

OBLONG LTD

England & Wales · Charity number 1120379

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Charitable company

Company number [03147855](#)

Registered 2007-07-31

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: 3TO DEVELOP THE CAPACITY AND SKILLS OF PEOPLE LIVING IN SOCIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED AREAS IN SUCH A WAY THAT THEY ARE BETTER ABLE TO IDENTIFY, AND HELP MEET, THEIR NEEDS AND TO CREATE ACTIVE, FLOURISHING COMMUNITIES; AND TO RUN A COMMUNITY CENTRE, PRIMARILY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE WOODHOUSE, LITTLE LONDON, AND HYDE PARK AREAS

Activities: IT access & print facilities, English classes, mental health well-being Course, Pay-as-you-feel cafe, volunteering opportunities, Local gardening projects, Community Centre facilities.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Economic/community Development/employment, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** LEEDS.
- Leeds City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£284,525	£280,060	-	-
2024-03-31	£231,099	£251,686	-	-
2023-03-31	£224,693	£216,586	-	-
2022-03-31	£194,865	£161,082	-	-
2021-03-31	£194,865	£161,082	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
NEAL HEARD	Chair	2021-03-10
Dr Haddy Jallow Badjan		2025-09-03
John Richard Barton		2023-02-08
Layla Jamillah Mubarak		2022-11-23
Mark Richards		2018-01-01
Paul Spinks		2021-01-12
Sally Louise Read		2024-11-24

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Accounts

Charity Registration No. 1120379
Company Registration No. 03147855 (England and Wales)

OBLONG LTD
DIRECTORS' REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Directors	Neal Heard Mark Richards Paul Spinks Layla Mubarak John Barton Sally Read Dr Haddy Jallow Badjan (appointed 3 September 2025)
Secretary	Jessica Fishenden
Charity number	1120379
Company number	03147855
Registered office	Woodhouse Community Centre 197 Woodhouse Street Leeds West Yorkshire LS6 2NY
Independent Examiner	Kevin J Meddings MAAT Kevin Meddings Accountancy Services 55 Crowther Avenue Calverley Leeds West Yorkshire LS28 5SA
Bankers	Unity Trust Bank Four Brindleyplace Birmingham B1 2JB The Charity Bank Limited Fosse House 182 High Street Tonbridge Kent TN9 1BE

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The directors present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's constitution and Memorandum & Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and Charities Act 2011.

Structure, governance and management

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 18th January 1996. The charity was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charity and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the charity being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1. The objects and articles were amended and lodged at Companies House in August 2011.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees of the charity are also directors for the purpose of company law. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the trustees are elected to serve until the annual general meeting and stand for re-election.

The trustees have the power to co-opt additional trustees and no more than 12 in total.

New trustees are invited and encouraged to attend a series of meetings and short training sessions to familiarise themselves with the charity and the context within which it operates. All trustees are encouraged to meet with at least one member of the existing board of trustees and/or a staff member to look at the responsibilities and time commitments for trustees.

Trustee induction and training

All new trustees receive a prepared trustee induction pack which includes the following Oblong information:

Induction document

Memorandum and Articles of Association

Minutes of last 3 Board meetings

Last 3 years annual accounts

Staffing structure chart

Board contact details

Last annual review

Copy of 'The Essential Trustee' from the Charity Commission

Dates and times of next 3 Board Meetings

The directors who served during the year were: -

Neal Heard

Mark Richards

Paul Spinks

Layla Mubarek

John Barton

Lorena Blanco-Falcioni (resigned 27 July 2025)

Zara Mahmood (resigned 31 March 2025)

Claire Lavery (appointed 9 September 2024 and resigned 27 July 2025)

Sally Read (appointed 22 November 2024)

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Related parties

Oblong Ltd may support a number of community groups and these are referred to as "member projects". During the 2024/25 financial year Oblong had no active member projects.

Organisation structure

Oblong is managed by a voluntary trustee board, which meets at least quarterly, and which makes all major policy and strategic decisions. Oblong is managed by a team of 7 members of staff, in addition to 2 support staff and various freelancers. Oblong is non-hierarchical, the staff team manage each other and are responsible to the board for managing the organisation's daily activity.

Oblong divides work into various decision-making areas which encompass the operational running to deliver its objectives that include but are not restricted to:

- Woodhouse Community Centre/Centre Co-ordinators
- Volunteering projects
- Mental Wellbeing/Headspace
- Finance and Development
- Governance and HR

Oblong delegates responsibility for various areas to members of staff according to their roles, but who are all accountable to the staff meeting as a whole. Where applicable those staff took decisions alongside volunteers, stakeholders, and relevant support staff. Oblong continued its non-hierarchical management structure and had regular staff meetings to manage the organisation's daily activity.

Risk management

The trustees have conducted a review of all risks to which Oblong is exposed and are confident systems are in place to mitigate these risks.

There are procedures in place to ensure that the quality of provision is maintained, the procedures are reviewed regularly, along with ensuring that staff regularly receive training to update skills and knowledge.

A risk register has been established and is periodically reviewed. Where appropriate systems or procedures have been established to mitigate risks the charity faces. Significant external risks to funding have led to the development of an organisational priority to move towards diversification of funding and activities. Internal controls are monitored by the implementing of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers and visitors to the centre. Appropriate DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) checks are made when required.

Objectives and activities

The stated objectives of the charity are: -

"Oblong aims to develop the capacity and skills of people living in socially and economically disadvantaged areas in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to create active, flourishing communities and to run a community centre, primarily for the benefit of the Woodhouse, Little London and Hyde Park areas".

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular the advancement of education and the enhancement of citizenship or community development.

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Achievements and performance

Woodhouse Community Centre

Our aim is to run the centre for the benefit of the local community, that everyone feels welcome at the centre, they enjoy their time here and leave wanting to come back.

The centre has a large hall, meeting rooms, IT suite, catering kitchen, community garden, offices and event space for hire. Our office spaces are let to charitable organisations working in the local community and beyond.

Mental Wellbeing

Oblong's mental health and wellbeing work uses peer support and safely facilitated group work. We provide people with the opportunity to maintain or improve their mental health and wellbeing and share successful strategies they already use. The two courses, Headspace and The Present, use a mixture of discussion and body-based work. The Present draws techniques from the traditions of Kung Fu and Yoga, aiming to let people feel more comfortable in their own bodies.

Thriving Together Volunteering Project

Since October 2021 we started a programme of volunteer opportunities, community activities and personal development. This involved hiring 2 additional part-time members of staff. It is a National Lottery funded project provided for 3 years to connect, build and empower the community through volunteering opportunities. This project concluded in November 2025.

Acute Needs Work

The acute needs support works on the understanding that mental illness doesn't exist in a vacuum but is acutely affected by stress and poverty. By supporting people to meet basic needs such as for food, warmth, safe housing, and connection, we believe we can allow people to free up capacity to manage mental wellbeing.

Seva Lunch Club

The Lunch Club is a project born out of Thriving Together but is reflective of a perennial community need for a safe, warm space with affordable food where people can make positive connections. Our staff and Lunch Club volunteers work incredibly hard to produce some amazing food and the projects serves an average of 300 meals per month.

Volunteering

Our volunteers have been integral in enabling Oblong to support those most in need in the Woodhouse, Little London and Hyde Park community and we would like to say a big thank you to all of them for their time and commitment.

We are proud that we use volunteering as a tool to develop and grow both our volunteers and community capacity. Volunteers working with us have gone on to lead groups, start projects and work with us to build their communities.

Financial review

In this financial year the organisation made a surplus of £4,465 (2024: deficit of £20,587). Oblong's restricted income for the year was £198,139 an increase of nearly £42,000 on the previous financial year

At the end of the financial year the overall reserves of the organisation were £225,462 of which £105,601 is restricted, to be spent on specific projects as defined by funders.

Details of restricted funds can be found in Note 11 to the accounts.

Funders

We would like to thank all the funders who have made our work possible this year. Funding information can be found in Note 3 to the accounts.

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DIRECTORS' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Assets

Woodhouse Community Centre reopened in 2012 after the Community Asset Transfer from Leeds City Council with a 50-year lease and a capital project refurbishment funded from a grant/loan mix from the Social Investment Business. We reduced the overall debt this year by £15,884 down to £133,194 with £8,201 depreciated from the building this year now has a carrying value of £303,585.

Reserves

The Board has set a policy to keep reserve funds at a sufficient level in order to allow the smooth operation of the charity's activities and to cover any potential redundancy and winding up costs. The policy is to hold at least 6 months of resources expended on core activities, which equates to £52,710. At the yearend date unrestricted reserves, including designated reserves stood at £119,861..

Development and Future Plans

We continue to offer food support, signposting, and other referrals on an appropriate basis, supporting those struggling as a result of continued need in the community.

We want to build on capacity and role of the community centre as a hub, a welcoming first port-of-call for members of our community. Our five-year strategy is to become a more financially sustainable organisation and to become a trauma-aware organisation. This means that we will welcome people regardless of what they have experienced in the past and help everybody feel safe and welcomed in the building.

Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

The directors of Oblong Ltd. are responsible for preparing the Directors' Annual report and accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the directors to prepare accounts for each financial year. Under company law the directors must not approve the accounts unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these accounts the directors are required to:-

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- prepare the accounts on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and publication of accounts may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

The directors are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose at anytime the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the accounts 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.

On behalf of the board of directors

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 Neal Heard
 Director
 18 December 2025

OBLONG LTD INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS OF OBLONG LTD

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 6 to 19.

Respective responsibilities of Directors and Examiner

The directors, who also act as trustees for the charitable activities of Oblong Ltd are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The directors consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011, (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination it is my responsibility to:

- (i) examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- (ii) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- (iii) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities;have not been met; or
- (b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Kevin J Meddings MAAT
Kevin Meddings Accountancy Services
55 Crowther Avenue
Calverley
Leeds
West Yorkshire
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Dated: 19 December 2025

OBLONG LTD
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Income						
Voluntary Income	2	4,316	5,322	-	9,638	7,981
Rental Income		73,874	-	-	73,874	66,292
Incoming resources from charitable activities	3	-	-	198,139	198,139	156,168
Other incoming resources		1,434	348	-	1,782	416
Bank interest		1,092	-	-	1,092	242
Total Income		80,716	5,670	198,139	284,525	231,099
Expenditure						
Charitable Activities	4	101,736	3,684	174,640	280,060	251,686
Total Expenditure		101,736	3,684	174,640	280,060	251,686
Net income/ (expenditure)/net movement in funds before transfers		(21,020)	1,986	23,499	4,465	(20,587)
Transfers between funds	11/12	26,111	(306)	(25,805)	-	-
Net income/ (expenditure)/net movement in funds after transfers		5,091	1,680	(2,306)	4,465	(20,587)
Total Funds brought forward		104,845	8,245	107,907	220,997	241,584
Total Funds carried forward		109,936	9,925	105,601	225,462	220,997

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

OBLONG LTD
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Fixed Assets						
Tangible assets	7	237,886	-	91,504	329,390	311,786
Current Assets						
Debtors	8	15,373	-	3,062	18,435	22,353
Cash at bank and in hand		4,254	9,925	38,484	52,663	58,175
		19,627	9,925	41,546	71,098	80,528
Creditors: amount falling due within one year	9	(14,383)	-	(27,449)	(41,832)	(22,239)
Net Current Assets		5,244	9,925	14,097	29,266	58,289
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		243,130	9,925	105,601	358,656	370,075
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	10	(133,194)	-	-	(133,194)	(149,078)
Total Assets less Liabilities		109,936	9,925	105,601	225,462	220,997
Total Funds of the Charity						
Unrestricted funds		109,936	-	-	109,936	104,845
Designated funds	12	-	9,925	-	9,925	8,245
Restricted funds	11	-	-	105,601	105,601	107,907
		109,936	9,925	105,601	225,462	220,997

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BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

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. No member of the company has deposited a notice, pursuant to section 476, requiring an audit of these accounts.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (a) ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and;
- (b) preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its 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 small companies' regime.

