

# Feedback

"Thank you, I felt like I was drowning, with everything I had to do. Supporting the family, helping Dad and trying to go to work. This has really helped me."

"I am really glad that the Carers Service provides a safe space for me and my friend to improve our mental health and well-being."

"It is so lovely to see a smile and warm welcome from Lesly every time we attend the activities. These make a difference in my day. Thank you"

"Can't thank you enough for your help this last few weeks. I was feeling ill again with all of it and don't know what I would have done without your support thank you!"

"I just wanted to send a message of appreciation for the support that you have given to me as a carer and I'm aware of others who are benefiting too"

"We really appreciate everything you did and the brilliant way you explained everything" from a carer who needed some help and guidance with Attendance Allowance for his wife

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## Celebrating 20 years of Supporting Unpaid Carers



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The Carers Service is privileged to have a fantastic Team of Volunteers who help us go that extra mile in supporting those caring for a friend or loved one. You can see from page 11 the amount of time they give freely and what it means to us financially in extra value

Who We Are:-

Blackburn with Darwen Carers Service supports unpaid carers who care for loved ones facing physical disabilities, learning disabilities, long-term illness, dementia, substance use issues, and mental health conditions. Carers often experience their own complex challenges, and our role is to walk alongside them with compassion, knowledge, and practical support.

Case Studies

Mental Health and Wellbeing Case Study Summary  
Young Adult Carer, Female, 16–25

**Caring Responsibilities Cares for:**  
**Brother (M):** Autism, needs support with personal care & medical appointments.  
**Sister (H):** Diagnosed with **Crohn’s, IBS, and Psychosis**. Exhibits severe OCD behaviours, emotional distress, and crisis episodes.

**Living Situation:**  
Shares **room and bed** with H → lack of personal space.  
No support from father.  
Mum passed away 2 years ago.

Carers Mental Health	
Symptoms Experienced	Triggers & Environment
Anxiety, insomnia, loss of appetite	Sister’s psychosis, cramped home life
Feeling overwhelmed (near carer breakdown)	Caring + full-time night work in Manchester

- Support & Interventions**
- Initial Actions**
- **Immediate mental health conversation** with SL & cousin
  - **Carers Assessment** initiated via Adult Service
  - **Care Needs Assessment** started for both siblings
  - Discussed **psychosis**, anxiety management, and **sleep hygiene**
  - Introduced a **5-minute journal** for stress relief

Agencies Involved	
Agency	Support Offered
GP	Prescribed antidepressants
Home Treatment Team	Monitored sister daily
Mental Health Team	Coordinated care for H
CLO & Duty Social Worker	Initiated statutory assessments
Council Tax Office	Assessed financial aid eligibility
Integrated Neighbourhood Team (INT)	Coordinated multi-disciplinary support

- Positive Outcomes**
- **S feels heard and supported**
  - Access to **multi-agency care coordination**
  - Practical help with **benefits, employment flexibility, and food vouchers**
  - S making plans to **move closer to work** once sibling support is in place
  - Increased access to **mental health support for both S and siblings**

- Ongoing Support**
- Still awaiting MH Social Worker
  - INT now involved
  - SL continues regular check-ins
  - Controlled transition plan to reduce long-term stress

**Key Learnings**  
"A young adult carer at breaking point was stabilised through timely listening, multi-agency coordination, and sustained emotional and practical support."

Challenges	Interventions	Outcomes
Carer stress, no sleep	Carers & care needs assessments	Services now in place
Financial strain	Food vouchers, benefits advice	Financial relief and clarity
Overwhelming duties	INT referral, counselling referral	Calmness, hope, structured support



# Case Studies



## Case Study Summary:

### Background:

E (94) is the primary carer for her husband S (95), who has been diagnosed with dementia. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the couple became socially isolated, only leaving their home for essential appointments. This prolonged isolation deeply affected their emotional well-being and confidence.

### Challenges:

- **Emotional Strain:** E expressed extreme loneliness and a loss of social confidence, stating she had "lost the art of conversation."
- **Mental Health Impact:** Caring for S has taken a toll on E's mental health. She feels frustrated and overwhelmed, describing a loss of "will to live."
- **Limited Support:** While E is physically fit, her adult children are elderly and face their own health challenges, limiting their ability to assist regularly.
- **Cognitive Decline:** S, though still mobile with a walker, repetitively engages in the same conversations due to dementia, further intensifying E's sense of isolation.
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### Intervention:

The Carers Service Activities Coordinator visited the couple and successfully built trust, especially with E, who emotionally connected with her. E shared a desire to meet others and attend activities at Kingsway. The coordinator arranged transport for them to attend the Respite Service, which they thoroughly enjoyed.

### Outcomes:

- E participated in a day trip to Barton Grange Canal Cruise for the first time in 10 years, made possible by her son visiting from Dublin to care for S.
- Both E and S now attend the Respite Service regularly and have experienced improved mood and outlook on life.
- E credits the Carers Service with making positive experiences possible at a time in life when she had given up hope.

### Conclusion:

This case highlights the significant impact of isolation on elderly carers and the transformative role of compassionate outreach and accessible respite services in restoring hope, social engagement, and emotional well-being.

## Nan Goodall Interim Chair's Report



Hi all

I have been a trustee for the Carers Service for a very long time. Indeed I remember the initial set up and start of the service. We have come a long way from that point in time. Now we are a much larger organisation and cover a great deal more of all the aspects that help our people in their caring roles.

As our strap line says 'Support for family members and friends who look after a loved one with an illness, disability or addiction'. If you think about that for a moment - it involves being a foundation and cornerstone that assists and sustains our loved ones and particularly their carers, in their time of need.

The Carers Service has staff and/or volunteers [much appreciated] who help to run the charity on a day-to-day basis, so the trustees' role is more strategic. Trustees are the volunteers who confidentially lead charities and decide how they are run, making sure the charity is clear about its purposes, mission and values and uses them to direct all aspects of its work. We think about the direction the Carers Service will take and how this plan will be carried out, working collectively to this aim. Trustees also make sure that our charity has the resources and policies it needs and complies with legal requirements. At the moment I am interim Chair of the Carers Service Trustees.

At every trustee meeting, which is structured to move the service onward and upward, we think very carefully about how we can achieve that. We take our roles very seriously, conscious of the responsibility placed upon us. During 2024 to 2025 a typical agenda had a financial report from the finance team that met a couple of weeks earlier - this included funding. Then there are reports regarding staff and service users including an in-depth report from Sam as CEO, also a report on all the projects – either ongoing or newly planned. In other words trustees think very carefully about the whole service, past, present and future.

*Nan Goodall*  
Interim Chair

# Sam Morris Chief Executive Officer's Report



2024 marked a major milestone in the life of Blackburn with Darwen Carers Service — our 20th anniversary. From our beginnings in 2004, prompted by the voices of unpaid carers calling out for better support, we have grown into a community-embedded charity delivering life-changing services. This year, as we reflect on our journey, we also look ahead with renewed commitment and optimism.

## 20-Year Celebration

In October 2024, we hosted a joyous celebration to mark 20 years of dedicated support for unpaid carers. The event brought together carers of all ages — including young adult carers (aged 16–25), adult carers, volunteers, staff, trustees, and partners — for an evening of shared stories, live music, and food. It was a heartwarming reminder of the strength of our caring community and the impact we’ve made together.

