this is due to her serve OCD and being in temporary accommodation she had to use shared areas.

G has several children and the relationship between them is very rocky due to her mental health, she was having weekly visits with one of her daughters but this was massively impacted by her temporary accommodation status, her mental health would decline in the lead up to them seeing each other almost weekly and then she would almost sabotage the visit this is now not an

option for her to do with her children currently due to what has happened in the past and now she has the warm loving home that they all needed for such a long period of time for things to be positive for them all.

G attended MDMR session with Ginny through Hope House before it became Access Wellbeing, these sessions ran for 12 weeks and helped G focus on ways to help her ground when she is struggling with her mental health, she is still able to use these methods to ground herself when needed now.

G was under CMHT for a long period of time, but this was a very fragmented support for her as when she needed them the most, she would lash out verbally towards them and their support and in the end, this ended with them discharging her from the service.

G was under Reach out support from 16/06/23 until 13/12/2024 during this time she engaged with Rodney Trafford well, she had long periods where she was clean and sober during this time spent with Rodney but due to mental health declines she stopped engaging and requested a female worker and the support from this service was removed.

G has shown that with someone putting faith into you and giving you opportunities that you can achieve anything you set your mind to.

G's mental health has been a massive part of her life for such a long time now and she has stages of managing very well and then shutting herself away from the world when things are not so great and along with this non-engagement with services. G is also easily lead when her mental health is in a bad state.

In October 2023 G was finally given her forever home with a housing association and from this she has

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flourished more than declining, she has her own safe space now where she can be safe when she is struggling with her own mental health, the day of moving in was very hard on her mental health but we together got her in there and also a few weeks after when simply tasks had to be completed she struggled but with time and patience we got it all completed.

There was some ASB issues when she had not long moved into the flat, this more mainly due to her mixing with the wrong people but also due to adjusting to having her own home for the first time in a long time. With support from myself we met with the ASB team from ASTER and formulated a plan for moving forward with a multi-disciplinary approach, this has now been resolved, and she is maintaining her tenancy well.

G has been using the services here at the Lantern in a positive way, she attends the Women's group from time to time more so when her mental

health declines and, she has engaged well with Tanya Bailey (ETE) and attended the Horse course and Tumbledown from time to time.

G really engaged well with Fresh Thoughts counselling through Access wellbeing in April 2024 and this really helped with her traumas.

G has really managed to make her home her own and her safe space of recent months, she has decorated mainly by herself with a little help from a friend and she has carpeted throughout along with buying herself furniture to make it all her own and she has even learnt some basic skills of pencil pleating curtains to get the desired look she wished for in the lounge area.

G has shown that with someone putting faith into you and giving you opportunities that you can achieve anything you set your mind to, this also shows with her being able to manage her eating habits better as she has her own kitchen and equipment, so she is able to manage this so much more effectively. She has even managed travel abroad for a period and navigate this solo which is something that only a few years ago would not have been possible due to her mental health and her then housing situation.

Case Study

Billy is a 51-year-old Man who suffers from addiction, poor mental health in the form of depression and anxiety and very poor physical health.

Billy has been a heroin and crack cocaine user for decades and is an alcoholic.

In 2005 Billy successfully abstained from all substances and alcohol and worked for a few years in the local community. Unfortunately, Billy relapsed and very quickly lost everything he had built. As a result, Billy became homeless and was sofa surfing for many years and his health rapidly decreased.

Billy said: "I had given up on life at this point, what I didn't realise was things could get even worse"

Billy's alcoholism and addiction, along with the accompanied behaviours left him in and out of temporary accommodation and sofa surfing. This chaotic lifestyle prevented Billy accessing support and statutory services. Over the years this has had a detrimental effect on his health, both mental and physical, in the way of self-care and general inability to care for self. Billy also had poor relationships with his Mum and brother due his substance misuse and chaotic lifestyle.

Billy said: "I simply didn't care and wanted to die, but I would never take my own life as that's what my older brother did. I couldn't do that to my Mum"

Billy has been known to, and accessed, substance misuse services (Reach) for many years, dating back to 2012 (CADAS), and has been on a methadone script for many years, however, struggled to maintain his script and abstain from heroin use.

During this period, Billy has suffered numerous health conditions: Nerve and vascular damage which has reduced his mobility. Arthritis and vertebrae damage. Respiratory disease, dangerously high blood pressure, latent TB, asthma and chronic COPD. Billy also tested positive for hep C, which was successfully treated.