The accounts were approved by the Board on 18 December 2025

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Neal Heard
Director

Company Registration Number: 03147855

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STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025	2024
Net cash (used) in operating activities	13	(6,604)	(40,776)
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Cashflow from investing activities			
Bank interest		1,092	242
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(Decrease) in cash equivalents in the year		(5,512)	(40,534)
Cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		58,175	98,709
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Total cash equivalents at the end of the year		52,663	58,175
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention unless otherwise stated.

The accounts are prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities; Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) published on 16 July 2014, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

Having considered future planned activities and the reserves available to the charity, the Directors are satisfied that the financial statements should continue to be prepared on the going concern basis.

1.2 Incoming resources

Core funding revenue grants are recognised in the income and expenditure account in the accounting period to which they relate.

Revenue grants for specific projects are recognised in the income and expenditure account in the accounting period to which they relate. Any unspent amounts are carried forward as part of the restricted funds in the balance sheet.

1.3 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be recovered and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for beneficiaries.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories on the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource.

1.4 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:-

Fixtures and fittings	5 years straight line
Computers and equipment	3 years straight line

It is the policy of the charitable company to only include on the balance sheet individual items of a capital nature which cost £1,500 or more and only relates to those items that can be used for more than one year.

1.5 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees. These include funds which the directors have designated for use on specific projects as explained in note 12.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes of use of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the accounts.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1.6 **Pensions**

The charity pays contributions into the National Employment Savings Trust (NEST) which is a defined contribution workplace scheme.

1.7 **Doubtful Debts Provision**

The Directors consider it appropriate to provide for any outstanding income which may not be recoverable. This is reviewed on an annual basis.

2. **Voluntary income**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Core income		
Donations	9,120	7,959
Fees and services	518	22
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	9,638	7,981
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3. **Incoming resources from charitable activities:**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Grants receivable and contracts (see over)	198,139	156,168
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Restricted funds:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Touchstone Live Well Leeds - Headspace	20,871	22,202
National Lottery Community Fund Thriving Together	28,740	55,404
National Lottery Community Fund Thriving Together – Capital	2,686	13,042
Voluntary Action Leeds Household Support Fund	25,666	23,000
Voluntary Action Leeds Welcoming Spaces Grant	5,250	6,400
Leeds Community Foundation Transforming Mental Health	32,843	12,000
Touchstone Live Well Leeds – Headspace (Greatest Hits)	412	578
Leeds City Council Home ED Grant	700	500
Groundworks	42,685	-
Leeds City Council - Pathfinder	18,750	-
Leeds Christian Community Trust – UK Shared Prosperity Fund	4,975	-
Leeds City Council – Staffing Fund	4,600	-
West Yorkshire Mayor’s Safer Community Fund	4,450	-
The National Lottery Community Fund – Community Kitchen	4,111	-
Together For Peace	1,400	-
Leeds Community Foundation Resilience Fund	-	15,000
The Big Lottery One Community Volunteers	-	4,025
Leeds City Council Kitchen Grant	-	3,717
Leeds City Council MICE Grants	-	300
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	198,139	156,168

Charitable activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	158,789	141,718
Pension costs	7,687	6,231
Recruitment costs	-	30
Freelance costs	427	1,725
Staff travel	-	712
Rates	2,694	2,388
Insurance	3,119	3,271
Repairs and maintenance	33,123	14,465
Cleaning and PPE	1,559	1,465
Refreshments	2,274	626
Volunteer expenses	3,149	3,126
Events and projects	20,446	30,102
Training and development	527	1,529
Printing, postage, and stationery	2,266	4,084
Telephone and internet	3,353	2,209
Light and heat	13,979	12,580
Payroll costs	1,740	1,523
Depreciation	8,201	7,947
Bank charges	177	226
Grants paid in pursuance of charitable activities	3,050	3,800
Loan Interest	6,988	7,790
Legal, professional and evaluation fees	4,416	2,102
Independent examination fee	1,750	1,600
Bad and doubtful debts	168	309
Sundries	178	128
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	280,060	251,686

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

5. **Directors**

None of the directors (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year.

6. **Employees**

Number of employees

The average number of employees during the year was 9 (2024 – 8).

Employment costs

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	153,754	138,032
Social security costs	5,035	3,686
Pension costs	7,687	6,231
Recruitment costs	-	30
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	166,476	147,979
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There were no employees whose annual emoluments were £60,000 or more.

No pension contributions were outstanding at the year end.

The charity considers its key management personnel (Trustee group) to be the directors of the organisation.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

7. **Tangible fixed assets**

	Leasehold Improvements £	Fixtures & Fittings £	Computers & Equipment £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 April 2024	407,150	4,979	36,919	449,048
Additions	-	25,805	-	25,805
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At 31 March 2025	407,150	30,784	36,919	474,853
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Depreciation				
At 1 April 2024	95,364	4,979	36,919	137,262
Charge for the Year	8,201	-	-	8,201
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At 31 March 2025	103,565	4,979	36,919	145,463
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Net book value				
At 31 March 2025	303,585	25,805	-	329,390
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At 31 March 2024	311,786	-	-	311,786
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Futurebuilders England Ltd (Social Investment Business) hold a legal charge on a 50-year lease over Woodhouse Community Centre, Woodhouse Street, Leeds, LS6 2NY on which the leasehold improvements have been made.

8. **Debtors**

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	17,185	22,353
Prepayments	1,250	-
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	18,435	22,353
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

9. **Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	780	-
Accruals	2,972	3,898
Deferred income (see below)	28,012	18,341
Monies held on behalf of stakeholders (see below)	10,068	-
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	41,832	22,239
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Deferred income is as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Unrestricted:		
Reed Wellbeing	630	-
Restricted:		
The National Lottery Community Fund – Community Kitchen	15,622	-
Leeds City Council - Pathfinder	6,250	-
West Yorkshire Mayor's Safer Communities Fund	5,510	-
Touchstone Live Well Leeds – Headspace	-	5,218
Leeds Community Foundation – Transforming Mental Health	-	12,711
Touchstone Live Well Leeds – Headspace (Greatest Hits)	-	412
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	28,012	18,341
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Monies held on behalf of stakeholders.

The £10,068 is included within the organisations cash at bank and in hand figure at the yearend.

10. **Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Loan	133,194	149,078
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
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11. **Restricted funds**

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:-

	Balance at 1 April 2024	Movement in funds			Balance at 31 March 2025
		Incoming resources	Charitable activities	Transfer between funds	
	£	£	£	£	£
Futurebuilders	93,977	-	(2,473)	-	91,504
LWL Headspace	778	20,871	(19,503)	-	2,146
Thriving Together	9,978	28,740	(38,718)	-	-
Thriving Together Cap	-	2,686	(366)	(2,320)	-
HSF	-	25,666	(25,666)	-	-
Welcoming Spaces	991	5,250	(6,241)	-	-
TMH	815	32,843	(28,160)	-	5,498
LCC Kitchen	735	-	(735)	-	-
Headspace Greatest Hits	433	412	(99)	-	746
Home ED	200	700	(900)	-	-
Groundworks	-	42,685	(22,000)	(20,685)	-
LCC Pathfinder	-	18,750	(15,291)	-	3,459
LCCT	-	4,975	(1,948)	(2,800)	227
LCC Staffing Fund	-	4,600	(4,600)	-	-
WYMSCF	-	4,450	(2,893)	-	1,557
TNL Community Kitchen	-	4,111	(3,647)	-	464
T4P	-	1,400	(1,400)	-	-
	<u>107,907</u>	<u>198,139</u>	<u>(174,640)</u>	<u>(25,805)</u>	<u>105,601</u>

In accordance with the charity Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) expenditure made from restricted funds to acquire capital assets for Oblong Ltd are transferred to unrestricted funds on completion of the purchase.

Details of individual restricted funds, together with their abbreviations, are included overleaf.

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Futurebuilders/Social Investment Business (Futurebuilders)

A capital grant that enabled the refurbishment of the leasehold property.

Touchstone Live Well Leeds – Headspace (LWL Headspace)

Costs were spent in the year in delivering multiple Headspace courses across Leeds.

National Lottery Community Fund Thriving Together (Thriving Together)

Developing a community informed programme of groups and activities at Woodhouse Community Centre led by local volunteers from the Hyde Park, Little London and Woodhouse areas.

National Lottery Community Fund Thriving Together – Capital (Thriving Together Cap)

Working on improvements and renovations to public areas at Woodhouse Community Centre to improve comfort, usability and creating a more welcoming environment.

Voluntary Action Leeds Household Support Fund (HSF)

This grant is for food related projects that address poverty, isolation, lack of access to other services. Providing a safe space for local residents and responding to urgent need. The initial creation of this fund was through an agreed transfer of the unused funds (£2,737) from Community Care Hubs.

Voluntary Action Leeds Welcoming Spaces Grant (Welcoming Spaces)

A fund distributed by Leeds Community Anchor Network (LCAN) to provide warm spaces in public places where people could congregate over the winter months to cut down utilities usage at home in response to the increased cost of living.

Leeds Community Foundation Transforming Mental Health (TMH)

Awarded to fund space and staff capacity for 'Acute Needs' work – to spend time with people who need help with multiple issues that are simultaneously affecting them, making it difficult for mainstream agencies to help.

Leeds City Council Kitchen Grant (LCC Kitchen)

Awarded for improvement of kitchen facilities and having a knock-on effect on volunteer experiences, nutrition and health of members of the community.

Touchstone Live Well Leeds – (Headspace Greatest Hits)

Small grant via Touchstone to support peer-led sessions for those who have attended Headspace courses and would like ongoing group sessions not facilitated by a professional worker. The group meets to discuss their own wellbeing & strategies that support positive mental health and their day-to-day experiences in a safe, friendly place.