## Securing Our Future

This year, we successfully secured significant funding from The Big Lottery Fund and The Henry Smith Charity, enabling us to extend and enrich our offer to carers at a time when demand continues to rise. This vital funding ensures the continuity and growth of our innovative, person-centred services.

## Looking Forward

As we move into the next chapter, we are committed to:

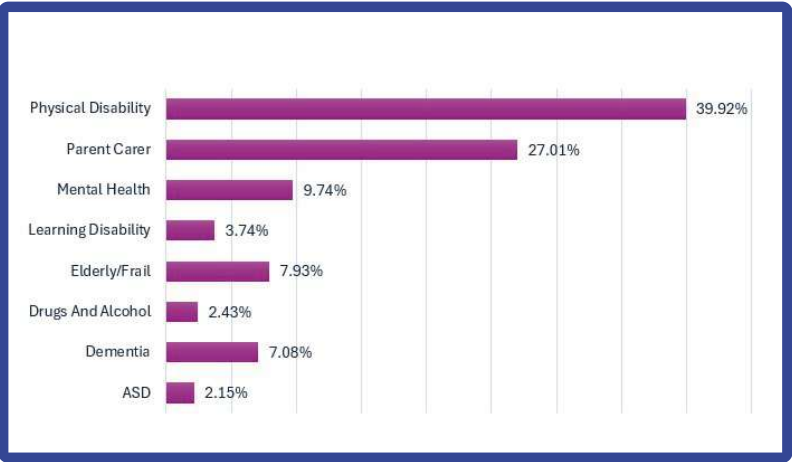
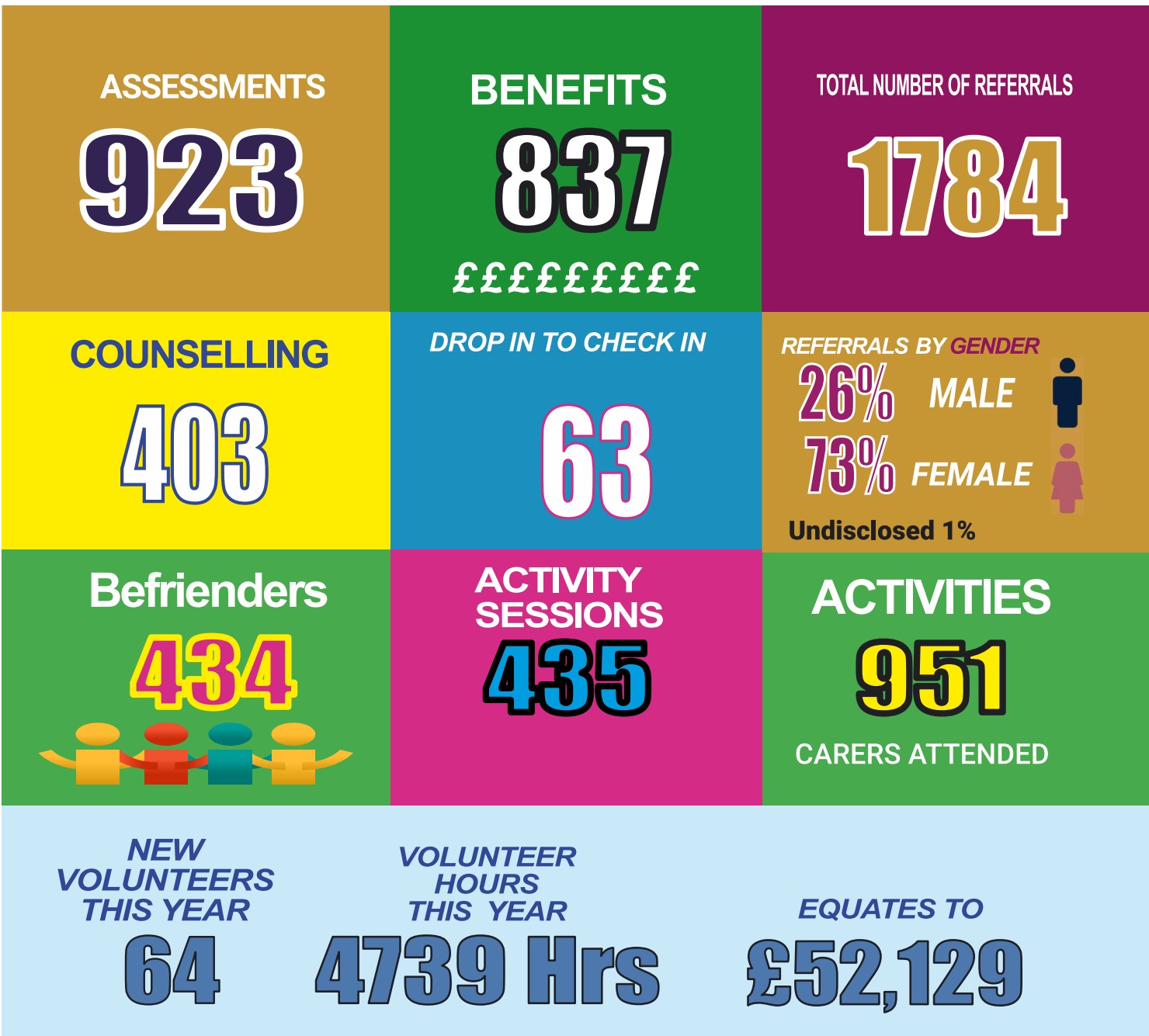
- Increasing our reach into under-served communities
- Developing new digital and outreach services
- Strengthening partnerships with health and social care providers
- Continuing to champion the rights and wellbeing of carers at every level

## Thank You

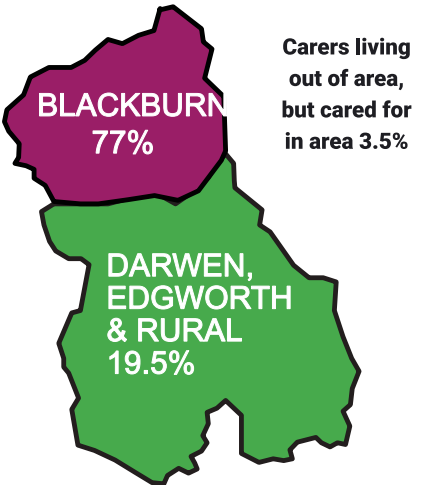
I offer my heartfelt thanks to our carers, staff, volunteers, funders, partners, and supporters — past and present. You are the reason Blackburn with Darwen Carers Service has thrived for 20 years, and we look forward to continuing this journey together.

