

BROMSGROVE AND DISTRICT CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU
UNAUDITED TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025
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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS

Registered as Bromsgrove and District Citizens Advice Bureau

(Also using the name Citizens Advice Bromsgrove and Redditch)

Registered Company Number

05982711

Registered Charity Number

1117552

Registered Office

50/52 Birmingham Road,
Bromsgrove,
Worcestershire
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Trustees

Name

S Green (Chair)

B Cooper (Vice Chair)

G Cooper (Treasurer)

S Webb

M Fox

M Furness

J A Till

E Gray

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The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' (FRS102).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The Bromsgrove and District Citizens Advice Bureau are an incorporated charity and a company limited by guarantee. The charity is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Entitlement of External Bodies to Appoint Trustees

As our principal funders, Bromsgrove District Council is entitled to appoint two trustees, and Worcestershire County Council to appoint one. As a new principal funder Redditch Borough has been invited to appoint one.

Recruitment of New Trustees and Training

New trustees are recruited by advertising in the local press, internet sites and personal contacts. New recruits are provided with a pack of information about the responsibilities of trustees and also a skills questionnaire to be completed. They then have a first interview with the Chair to learn about the organisation, if they then wish to proceed they are interviewed by the Chair and CEO. Once appointed they are given induction training by the Chair/CEO.

Organisational Structure

The day to day running of the charity is dealt with by the Chief Executive, assisted by a Service Manager. There are regular visits to the Centre by the Chair, who is also available at other times to give advice and to take decisions on delegated matters. The Trustee Board meets every three months. A sub-committee, Finance and Governance, is used to review policies, finance, etc., and report back to the main Board. Staff management is the responsibility of the Chief Executive. All matters requiring disciplinary action are dealt with in accordance with employment law, and contracts, with guidance from CA and ACAS. Staff salary grades and structures are approved by the Board.

Funding opportunities are sought by staff and approved by the Board, after considering whether they are within our objectives and viable.

Risk Management

All major risks have been identified and have procedures in place. They are reviewed periodically, usually, on a quarterly basis. There is an annual review of the level of funding it is necessary to hold to cover potential financial risks.

We will aim to have at least three months running costs, as a safety net, which would be £150,000 and the present safety net is £130,000. If any services, for which there is specific funding, ceased then notice would be given. All necessary insurance covers, including professional indemnity are in place and reviewed regularly. DBS checks are carried out for staff, volunteers and trustees if they are necessary.

Good Governance

The code for the voluntary sector was published in July 2017 and we have adopted it. We also discuss governance issues at each Trustee Board Meeting.

Public Benefit

The trustees have given due regards to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in deciding the activities undertaken by the local Citizens Advice during the year. The trustees are satisfied that the information provided in the report and accounts meets the public benefit reporting requirements.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

They are as follows:-

1. Objects

The Charity's objects are to promote any charitable purpose for the benefit of the community in Bromsgrove and surrounding areas ("the area of benefit") by the advancement of education, the protection and preservation of health and the relief of poverty, sickness and distress.

2. Powers

To promote its objects but not for any other purpose the Charity will have the following powers:

- 2.1 Power to establish and provide Citizens Advice Bureau services and outlets supplying a free, independent, confidential and impartial service of advice, information and counsel for the public.
- 2.2 Power to obtain, collect and receive money and funds by way of contribution, donations, legacies, grants and any other lawful method. It can also accept and receive gifts of property of any description (whether subject to any special trusts or not) provided that the Charity does not carry out any substantial and permanent trading activities for the purpose of raising funds and shall conform to any relevant requirements of the law.
- 2.3 Power to buy, take on lease or in exchange any property necessary for the achievement of the objects and to maintain and equip it for use.
- 2.4 Power to sell, lease or dispose of all or part of the Charity's property but only in accordance with the restrictions imposed by the Charities Act 1993 (or any statutory re-enactment or modification of that Act).
- 2.5 Power to borrow money and to give security for loans but only in accordance with the restrictions imposed by the Charities Act 1993 (or any statutory re-enactment or modification of that Act).
- 2.6 Power to employ such staff (who shall not be members of the Trustee Board) as are necessary for the proper pursuit of the objects and to make all reasonable and necessary provision for the payment of pensions and superannuation for staff and their dependants.
- 2.7 Power to recruit such volunteer workers (who shall not be members of the Trustee Board) as are necessary for the proper pursuit of the objects.
- 2.8 Power to work with other charities, voluntary bodies and statutory authorities that have the same or similar purposes as the Charity and exchange information and advice with them.
- 2.9 Power to establish or support any charitable trusts, associations or institutions formed for all or any of the objects.
- 2.10 Power to appoint and constitute such advisory committees as the Trustee Board may think fit.
- 2.11 Power to procure to be written, and print, publish, issue and circulate gratuitously or otherwise any reports or periodicals, books, Pamphlets, leaflets and other documents, audio and video tapes and discs, computer discs, films and any other instructional matter.
- 2.12 Power to arrange and provide or join in arranging and providing for the holding of exhibitions, meetings, lectures and classes.
- 2.13 Power to promote, encourage or undertake organised research and experimental work and make available the results of such research.
- 2.14 Power to join any other charitable institution and to become responsible for the assets, liabilities and contracts of any such institution or transfer the assets, liabilities and contracts of the Charity to such institution.
- 2.15 Power to invest or deposit funds in any lawful manner whilst having regard to the suitability of investments and the need for diversification.

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- 2.16 Power to insure the property of the Charity against any foreseeable risk and to take out other insurance policies to protect the Charity as the Trustee Board thinks fit.
- 2.17 Power to provide indemnity insurance to cover the liability of the Trustees which by virtue of any rule of law would otherwise attach to them in respect of any negligence, default, breach of trust or breach of duty of which they may be guilty in relation to the Charity: provided that any such insurance shall not extend to any claim arising from any act or omission which the Trustees knew to be a breach of trust or breach of duty or which was committed by the Trustees in reckless disregard to whether it was a breach of trust or breach of duty or not; provided also that any such insurance shall not extend to the costs of any unsuccessful defence to a criminal prosecution brought against the Trustees in their capacity as Trustees of the Charity; and
- 2.18 Power to do all such other lawful things which promote or help to promote the objects.

3. ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

2024/2025 was another year that started with us facing a significant deficit, although once again we have managed to end the year with a small surplus. The underlying discrepancy between the cost of our main service and the funding available for it, remains a significant, and growing concern, but it is also a sector wide issue, not just one that is unique to ourselves. We continue to engage with all current and potential funders on this matter.

In project terms this year has seen us once again deliver the Household Support Fund and to continue our Advice First Aid work, rolling the latter program out to over 220 people and 40 organisations now. Our most exciting project development this year has been our Outreach project in Bromsgrove. Funded by the Household Support fund, with further support from Bromsgrove District Council for 2025/2026, this has seen us establish a monthly rota of drop in opportunities across a mix of venues and areas within the district.

Internally our recruitment and training model has gone from strength to strength, with good rates of retention volunteer numbers growing steadily. We also made the decision to move away from a triage with delayed follow up system, to providing as much advice as we can on the first phone call, and calling back that day if follow up is required. This is making the service more accessible and is leading to positive feedback from clients and our teams.

We supported 9,752 households this year compared to 9,903 households last year. Although this looks like we have effectively stood still, compared to our previous jump of 45% in two years, each of those clients is now getting full advice so we have maintained numbers whilst improving the client experience significantly.

4. FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

2025/2026 whilst continuing to deliver all the above services, we hope this year to begin seriously rebuilding our "on the ground" presence in Redditch, culminating with a drop in service in the Town Hall when that reopens. We also have a very exciting Community Advice Worker project, targeted at the hardest to reach communities and individuals in Redditch. Finally we will be ramping up our efforts to grow our recruitment of non-student volunteers.