Leeds City Council Home ED Grant (Home ED)

Grant to support in-centre activities of a Home Education group that grew organically out of a Thriving Together group – play, learning, and social experiences in a comfortable central place.

Groundworks

The VCSE Energy Efficient Scheme aims to support voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations (VCSEs) to improve energy efficiency. Through Groundworks, this fund supported solar panel installation, associated electrical and roof work, lighting upgrades and a general assessment of other possible improvements to the building.

Leeds City Council – Pathfinder (LCC Pathfinder)

ABCD project focuses on community development and connection, starting with the strengths that already exist in the community. The ABCD worker's role is to support the creation of groups and projects by community members and to facilitate links between community members.

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Leeds Christian Community Trust – UK Shared Prosperity Fund (LCCT)

This fund also focused on improving the safety and functionality of our Lunch Club offering – as this is a key element for a lot of our engagement with the community and a source of huge pride for a lot of our volunteers. This funded minor improvements to public facilities, but far more significant improvements to back-of-house areas where we were able to improve kitchen working areas for our dedicated volunteers.

Leeds City Council – Staffing Fund (LCC – Staffing Fund)

Following conclusion of Thriving Together, Leeds City Council elected members awarded us funds to bridge a staffing capacity shortfall. This also resulted in the establishment of the ongoing Community Wellbeing Collective (CWC).

West Yorkshire Mayor’s Safer Communities Fund (WYMSCF)

Provided funds to keep people safe and build resilience through continued engagement and opportunities for them at the Centre, with particular focus on community cohesion, domestic abuse, and reducing re-offending. This is largely achieved through supporting the work of the SEVA Lunch Club to maintain a safe and sober space, and through signposting the other services we provide.

The National Lottery Community Fund – Community Kitchen (TNL Community Kitchen)

This fund from the Awards 4 All Lottery Fund allowed us to further develop our Lunch Club over an 18-month period. It largely contributes to staff time for volunteer support, groceries and other activity costs, and training opportunities we would not otherwise be able to offer. Whilst strengthening the community kitchen; and meeting community need; this fund aims to strengthen the skills and employment opportunities of our volunteers to access employment in the catering industry.

Together For Peace (T4P)

We have a Funds Held agreement with T4P to look after funds for a local Climate Action group. Oblong recognises income from pre-agreed services, or services we have provided to T4P including handling, printing and room charges.

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12. **Designated Funds**

	Balance at 1 April 2024	Incoming resources	Transfer between funds	Charitable activities	Balance at 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Lunch Club	7,464	5,579	(301)	(3,442)	9,300
VDF	735	91		(201)	625
Chair Fund	46	-	(5)	(41)	-
	<u>8,245</u>	<u>5,670</u>	<u>(306)</u>	<u>(3,684)</u>	<u>9,925</u>

The above are a number of funds which although they sit within unrestricted funds have been designated by the Trustees so that they may be used for specific purposes.

Lunch Club

The club relies on pay as you feel donations and is also directly supported by the Household Support Fund grant which is used to procure food for the club.

Volunteer Development Fund (VDF)

The Volunteer Development Fund is made up of donations from Oblong volunteers fundraising activities and spend is determined by the Volunteer and Community Forum.

Chair Fund

Results of a GoFundMe page campaign focussing on renewing chairs in WCC.

13. **Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cashflow from operating activities**

	2025 £	2024 £
Net movement in funds	4,465	(20,587)
Add back depreciation charge	8,201	7,947
Deduct capital costs	(25,805)	(9,800)
Deduct interest income	(1,092)	(242)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	3,918	(4,281)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	3,709	(13,813)
	<u>(6,604)</u>	<u>(40,776)</u>
Net cash (used) in operating activities	(6,604)	(40,776)

OBLONG LTD

England & Wales - Charity number 1120379

Accounts

Charity Registration No. 1120379
Company Registration No. 03147855 (England and Wales)

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DIRECTORS' REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS
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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Directors	Neal Heard Mark Richards Paul Spinks Layla Mubarak John Barton Lorena Blanco-Falcioni Zara Mahmood
Co-opted	Claire Lavery
Secretary	Jessica Fishenden
Charity number	1120379
Company number	03147855
Registered office	Woodhouse Community Centre 197 Woodhouse Street Leeds West Yorkshire LS6 2NY
Independent Examiner	Kevin J Meddings MAAT Kevin Meddings Accountancy Services 55 Crowther Avenue Calverley Leeds West Yorkshire LS28 5SA
Bankers	Unity Trust Bank Four Brindleyplace Birmingham B1 2JB The Charity Bank Limited Fosse House 182 High Street Tonbridge Kent TN9 1BE

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The directors present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's constitution and Memorandum & Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and Charities Act 2011.

Structure, governance and management

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 18th January 1996. The charity was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charity and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the charity being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1. The objects and articles were amended and lodged at Companies House in August 2011.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees of the charity are also directors for the purpose of company law. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the trustees are elected to serve until the annual general meeting and stand for re-election.

The trustees have the power to co-opt additional trustees and no more than 12 in total.

New trustees are invited and encouraged to attend a series of meetings and short training sessions to familiarise themselves with the charity and the context within which it operates. All trustees are encouraged to meet with at least one member of the existing board of trustees and/or a staff member to look at the responsibilities and time commitments for trustees.

Trustee induction and training

All new trustees receive a prepared trustee induction pack which includes the following Oblong information:

Induction document

Memorandum and Articles of Association

Minutes of last 3 Board meetings

Last 3 years annual accounts

Staffing structure chart

Board contact details

Last annual review

Copy of 'The Essential Trustee' from the Charity Commission

Dates and times of next 3 Board Meetings

The directors who served during the year were: -

Neal Heard

Mark Richards

Paul Spinks

Layla Mubarek

John Barton

Lorena Blanco-Falcioni (appointed 31 January 2024)

Zara Mahmood (appointed 31 January 2024)

Kwame Gad (resigned 10 October 2023)

Sabina Lokolong (resigned 31 January 2024)

Ameé Bartle (resigned 10 October 2023)

Colin Longden (resigned 31 January 2024)

Damanjit Kaur (resigned 10 October 2023)

Claire Lavery was Co-opted onto the Board on 4 October 2024.

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Related parties

Oblong Ltd may support a number of community groups and these are referred to as "member projects". During the 2023/24 financial year Oblong had no active member projects.

Organisation structure

Oblong is managed by a voluntary trustee board, which meets at least quarterly, and which makes all major policy and strategic decisions. Oblong is managed by a team of 6 members of staff, in addition to 2 support staff and various freelancers. Oblong is non-hierarchical, the staff team manage each other and are responsible to the board for managing the organisation's daily activity.

Oblong divides work into various decision-making areas which encompass the operational running to deliver its objectives that include but are not restricted to:

- Woodhouse Community Centre/Centre Co-ordinators
- Volunteering projects
- Mental Wellbeing/Headspace
- Finance and Development
- Governance and HR

Oblong delegates responsibility for various areas to members of staff according to their roles, but who are all accountable to the staff meeting as a whole. Where applicable those staff took decisions alongside volunteers, stakeholders, and relevant support staff. Oblong continued its non-hierarchical management structure and had regular staff meetings to manage the organisation's daily activity.

Risk management

The trustees have conducted a review of all risks to which Oblong is exposed and are confident systems are in place to mitigate these risks.

There are procedures in place to ensure that the quality of provision is maintained, the procedures are reviewed regularly, along with ensuring that staff regularly receive training to update skills and knowledge.

A risk register has been established and is periodically reviewed. Where appropriate systems or procedures have been established to mitigate risks the charity faces. Significant external risks to funding have led to the development of an organisational priority to move towards diversification of funding and activities. Internal controls are monitored by the implementing of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers and visitors to the centre. Appropriate DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) checks are made when required.

Objectives and activities

The stated objectives of the charity are: -

"Oblong aims to develop the capacity and skills of people living in socially and economically disadvantaged areas in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to create active, flourishing communities and to run a community centre, primarily for the benefit of the Woodhouse, Little London and Hyde Park areas".

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular the advancement of education and the enhancement of citizenship or community development.

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Achievements and performance

Woodhouse Community Centre

Our aim is to run the centre for the benefit of the local community, that everyone feels welcome at the centre, they enjoy their time here and leave wanting to come back.

The centre has a large hall, meeting rooms, IT suite, catering kitchen, community garden, offices and event space for hire. Our office spaces are let to charitable organisations working in the local community and beyond.

Mental Wellbeing

Oblong's mental health and wellbeing work uses peer support and safely facilitated group work. We provide people with the opportunity to maintain or improve their mental health and wellbeing and share successful strategies they already use. The two courses, Headspace and The Present, use a mixture of discussion and body-based work. The Present draws techniques from the traditions of Kung Fu and Yoga, aiming to let people feel more comfortable in their own bodies.

Thriving Together Volunteering Project

Since October 2021 we started a programme of volunteer opportunities, community activities and personal development. This involved hiring 2 additional part-time members of staff. It is a National Lottery funded project provided for 3 years to connect, build and empower the community through volunteering opportunities.

Acute Needs Work

The acute needs support works on the understanding that mental illness doesn't exist in a vacuum but is acutely affected by stress and poverty. By supporting people to meet basic needs such as for food, warmth, safe housing, and connection, we believe we can allow people to free up mental space.

Seva Lunch Club

The Lunch Club is a project born out of Thriving Together but is reflective of a perennial community need for a safe, warm space with affordable food where people can make positive connections. Our staff and Lunch Club volunteers work incredibly hard to produce some amazing food and the projects serves an average of 430 meals per month.

Volunteering

Our volunteers have been integral in enabling Oblong to support those most in need in the Woodhouse, Little London and Hyde Park community and we would like to say a big thank you to all of them for their time and commitment.

We are proud that we use volunteering as a tool to develop and grow both our volunteers and community capacity. Volunteers working with us have gone on to lead groups, start projects and work with us to build their communities.

Financial review

In this financial year the organisation made a deficit of £20,587 (2023: surplus of £8,107). Oblong's restricted income for the year was £156,168, an increase of nearly £20,000 on the previous financial year

At the end of the financial year the overall reserves of the organisation were £220,997 of which £107,907 is restricted, to be spent on specific projects as defined by funders.

Details of restricted funds can be found in Note 11 to the accounts.

Funders

We would like to thank all the funders who have made our work possible this year. Funding information can be found in Note 3 to the accounts.

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DIRECTORS' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Assets

Woodhouse Community Centre reopened in 2012 after the Community Asset Transfer from Leeds City Council with a 50-year lease and a capital project refurbishment funded from a grant/loan mix from the Social Investment Business. We reduced the overall debt this year by £15,082 down to £149,078 with £7,947 depreciated from the building which following improvement costs of £9,800 this year now has a carrying value of £311,786.