*Sam Morris*

Chief Executive Officer  
Carers Service Annual Report



## REFERRALS BY GEOGRAPHY





# Achievements and Performance

## 9. Fundraising and Income Generation

Donations	£14763
Carers Activities	£7002
Lasting Power of Attorney	£10230
Other income	£5211
Total	£37206

## 10. Statistics

Total Referrals		1,784
Benefits	Appointments	837
Assessments		923
Referrals by Gender	Male	462
	Female	1,314
	Other	8
Drop in to Check in		63
Counselling	Sessions	403
Activities	Carers	951
	Sessions	435
Befrienders	Calls	434

New Volunteers	64
Volunteer Hours	4739
Equates to	£52,129

Geography	
Blackburn	77.2%
Darwen	19.2%
Edgeworth	0.1%
Other	3.5%

Reason for caring	
Physical Disability	40%
Parent Carer	27%
Mental Health	10%
Elderly/Frail	8%
Dementia	7%
Learning Disability	4%
Drugs And Alcohol	2%
ASD	2%
Unknown	1%

## Graham Brindley Treasurer's Report



Last year we reported that all our major income streams were due for re-tendering during the 2024/5 year which meant that our visibility of income was somewhat uncertain. Our strategy was for the operational team to continue to exercise tight cost control whilst the Trustees authorised release from reserves to support the charity's activities.

During the year we were successful in securing funding from the Lottery and Henry Smith charitable trust. The Council rolled forward the existing contract to October 2025. Whilst these successes were all extremely positive outcomes, they were insufficient to cover all costs, with the result that the year ended in a small deficit which has been funded from reserves.



Financial pressure on the charity remains. In 2025/6 the contract with the Council is due for re tendering. Additionally the Government's tax policy of raising employer National Insurance Contributions has had a significant impact as our major cost category is salaries.

We are forecasting a small deficit for 2025/6 which again will be funded from reserves. Work continues to attempt to raise funds from a variety of sources.

*Graham Brindley*

Treasurer



**The Carers Service exists to support & help those who provide unpaid care to a friend, relative or loved one**

## Carers definition

Carers can be relatives, neighbours or friends. Carers come from all age groups and can come from any ethnic, religious or racial background. A Carer is a person who looks after someone who due to illness, disability or frailty is unable to manage alone



## Our Services

We continue to offer a comprehensive, flexible and accessible package of support for carers at all stages of their journey:

Carers assessments to tailor support plans

One to One support with an experience Carers Adviser

Weekly drop-ins for advice, information, and social connection

Benefits support (in person and via phone)

Therapeutic sessions including counselling, CBT, and massage

Health and wellbeing activities: yoga, cycling, walking, sewing, crafts and local/ regional trips

Workshops, events and training sessions

Peer support groups building lasting connections among carers

Befriending service

Energy grants and food vouchers for carers in crisis

Support around Lasting Power of Attorney (fee-based)

## Mission Statement

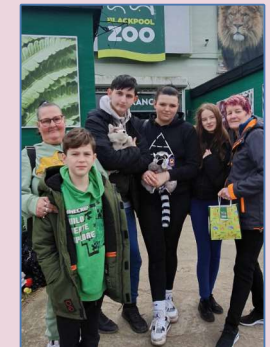
At Blackburn with Darwen Carers Services, our mission is to identify, engage, empower, and support carers throughout their caring journey. We are dedicated to providing integrated and personalised services that meet the diverse needs of carers in our community.

## Vision

Our vision is to create a community where carers are respected as expert care partners, equipped with the resources and support they need to thrive in their caring role. We envision a society that recognises and values the vital contributions of carers, ensuring their well-being and enabling them to lead fulfilling lives alongside their caregiving responsibilities.

# Achievements and Performance

## 8. Health & Wellbeing





# Achievements and Performance

## 7. Carers Rights Day 2024

This year's Carers Rights Day, held under the national theme "Recognising Your Rights", focused on empowering carers with the knowledge they need to access the help and protections they deserve – when they need it most.

### Raising Awareness and Empowering Carers

To mark the day, we hosted a dedicated Carers Rights Day event that brought together carers, staff and local partners in an accessible, informative, and supportive setting.

#### Event Highlights:

- Staff Introductions – Our team showcased their individual projects, helping carers understand the range of services and support available.
- Presentations by Visiting Organisations – Key partners delivered talks on carers' legal rights, welfare benefits, housing support, and wellbeing services.
- Information Stands – A variety of stalls provided accessible leaflets, resources, and one-to-one guidance on topics such as carers' rights at work, claiming benefits, Power of Attorney, respite care, and more.

#### The day was designed to:

- Help carers recognise their caring role and their rights under UK law.
- Provide clear, up-to-date information on support services and financial entitlements.
- Connect carers with local support networks and community resources.
- Encourage self-advocacy and informed decision-making.

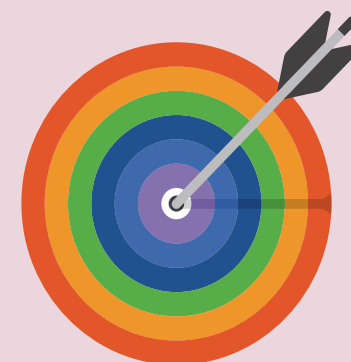
Feedback from attendees showed a strong appreciation for the practical advice, clarity on entitlements, and the sense of solidarity gained from connecting with other carers and professions



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### Core Values

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Below are our core values and the principles that underpin our work in making a positive difference in the lives of carers:

- 1. Empowerment:** We believe in empowering carers by providing them with the knowledge, resources, and support necessary to make informed decisions and take control of their lives.
- 2. Respect:** We treat every carer with dignity, compassion, and respect, recognising the invaluable role they play in society and valuing their unique experiences and contributions.
- 3. Collaboration:** We foster collaboration and partnerships with local organisations, service providers, and stakeholders to ensure comprehensive support and improve the lives of carers.
- 4. Inclusivity:** We are committed to inclusivity, embracing diversity, and addressing the needs of carers from all backgrounds, including those who may be marginalised or hidden.
- 5. Wellbeing:** We prioritise the mental, physical, and emotional well-being of carers, offering services and programs that promote their health, resilience, and overall quality of life.
- 6. Advocacy:** We advocate for the rights, recognition, and support of carers at local, regional, and national levels, aiming to influence policies and raise awareness about carer issues.
- 7. Innovation:** We strive to continuously innovate and improve our services, incorporating technology and best practices to enhance the support and experiences of carers.
- 8. Personalisation:** We recognise that each carer's journey is unique, and we tailor our services to meet individual needs, providing personalised support that addresses their specific challenges and circumstances.



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## Carers Service Offer

Carers Star  
Assessment

Advice and  
guidance

Benefit checks

Respite Sitting  
Service

Counselling

Complimentary  
therapies

Digital Support

Befriending

Hospital Discharge  
Project

Training,  
Workshops & Events

Volunteering  
Accreditation

Activities and Trips

Power of Attorney

Access to breaks

Support groups

Young Adult Carers  
Support

Carers ID Card

Life After Caring

Household Support  
Grants

Volunteering

Activities and Work  
shops

## Achievements and Performance

### Henry Smith Charity

With rising financial pressures on unpaid carers, the Henry Smith funding has played a vital role in helping carers build resilience and navigate complex systems affecting their income, benefits, and rights.

#### Key Impacts:

Carers and families receive timely support, advice and information to tackle financial challenges.

Individuals are supported to navigate the benefits, migration and asylum systems, ensuring access to entitlements and legal rights.

Carers improve their financial literacy, gaining confidence in budgeting and money management.

Those supported feel more in control, reducing stress and improving long-term financial wellbeing.