5. FINANCIAL REVIEW

At 31st March 2025 the total funds held were £593,349 of which £317,754 were restricted funds, this compares with £585,075 and £317,754 last year. The restricted funds were all fixed assets. Any remaining surplus on current restricted funding, after fulfilling contractual obligations is transferred to unrestricted funds. The budget set for the year, anticipated a surplus of £36,000 and the final outcome was £8,274. The main reason was due to an increase in staff costs, including an increase in national insurance. The funding for core costs was as expected but new projects were started and old ones finished. Some additional staff was engaged and existing staff hours extended, but the additional duties were mainly carried out by existing staffing.

The financial position is sound we have adequate unrestricted funds as a cushion against the loss of funding. The surplus of £8,274 includes £9,773 restricted funds which will be transferred to unrestricted funds, having completed our contact obligations. Unrestricted activities made a loss of £1,499.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Bromsgrove and District Citizens Advice Bureau for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- the applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume the charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

STATEMENT AS TO DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO EXAMINER

So far as the trustees are aware, there is no relevant information (as defined by Section 18 (3) of the Companies Act 2006) of which the charitable company's examiners are unaware, and each trustee has taken all steps that they ought to have taken as trustees in order to make them aware of any information and to establish that the charitable company's examiners are aware of that information.

EXAMINATION OF THE ACCOUNTS

Colm McGrory of Ormerod Rutter Chartered Accountants, appointed in accordance with Section 485 of the Companies Act 2006.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD



Gordon Cooper
Trustee

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF BROMSGROVE AND DISTRICT CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Bromsgrove and District Citizens Advice Bureau (the charity) for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect.

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Colm McGrory FCA
Ormerod Rutter Limited, Chartered Accountants
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Date

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	Note s	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Income from:					
Donations	2	484	-	484	579
Activities for generating funds	3	121	-	121	136
Investments	4	6,500	-	6,500	5,497
Charitable Activities	5	245,100	256,574	501,674	515,763
Total income		252,205	256,574	508,779	521,975
Expenditure on:					
Charitable Activities					
Bromsgrove Bureau Services	6	253,704	-	253,704	252,779
Bromsgrove Homelessness Debt		-	14,643	14,643	26,515
Home Support		-	62,770	62,770	47,433
Redditch Homelessness Debt	6	-	51,122	51,122	26,585
Birmingham University Outreach	6	-	8,608	8,608	4,280
Money Management		-	22,965	22,965	-
Redditch Community Awareness Signposting	6	-	7,813	7,813	-
CSDf-Phase 2 -Pot 1-Innovation	6	-	-	-	22,299
Advice First Aiders	6	-	23,099	23,099	10,280
MaPS – Debt Advice	6	-	55,780	55,780	53,830
		-	-	-	-
Total expenditure		253,704	246,800	500,504	444,001
Net incoming/expenditure	7	(1,499)	9,774	8,275	77,974
Transfer between Funds	15	9,774	(9,774)	-	-
Net (expenditure)/Income for the year/net movement in funds		8,275	-	8,275	77,974
Reconciliation of Funds					
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Total Funds brought forward at 1st April 2024		267,321	317,754	585,075	507,101
Total Funds carried forward at 31st March 2025		275,596	317,754	593,350	585,075

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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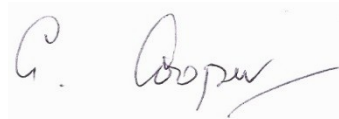
Fixed Assets	Notes	2025	2025	2024
		£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets	10		311,341	310,754
Current Assets				
Debtors	12	52,110		28,860
Cash at Bank and In Hand		<u>252,041</u>		<u>256,211</u>
		<u>304,151</u>		<u>285,071</u>
Creditors				
Amounts falling due within one year	13	<u>22,143</u>		10,750
Net Current Assets			<u>282,008</u>	<u>274,321</u>
Total Assets less current Liabilities			<u><u>593,349</u></u>	<u><u>585,075</u></u>
Income Funds				
<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>				
Revenue			118,565	150,921
<u>Designated Funds</u>				
Reserves Policy		110,000		90,000
Provision for Redundancies		20,000		9,400
Buildings Fund		<u>27,030</u>	157,030	17,000
<u>Restricted</u>				
Redundancy Fund FIF		7,000		7,000
Capital		311,341		310,754
General Funds		<u>(587)</u>	<u>317,754</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Funds	20		<u><u>593,349</u></u>	<u><u>585,075</u></u>