Reserves

The Board has set a policy to keep reserve funds at a sufficient level in order to allow the smooth operation of the charity's activities and to cover any potential redundancy and winding up costs. The policy is to hold at least 6 months of resources expended, which equates to £43,162. At the yearend date unrestricted reserves, including designated reserves stood at £113,090.

Development and Future Plans

We continue to offer food support, signposting, and other referrals on an appropriate basis, supporting those struggling as a result of continued need in the community.

We want to build on capacity and role of the community centre as a hub, a welcoming first port-of-call for members of our community. Our five-year strategy is to become a more financially sustainable organisation and to become a trauma-aware organisation. This means that we will welcome people regardless of what they have experienced in the past and help everybody feel safe and welcomed in the building.

Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

The directors of Oblong Ltd. are responsible for preparing the Directors' Annual report and accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the directors to prepare accounts for each financial year. Under company law the directors must not approve the accounts unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these accounts the directors are required to:-

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- prepare the accounts on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and publication of accounts may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

The directors are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose at anytime the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the accounts 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.

On behalf of the board of directors

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 Neal Heard
 Director

27 November 2024

**OBLONG LTD
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE DIRECTORS OF OBLONG LTD**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages 6 to 19.

Respective responsibilities of Directors and Examiner

The directors, who also act as trustees for the charitable activities of Oblong Ltd are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The directors consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011, (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination it is my responsibility to:

- (i) examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- (ii) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- (iii) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities;have not been met; or
- (b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Kevin J Meddings MAAT
Kevin Meddings Accountancy Services
55 Crowther Avenue
Calverley
Leeds
West Yorkshire
LS28 5SA**

Dated: 29 November 2024

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Income						
Voluntary Income	2	550	7,431	-	7,981	11,486
Rental Income		66,292	-	-	66,292	75,266
Incoming resources from charitable activities	3	-	-	156,168	156,168	136,933
Other incoming resources		416	-	-	416	181
Bank interest		242	-	-	242	-
Business interruption claim		-	-	-	-	827
Total Income		67,500	7,431	156,168	231,099	224,693
Expenditure						
Charitable Activities	4	82,634	3,689	165,363	251,686	216,586
Total Expenditure		82,634	3,689	165,363	251,686	216,586
Net (expenditure) /net income/net movement in funds before transfers		(15,134)	3,742	(9,195)	(20,587)	8,107
Transfers between funds	11/12	9,800	4,503	(14,303)	-	-
Net (expenditure) /net income/net movement in funds after transfers		(5,334)	8,245	(23,498)	(20,587)	8,107
Total Funds brought forward		110,179	-	131,405	241,584	233,477
Total Funds carried forward		104,845	8,245	107,907	220,997	241,584

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

OBLONG LTD
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Fixed Assets						
Tangible assets	7	217,809	-	93,977	311,786	309,933
Current Assets						
Debtors	8	4,893	-	17,460	22,353	18,072
Cash at bank and in hand		34,818	8,245	15,112	58,175	98,709
		39,711	8,245	32,572	80,528	116,781
Creditors: amount falling due within one year	9	(3,597)	-	(18,642)	(22,239)	(20,970)
Net Current Assets		36,114	8,245	13,930	58,289	95,811
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		253,923	8,245	107,907	370,075	405,744
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	10	(149,078)	-		(149,078)	(164,160)
Total Assets less Liabilities		104,845	8,245	107,907	220,997	241,584
Total Funds of the Charity						
Unrestricted funds		104,845		-	104,845	110,179
Designated funds		-	8,245	-	8,245	-
Restricted funds	11	-		107,907	107,907	131,405
		104,845	8,245	107,907	220,997	241,584

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BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

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 2024. No member of the company has deposited a notice, pursuant to section 476, requiring an audit of these accounts.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (a) ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and;
- (b) preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its 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 small companies' regime.

The accounts were approved by the Board on 27 November 2024

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Neal Heard
Director

Company Registration Number: 03147855

OBLONG LTD
STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	2024	2023
Cash (used)/generated from operating activities	13	(40,776)	7,251
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Cashflow from investing activities			
Bank interest		242	-
		<hr/>	<hr/>
(Decrease)/increase in cash equivalents in the year		(40,534)	7,251
Cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		98,709	91,458
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Total cash equivalents at the end of the year		58,175	98,709
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OBLONG LTD
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention unless otherwise stated.

The accounts are prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities; Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) published on 16 July 2014, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

Having considered future planned activities and the reserves available to the charity, the Directors are satisfied that the financial statements should continue to be prepared on the going concern basis.

1.2 Incoming resources

Core funding revenue grants are recognised in the income and expenditure account in the accounting period to which they relate.

Revenue grants for specific projects are recognised in the income and expenditure account in the accounting period to which they relate. Any unspent amounts are carried forward as part of the restricted funds in the balance sheet.

1.3 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be recovered and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for beneficiaries.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories on the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource.

1.4 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:-

Fixtures and fittings	5 years straight line
Computers and equipment	3 years straight line

It is the policy of the charitable company to only include on the balance sheet individual items of a capital nature which cost £1,500 or more and only relates to those items that can be used for more than one year.

1.5 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees. These include funds which the directors have designated for use on specific projects as explained in note 12.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes of use of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the accounts.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1.6 **Pensions**

The charity pays contributions into the National Employment Savings Trust (NEST) which is a defined contribution workplace scheme.

1.7 **Doubtful Debts Provision**

The Directors consider it appropriate to provide for any outstanding income which may not be recoverable. This is reviewed on an annual basis.

2. **Voluntary income**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Core income		
Donations	7,959	10,927
Fees and services	22	559
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	7,981	11,486
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3. **Incoming resources from charitable activities:**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Grants receivable and contracts	156,168	136,933
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Included within income relating to grants receivable and contracts are the following:-

Unrestricted funds:

Leeds City Council (Roof repairs)	-	3,575
Leeds Culture Trust	-	550
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	-	4,125
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Restricted funds:	2024	2023
	£	£
Touchstone Live Well Leeds - Headspace	22,202	20,002
National Lottery Community Fund Thriving Together	55,404	52,513
National Lottery Community Fund Thriving Together – Capital	13,042	974
Leeds Community Foundation Resilience Fund	15,000	15,000
Voluntary Action Leeds Household Support Fund	23,000	14,500
The Big Lottery One Community Volunteers	4,025	5,635
Voluntary Action Leeds Welcoming Spaces Grant	6,400	3,750
Leeds Community Foundation Transforming Mental Health	12,000	-
Leeds City Council Kitchen Grant	3,717	-
Touchstone Live Well Leeds – Headspace (Greatest Hits)	578	-
Leeds City Council Home ED Grant	500	-
Leeds City Council MICE Grants	300	-
Leeds City Council Community Care Hubs	-	7,667
Wades Charity Garden Project	-	5,000
Volition Community Champions	-	4,998
Leeds Community Foundation Mental Health	-	869
Asda Foundation	-	720
Leeds City Council Volunteer Development Fund	-	500
Yorkshire Dales Millenium Trust Warm Spaces Grant	-	500
Yorkshire Dales Millenium Trust Household Support Fund	-	180
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	156,168	132,808
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4. Charitable activities	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	141,718	120,684
Pension costs	6,231	5,462
Recruitment costs	30	200
Freelance costs	1,725	10,295
Staff travel	712	28
Rates	2,388	2,355
Insurance	3,271	2,940
Repairs and maintenance	14,465	13,998
Cleaning and PPE	1,465	2,478
Refreshments	626	74
Volunteer expenses	3,126	506
Events and projects	30,102	14,759
Training and development	1,529	2,321
Printing, postage, and stationery	4,084	3,490
Telephone and internet	2,209	2,612
Light and heat	12,580	4,279
Payroll costs	1,523	1,320
Depreciation	7,947	7,947
Bank charges	226	192
Grants paid in pursuance of charitable activities	3,800	4,500
Loan Interest	7,790	8,509
Legal, professional and evaluation fees	2,102	1,283
Independent examination fee	1,600	1,575
Bad and doubtful debts	309	4,755
Sundries	128	24
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	251,686	216,586
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5. **Directors**

None of the directors (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year.

6. **Employees**

Number of employees

The average number of employees during the year was 8 (2023 – 8).

Employment costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	138,032	118,501
Social security costs	3,686	2,183
Pension costs	6,231	5,462
Recruitment costs	30	200
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	147,979	126,346
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There were no employees whose annual emoluments were £60,000 or more.

No pension contributions were outstanding at the year end.

The charity considers its key management personnel (Trustee group) to be the directors of the organisation.

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7. **Tangible fixed assets**

	Leasehold Improvements £	Fixtures & Fittings £	Computers & Equipment £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 April 2023	397,350	4,979	36,919	439,248
Additions	9,800	-	-	9,800
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At 31 March 2024	407,150	4,979	36,919	449,048
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Depreciation				
At 1 April 2023	87,417	4,979	36,919	129,315
Charge for the Year	7,947	-	-	7,947
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At 31 March 2024	95,364	4,979	36,919	137,262
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Net book value				
At 31 March 2024	311,786	-	-	311,786
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At 31 March 2023	309,933	-	-	309,933
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Futurebuilders England Ltd (Social Investment Business) hold a legal charge on a 50 year lease over Woodhouse Community Centre, Woodhouse Street, Leeds, LS6 2NY on which the leasehold improvements have been made.

8. **Debtors**

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	22,353	18,072
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9. **Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals	3,898	4,499
Deferred income (see below)	18,341	14,576
Monies held on behalf of stakeholders	-	1,895
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	22,239	20,970
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Deferred income is as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Restricted:		
Touchstone Live Well Leeds – Headspace	5,218	10,551
Leeds Community Foundation – Transforming Mental Health	12,711	-
Touchstone Live Well Leeds – Headspace (Greatest Hits)	412	-
Awards For All – One Community Volunteers	-	4,025
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	18,341	14,576
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10. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		
	2024	2023
	£	£
Loan	149,078	164,160
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11. Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:-

	Balance at 1 April 2023	Movement in funds			Balance at 31 March 2024
		Incoming resources	Charitable activities	Transfer between funds	
	£	£	£	£	£
Futurebuilders	96,450	-	(2,473)	-	93,977
LWL Headspace	3,509	22,202	(24,933)	-	778
Thriving Together	9,529	55,404	(54,955)	-	9,978
Thriving Together Cap	-	13,042	(3,242)	(9,800)	-
Amazon	716	-	(716)	-	-
Resilience Fund	-	15,000	(15,076)	76	-
HSF	7,686	23,000	(30,686)	-	-
Lunch Club	3,647	-	-	(3,647)	-
One Community Vols	3,057	4,025	(7,082)	-	-
Wades	1,693	-	(1,693)	-	-
Community Champions	612	-	(612)	-	-
Welcoming Spaces	2,930	6,400	(8,263)	(76)	991
VDF	856	-	-	(856)	-
Asda Foundation	720	-	(720)	-	-
TMH	-	12,000	(11,185)	-	815
LCC Kitchen	-	3,717	(2,982)	-	735
Headspace Greatest Hits	-	578	(145)	-	433
Home ED	-	500	(300)	-	200
LCC MICE	-	300	(300)	-	-
	<u>131,405</u>	<u>156,168</u>	<u>(165,363)</u>	<u>(14,303)</u>	<u>107,907</u>

Details of individual restricted funds, together with their abbreviations, are included overleaf.