Together, these investments are helping us not only respond to the immediate needs of carers, but also build a future where every carer has the tools, networks, and confidence to thrive.

### 6. Carers Week 2024 – Putting Carers on the Map

Carers Week 2024 was a powerful opportunity to highlight the increased pressures faced by unpaid carers and to call on policymakers and local leaders to take meaningful steps to support carers' wellbeing, rights, and recognition.

Under the national theme "Putting Carers on the Map," we raised awareness of the essential role carers play in our communities and the urgent need for targeted support particularly in the face of growing emotional, physical, and financial strain.

#### A Week of Connection, Recognition and Wellbeing

Throughout the week, we delivered a series of engaging, supportive and celebratory events that brought carers together and gave space for rest, reflection, and recognition:

- Carers Coffee Morning – A warm and welcoming start to the week, offering space for conversation, connection and peer support.
- Carers Day Event – A celebration of carers with music, food, activities and stalls from local organisations.
- Wellbeing Morning – Therapeutic sessions including massage, relaxation techniques, and mindfulness.
- Walk a Mile in a Carer's Shoes – A symbolic walking event to raise awareness of the daily journeys carers make and the challenges they face.
- Canal Cruise with Cream Tea – A chance for carers to relax and enjoy a peaceful afternoon on the water, with refreshments and great company.



# Achievements and Performance

## Carers Board

The Blackburn with Darwen Carers Board has been established to oversee the implementation of the Carers Strategy and its accompanying Action Plan.

The Board's Key Roles Include:

- Supporting delivery and monitoring of the strategy's priorities.
- Ensuring strong carer and stakeholder representation.
- Identifying service gaps and unmet needs.
- Influencing commissioning and future direction of services.
- Championing carer needs in borough-wide strategies and policies.
- Promoting inclusivity across all protected characteristics.
- Creating opportunities for joint working and integrated planning.
- The Board meets reports to the BwD Place based Partnership.

The Board addresses issues affecting all carers – including adult carers, young carers, and those caring for disabled children

The Board now meets bi monthly. The Carers Strategy is a living document. Ongoing engagement, regular review, and evidence-based updates will ensure it continues to respond to the real-life needs and priorities of Blackburn with Darwen's caring community.

## 5.Funding Impact: Building a Stronger Future for Carers

In 2024–2025, Blackburn with Darwen Carers Service secured transformational funding from two major national funders – the Big Lottery Fund and The Henry Smith Charity. These grants have enabled us to deliver targeted, meaningful support that empowers carers, strengthens communities, and improves lives.

### Big Lottery Fund:

This funding has enabled us to strengthen community networks where carers and volunteers come together to share experiences, build skills, and support one another. Together, we are creating a borough where carers feel valued, confident, and equipped to reach their full potential.

### Key Impacts:

- Carers and volunteers build social connections that reduce isolation and promote wellbeing.
- Carers gain knowledge and understanding to make informed choices early in their caring journey.
- Participants are encouraged to stay active, keep learning, give to others, and take notice – promoting the Five Ways to Wellbeing.
- Volunteers develop transferable skills, boosting confidence, employability, and community engagement

# Achievements and Performance



# 20 years



# 20th Year Celebration October



# Achievements and Performance

## 1. Young Adult Carers (16-25)

We remain committed to supporting young adult carers as they balance education, work and caregiving. Tailored activities, social events, and targeted support are central to ensuring this age group does not fall through the gaps. Young Carers Action day March 2024

### Young Carers Action Day

An interactive session on the theme 'Fair Futures for Young Carers and Young Adult Carers' The focus was on why caring should not be a barrier to learning, earning or being able to progress in life.



## 2. Volunteer Power

Our Volunteer Academy continues to thrive, offering accredited training and personal development. Volunteers support our services in many ways leading activities, providing respite, offering peer support, and raising awareness in the community.

**We celebrated Volunteers Week June 2024 – saying thank you to our amazing volunteers!**



**An amazing night of celebrations at Community CVS Volunteers Awards in November 2024**

**New Volunteers: 64 Existing:157 Total hours: 4739 Equates to: £52,129**

## 3. Listening to Carers

Everything we do is shaped by carer voice. Through regular consultations and targeted engagement with under-represented groups, we ensure that our services are inclusive, culturally appropriate and responsive to real needs

# Achievements and Performance

## 4. Blackburn with Darwen Carers Strategy update

**Available at: [www.bwdcarers.org.uk](http://www.bwdcarers.org.uk)**

**Blackburn with Darwen Carers Strategy: Summary Update (2024)**

**Launched during Carers Week 2024**

In June 2024, Blackburn with Darwen officially launched its Carers Strategy, marking a commitment to recognising, supporting, and empowering unpaid carers of all ages. Developed collaboratively with local carers, statutory services, and voluntary sector partners, the strategy outlines a clear vision for improving the lives of carers in the borough

### Seven Priority Areas Identified by Carers

Through engagement and co-production with carers across the borough, seven key priorities emerged:

- Challenges of Caring – The emotional, physical, and time demands of the role.
- Service Gaps and Accessibility – Inconsistent access and unmet needs.
- Financial and Employment Struggles – The impact of caring on income and work.
- Future Concerns – Anxiety about long-term care, planning, and support.
- Interpersonal Relationship Struggles – Strains on personal relationships and family dynamics.
- Positive Aspects of Caring and Support – Finding meaning and fulfilment in the role, and valuing good support.
- Addressing the Needs of Young Carers – Ensuring young carers are identified and supported early

### Carers Forum

The Carers Forum has been re-energised as a vital space for carer voice and influence. Now meeting bi-monthly, the Forum:

- Brings together carers, professionals, and stakeholders.
- Provides feedback on services, gaps, and experiences.
- Influences local service planning and delivery.
- Drives positive change around local priorities.
- Ensures carers' voices are heard by decision-makers.
- The Carers Forum feeds into the Carers Board



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## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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# BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN CARERS SERVICE LTD

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, 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 (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

#### Objectives and activities

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.

The objective of the charitable company is to relieve the need of persons who are ill, disabled or who are elderly and have a charitable need, primarily but not exclusively resident or working in Blackburn with Darwen and the surrounding area, by the provision of advice, information and support to those persons, their relatives or carers with the object of improving the conditions of life of the said beneficiaries.

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

#### Achievements and performance

Please see the appendix for details of the Charity's achievements and performance within the year.

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# **BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN CARERS SERVICE LTD**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)** **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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### **Financial review**

#### **Reserves policy**

The Charity maintains a Contingency Reserve which represents an amount the Trustees consider would be necessary for the Charity to discharge its obligations in the event that the Charity was to be wound up. This is held at a level that would allow the charity to discharge its obligations, such as redundancies and other obligations, should the charity be wound up. The charity currently has free reserves of £138,114 which are considered sufficient to meet those obligations. This reserve is regularly reviewed to take account of most recent information and circumstances. The unrestricted reserves are available for the Trustees when considerations are made for the maintenance or development of the charitable activities.

#### **Investment policy**

The charity holds some funds on investment in order to gain a higher rate of interest than in a regular current account. This amount is regularly reviewed to ensure that it is the best use of charity funds.

The principal funders of the charitable company are Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council.

#### **Plans for future periods**

The charity plan to continue the activities referred to above and described in more detail in the Annual Review attached.