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31st March 2025. No member of the company has deposited a notice, pursuant to Section 476, requiring an audit of these accounts.

It is the trustees' responsibility to ensure that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with Section 386 of the Act and to prepare accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year. The accounts must give a true and fair view of the charity's incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the Company.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

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



Gordon Cooper - Trustee

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Company Registration No 05982711

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	Notes	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £
Cash Flow from operating activities				
Cash generated from operations	8		(4,163)	47,700
Investment activities				
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	8	(1,168)	(1,168)	(942)
				-
Net cash used in investing activities	8	-	-	-
Net cash used in financing activities				
				-
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	8		(5,331)	46,758
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Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			<u>256,211</u>	<u>209,453</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			<u>250,880</u>	<u>256,211</u>

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Charity Information

Bromsgrove and District Citizens Advice Bureau is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 50/52, Birmingham Road, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, B61 0DD.

a) Accounts Convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "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 (FRS102)" (effective 1st January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS102.

The accounts are prepared in Sterling, which is the functional currency of the Charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Capital grants are recognised as designated income when receivable and this departure from financial reporting standards is necessary in order to show a true and fair view, in accordance with SORP 2015.

Three types of funds are held, restricted, general or designated safety net funds cannot be used without the approval of the Directors/Trustees.

When possible, expenditure is charged to the charitable activity to which it relates. Costs that cannot be dealt with in this way are apportioned as a percentage overhead. Apportioned costs are premises and office costs.

Going Concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the trustees had a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

Governance Costs

Any costs that can be identified are charged direct. Staff time is allocated according to the percentage spent directly on governance, together with a proportion of premises and office costs. In accordance with the charities SORP (FRS 102) governance costs are now treated as overheads and allocated over the other services.

b) Incoming resources

Grants receivable

Grants made to finance the activities of the local Citizens Advice are credited to the income and expenditure account in the period to which they relate.

Bank interest

Bank interest is included in the income and expenditure account on receipt.

Other income

Sales of services are included in the income and expenditure account in the period to which they relate. Other income, including donations, gifts and covenants are included as they were received.

iv) Gifts and Intangible income

In addition to the above, the charity also receives help and support in the form of voluntary assistance in advising the public. General volunteer time is not recognised, in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

v) Deferred income

Grants received in advance of the period in which the funder requires the expenditure to be applied will be reflected in deferred income within the balance sheet.

c) Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenditure directly related to the provision of advice services is included within charitable expenditure. Other costs incurred have been allocated between fundraising and publicity and management and

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administration as appropriate. Where such costs relate to more than one functional cost category they have been split on an estimate of time or floor space basis, as appropriate.

d) Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

e) Impairment of financial assets

Financial assets, other than those held at fair value through income and expenditure, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each reporting date. Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows have been affected.

If an asset is impaired, the impairment loss is the difference between the carrying amount and the present value of the estimated cash flow discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. The impairment loss is recognised in net income/ (expenditure) for the year.

If there is a decrease in the impairment loss arising from an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the impairment is reversed. The reversal is such that the current carrying amount does not exceed what the carrying amount would have been, had the impairment not previously been recognised. The impairment reversal is recognised in net income (expenditure) for the year.

If there is a decrease in the impairment loss arising from an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the impairment is reversed. The reversal is such that the current carrying amount does not exceed what the carrying amount would have been, had the impairment not previously been recognised.