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Futurebuilders/Social Investment Business (Futurebuilders)

A capital grant that enabled the refurbishment of the leasehold property.

Touchstone Live Well Leeds – Headspace (LWL Headspace)

Costs were spent in the year in delivering multiple Headspace courses across Leeds.

National Lottery Community Fund Thriving Together (Thriving Together)

Developing a community informed programme of groups and activities at Woodhouse Community Centre led by local volunteers from the Hyde Park, Little London and Woodhouse areas.

National Lottery Community Fund Thriving Together – Capital (Thriving Together Cap)

Working on improvements and renovations to public areas at Woodhouse Community Centre to improve comfort, usability and creating a more welcoming environment.

Amazon 100% Digital (Amazon)

This funding, received through 100% Digital Leeds, has supported combating digital poverty and household hardship in Woodhouse and Little London.

Leeds Community Foundation Resilience Fund (Resilience Fund)

The Strategic Grants address resilience for Third Sector Organisations: this funding was awarded to support the development of Oblong; rather than a specific project or group of people. This fund therefore was designed to cover the core costs of Oblong and encourage strategic development work alongside daily delivery.

Voluntary Action Leeds Household Support Fund (HSF)

This grant is for food related projects that address poverty, isolation, lack of access to other services. Providing a safe space for local residents and responding to urgent need. The initial creation of this fund was through an agreed transfer of the unused funds (£2,737) from Community Care Hubs.

The Big Lottery One Community Volunteers (One Community Vols)

This was an Award For All grant that enabled us to offer community volunteers free use of our rooms to enable them to deliver free activities for the wider community.

Wades Charity Garden Project (Wades)

This grant was awarded to involve local volunteers in the rejuvenation of the garden, to develop ownership of the space, as well as learn skills to enable them to continue its upkeep and continued development. These activities also supported their mental health.

Volition Community Champions (Community Champions)

This grant was awarded to work with local migrant communities, to lead on positive health and wellbeing messaging, which includes Covid-19 messages and the vaccination programme.

Voluntary Action Leeds Welcoming Spaces Grant (Welcoming Spaces)

A fund distributed by Leeds Community Anchor Network (LCAN) to provide warm spaces in public places where people could congregate over the winter months to cut down utilities usage at home in response to the increased cost of living.

Asda Foundation

Asda Foundation Cost of Living Grant was awarded to respond to community need, because of the significant rises in costs, particularly in relation to heating and gas rises. We used it to provide a warm space for local residents to come and be, where they could reduce the Cost-of-Living bills by being able to congregate in the centre and avoid having to use their own utilities for a few hours each day (Monday to Tuesday). It was also used towards the food pantry and pay-as-you-feel café for local people

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Leeds Community Foundation Transforming Mental Health (TMH)

Awarded to fund space and staff capacity for 'Acute Needs' work – to spend time with people who need help with multiple issues that are simultaneously affecting them, making it difficult for mainstream agencies to help.

Leeds City Council Kitchen Grant (LCC Kitchen)

Awarded for improvement of kitchen facilities and having a knock-on effect on volunteer experiences, nutrition and health of members of the community.

Touchstone Live Well Leeds – (Headspace Greatest Hits)

Small grant via Touchstone to support peer-led sessions for those who have attended Headspace courses and would like ongoing group sessions not facilitated by a professional worker. The group meets to discuss their own wellbeing & strategies that support positive mental health and their day-to-day experiences in a safe, friendly place.

Leeds City Council ED Grant (Home ED)

Grant to support in-centre activities of a Home Education group that grew organically out of a Thriving Together group – play, learning, and social experiences in a comfortable central place.

Leeds City Council MICE Grants (LCC MICE)

LCC MICE money supported ESOL (our *English Conversation Café*) session in this financial year – opportunities for language learning and practice in a community environment, as well as providing volunteer opportunities and maintaining provision for a long-term need in our community.

12. **Designated Funds**

	Balance at 1 April 2023	Incoming resources	Transfer between funds	Charitable activities	Balance at 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Lunch Club	-	7,277	3,647	(3,460)	7,464
VDF	-	108	856	(229)	735
Chair Fund	-	46	-	-	46
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	-	7,431	4,503	(3,689)	8,245
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In the year, the trustees took a decision to use an additional category for funds that were generated through internal fundraising, for which it is not appropriate to describe them as 'Restricted funds'. Funds to the total value of £4,503 were moved from Restricted to Designated – this total figure is found in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 6 and is detailed in the table above.

While these sit within Unrestricted funds, we have decided to designate them so that they can be used for specific purposes.

Lunch Club

The club relies on pay as you feel donations and is also directly supported by the Household Support Fund grant which is used to procure food for the club.

Volunteer Development Fund (VDF)

The Volunteer Development Fund is made up of donations from Oblong volunteers fundraising activities and spend is determined by the Volunteer and Community Forum.

Chair Fund

Results of a GoFundMe page campaign focussing on renewing chairs in WCC.

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13. **Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cashflow from operating activities**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Net movement in funds	(20,587)	8,107
Add back depreciation charge	7,947	7,947
Deduct leasehold property improvements	(9,800)	-
Deduct interest income	(242)	-
(Increase) in debtors	(4,281)	(7,768)
(Decrease) in creditors	(13,813)	(1,035)
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Net cash (used)/generated in operating activities	(40,776)	7,251
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OBLONG LTD

England & Wales - Charity number 1120379

Accounts

Charity Registration No. 1120379
Company Registration No. 03147855 (England and Wales)

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DIRECTORS' REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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DIRECTORS' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The directors present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's constitution and Memorandum & Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and Charities Act 2011.

Structure, governance and management

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 18th January 1996. The charity was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charity and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the charity being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1. The objects and articles were amended and lodged at Companies House in August 2011.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees of the charity are also directors for the purpose of company law. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the trustees are elected to serve until the annual general meeting and stand for re-election.

The trustees have the power to co-opt additional trustees and no more than 12 in total.

New trustees are invited and encouraged to attend a series of meetings and short training sessions to familiarise themselves with the charity and the context within which it operates. All trustees are encouraged to meet with at least one member of the existing board of trustees and/or a staff member to look at the responsibilities and time commitments for trustees.

Trustee induction and training

All new trustees receive a prepared trustee induction pack which includes the following Oblong information:

Induction document

Memorandum and Articles of Association

Minutes of last 3 Board meetings

Last 3 years annual accounts

Staffing structure chart

Board contact details

Last annual review

Copy of 'The Essential Trustee' from the Charity Commission

Dates and times of next 3 Board Meetings

The directors who served during the year were: -

Kwame Gad (resigned 10 October 2023)

Amendeep Sohal (resigned 1 December 2022)

Mark Richards

Paul Spinks

Sabina Lokolong

Neal Heard

Amee Bartle (resigned 10 October 2023)

Colin Longden

Damanjit Kaur (appointed 16 August 2022 and resigned 10 October 2023)

Layla Mubarak (appointed 23 November 2022)

John Barton (appointed 8 February 2023)

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Related parties

Oblong Ltd may support a number of community groups and these are referred to as "member projects". During the 2022/23 financial year Oblong had no active member projects.

Organisation structure

Oblong is managed by a voluntary trustee board, which meets at least quarterly, and which makes all major policy and strategic decisions. Oblong is managed by a team of 6 members of staff, in addition to 2 support staff and various freelancers. Oblong is non-hierarchical, the staff team manage each other and are responsible to the board for managing the organisation's daily activity.

Oblong divides work into various decision-making areas which encompass the operational running to deliver its objectives that include but are not restricted to:

- Woodhouse Community Centre/Centre Co-ordinators
- Volunteering projects
- Mental Wellbeing/Headspace
- Finance and Development
- Governance and HR

Oblong delegates responsibility for various areas to members of staff according to their roles, but who are all accountable to the staff meeting as a whole. Where applicable those staff took decisions alongside volunteers, stakeholders, and relevant support staff. Oblong continued its non-hierarchical management structure and had regular staff meetings to manage the organisation's daily activity.

Risk management

The trustees have conducted a review of all risks to which Oblong is exposed and are confident systems are in place to mitigate these risks.

There are procedures in place to ensure that the quality of provision is maintained, the procedures are reviewed regularly, along with ensuring that staff regularly receive training to update skills and knowledge.

A risk register has been established and is periodically reviewed. Where appropriate systems or procedures have been established to mitigate risks the charity faces. Significant external risks to funding have led to the development of a strategic plan which will allow for the diversification of funding and activities. Internal controls are monitored by the implementing of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers and visitors to the centre. Appropriate DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) checks are made when required.

Objectives and activities

The stated objectives of the charity are: -

"Oblong aims to develop the capacity and skills of people living in socially and economically disadvantaged areas in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to create active, flourishing communities and to run a community centre, primarily for the benefit of the Woodhouse, Little London and Hyde Park areas".

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular the advancement of education and the enhancement of citizenship or community development.

Achievements and performance

Oblong resources

Oblong is user led and tries to provide the services people want. This currently includes:

- Community Centre facilities
- Drop in IT suite with access to print facilities
- Mental health wellbeing courses
- Volunteering opportunities

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The Centre was fully open for the whole year, in contrast to the post-lockdown staged opening of the previous year.

Woodhouse Community Centre

Our aim is to run the centre for the benefit of the local community, that everyone feels welcome at the centre, they enjoy their time here and leave wanting to come back.

The centre has a large hall, meeting rooms, IT suite, catering kitchen, community garden, offices and event space for hire. Our office spaces are let to charitable organisations working in the local community and beyond.

Mental Wellbeing

Oblong's mental wellbeing programmes takes tried and tested approaches from Peer Support, Adult Education, CBT, Mindfulness, and health coaching and uses a unique participatory learning style to create spaces where people can develop their understanding of their own and others mental health, re-imagine their future and make new connections and lifestyle changes.

Thriving Together Volunteering Project

Since October 2021 we started a programme of volunteer opportunities, community activities and personal development. This involved hiring 2 additional part-time members of staff. It is a National Lottery funded project provided for 3 years to connect, build and empower the community through volunteering opportunities.

Volunteering

Our volunteers have been integral in enabling Oblong to support those most in need in the Woodhouse, Little London and Hyde Park community and we would like to say a big thank you to all of them for their time and commitment.