#### **Structure, governance and management**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

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

Mrs H N Goodall  
Mr G M Brindley  
Mr J J Hadleigh  
Mr C J Higham

The management of the charitable company is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 19 July 2006.

#### **POLICIES ADOPTED FOR THE INDUCTION AND TRAINING OF TRUSTEES**

Policies are in place to induct and train new Trustees and comply with the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

All Trustees:  
Have a full induction  
Take part in Governance Training  
Are allocated a subcommittee role  
Are given a Carers Service Trustee Handbook  
Are given a hard copy of Good Governance handbook (NCVO)  
Complete a Trustee Appraisal



# BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN CARERS SERVICE LTD

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Mr G M Brindley

Trustee

Date: 19/8/2025

# BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN CARERS SERVICE LTD

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN CARERS SERVICE LTD

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Blackburn with Darwen Carers Service Ltd (the charity) for the year ended 31 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.

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 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. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011.

#### Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000, the independent examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ACCA, 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 Companies Act 2006.
- 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 Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the financial statements 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 financial statements 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.



**Champion TLL Limited**

P Bell ACCA

7-9 Station Road

Hesketh Bank

Preston

Lancashire

PR4 6SN

Date: ..... 19/08/25 .....



# BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN CARERS SERVICE LTD

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Current financial year		Unrestricted funds general 2025 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
	Notes					
<b>Income from:</b>						
Donations and legacies	2	51,960	74,272	108,522	234,754	209,345
Charitable activities	3	224,743	24,250	-	248,993	238,206
Other trading activities	4	243	-	-	243	105
<b>Total income</b>		<u>276,946</u>	<u>98,522</u>	<u>108,522</u>	<u>483,990</u>	<u>447,656</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
Charitable activities	5	<u>286,280</u>	<u>97,392</u>	<u>112,233</u>	<u>495,905</u>	<u>451,746</u>
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>286,280</u>	<u>97,392</u>	<u>112,233</u>	<u>495,905</u>	<u>451,746</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	11	<u>2,299</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,299</u>	<u>3,124</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		(7,035)	1,130	(3,711)	(9,616)	(966)
Transfers between funds		<u>4,569</u>	<u>(4,569)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	8	<u>(2,466)</u>	<u>(3,439)</u>	<u>(3,711)</u>	<u>(9,616)</u>	<u>(966)</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>						
Fund balances at 1 April 2024		<u>140,580</u>	<u>58,035</u>	<u>4,176</u>	<u>202,791</u>	<u>203,757</u>
<b>Fund balances at 31 March 2025</b>		<u>138,114</u>	<u>54,596</u>	<u>465</u>	<u>193,175</u>	<u>202,791</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

# BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN CARERS SERVICE LTD

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Prior financial year		Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
	Notes				
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	15,002	64,273	130,070	209,345
Charitable activities	3	224,899	13,207	100	238,206
Other trading activities	4	105	-	-	105
<b>Total income</b>		<u>240,006</u>	<u>77,480</u>	<u>130,170</u>	<u>447,656</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities	5	<u>242,996</u>	<u>81,102</u>	<u>127,648</u>	<u>451,746</u>
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>242,996</u>	<u>81,102</u>	<u>127,648</u>	<u>451,746</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	11	<u>3,124</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,124</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) and movement in funds</b>		134	(3,622)	2,522	(966)
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Fund balances at 1 April 2023		<u>140,446</u>	<u>61,657</u>	<u>1,654</u>	<u>203,757</u>
<b>Fund balances at 31 March 2024</b>		<u>140,580</u>	<u>58,035</u>	<u>4,176</u>	<u>202,791</u>



# BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN CARERS SERVICE LTD

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	13		1,574		1,908
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	15	22,138		4,618	
Investments		55,423		53,124	
Cash at bank and in hand		159,604		191,983	
		237,165		249,725	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	16	(45,564)		(48,842)	
<b>Net current assets</b>			191,601		200,883
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			193,175		202,791
<b>The funds of the charity</b>					
Restricted income funds	17		465		4,176
Unrestricted funds - general	19		138,114		140,580
Unrestricted funds - designated	18		54,596		58,035
			193,175		202,791

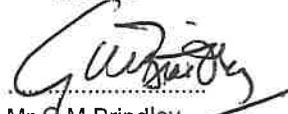
The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

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

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on .....

  
Mr G M Brindley  
Trustee

Company registration number 05881757 (England and Wales)

# BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN CARERS SERVICE LTD

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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### 1 Accounting policies

#### Charity information

Blackburn with Darwen Carers Service Ltd is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Blackburn with Darwen Carers Services, Kingsway, Greenhurst Place, Blackburn, Lancashire, BB2 1NA.

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "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 charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

#### 1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have 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 financial statements.

#### 1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Designated funds are free reserves that have been designated by the trustees for specific purposes. These are further disclosed in the notes to the accounts.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

#### 1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

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

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.



# BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN CARERS SERVICE LTD

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 1.5 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 are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

#### 1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Computers	25% on cost
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

#### 1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

#### 1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

#### **Derecognition of financial liabilities**

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

# **BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN CARERS SERVICE LTD**

## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)** **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

### **2 Donations and legacies**

	Unrestricted funds general 2025 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Donations and gifts	20,918	-	-	20,918	15,002	-	-	15,002
Grants	31,042	74,272	108,522	213,836	-	64,273	130,070	194,343
	<u>51,960</u>	<u>74,272</u>	<u>108,522</u>	<u>234,754</u>	<u>15,002</u>	<u>64,273</u>	<u>130,070</u>	<u>209,345</u>
<b>Grants receivable for core activities</b>								
Awards For All	-	-	1,498	1,498	-	-	8,503	8,503
Household Support Funding	-	-	-	-	-	20,000	-	20,000
Blg Lottery Fund	-	-	83,444	83,444	-	-	74,918	74,918
Eric Wright Trust	-	-	23,580	23,580	-	-	25,366	25,366
Hospital Discharge Project	-	36,407	-	36,407	-	18,773	-	18,773
Benefits Advisor	-	12,750	-	12,750	-	25,500	-	25,500
Henry Smith Grant	30,042	-	-	30,042	-	-	-	-
Autism Support	-	25,115	-	25,115	-	-	21,283	21,283
Other	1,000	-	-	1,000	-	-	-	-
	<u>31,042</u>	<u>74,272</u>	<u>108,522</u>	<u>213,836</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>64,273</u>	<u>130,070</u>	<u>194,343</u>

## BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN CARERS SERVICE LTD

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

#### 3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds general 2025 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Services provided under contract	204,124	24,250	-	228,374	203,693	13,117	-	216,810
Charitable rental Income	3,365	-	-	3,365	4,163	-	-	4,163
Other Income	17,254	-	-	17,254	17,043	90	100	17,233
	<u>224,743</u>	<u>24,250</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>248,993</u>	<u>224,899</u>	<u>13,207</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>238,206</u>



# BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN CARERS SERVICE LTD

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

### 4 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Fundraising events	243	105

### 5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Charitable activities 2025 £	Charitable activities 2024 £
<b>Direct costs</b>		
Staff costs	353,900	294,965
Depreciation and impairment	1,604	2,092
Rent	19,987	21,197
Insurance	1,866	2,529
Telephone	5,274	5,008
Postage and stationery	5,655	4,389
Sundries	2,303	2,776
Repairs and equipment hire	1,676	1,630
Computer support	5,633	3,211
Counselling fees	7,055	6,083
Volunteer expenses	4,551	6,345
Human resources and personnel	2,372	2,534
Training and courses	2,902	1,298
Activities and events	19,207	15,887
Service marketing	4,574	2,270
Staff expenses	6,031	10,266
Subscriptions and publications	3,352	3,952
	447,942	386,432
Grant funding of activities (see note 6)	27,391	36,358
<b>Share of support and governance costs (see note 7)</b>		
Governance	20,572	28,956
	495,905	451,746
<b>Analysis by fund</b>		
Unrestricted funds - general	286,280	242,996
Unrestricted funds - designated	97,392	81,102
Restricted funds	112,233	127,648
	495,905	451,746

# BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN CARERS SERVICE LTD

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

### 6 Grants payable

	Charitable activities 2025 £	Charitable activities 2024 £
Grants to individuals	27,391	36,358

### 7 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2025 £	2024 £
Independent examination fees	-	2,757	2,757	2,173
Legal and professional fees	-	17,815	17,815	26,783
	-	20,572	20,572	28,956
Analysed between Charitable activities	-	20,572	20,572	28,956

### 8 Net movement in funds

	2025 £	2024 £
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	2,757	2,173
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	1,604	2,092

### 9 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

### 10 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

2025 Number	2024 Number
10	9

# BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN CARERS SERVICE LTD

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

### 10 Employees

(Continued)

Employment costs	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	318,261	266,481
Social security costs	21,159	16,123
Other pension costs	14,480	12,361
	<u>353,900</u>	<u>294,965</u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

#### Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel was as follows:

### 11 Gains and losses on investments

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Gains/(losses) arising on:		
Revaluation of investments	<u>2,299</u>	<u>3,124</u>

### 12 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

### 13 Tangible fixed assets

	Computers £
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 April 2024	59,803
Additions	<u>1,270</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>61,073</u>
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>	
At 1 April 2024	57,895
Depreciation charged in the year	<u>1,604</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>59,499</u>
<b>Carrying amount</b>	
At 31 March 2025	<u>1,574</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>1,908</u>



# BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN CARERS SERVICE LTD

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

### 14 Financial instruments

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Carrying amount of financial assets</b>		
High interest deposits	55,423	53,124

### 15 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>		
Trade debtors	19,336	637
Other debtors	1,105	2,377
Prepayments and accrued income	1,697	1,604
	22,138	4,618

### 16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	42,312	45,994
Other creditors	752	570
Accruals and deferred income	2,500	2,278
	45,564	48,842

### 17 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 31 March 2025 £
Restricted fund	4,176	108,522	(112,233)	465
<b>Previous year:</b>	<b>At 1 April 2023 £</b>	<b>Incoming resources £</b>	<b>Resources expended £</b>	<b>At 31 March 2024 £</b>
Restricted fund	1,654	130,170	(127,648)	4,176

# BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN CARERS SERVICE LTD

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

### 18 Unrestricted funds - designated

These are unrestricted funds which are material to the charity's activities.

	At 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2025 £
Designated fund	58,035	98,522	(97,392)	(4,569)	54,596
<b>Previous year:</b>	<b>At 1 April 2023 £</b>	<b>Incoming resources £</b>	<b>Resources expended £</b>	<b>Transfers £</b>	<b>At 31 March 2024 £</b>
Designated fund	61,657	77,480	(81,102)	-	58,035

### 19 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 March 2025 £
General funds	140,580	276,946	(286,280)	4,569	2,299	138,114
<b>Previous year:</b>	<b>At 1 April 2023 £</b>	<b>Incoming resources £</b>	<b>Resources expended £</b>	<b>Transfers £</b>	<b>Gains and losses £</b>	<b>At 31 March 2024 £</b>
General funds	140,446	240,006	(242,996)	-	3,124	140,580

### 20 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds general 2025 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £
<b>At 31 March 2025:</b>				
Tangible assets	1,574	-	-	1,574
Current assets/(liabilities)	136,540	54,596	465	191,601
	138,114	54,596	465	193,175

# BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN CARERS SERVICE LTD

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

### 20 Analysis of net assets between funds

(Continued)

	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
<b>At 31 March 2024:</b>				
Tangible assets	1,908	-	-	1,908
Current assets/(liabilities)	138,672	58,035	4,176	200,883
	<u>140,580</u>	<u>58,035</u>	<u>4,176</u>	<u>202,791</u>

### 21 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2024 - none).

### 22 Funds

Restricted funds relate to voluntary donations and grants which are for specific purposes but not fully spent at the year end, and are as follows: Lottery (£1,031), Eric Wright Trust £1,497 and Awards for All (NIL).

The designated funds relate to monies unspent at the year end received from contracted income/service level agreements which are not classed as restricted voluntary income but can still only be spent on specific projects, and a provision for continuity costs totaling £54,596.

There are also general free funds of £138,114.



**BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN CARERS SERVICE LTD**

**ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

**Company Registration No. 05881757 (England and Wales)**

**Charity registration number 1120110 (England and Wales)**

# BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN CARERS SERVICE LTD

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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<b>Trustees</b>	Mrs H N Goodall Mr G M Brindley Mr J J Hadleigh Mr C J Higham
<b>Secretary</b>	Ms S J Morris
<b>Charity number (England and Wales)</b>	1120110
<b>Company number</b>	05881757
<b>Registered office</b>	Blackburn with Darwen Carers Services Kingsway Greenhurst Place Blackburn Lancashire BB2 1NA
<b>Independent examiner</b>	Champion TLL Limited 7-9 Station Road Hesketh Bank Preston Lancashire PR4 6SN

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# **BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN CARERS SERVICE LTD**

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# BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN CARERS SERVICE LTD

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, 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 (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

#### Objectives and activities

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.

The objective of the charitable company is to relieve the need of persons who are ill, disabled or who are elderly and have a charitable need, primarily but not exclusively resident or working in Blackburn with Darwen and the surrounding area, by the provision of advice, information and support to those persons, their relatives or carers with the object of improving the conditions of life of the said beneficiaries.

#### Mission Statement

At Blackburn with Darwen Carers Services, our mission is to identify, engage, empower, and support carers throughout their caring journey. We are dedicated to providing integrated and personalised services that meet the diverse needs of carers in our community.

#### Vision

Our vision is to create a community where carers are respected as expert care partners, equipped with the resources and support they need to thrive in their caring role. We envision a society that recognises and values the vital contributions of carers, ensuring their well-being and enabling them to lead fulfilling lives alongside their caregiving responsibilities.