The impairment reversal is recognised in net income (expenditure) for the year.

f) Derecognition of financial assets

Financial assets are derecognised only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expires or are settled, or when the charity transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and reward of ownership to another entity, or if some significant risk and rewards of ownership are retained but control of the asset has transferred to another party that is able to sell the asset in its entirety to an unrelated third party.

g) Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective rate method.

h) Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged.

i) Fixed assets and depreciation

Fixed assets are included at cost less depreciation. Items are capitalised if their value is over £500.

Depreciation is charged on a straight line basis on the costs of the assets over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Fixtures, fittings and equipment	3 years
Furniture	5 years
Freehold buildings	No depreciation

The depreciation policy has been reviewed in accordance with FRS 102 and no change has been made from the previous year.

The provision for depreciation of fixed assets is shown as part of notes to the Statement of Financial Activities. Fixed assets are either financed from grants or by using Reserves. When Reserves are used the cost is written as a charge to Revenue, but when financed from a grant then the income resource is shown in the Statement of Financial Activities and credited to a Designated Capital Reserve.

j) Restricted funds

Income received for the restricted purposes is included in a separate restricted fund against which appropriate expenditure is allocated. Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor that any unused funds may have to be refunded, if the objective of the funding is met and there is no obligation to refund any surplus then those funds are treated as unrestricted.

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k) Designated funds

Designated funds are allocated out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes. The use of such funds is at the trustees' discretion.

l) Fund Accounting

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

m) Cash Flow

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flow.

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

n) Taxation

Bromsgrove and District Citizens Advice Bureau are registered with the Charity Commission and under the provisions of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 and exempt from liability to taxation.

o) Capital Grants

Capital grants are recognized as income in the designated fund when receivable and a departure from Financial Reporting Standards necessary in order to show a true and fair view in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice SORP (FRS102).

p) Pensions

Employees have an amount equal to 5% of their salary paid into a pension fund. The provider is Standard Life but employees can use a different provider if they wish. The only obligation, as an employer, is to deduct any agreed contribution from salary and pay over to the pension provider, together with the employer's contribution. The provisions of automatic enrolment apply to eligible staff who has not exercised their contractual rights.

		2025	2024
		£	£
2. DONATIONS		<u>484</u>	<u>579</u>
		£	£
3 ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS		2025	2024
Completing DRO Forms		110	130
Gift Aid		11	6
		<u>121</u>	<u>136</u>
4 INVESTMENT INCOME		2025	2024
Bank Interest		<u>6,500</u>	<u>5,497</u>
5. INCOMING RESOURCES FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES		£	£
		2025	2024
Restricted Grants and Contracts			
Bromsgrove District Council	Home Support	15,000	15,000
Redditch Borough Council	Home Support	48,250	39,750
Worcester Advice Network (WCC)	Home Support	9,000	-
Bromsgrove District Council	Homelessness Debt Prevention	4,470	24,500
Bromsgrove District Council	Advice First Aiders	22,920	22,382
Citizens Advice	MaPs	55,860	57,365
Citizens Advice	CSDf-Phase 2 -Pot 1-Innovation	-	47,120
Worcester Advice Network (WCC)	Money Management	22,850	-
Redditch Borough Council	Homelessness Debt	51,119	24,500
Birmingham University	Outreach for Staff	9,160	9,160

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Redditch Borough Council	Community Awareness Signposting	7,875	-
Bromsgrove District Council	Community Outreach	10,070	-
Total Restricted		<u>256,574</u>	<u>239,777</u>
		£	£
		2025	2024
Unrestricted Grants and Contracts			
Bromsgrove District Council	Information and Advice Service	121,000	113,500
Redditch Borough Council	Financial & problem solving	50,000	54,114
Redditch Borough Council	Housing	-	9,816
Worcester Advice Network	Information and Advice Service	68,800	79,656
Alvechurch PC	Information and Advice Service	-	150
Barnt Green PC	Information and Advice Service	500	500
Belbroughton PC	Information and Advice Service	-	300
Catshill and North Marlbrook PC	Information and Advice Service	1,000	1,000
Clent PC	Information and Advice Service	-	-
Cotton Hackett PC	Information and Advice Service	500	-
Dodford PC	Information and Advice Service	500	-
Finstall PC	Information and Advice Service	300	300
Lickey and Blackwell PC	Information and Advice Service	500	500
Tutnall and Cobley PC	Information and Advice Service	-	150
Wythall PC	Information and Advice Service	2,000	1,000
Citizens Advice	General Purpose Grant	-	15,000
Total Unrestricted		<u>245,100</u>	<u>275,986</u>
Total Incoming Resources - Notes 2 to 5		<u>508,779</u>	<u>521,975</u>