"I don't think I would be alive without all the support I have had from the Lantern"

In 2018 Billy secured a flat through a private landlord, unfortunately, for many years, other residents in the block were drug users and dealers. Billy's substance misuse escalated, and his health rapidly deteriorated further. At times Billy was threatened and feared for his life. This led Billy back to sofa surfing. This continued for many years.

Billy said: "I knew I could not live in that flat, and going to the Police was not an option"

In May 2023, Billy approached The Lantern for help and advice. Billy was seen by the Housing team and completed a home choice application in order to get on the housing register.

Due to Billy's very poor health, substance misuse and homelessness he came to the attention of the Reach Out team and was allocated a complex needs Alcohol & Drugs worker, Rodney Trafford, who represents The Lantern on the Reach Out team.

I was now able to not only help and support Billy with his substance misuse, but I could also oversee and coordinate all issues that were making it difficult to address substance misuse. Physical health, mental health, homelessness, Housing and support.

I made an appointment for Heidi Crompton (Senior Nurse Practitioner) to see Billy. Heidi then continued

to support Billy and liaise with Hospital and all medical professional involved.

Billy was referred on to the RSI pathway and he was allocated on to the Lantern WASP team and a support worker. Billy also engaged with a benefits advisor at The Lantern, who was able to explain and apply for the correct support that he is entitled to.

At this point in Billy's life, he began to engage with all these services. Billy, and his support team, continued to bid on properties and offer supportive documentation. Billy engaged weekly with his Reach Out worker and stopped all class A drugs. Supported by his Reach Out worker, Billy attended regular prescription reviews and began to reduce his methadone script.

Billy approached me and said he would like an alcohol home detox. I was able to liaise with Nina Fraser – Reach alcohol nurse and explore this. In the meantime, Billy and myself worked on reducing his alcohol. Billy was very successful in doing this, however, this is still problematic as Billy continues to drink. Reduce. Stop, then start again. Work in progress and still trying.

Reach Out worker, Lantern WASP support, Heidi Crompton, GP/Hospital and housing were all able to have a holistic approach to Billy's case and liaise with each other in ways that benefit Billy and create wrap around support.

Billy was nominated for a bungalow in May 2024, out of Weymouth, and his Reach out worker, along with WASP worker, were able to move Billy into his forever home.

Billy has recently reduced his methadone to enable him to stop methadone and be prescribed

buprenorphine. Billy reduced his buprenorphine enough to switch over to the Buvadil injection.

I have liaised with his prescriber throughout to support Billy.

I also attend appointments with his GP in order to support Billy in all that he does. Billy's support worker has also attended GP appointments

Billy continues to engage with all services and is successfully maintaining his tenancy. With the support of his WASP worker and Reach Out worker.

Billy has very good relationships with his Family now and his elderly Mum often stays over at his on the weekend.

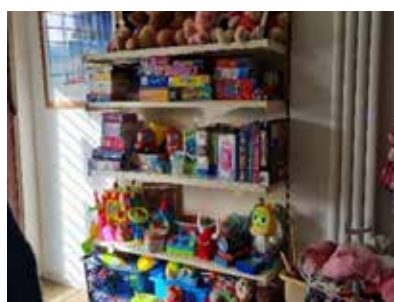
Billy said: "I don't think I would be alive without all the support I have had from the Lantern"

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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- 2025 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 fulfill 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. We will strive to ensure we are working in partnership with academic institution like Bournemouth University to ensure we have a robust evidence base to our work. Our customers voice will remain central in all of our service creation and delivery.

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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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE LANTERN TRUST (WEYMOUTH)

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 2025 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 2025 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.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE LANTERN TRUST (WEYMOUTH)

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 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 Trustees' Report has been prepared in accordance with 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.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE LANTERN TRUST (WEYMOUTH) (CONTINUED)

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.

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 enquiries of management and those charged with governance. Laws and regulations which may have a direct material effect of 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 any instances of known, suspected or alleged fraud. We also assessed the ability of internal controls to mitigate the risk of fraud and where necessary 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;

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE LANTERN TRUST (WEYMOUTH) (CONTINUED)

- 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;
- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual relationships;
- sought explanations and evidence for any transactions outside the normal course of business; and
- 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.