#### Core Values

At Blackburn with Darwen Carers Service, our core values form the foundation of everything we do. They guide our actions, shape our culture, and drive our commitment to supporting carers throughout their caring journey. Our core values reflect our deep understanding of the unique challenges faced by carers and underscore our unwavering dedication to their well-being. These values serve as a compass, guiding us in creating a supportive, inclusive, and empowering environment where carers are respected, valued, and given the tools they need to thrive. Below are our core values and the principles that underpin our work in making a positive difference in the lives of carers:

1. **Empowerment:** We believe in empowering carers by providing them with the knowledge, resources, and support necessary to make informed decisions and take control of their lives.
2. **Respect:** We treat every carer with dignity, compassion, and respect, recognizing the invaluable role they play in society and valuing their unique experiences and contributions.
3. **Collaboration:** We foster collaboration and partnerships with local organisations, service providers, and stakeholders to ensure comprehensive support and improve the lives of carers.
4. **Inclusivity:** We are committed to inclusivity, embracing diversity, and addressing the needs of carers from all backgrounds, including those who may be marginalised or hidden.
5. **Well-being:** We prioritise the mental, physical, and emotional well-being of carers, offering services and programs that promote their health, resilience, and overall quality of life.
6. **Advocacy:** We advocate for the rights, recognition, and support of carers at local, regional, and national levels, aiming to influence policies and raise awareness about carer issues.
7. **Innovation:** We strive to continuously innovate and improve our services, incorporating technology and best practices to enhance the support and experiences of carers.

**Personalisation:** We recognise that each carer's journey is unique, and we tailor our services to meet individual needs, providing personalised support that addresses their specific challenges and circumstances.

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

#### Achievements and performance

Please see the appendix for details of the Charity's achievements and performance within the year.

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# **BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN CARERS SERVICE LTD**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)** **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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### **Financial review**

#### **Reserves policy**

The Charity maintains a Contingency Reserve which represents an amount the Trustees consider would be necessary for the Charity to discharge its obligations in the event that the Charity was to be wound up. This is held at a level that would allow the charity to discharge its obligations, such as redundancies and other obligations, should the charity be wound up. The charity currently has free reserves of £138,114 which are considered sufficient to meet those obligations. This reserve is regularly reviewed to take account of most recent information and circumstances. The unrestricted reserves are available for the Trustees when considerations are made for the maintenance or development of the charitable activities.

#### **Investment policy**

The charity holds some funds on investment in order to gain a higher rate of interest than in a regular current account. This amount is regularly reviewed to ensure that it is the best use of charity funds.

The principal funders of the charitable company are Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council.

#### **Plans for future periods**

The charity plan to continue the activities referred to above and described in more detail in the Annual Review attached.

#### **Structure, governance and management**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

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

Mrs H N Goodall  
Mr G M Brindley  
Mr J J Hadleigh  
Mr C J Higham

The management of the charitable company is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 19 July 2006.

#### **POLICIES ADOPTED FOR THE INDUCTION AND TRAINING OF TRUSTEES**

Policies are in place to induct and train new Trustees and comply with the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

All Trustees:  
Have a full induction  
Take part in Governance Training  
Are allocated a subcommittee role  
Are given a Carers Service Trustee Handbook  
Are given a hard copy of Good Governance handbook (NCVO)  
Complete a Trustee Appraisal

# BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN CARERS SERVICE LTD

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Mr G M Brindley

Trustee

Date: 19/8/2025

# BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN CARERS SERVICE LTD

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN CARERS SERVICE LTD

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Blackburn with Darwen Carers Service Ltd (the charity) for the year ended 31 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.

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 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. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011.

#### Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000, the independent examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ACCA, 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 Companies Act 2006.
- 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 Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the financial statements 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 financial statements 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.



**Champion TLL Limited**

P Bell ACCA

7-9 Station Road

Hesketh Bank

Preston

Lancashire

PR4 6SN

Date: ..... 19/08/25 .....



# BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN CARERS SERVICE LTD

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Current financial year		Unrestricted funds general 2025 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
	Notes					
<b>Income from:</b>						
Donations and legacies	2	51,960	74,272	108,522	234,754	209,345
Charitable activities	3	224,743	24,250	-	248,993	238,206
Other trading activities	4	243	-	-	243	105
<b>Total income</b>		<u>276,946</u>	<u>98,522</u>	<u>108,522</u>	<u>483,990</u>	<u>447,656</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
Charitable activities	5	<u>286,280</u>	<u>97,392</u>	<u>112,233</u>	<u>495,905</u>	<u>451,746</u>
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>286,280</u>	<u>97,392</u>	<u>112,233</u>	<u>495,905</u>	<u>451,746</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	11	<u>2,299</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,299</u>	<u>3,124</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		(7,035)	1,130	(3,711)	(9,616)	(966)
Transfers between funds		<u>4,569</u>	<u>(4,569)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	8	<u>(2,466)</u>	<u>(3,439)</u>	<u>(3,711)</u>	<u>(9,616)</u>	<u>(966)</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>						
Fund balances at 1 April 2024		<u>140,580</u>	<u>58,035</u>	<u>4,176</u>	<u>202,791</u>	<u>203,757</u>
<b>Fund balances at 31 March 2025</b>		<u>138,114</u>	<u>54,596</u>	<u>465</u>	<u>193,175</u>	<u>202,791</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

# BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN CARERS SERVICE LTD

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Prior financial year		Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
	Notes				
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	15,002	64,273	130,070	209,345
Charitable activities	3	224,899	13,207	100	238,206
Other trading activities	4	105	-	-	105
<b>Total income</b>		<u>240,006</u>	<u>77,480</u>	<u>130,170</u>	<u>447,656</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities	5	<u>242,996</u>	<u>81,102</u>	<u>127,648</u>	<u>451,746</u>
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>242,996</u>	<u>81,102</u>	<u>127,648</u>	<u>451,746</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	11	<u>3,124</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,124</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) and movement in funds</b>		134	(3,622)	2,522	(966)
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Fund balances at 1 April 2023		<u>140,446</u>	<u>61,657</u>	<u>1,654</u>	<u>203,757</u>
<b>Fund balances at 31 March 2024</b>		<u>140,580</u>	<u>58,035</u>	<u>4,176</u>	<u>202,791</u>

# BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN CARERS SERVICE LTD

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	13		1,574		1,908
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	15	22,138		4,618	
Investments		55,423		53,124	
Cash at bank and in hand		159,604		191,983	
		237,165		249,725	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	16	(45,564)		(48,842)	
<b>Net current assets</b>			191,601		200,883
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			193,175		202,791
<b>The funds of the charity</b>					
Restricted income funds	17		465		4,176
Unrestricted funds - general	19		138,114		140,580
Unrestricted funds - designated	18		54,596		58,035
			193,175		202,791

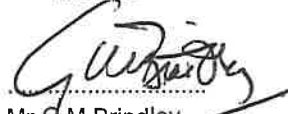
The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

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

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on .....

  
Mr G M Brindley  
Trustee

Company registration number 05881757 (England and Wales)

# BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN CARERS SERVICE LTD

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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### 1 Accounting policies

#### Charity information

Blackburn with Darwen Carers Service Ltd is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Blackburn with Darwen Carers Services, Kingsway, Greenhurst Place, Blackburn, Lancashire, BB2 1NA.

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "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 charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

#### 1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have 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 financial statements.

#### 1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Designated funds are free reserves that have been designated by the trustees for specific purposes. These are further disclosed in the notes to the accounts.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

#### 1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

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

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.



# BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN CARERS SERVICE LTD

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 1.5 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 are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

#### 1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Computers	25% on cost
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

#### 1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

#### 1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

#### **Derecognition of financial liabilities**

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

# **BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN CARERS SERVICE LTD**

## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)** **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

### **2 Donations and legacies**

	Unrestricted funds general 2025 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Donations and gifts	20,918	-	-	20,918	15,002	-	-	15,002
Grants	31,042	74,272	108,522	213,836	-	64,273	130,070	194,343
	<u>51,960</u>	<u>74,272</u>	<u>108,522</u>	<u>234,754</u>	<u>15,002</u>	<u>64,273</u>	<u>130,070</u>	<u>209,345</u>
<b>Grants receivable for core activities</b>								
Awards For All	-	-	1,498	1,498	-	-	8,503	8,503
Household Support Funding	-	-	-	-	-	20,000	-	20,000
Blg Lottery Fund	-	-	83,444	83,444	-	-	74,918	74,918
Eric Wright Trust	-	-	23,580	23,580	-	-	25,366	25,366
Hospital Discharge Project	-	36,407	-	36,407	-	18,773	-	18,773
Benefits Advisor	-	12,750	-	12,750	-	25,500	-	25,500
Henry Smith Grant	30,042	-	-	30,042	-	-	-	-
Autism Support	-	25,115	-	25,115	-	-	21,283	21,283
Other	1,000	-	-	1,000	-	-	-	-
	<u>31,042</u>	<u>74,272</u>	<u>108,522</u>	<u>213,836</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>64,273</u>	<u>130,070</u>	<u>194,343</u>

## BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN CARERS SERVICE LTD

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

#### 3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds general 2025 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Services provided under contract	204,124	24,250	-	228,374	203,693	13,117	-	216,810
Charitable rental Income	3,365	-	-	3,365	4,163	-	-	4,163
Other Income	17,254	-	-	17,254	17,043	90	100	17,233
	<u>224,743</u>	<u>24,250</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>248,993</u>	<u>224,899</u>	<u>13,207</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>238,206</u>

# BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN CARERS SERVICE LTD

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

### 4 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Fundraising events	243	105

### 5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Charitable activities 2025 £	Charitable activities 2024 £
<b>Direct costs</b>		
Staff costs	353,900	294,965
Depreciation and impairment	1,604	2,092
Rent	19,987	21,197
Insurance	1,866	2,529
Telephone	5,274	5,008
Postage and stationery	5,655	4,389
Sundries	2,303	2,776
Repairs and equipment hire	1,676	1,630
Computer support	5,633	3,211
Counselling fees	7,055	6,083
Volunteer expenses	4,551	6,345
Human resources and personnel	2,372	2,534
Training and courses	2,902	1,298
Activities and events	19,207	15,887
Service marketing	4,574	2,270
Staff expenses	6,031	10,266
Subscriptions and publications	3,352	3,952
	447,942	386,432
Grant funding of activities (see note 6)	27,391	36,358
<b>Share of support and governance costs (see note 7)</b>		
Governance	20,572	28,956
	495,905	451,746
<b>Analysis by fund</b>		
Unrestricted funds - general	286,280	242,996
Unrestricted funds - designated	97,392	81,102
Restricted funds	112,233	127,648
	495,905	451,746



# BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN CARERS SERVICE LTD

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

### 6 Grants payable

	Charitable activities 2025 £	Charitable activities 2024 £
Grants to individuals	27,391	36,358

### 7 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2025 £	2024 £
Independent examination fees	-	2,757	2,757	2,173
Legal and professional fees	-	17,815	17,815	26,783
	-	20,572	20,572	28,956
Analysed between Charitable activities	-	20,572	20,572	28,956

### 8 Net movement in funds

	2025 £	2024 £
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	2,757	2,173
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	1,604	2,092

### 9 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

### 10 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

2025 Number	2024 Number
10	9

# BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN CARERS SERVICE LTD

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

### 10 Employees

(Continued)

Employment costs	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	318,261	266,481
Social security costs	21,159	16,123
Other pension costs	14,480	12,361
	<u>353,900</u>	<u>294,965</u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

#### Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel was as follows:

### 11 Gains and losses on investments

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Gains/(losses) arising on:		
Revaluation of investments	<u>2,299</u>	<u>3,124</u>

### 12 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

### 13 Tangible fixed assets

	Computers £
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 April 2024	59,803
Additions	<u>1,270</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>61,073</u>
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>	
At 1 April 2024	57,895
Depreciation charged in the year	<u>1,604</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>59,499</u>
<b>Carrying amount</b>	
At 31 March 2025	<u>1,574</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>1,908</u>

# BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN CARERS SERVICE LTD

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

### 14 Financial instruments

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Carrying amount of financial assets</b>		
High interest deposits	55,423	53,124

### 15 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>		
Trade debtors	19,336	637
Other debtors	1,105	2,377
Prepayments and accrued income	1,697	1,604
	22,138	4,618

### 16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	42,312	45,994
Other creditors	752	570
Accruals and deferred income	2,500	2,278
	45,564	48,842

### 17 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 31 March 2025 £
Restricted fund	4,176	108,522	(112,233)	465
<b>Previous year:</b>	<b>At 1 April 2023 £</b>	<b>Incoming resources £</b>	<b>Resources expended £</b>	<b>At 31 March 2024 £</b>
Restricted fund	1,654	130,170	(127,648)	4,176

# BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN CARERS SERVICE LTD

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

### 18 Unrestricted funds - designated

These are unrestricted funds which are material to the charity's activities.

	At 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2025 £
Designated fund	58,035	98,522	(97,392)	(4,569)	54,596
<b>Previous year:</b>	<b>At 1 April 2023 £</b>	<b>Incoming resources £</b>	<b>Resources expended £</b>	<b>Transfers £</b>	<b>At 31 March 2024 £</b>
Designated fund	61,657	77,480	(81,102)	-	58,035

### 19 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 March 2025 £
General funds	140,580	276,946	(286,280)	4,569	2,299	138,114
<b>Previous year:</b>	<b>At 1 April 2023 £</b>	<b>Incoming resources £</b>	<b>Resources expended £</b>	<b>Transfers £</b>	<b>Gains and losses £</b>	<b>At 31 March 2024 £</b>
General funds	140,446	240,006	(242,996)	-	3,124	140,580

### 20 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds general 2025 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £
<b>At 31 March 2025:</b>				
Tangible assets	1,574	-	-	1,574
Current assets/(liabilities)	136,540	54,596	465	191,601
	138,114	54,596	465	193,175

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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### 20 Analysis of net assets between funds

(Continued)

	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
<b>At 31 March 2024:</b>				
Tangible assets	1,908	-	-	1,908
Current assets/(liabilities)	138,672	58,035	4,176	200,883
	<u>140,580</u>	<u>58,035</u>	<u>4,176</u>	<u>202,791</u>

### 21 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2024 - none).

### 22 Funds

Restricted funds relate to voluntary donations and grants which are for specific purposes but not fully spent at the year end, and are as follows: Lottery (£1,031), Eric Wright Trust £1,497 and Awards for All (NIL).

The designated funds relate to monies unspent at the year end received from contracted income/service level agreements which are not classed as restricted voluntary income but can still only be spent on specific projects, and a provision for continuity costs totaling £54,596.

There are also general free funds of £138,114.