Financial review

In this financial year the organisation made a surplus of £8,107 (2022: surplus of £4,335). Unrestricted rental income increased by £22,580 this year, which was due to being able to open the Centre more after covid restrictions. Oblong's unrestricted grant income for the year was £4,125, a full list of unrestricted grant income can be found in note 3 to the accounts. Oblong's restricted income for the year was £137,881, a full list of movement in funds can be found in Note 11 to the accounts.

At the end of the financial year the overall reserves of the organisation were £241,584 of which £110,179 is unrestricted and can be used on any aspect of the charitable objectives of Oblong Ltd. We continue to work through our plan to build on our strengths, maximise the use of our Community Centre asset and grow our way towards a long-term sustainable position.

Funders

We would like to thank all the funders who have made our work possible this year. Detailed restricted funding information can be found in Note 11 to the accounts and unrestricted funding information can be found in Note 3 to the accounts.

Assets

Woodhouse Community Centre reopened in 2012 after the Community Asset Transfer from Leeds City Council with a 50-year lease and a capital project refurbishment funded from a grant/loan mix from the Social Investment Business. We reduced the overall debt this year by £14,363 down to £164,160 with £7,947 depreciated from the building which now has a carrying value of £309,933.

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Reserves

The Board has set a policy to keep reserve funds at a sufficient level in order to allow the smooth operation of the charity's activities and to cover any potential redundancy and winding up costs. The policy is to hold at least 6 months of resources expended, which equates to £108,293. At the yearend date unrestricted reserves stood at £110,179.

Development and Future Plans

We continue to offer food support, signposting, and other referrals on a limited basis, following our prior year of providing covid support to those isolating or otherwise struggling as a result of the pandemic.

We're pursuing a scheme of renovations following a successful Lottery grant and pursuing other grants to increase our capacity to help members of the community, in response to the Cost-of-Living crisis and the wealth and complexity of needs we are aware of.

Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

The directors of Oblong Ltd. are responsible for preparing the Directors' Annual report and accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the directors to prepare accounts for each financial year. Under company law the directors must not approve the accounts unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these accounts the directors are required to:-

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- prepare the accounts on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and publication of accounts may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

The directors are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose at anytime the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the accounts 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.

On behalf of the board of directors

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Neal Heard
Director

6 December 2023

**OBLONG LTD
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE DIRECTORS OF OBLONG LTD**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages 6 to 17.

Respective responsibilities of Directors and Examiner

The directors, who also act as trustees for the charitable activities of Oblong Ltd are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The directors consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011, (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination it is my responsibility to:

- (i) examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- (ii) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- (iii) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities;have not been met; or
- (b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Kevin J Meddings MAAT
Kevin Meddings Accountancy Services
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Dated: 9 December 2023

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Income					
Voluntary Income	2	6,413	5,073	11,486	3,914
Rental income		75,266	-	75,266	52,686
Incoming resources from charitable activities	3	4,125	132,808	136,933	142,886
Other incoming resources		181	-	181	455
Business interruption claim		827	-	827	6,607
Total income		86,812	137,881	224,693	206,548
Expenditure					
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Charitable activities		94,321	122,265	216,586	202,213
Total expenditure		94,321	122,265	216,586	202,213
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds		(7,509)	15,616	8,107	4,335
Total funds brought forward		117,688	115,789	233,477	229,142
Total funds carried forward		110,179	131,405	241,584	233,477

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible assets	7	-	309,933	309,933	317,880
Current Assets					
Debtors	8	10,871	7,201	18,072	10,304
Cash at bank and in hand		103,807	(5,098)	98,709	91,458
		114,678	2,103	116,781	101,762
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(4,499)	(16,471)	(20,970)	(7,642)
Net current assets/(liabilities)		110,179	(14,368)	95,811	94,120
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		110,179	295,565	405,744	412,000
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	10	-	(164,160)	(164,160)	(178,523)
Total assets less liabilities		110,179	131,405	241,584	233,477
The Funds of the Charity					
Unrestricted funds		110,179	-	110,179	117,688
Restricted funds	11	-	131,405	131,405	115,789
		110,179	131,405	241,584	233,477

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 2023. No member of the company has deposited a notice, pursuant to section 476, requiring an audit of these accounts.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and;
- preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its 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 small companies' regime.

The accounts were approved by the Board on 6 December 2023

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Neal Heard
Director

Company Registration Number: 03147855

OBLONG LTD
STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	2023	2022
		£	£
Cash generated/(used) in operating activities	12	7,251	(35,776)
Cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		91,458	127,234
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Total cash equivalents at the end of the year		98,709	91,458
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OBLONG LTD
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention unless otherwise stated.

The accounts are prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities; Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) published on 16 July 2014, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

Having considered future planned activities and the reserves available to the charity, the Directors are satisfied that the financial statements should continue to be prepared on the going concern basis.

1.2 Incoming resources

Core funding revenue grants are recognised in the income and expenditure account in the accounting period to which they relate.

Revenue grants for specific projects are recognised in the income and expenditure account in the accounting period to which they relate. Any unspent amounts are carried forward as part of the restricted funds in the balance sheet.

1.3 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be recovered and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for beneficiaries.

Governance costs includes those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirement of the charitable company.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories on the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource.

1.4 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:-

Fixtures and fittings	5 years straight line
Computers and equipment	3 years straight line

It is the policy of the charitable company to only include on the balance sheet individual items of a capital nature which cost £1,500 or more and only relates to those items that can be used for more than one year.

1.5 Fund accounting

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

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes of use of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the accounts.

OBLONG LTD
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1.6 **Pensions**

The charity pays contributions into the National Employment Savings Trust (NEST) which is a defined contribution workplace scheme.

1.7 **Doubtful Debts Provision**

Due to the nature of the short-term occupancy of the Centre the Directors consider it appropriate to provide for any outstanding rental income which may not be recoverable. This is reviewed on an annual basis.

2. **Voluntary income**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Core income		
Donations	10,927	980
Fees and services	559	99
Job retention scheme (furlough)	-	2,835
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	11,486	3,914
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3. **Incoming resources from charitable activities:**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Grants receivable and contracts	136,933	142,886
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Included within income relating to grants receivable and contracts are the following:-

Unrestricted funds:

Leeds City Council (Roof repairs)	3,575	-
Leeds Culture Trust	550	-
Leeds City Council COVID-19 Reopening Grant	-	8,000
The Brelms Trust	-	4,998
Leeds City Council Omicron Hospitality & Leisure Grant	-	2,667
Assure (Craven Road Surgery)	-	2,000
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	4,125	17,665
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Restricted funds:	2023	2022
	£	£
Touchstone Live Well Leeds - Headspace	20,002	20,000
Leeds City Council Community Care Hubs	7,667	39,833
National Lottery Community Fund Thriving Together	52,513	25,852
National Lottery Community Fund Thriving Together – Capital	974	1,298
Leeds Community Foundation Mental Health	869	12,850
Leeds Community Foundation Resilience Fund	15,000	-
Voluntary Action Leeds Household Support Fund	14,500	-
The Big Lottery One Community Volunteers	5,635	-
Wades Charity Garden Project	5,000	-
Volition Community Champions	4,998	-
Voluntary Action Leeds Warm Spaces Grant	3,750	-
Asda Foundation	720	-
Leeds City Council Volunteer Development Fund	500	-
Yorkshire Dales Millenium Trust Warm Spaces Grant	500	-
Yorkshire Dales Millenium Trust Household Support Fund	180	-
Leeds City Council COVID-19 Hub Network Fund	-	12,588
National Lottery Awards For All – Community Cohesion	-	9,800
Amazon 100% Digital	-	3,000
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	132,808	125,221
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4. Charitable activities	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	120,684	98,354
Pension costs	5,462	3,477
Recruitment costs	200	631
Freelance costs	10,295	18,382
Rates	2,355	881
Insurance	2,940	2,706
Repairs and maintenance	13,998	9,041
Cleaning and PPE	2,478	1,108
Volunteer expenses	506	2,616
Events and projects	14,759	15,752
Training and development	2,321	10
Printing, postage, and stationery	3,490	2,385
Telephone and internet	2,612	1,543
Light and heat	4,279	5,697
Payroll costs	1,320	1,483
Depreciation	7,947	7,947
Bank charges	192	201
Grants paid in pursuance of charitable activities	4,500	12,850
Loan Interest	8,509	9,209
Legal, professional and evaluation fees	1,283	6,169
Independent examination fee	1,575	1,650
Doubtful debts	4,755	-
Sundries	126	121
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	216,586	202,213
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

5. **Directors**

None of the directors (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year.

6. **Employees**

Number of employees

The average number of employees during the year was 8 (2022 – 7).

Employment costs

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	118,501	96,962
Social security costs	2,183	1,392
Pension costs	5,462	3,477
Recruitment costs	200	631
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	126,346	102,462
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There were no employees whose annual emoluments were £60,000 or more.

No pension contributions were outstanding at the year end.

The charity considers its key management personnel (Trustee group) to be the directors of the organisation.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

7. Tangible fixed assets	Leasehold Improvements £	Fixtures & Fittings £	Computers & Equipment £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 April 2022 and At 31 March 2023	397,350	4,979	36,919	439,248
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2022	79,470	4,979	36,919	121,368
Charge for the Year	7,947	-	-	7,947
At 31 March 2023	87,417	4,979	36,919	129,315
Net book value				
At 31 March 2023	309,933	-	-	309,933
At 31 March 2022	317,880	-	-	317,880

Futurebuilders England Ltd (Social Investment Business) hold a legal charge on a 50 year lease over Woodhouse Community Centre, Woodhouse Street, Leeds, LS6 2NY on which the leasehold improvements have been made.

8. Debtors	2023 £	2022 £
Trade debtors	18,072	10,304
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9. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals	4,499	1,975
Deferred income (see below)	14,576	5,667
Monies held on behalf of stakeholders	1,895	-
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	20,970	7,642
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Deferred income is as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Restricted:		
Touchstone Live Well Leeds – Headspace	10,551	-
Awards For All – One Community Volunteers	4,025	-
Leeds City Council Community Core Hubs	-	5,667
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	14,576	5,667
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10. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	2023	2022
	£	£
Loan	164,160	178,523
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11. **Restricted funds**

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:-

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Movement in funds		Balance at 31 March 2023 £
		Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	
Futurebuilders	98,923	-	(2,473)	96,450
Touchstone Live Well Leeds – Headspace	3,821	20,152	(20,464)	3,509
Leeds City Council COVID-19 Hub Network Fund	1,833	-	(1,833)	-
Leeds City Council Community Care Hubs	(3,146)	7,667	(4,521)	-
National Lottery Community Fund Thriving Together	11,358	52,513	(54,342)	9,529
National Lottery Community Fund Thriving Together – Capital	-	974	(974)	-
Leeds Community Foundation Mental Health	-	869	(869)	-
Amazon 100% Digital Leeds Community Foundation Resilience Fund	3,000	-	(2,284)	716
-	-	15,000	(15,000)	-
Voluntary Action Leeds Household Support Fund	-	14,500	(6,814)	7,686
Lunch Club	-	3,967	(320)	3,647
The Big Lottery One Community Volunteers	-	5,635	(2,578)	3,057
Wades Charity Garden Project	-	5,000	(3,307)	1,693
Volition Community Champions	-	4,998	(4,386)	612
Voluntary Action Leeds Warm Spaces Grant	-	3,750	(820)	2,930
Leeds City Council Volunteer Development Fund	-	1,456	(600)	856
Asda Foundation	-	720	-	720
Yorkshire Dales Millenium Trust Warm Spaces Grant	-	500	(500)	-
Yorkshire Dales Millenium Trust Household Support Fund	-	180	(180)	-
	115,789	137,881	(122,265)	131,405

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Futurebuilders

A capital grant that enabled the refurbishment of the leasehold property.