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
16 Wadebridge Square,
Poundbury,
Dorchester
DT1 3AQ

Date:

THE LANTERN TRUST (WEYMOUTH)

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	Restricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	7,200	56,241	63,441	216,129
Charitable activities	4	114,760	1,158,959	1,273,719	928,819
Other trading activities	5	-	46,590	46,590	46,547
Investments	6	-	39,944	39,944	35,481
Total income		121,960	1,301,734	1,423,694	1,226,976
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	7	-	79,229	79,229	69,930
Charitable activities	8	150,682	1,018,723	1,169,405	864,025
Total expenditure		150,682	1,097,952	1,248,634	933,955
Net movement in funds		(28,722)	203,782	175,060	293,021
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		32,915	844,049	876,964	583,943
Net movement in funds		(28,722)	203,782	175,060	293,021
Total funds carried forward		4,193	1,047,831	1,052,024	876,964

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

The notes on pages 58 to 80 form part of these financial statements.

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**SUMMARY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	Note	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Gross income in the reporting period		1,423,694	1,226,976
Less: Total expenditure		(1,248,634)	(933,955)
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period		<u>175,060</u>	<u>293,021</u>

The notes on pages 58 to 80 form part of these financial statements.

THE LANTERN TRUST (WEYMOUTH)

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REGISTERED NUMBER: 05577019

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	13	518,828	511,067
		<u>518,828</u>	<u>511,067</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	15	84,290	135,191
Investments	16	150,000	250,000
Cash at bank and in hand	22	463,794	221,994
		<u>698,084</u>	<u>607,185</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	(164,888)	(241,288)
Net current assets		<u>533,196</u>	<u>365,897</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>1,052,024</u>	<u>876,964</u>
Total net assets		<u>1,052,024</u>	<u>876,964</u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	18	4,193	32,915
Unrestricted funds	18	1,047,831	844,049
Total funds		<u>1,052,024</u>	<u>876,964</u>

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REGISTERED NUMBER: 05577019**

**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025**

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:

The notes on pages 58 to 80 form part of these financial statements.

THE LANTERN TRUST (WEYMOUTH)

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REGISTERED NUMBER: 05577019

CHARITY BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	13	518,791	511,024
Investments	14	2	2
		<u>518,793</u>	<u>511,026</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	15	83,378	138,453
Investments	16	150,000	250,000
Cash at bank and in hand		462,460	216,468
		<u>695,838</u>	<u>604,921</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	(162,607)	(238,983)
Net current assets		<u>533,231</u>	<u>365,938</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>1,052,024</u>	<u>876,964</u>
Total net assets		<u>1,052,024</u>	<u>876,964</u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds		4,193	32,915
Unrestricted funds		1,047,831	844,049
Total funds		<u>1,052,024</u>	<u>876,964</u>

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**CHARITY BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025**

The Charity's net movement in funds for the year was £175,060 (2024 - £293,021).

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

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**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash used in operating activities	21	116,621	212,830
Cash flows from investing activities			
Dividends, interests and rents from investments		39,944	35,481
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(14,765)	(19,901)
Proceeds from sale of investments		100,000	100,000
Purchase of investments		-	(250,000)
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		125,179	(134,420)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Net cash provided by financing activities		-	-
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		241,800	78,410
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		221,994	143,584
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		463,794	221,994

The notes on pages 58 to 80 form part of these financial statements

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

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
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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 2025

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.

Where the right to receive Gift Aid has been established, the amount receivable is recognised as investment income in the Consolidated statement of financial activities.

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%	straight line
Freehold property - roof and internal fixtures	- 4%	straight line
Plant and machinery	- 15%	reducing balance
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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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 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Donations	<u>7,200</u>	<u>56,241</u>	<u>63,441</u>

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

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4. Income from charitable activities

	Restricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Grants and services provided under contract	114,760	1,020,049	1,134,809
Property	-	138,910	138,910
	<u>114,760</u>	<u>1,158,959</u>	<u>1,273,719</u>

	<i>Restricted funds 2024 £</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds 2024 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
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>

5. Income from other trading activities

Income from non charitable trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Subsidiary trading income - sale of goods	<u>46,590</u>	<u>46,590</u>

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

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

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6. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Room hire	29,000	29,000
Investment income	10,944	10,944
	<u>39,944</u>	<u>39,944</u>
	<i>Unrestricted funds 2024 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Room hire	33,723	33,723
Investment income	1,758	1,758
	<u>35,481</u>	<u>35,481</u>

7. Expenditure on raising funds

Costs of raising voluntary income

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Allocated centrally incurred fundraising and governance costs	<u>41,865</u>	<u>41,865</u>

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7. Expenditure on raising funds (continued)

Costs of raising voluntary income (continued)

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

Other trading expenses

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Subsidiary trading expenses	22,304	22,304
Subsidiary staff costs	15,060	15,060
	<u>37,364</u>	<u>37,364</u>

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7. Expenditure on raising funds (continued)