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

Details	Bureau Service s	Bromsgrov e Outreach Developm ent	Bromsgrov e Affordabilit y Assessme nts	Home Supp ort	Money Managem ent Support	Map s Debt	Advis e First Aider s	Redditch Communit y Awarene ss Signposti ng	Reddit ch Target ed Debt	Biirmingh am University Outreach	Total	2024
Expenditure	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Salary Costs	213,477	8,619	3,961	54,369	19,891	48,062	20,008	6,767	43,681	7,457	426,292	365,834
Staff Travel	738	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	738	267
Other Staff Costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-
Consultancy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-
Volunteers Travel Costs	2,882	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,882	2,542
Interpretation Services	165	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	165	85
Photocopying	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-
Postages	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-
Reference Books	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	158	-	158	-
Recruitment	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	728
Rent	3,457	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,457	2,719
Training	-	-	-	-	-	292	-	-	534	-	826	1,380
Equipment	-	120	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	120	1,511
Office and Premises OH's	32,981	1,332	612	8,401	3,074	7,427	3,092	1,046	6,750	1,152	65,867	67,935
Total	253,700	10,071	4,573	62,770	22,965	55,781	23,100	7,813	51,123	8,609	500,505	443,001

Note: There is also staff cost of £12,167 included in Office and Premises Overheads.

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	2025	2024
	£	£
7. NET INCOMING / (EXPENDITURE)		
Independent Examiners Fee	2,050	1,500
Depreciation owned assets	<u>581</u>	<u>474</u>
	2025	2024
	£	£
8. Cash Generated from operations		
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	8,275	77,974
Adjusted for		
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	581	474
Movement in working capital		
Increase/decrease in debtors	(23,250)	(280)
Increase/decrease in creditors	<u>11,393</u>	<u>(30,468)</u>
	<u>(11,857)</u>	<u>(30,748)</u>
Cash generated from operations	<u>(4,163)</u>	<u>47,700</u>

9. TRUSTEE'S REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

No trustees received any remuneration nor benefits for the year ended 31st March 2025 (2024: None)

	2025	2024
	£	£
10. STAFF COSTS		
Wages and Salaries	388,915	336,862
Social Security Costs	28,633	23,005
Pension Costs	<u>20,558</u>	<u>18,536</u>
	<u>438,106</u>	<u>378,403</u>
	2025	2024
Full Time Staff at 31 st March	8	5
Part Time Staff at 31 st March	10	11
Average hours part time staff	16	19

Contributions to 12 employees pension provision.

There were no payments in kind

There were no employees with emoluments above £60,000.

The purpose of the Charity is to provide information, advice and assistance to the public and this is principally done by trained volunteers, supervised by paid staff. The administration support is also provided by volunteers under the supervision of a paid Administration Officer.

11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold Building	Equipment	Furniture	Total
Cost	£	£	£	£
1st April 2024	324,180	63,890	6,189	394,259
Additions	-	1,168	-	1,168
At 31st March 2025	<u>324,180</u>	<u>65,058</u>	<u>6,189</u>	<u>395,427</u>

Depreciation

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1st April 2024	14,180	63,136	6,189	83,505
Charges for year	-	581	-	581
At 31st March 2025	14,180	63,717	6,189	84,086

Net Book Value

1st April 2024	310,000	754	-	310,754
31st March 2024	310,000	1,341	-	311,341

	Freehold Building	Equipment	Furniture	Total
	£	£	£	£
Depreciation Charged				
Overheads	-	581	-	581
	-	581	-	581

Depreciation is by the straight line method. There is no depreciation on buildings. Equipment is depreciated over 3 years and furniture over 5 years. Deprecation is charged in year of acquisition.