Touchstone Live Well Leeds – Headspace

Costs were spent in the year in delivering multiple Headspace courses across Leeds.

Leeds City Council COVID-19 Hub Network Fund

Working as part of the Community Care Volunteering network, we supported Leeds City Council in delivering food, medicine and necessities to those in need in Hyde Park & Woodhouse.

Leeds City Council Community Care Hubs

The Community Care Hub project builds on the work of the Community Care Volunteering network. Woodhouse Community Centre was chosen to be a Community Care Hub for the ward of Little London and Woodhouse.

National Lottery Community Fund Thriving Together

Developing a community informed programme of groups and activities at Woodhouse Community Centre led by local volunteers from the Hyde Park. Little London and Woodhouse areas.

National Lottery Community Fund Thriving Together – Capital

Working on improvements and renovations to public areas at Woodhouse Community Centre to improve comfort, usability and creating a more welcoming environment.

Leeds Community Foundation Mental Health

We will use the funding to deliver Headspace courses specifically designed to meet the needs of BAME communities, delivered by qualified facilitators from BAME communities.

Amazon 100% Digital

This funding, received through 100% Digital Leeds, has supported combating digital poverty and household hardship in Woodhouse and Little London.

Leeds Community Foundation Resilience Fund

The Strategic Grants address resilience for Third Sector Organisations: this funding was awarded to support the development of Oblong; rather than a specific project or group of people. This fund therefore was designed to cover the core costs of Oblong and encourage strategic development work alongside daily delivery.

Voluntary Action Leeds Household Support Fund

This grant is for food related projects that address poverty, isolation, lack of access to other services. Providing a safe space for local residents and responding to urgent need. The initial creation of this fund was through an agreed transfer of the unused funds (£2,737) from Community Care Hubs.

Lunch Club

The club relies on pay as you feel donations and is also directly supported by the Household Support Fund grant which is used to procure food for the club.

The Big Lottery One Community Volunteers

This was an Award For All grant that enabled us to offer community volunteers free use of our rooms to enable them to deliver free activities for the wider community.

Wades Charity Garden Project

This grant was awarded to involve local volunteers in the rejuvenation of the garden, to develop ownership of the space, as well as learn skills to enable them to continue its upkeep and continued development. These activities also supported their mental health.

Volition Community Champions

This grant was awarded to work with local migrant communities, to lead on positive health and wellbeing messaging, which includes Covid-19 messages and the vaccination programme.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Voluntary Action Leeds Warm Spaces Grant

A fund distributed by Leeds Community Anchor Network (LCAN) to provide warm spaces in public places where people could congregate over the winter months to cut down utilities usage at home in response to the increased cost of living.

Leeds City Council Volunteer Development Fund

The Volunteer Development Fund is made up of donations from Oblong volunteers fundraising activities and spend is determined by the Volunteer and Community Forum.

Asda Foundation

Asda Foundation Cost of Living Grant was awarded to respond to community need, because of the significant rises in costs, particularly in relation to heating and gas rises. We used it to provide a warm space for local residents to come and be, where they could reduce the Cost-of-Living bills by being able to congregate in the centre and avoid having to use their own utilities for a few hours each day (Monday to Tuesday). It was also used towards the food pantry and pay-as-you-feel café for local people.

Yorkshire Dales Millenium Trust Warm Spaces Grant

Winter contribution towards the Oblong gardening project.

Yorkshire Dales Millenium Trust Household Support Fund

Funding towards the hire of transport for a volunteer activity day out.

12. **Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cashflow from operating activities**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Net movement in funds	8,107	4,335
Add back depreciation charge	7,947	7,947
(Increase) in debtors	(7,768)	(9,930)
(Decrease)/Increase in creditors	(1,035)	(38,128)
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Net cash generated/(used) in operating activities	7,251	(35,776)
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OBLONG LTD

England & Wales - Charity number 1120379

Accounts

Charity Registration No. 1120379
Company Registration No. 03147855 (England and Wales)

OBLONG LTD
DIRECTORS' REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

OBLONG LTD

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Directors

Mark Richards
Kwame Gad
Paul Spinks
Sabina Lokolong
Amendeep Sohal
Neal Heard
Amees Bartle
Colin Longden
Damanjit Kaur (appointed 16 August 2022)

Secretary

Fawzia Mir

Charity number

1120379

Company number

03147855

Registered office

Woodhouse Community Centre
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Independent Examiner

Kevin J Meddings MAAT
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DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The directors present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's constitution and Memorandum & Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and Charities Act 2011.

Structure, governance and management

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 18th January 1996. The charity was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charity and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the charity being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1. The objects and articles were amended and lodged at Companies House in August 2011.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees of the charity are also directors for the purpose of company law. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the trustees are elected to serve until the annual general meeting and stand for re-election.

The trustees have the power to co-opt additional trustees and no more than 12 in total.

New trustees are invited and encouraged to attend a series of meetings and short training sessions to familiarise themselves with the charity and the context within which it operates. All trustees are encouraged to meet with at least one member of the existing board of trustees and/or a staff member to look at the responsibilities and time commitments for trustees.

Trustee induction and training

All new trustees receive a prepared trustee induction pack which includes the following Oblong information:

Induction document

Memorandum and Articles of Association

Minutes of last 3 Board meetings

Last 3 years annual accounts

Staffing structure chart

Board contact details

Last annual review

Copy of 'The Essential Trustee' from the Charity Commission

Dates and times of next 3 Board Meetings

The directors who served during the year were:-

Kwame Gad

Amendeep Sohal

Mark Richards

Paul Spinks

Sabina Lokolong

Thomas Cross (resigned 14 September 2021)

Neal Heard

Amee Bartle (appointed 2 September 2021)

Colin Longden (appointed 30 November 2021)

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Related parties

Oblong Ltd may support a number of community groups and these are referred to as "member projects". During the 2021/22 financial year Oblong had no active member projects.

Organisation structure

Oblong is managed by a voluntary trustee board, which meets at least quarterly, and which makes all major policy and strategic decisions. Oblong is managed by a team of 6 members of staff, in addition to 2 support staff and various freelancers. Oblong is non-hierarchical, the staff team manage each other and are responsible to the board for managing the organisation's daily activity.

Oblong divides work into various decision-making areas which encompass the operational running to deliver its objectives that include but are not restricted to:

- Woodhouse Community Centre/Centre Co-ordinators
- Volunteering projects
- Mental Wellbeing/Headspace
- Finance and Development
- Governance and HR

During the 2021/22 financial year Oblong delegated responsibility for various areas to members of staff according to their roles, but who are all accountable to the staff meeting as a whole. Where applicable those staff took decisions alongside volunteers, stakeholders, and relevant support staff. Oblong continued its non-hierarchical management structure and had regular staff meetings to manage the organisation's daily activity.

Risk management

The trustees have conducted a review of all risks to which Oblong is exposed and are confident systems are in place to mitigate these risks.

There are procedures in place to ensure that the quality of provision is maintained, the procedures are reviewed regularly, along with ensuring that staff regularly receive training to update skills and knowledge.

A risk register has been established and is periodically reviewed. Where appropriate systems or procedures have been established to mitigate risks the charity faces. Significant external risks to funding have led to the development of a strategic plan which will allow for the diversification of funding and activities. Internal controls are monitored by the implementing of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers and visitors to the centre. Appropriate DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) checks are made when required.

Objectives and activities

The stated objectives of the charity are: -

"Oblong aims to develop the capacity and skills of people living in socially and economically disadvantaged areas in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to create active, flourishing communities and to run a community centre, primarily for the benefit of the Woodhouse, Little London and Hyde Park areas".

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular the advancement of education and the enhancement of citizenship or community development.

Achievements and performance

Oblong resources

Oblong is user led and tries to provide the services people want. This currently includes:

- Community Centre facilities
- Drop in IT suite with access to print facilities
- Mental health wellbeing courses
- Volunteering opportunities

OBLONG LTD

DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Throughout the lockdown period of Covid-19 the Centre was only open to our tenants and no services were able to be provided to the local inhabitants of the area we serve. During the 21/22 financial year we started to offer face to face services and transitioned over the year to what we now consider 'full' opening – that is 4 days per week open to the public and slightly reduced capacity in most rooms but minimal required precautions.

Woodhouse Community Centre

Our aim is to run the centre for the benefit of the local community, that everyone feels welcome at the centre, they enjoy their time here and leave wanting to come back.

The centre has a large hall, meeting rooms, IT suite, catering kitchen, community garden, offices and event space for hire. Our office spaces are let to charitable organisations working in the local community and beyond.

Mental Wellbeing

Oblong's mental wellbeing programmes takes tried and tested approaches from Peer Support, Adult Education, CBT, Mindfulness, and health coaching and uses a unique participatory learning style to create spaces where people can develop their understanding of their own and others mental health, re-imagine their future and make new connections and lifestyle changes.

Volunteering

Our volunteers have been integral in enabling Oblong to support those most in need in the Woodhouse, Little London and Hyde Park community and we would like to say a big thank you to all of them for their time and commitment.

Financial review

In this financial year the organisation made a surplus of £4,335 (2021: surplus of £33,783). Unrestricted rental income increased by £31,318 this year, which was due to being able to open the Centre more after covid restrictions. Oblong's unrestricted grant income for the year was £17,665, a full list of unrestricted grant income can be found in note 3 to the accounts. Oblong's restricted income for the year was £125,621, a full list of movement in funds can be found in Note 11 to the accounts.

At the end of the financial year the overall reserves of the organisation were £233,477 of which £117,688 is unrestricted and can be used on any aspect of the charitable objectives of Oblong Ltd. We continue to work through our plan to build on our strengths, maximise the use of our Community Centre asset and grow our way towards a long-term sustainable position.