Other trading expenses (continued)

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

8. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Restricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £
Grants and services provided under contract	150,682	907,344	1,058,026
Property	-	111,379	111,379
	<u>150,682</u>	<u>1,018,723</u>	<u>1,169,405</u>

	<i>Restricted funds 2024 £</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds 2024 £</i>	<i>Total 2024 £</i>
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>

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9. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Charitable activities and services provided under contract	1,058,026	1,058,026
HMO property income	111,379	111,379
	<u>1,169,405</u>	<u>1,169,405</u>

	Activities undertaken directly 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Charitable activities and services provided under contract	779,901	779,901
HMO property income	84,124	84,124
	<u>864,025</u>	<u>864,025</u>

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9. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs

	Charitable activities and services provided under contract 2025 £	HMO Property Income 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Staff costs	748,354	-	748,354
Coffee bar purchases	442	-	442
Telephone and internet	4,800	-	4,800
Insurance	9,860	-	9,860
Light, heat and power	6,151	-	6,151
Rent, rates and water	41,017	-	41,017
Repairs and maintenance	28,101	-	28,101
Office supplies and postage	2,721	-	2,721
Equipment, repairs and replacements	11,564	-	11,564
Staff and volunteer expenses	16,473	-	16,473
Training and resources	19,878	-	19,878
Rent deposits and customer support	103,373	-	103,373
Software support	28,329	-	28,329
HMO rent and expenses	-	111,379	111,379
Professional fees	11,965	-	11,965
Depreciation	6,998	-	6,998
Governance costs	18,000	-	18,000
	<u>1,058,026</u>	<u>111,379</u>	<u>1,169,405</u>

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	<i>Charitable activities and services provided under contract 2024 £</i>	<i>HMO property Income 2024 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
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
HMO rent and expenses	-	84,124	84,124
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>

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10. Auditors' remuneration

The auditors' remuneration amounts to an auditor fee of £12,000 (2024 - £12,000), and accounts preparation and payroll services of £6,000 (2024 - £7,000).

11. Staff costs

	Group 2025 £	Group 2024 £	Charity 2025 £	Charity 2024 £
Wages and salaries	712,107	490,306	698,252	478,655
Social security costs	60,404	38,903	59,747	38,550
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	29,086	15,792	28,538	15,352
	<u>801,597</u>	<u>545,001</u>	<u>786,537</u>	<u>532,557</u>

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

	Group 2025 No.	Group 2024 No.	Charity 2025 No.	Charity 2024 No.
Number of employees	<u>35</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>25</u>

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) exceeded £60,000 was:

	Group 2025 No.	Group 2024 No.
In the band £60,001 - £70,000	1	-

Key management personnel received wages of £204,070 (2024 - £116,161) with employer's national insurance contributions of £22,199 (2024 - £11,197) and pension contributions of £7,973 (2024 - £3,548).

12. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2024 - £NIL).

During the year, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2024 - £NIL).

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13. Tangible fixed assets

Group

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation				
At 1 April 2024	471,325	51,819	26,124	549,268
Additions	2,300	-	12,465	14,765
At 31 March 2025	<u>473,625</u>	<u>51,819</u>	<u>38,589</u>	<u>564,033</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2024	-	32,187	6,014	38,201
Charge for the year	-	2,945	4,059	7,004
At 31 March 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>35,132</u>	<u>10,073</u>	<u>45,205</u>
Net book value				
At 31 March 2025	<u>473,625</u>	<u>16,687</u>	<u>28,516</u>	<u>518,828</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>471,325</u>	<u>19,632</u>	<u>20,110</u>	<u>511,067</u>

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Charity

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation				
At 1 April 2024	471,325	51,819	25,892	549,036
Additions	2,300	-	12,465	14,765
At 31 March 2025	<u>473,625</u>	<u>51,819</u>	<u>38,357</u>	<u>563,801</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2024	-	32,187	5,825	38,012
Charge for the year	-	2,945	4,053	6,998
At 31 March 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>35,132</u>	<u>9,878</u>	<u>45,010</u>
Net book value				
At 31 March 2025	<u>473,625</u>	<u>16,687</u>	<u>28,479</u>	<u>518,791</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>471,325</u>	<u>19,632</u>	<u>20,067</u>	<u>511,024</u>

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14. Fixed asset investments

	Investments in subsidiary companies £
Charity	
Cost or valuation	
At 1 April 2024	2
At 31 March 2025	<u>2</u>