12. NET MOVEMENT OF FUNDS

	2025	2024
	£	£
As per Financial Statements	8,275	77,974
Funds Applied to acquisition of Assets	(1,168)	(942)
Net Movement of Funds	<u>7,107</u>	<u>77,032</u>

13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Contract Payments	<u>52,110</u>	<u>28,860</u>

14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Social Security and other taxes	8,318	6,266
Pension Contributions	3,772	2,550
Other Creditors	4,428	1,934
Grants paid in advance	5,625	-
Total	<u>22,143</u>	<u>10,750</u>

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15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.2024 £	Net Movement in Funds £	Transfers between Funds £	At 31.3.2025 £
Unrestricted Funds				
General Funds	150,921	(1,499)	(30,856)	118,566
Designated Safety Net	90,000	-	20,000	110,000
Building Repairs Fund	17,000	-	10,030	27,030
Provision for Redundancy	9,400	-	10,600	20,000
Total	267,321	(1,499)	9,774	275,596
	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds				
General Funds	-	9,774	(9,774)	-
Redundancy Fund FIF	7,000	-	-	7,000
Capital Fund	310,753	-	-	310,753
Total	317,753	9,774	(9,774)	317,753
Total Both	585,074	8,275	-	593,349

16 RESTRICTED FUNDS

General Funds that were given for a specified purpose and having fulfilled that purpose and there being no requirement to refund a surplus then any surplus is held to cover any deficit that may arise in the following year. If the surplus is not required in that year then it is transferred to unrestricted funds. The funding that is provided by MAS for the debt advice service has a requirement that an amount be set aside to cover redundancy costs should the contract be terminated. The Capital Fund is the value of the building that was given for that purpose

17. SUPPORT COST

Overheads are those costs which are common to all services and cannot be allocated directly to the functions to which they relate. These costs are premises' running costs, gas, electricity, etc., and office costs, telephone, stationery, etc. The use of premises is multifunctional. Premises and office costs are allocated as a percentage on their estimated usage.

	Support costs	Governance costs	2025		2024
	£	£	£		£
Staff Costs	12,225	1,616	13,841	Direct	13,999
Depreciation	461	-	461	Direct	474
Independent Examiners	-	2,050	2,050	%allocation	1,500
Office Costs	11,849	-	11,849	% allocation	19,154
Other Costs	-	-	-	% allocation	132
Sundry Expenses	14,705	-	14,705	% allocation	16,451
Bank Charges	60	-	60	% allocation	60

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Premises Cost	<u>22,904</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,904</u>	% allocation	<u>16,164</u>
	<u>62,204</u>	<u>3,666</u>	<u>65,870</u>		<u>67,934</u>

18. SHARE CAPITAL

The company is limited by guarantee. In the event of a winding up, the liability of each member is limited.

19. LIABILITY OF MEMBERS

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company in the event of it being wound up during the time that he or she is a member or within one year afterwards for the payment of debts and liabilities of the company contracted before he or she ceased to be a member, and of the cost, charges and expenses of winding up the same and for the cost, charges and expenses of winding up the same and for the adjustment of the rights of contributors amongst themselves. Such amounts as may be required not exceeding, in the case of any member, the sum of £1.

20. EXAMINERS FEE

An amount of £2,050 has been provided for in the accounts. This is included in other creditors.

21. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Fixed Assets	Net Current Assets	Total Funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds	-	275,596	275,596
Restricted Funds	<u>311,340</u>	<u>6,414</u>	<u>317,754</u>
	<u>311,340</u>	<u>282,010</u>	<u>593,350</u>

22. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year. (2024 – Nil)