15. Debtors

	Group 2025 £	Group 2024 £	Charity 2025 £	Charity 2024 £
Due within one year				
Trade debtors	65,833	123,208	65,834	123,208
Amounts owed by group undertakings	-	-	3,610	7,476
Prepayments and accrued income	15,951	8,464	11,428	4,250
Tax recoverable	2,506	3,519	2,506	3,519
	<u>84,290</u>	<u>135,191</u>	<u>83,378</u>	<u>138,453</u>

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16. Current asset investments

	Group 2025 £	<i>Group 2024 £</i>	Charity 2025 £	<i>Charity 2024 £</i>
Fixed term deposit accounts	150,000	<i>250,000</i>	150,000	<i>250,000</i>

17. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	Group 2025 £	<i>Group 2024 £</i>	Charity 2025 £	<i>Charity 2024 £</i>
Other creditors	9,437	<i>8,621</i>	9,295	<i>8,567</i>
Accruals and deferred income	155,451	<i>232,667</i>	153,312	<i>230,416</i>
	<u>164,888</u>	<i><u>241,288</u></i>	<u>162,607</u>	<i><u>238,983</u></i>

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. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Funds	<u>844,049</u>	<u>1,301,734</u>	<u>(1,097,952)</u>	<u>1,047,831</u>
Restricted funds				
Restricted Funds	<u>32,915</u>	<u>121,960</u>	<u>(150,682)</u>	<u>4,193</u>
Total of funds	<u>876,964</u>	<u>1,423,694</u>	<u>(1,248,634)</u>	<u>1,052,024</u>

Statement of funds - prior 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. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
General funds	844,049	1,301,734	(1,097,952)	1,047,831
Restricted funds	32,915	121,960	(150,682)	4,193
	<u>876,964</u>	<u>1,423,694</u>	<u>(1,248,634)</u>	<u>1,052,024</u>

Summary of funds - prior 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>

20. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Restricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	518,828	518,828
Current assets	4,193	693,891	698,084
Creditors due within one year	-	(164,888)	(164,888)
Total	<u>4,193</u>	<u>1,047,831</u>	<u>1,052,024</u>

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Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	<i>Restricted funds 2024 £</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds 2024 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
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>

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

	Group 2025 £	Group 2024 £
Net income for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	175,060	293,021
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	7,004	4,535
Dividends, interests and rents from investments	(39,944)	(35,481)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	50,901	(61,383)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(76,400)	12,138
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>116,621</u>	<u>212,830</u>

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22. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	Group 2025 £	Group 2024 £
Cash in hand	463,794	221,994
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>463,794</u>	<u>221,994</u>

23. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 April 2024 £	Cash flows £	Disposal of investments £	At 31 March 2025 £
Cash at bank and in hand	221,994	241,800	-	463,794
Liquid investments	250,000	-	(100,000)	150,000
	<u>471,994</u>	<u>241,800</u>	<u>(100,000)</u>	<u>613,794</u>

24. 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 £26,359 (2024 - £15,792).

Contributions totalling £2,444 (2024 - £2,667) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date and are included in creditors.

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25. Operating lease commitments

At 31 March 2025 the Group and the Charity had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	Group 2025 £	Group 2024 £	Charity 2025 £	Charity 2024 £
Not later than 1 year	86,502	81,099	71,502	66,099
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	142,759	189,374	136,509	183,124
Later than 5 years	-	5,200	-	5,200
	<u>229,261</u>	<u>275,673</u>	<u>208,011</u>	<u>254,423</u>

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

	Group 2025 £	Group 2024 £	Charity 2025 £	Charity 2024 £
Operating lease rentals	<u>90,950</u>	<u>80,713</u>	<u>75,950</u>	<u>65,713</u>

26. Related party transactions

The charity received donations of £9,225 (2024 - £13,092) from its trading subsidiary, Lantern (Weymouth) Trading Company Limited in respect of trading profits distributed under covenant.

27. Controlling party

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

28. Events after the reporting date

On 2 June 2025, the charitable company purchased the freehold of 3 Ranelagh Road in Weymouth for £395,000. The purchase was financed via a £200,000 mortgage repayable over 20 years from the Charity Bank Limited with the balance paid out of cash reserves. The property is being used for charitable purposes.

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29. Principal subsidiaries

The following was a subsidiary undertaking of the Charity:

Name	Company number	Registered office or principal place of business	Principal activity	Class of shares	Holding	Included in consolidation
Lantern (Weymouth) Trading Company Limited	05499909	Wadebridge House, 16 Wadebridge Square, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 3AQ	Charity shop	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	46,590	37,365	9,225	2



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