Funders

We would like to thank all the funders who have made our work possible this year. Detailed restricted funding information can be found in Note 11 to the accounts and unrestricted funding information can be found in Note 3 to the accounts.

Assets

Woodhouse Community Centre reopened in 2012 after the Community Asset Transfer from Leeds City Council with a 50-year lease and a capital project refurbishment funded from a grant/loan mix from the Social Investment Business. Due to the pandemic and the closure of Woodhouse Community Centre we were offered a payment break by Futurebuilders England Ltd (Social Investment Business) from April 21 to September 21, Oblong still incurred monthly interest charges on the loan during this period therefore when loan repayment started in October 21, they were used to repay the interest balance before reducing the loan balance. We reduced the overall debt this year by £13,664 down to £178,523 with £7,947 depreciated from the building now has a carrying value of £317,880.

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DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Reserves

The Board has set a policy to keep reserve funds at a sufficient level in order to allow the smooth operation of the charity's activities. The policy aims to hold between 3 and 6 months of resources expended, which equates to between £50,000 and £100,000. At the yearend date unrestricted reserves stood at £117,688.

Development and Future Plans

We continue to offer food support, signposting, and other referrals on a limited basis, following our prior year of providing covid support to those isolating or otherwise struggling as a result of the pandemic.

We're pursuing a scheme of renovations following a successful Lottery grant and pursuing other grants to increase our capacity to help members of the community, in response to the Cost of Living crisis and the wealth and complexity of needs we are aware of.

Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

The directors of Oblong Ltd. are responsible for preparing the Directors' Annual report and accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the directors to prepare accounts for each financial year. Under company law the directors must not approve the accounts unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these accounts the directors are required to:-

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- prepare the accounts on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and publication of accounts may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

The directors are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose at anytime the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the accounts 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.

On behalf of the board of directors

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Mark Richards
Director

6 December 2022

OBLONG LTD

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS OF OBLONG LTD

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022, which are set out on pages 6 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of Directors and Examiner

The directors, who also act as trustees for the charitable activities of Oblong Ltd are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The directors consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011, (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination it is my responsibility to:

- (i) examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- (ii) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- (iii) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities;have not been met; or
- (b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Dated: 9 December 2022

OBLONG LTD**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Income					
Voluntary Income	2	3,514	400	3,914	14,214
Rental income		52,686	-	52,686	21,368
Incoming resources from charitable activities	3	17,665	125,221	142,886	159,133
Other incoming resources		455	-	455	150
Insurance claim		6,607	-	6,607	-
Total income		80,927	125,621	206,548	194,865
Expenditure					
	4				
Charitable activities		85,726	116,487	202,213	161,082
Total expenditure		85,726	116,487	202,213	161,082
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds		(4,799)	9,134	4,335	33,783
Total funds brought forward		122,487	106,655	229,142	195,359
Total funds carried forward		117,688	115,789	233,477	229,142

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

OBLONG LTD
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible assets	7	-	317,880	317,880	325,827
Current Assets					
Debtors	8	10,053	251	10,304	374
Cash at bank and in hand		109,610	(18,152)	91,458	127,234
		119,663	(17,901)	101,762	127,608
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(1,975)	(5,667)	(7,642)	(32,106)
Net current assets		117,688	(23,568)	94,120	95,502
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		117,688	294,312	412,000	421,329
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	10	-	(178,523)	(178,523)	(192,187)
Total assets less liabilities		117,688	115,789	233,477	229,142
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Unrestricted funds		117,688	-	117,688	122,487
Restricted funds	11	-	115,789	115,789	106,655
		117,688	115,789	233,477	229,142

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 2022. No member of the company has deposited a notice, pursuant to section 476, requiring an audit of these accounts.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and;
- preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its 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 small companies' regime.

The accounts were approved by the Board on 6 December 2022

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Mark Richards
Director

Company Registration Number: 03147855

OBLONG LTD
STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	2022	2021
		£	£
Cash (used)/generated in operating activities	12	(35,776)	55,883
Cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		127,234	71,351
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Total cash equivalents at the end of the year		91,458	127,234
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention unless otherwise stated.

The accounts are prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities; Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) published on 16 July 2014, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

Having considered future planned activities and the reserves available to the charity, the Directors are satisfied that the financial statements should continue to be prepared on the going concern basis.

1.2 Incoming resources

Core funding revenue grants are recognised in the income and expenditure account in the accounting period to which they relate.

Revenue grants for specific projects are recognised in the income and expenditure account in the accounting period to which they relate. Any unspent amounts are carried forward as part of the restricted funds in the balance sheet.

1.3 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be recovered and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for beneficiaries.

Governance costs includes those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirement of the charitable company.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories on the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource.

1.4 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:-

Fixtures and fittings	5 years straight line
Computers and equipment	3 years straight line

It is the policy of the charitable company to only include on the balance sheet individual items of a capital nature which cost £1,500 or more and only relates to those items that can be used for more than one year.

1.5 Fund accounting

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

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes of use of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the accounts.

OBLONG LTD**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
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- 1.6 The charity pays contributions into the National Employment Savings Trust (NEST) which is a defined contribution work place scheme.

2. Voluntary income

	2022	2021
	£	£
Core income		
Donations	980	40
Fees and services	99	222
Job retention scheme (furlough)	2,835	13,952
	<u>3,914</u>	<u>14,214</u>

3. Incoming resources from charitable activities:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Grants receivable and contracts	142,886	159,133
	<u>142,886</u>	<u>159,133</u>

Included within income relating to grants receivable and contracts are the following:-

Unrestricted funds:

Leeds City Council COVID-19 Reopening Grant	8,000	-
The Brelms Trust	4,998	-
Leeds City Council Omicron Hospitality & Leisure Grant	2,667	-
Assure (Craven Road Surgery)	2,000	-
The Power to Change Trust	-	21,144
Leeds City Council – Small Business Rate Relief Grant	-	10,000
Leeds Community Foundation	-	10,000
Leeds City Council Lockdown Grant Support	-	14,431
Gateway Church	-	5,000
Groundworks UK	-	500
	<u>17,665</u>	<u>61,075</u>

OBLONG LTD**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

Restricted funds:	2022	2021
	£	£
Touchstone Live Well Leeds - Headspace	20,000	20,004
Leeds City Council COVID-19 Hub Network Fund	12,588	26,362
Leeds City Council Community Care Hubs	39,833	-
The National Lottery Community Fund Thriving Together	25,852	-
The National Lottery Community Fund Thriving Together – Capital	1,298	-
Leeds Community Foundation Mental Health	12,850	-
The National Lottery Awards For All – Community Cohesion	9,800	-
Amazon 100% Digital	3,000	-
Leeds Community Foundation – Time to Shine	-	3,413
Leeds Community Foundation – CAF Community Cooks	-	3,328
The Brelms Trust	-	4,998
The National Lottery Community Fund Woodhouse Together and Stronger	-	30,028
Awards For All – COVID-19 Support	-	9,925
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	125,221	98,058
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 4. Charitable activities		
	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	98,354	86,835
Pension costs	3,477	3,181
Recruitment costs	631	-
Freelance costs	18,382	9,239
Rates	881	810
Insurance	2,706	2,260
Repairs and maintenance	9,041	6,343
Cleaning and PPE	1,108	3,169
Volunteer expenses	2,616	2,341
Events and projects	15,752	14,198
Training	10	80
Printing, postage and stationery	2,385	1,240
Telephone and internet	1,543	950
Light and heat	5,697	4,480
Payroll costs	1,483	1,390
Depreciation	7,947	7,947
Bank charges	201	129
External grants paid	12,850	-
Grant repaid	-	3,667
Publicity and promotion	-	343
Loan Interest	9,209	9,614
Legal and professional	1,169	928
Evaluation fees	5,000	-
Independent examination fee	1,650	1,938
Sundries	121	-
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	202,213	161,082
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OBLONG LTD**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022****5. Directors**

None of the directors (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year.

6. Employees**Number of employees**

The average number of employees during the year was 7 (2021 – 6).

Employment costs

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	96,962	86,131
Social security costs	1,392	704
Pension costs	3,477	3,181
Recruitment costs	631	-
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	102,462	90,016
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There were no employees whose annual emoluments were £60,000 or more.

No pension contributions were outstanding at the year end.

The charity considers its key management personnel (Trustee group) to be the directors of the organisation.

OBLONG LTD**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022****7. Tangible fixed assets**

	Leasehold Improvements £	Fixtures & Fittings £	Computers & Equipment £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 April 2021 and At 31 March 2022	397,350	4,979	36,919	439,248
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Depreciation				
At 1 April 2021	71,523	4,979	36,919	113,421
Charge for the Year	7,947	-	-	7,947
	_____	_____	_____	_____
At 31 March 2022	79,470	4,979	36,919	121,368
	_____	_____	_____	_____
Net book value				
At 31 March 2022	317,880	-	-	317,880
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At 31 March 2021	325,827	-	-	325,827
	_____	_____	_____	_____

Futurebuilders England Ltd (Social Investment Business) hold a legal charge on a 50 year lease over Woodhouse Community Centre, Woodhouse Street, Leeds, LS6 2NY on which the leasehold improvements have been made.

8. Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade debtors	10,304	374
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9. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Accruals	1,975	2,720
Deferred income (see below)	5,667	29,386
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	7,642	32,106
	_____	_____

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Deferred income is as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Unrestricted:		
Assure (Craven Road Surgery)	-	2,000
Restricted:		
Leeds City Council Community Core Hubs	5,667	-
Touchstone Live Well Leeds – Headspace	-	4,998
Leeds City Council COVID-19 Hub Network Fund	-	12,588
Awards for All – Community Consultation	-	9,800
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	5,667	29,386
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10. **Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year**

	2022 £	2021 £
Loan	178,523	192,187
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11. **Restricted funds**

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:-

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Movement in funds		Balance at 31 March 2022 £
		Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	
Futurebuilders	101,396	-	(2,473)	98,923
Touchstone Live Well Leeds – Headspace	1,760	20,000	(17,939)	3,821
The Brelms Trust	1,666	-	(1,666)	-
Leeds City Council COVID-19 Hub Network Fund	1,833	12,588	(12,588)	1,833
Leeds City Council Community Care Hubs	-	40,233	(43,379)	(3,146)
The National Lottery Community Fund Thriving Together	-	25,852	(14,494)	11,358
The National Lottery Community Fund Thriving Together - Capital	-	1,298	(1,298)	-
Leeds Community Foundation Mental Health	-	12,850	(12,850)	-
The National Lottery Awards For All - Community Cohesion	-	9,800	(9,800)	-
Amazon 100% Digital	-	3,000	-	3,000
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	106,655	125,621	(116,487)	115,789
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Futurebuilders

A capital grant that enabled the refurbishment of the leasehold property.

Touchstone Live Well Leeds – Headspace

Costs were spent in the year in delivering multiple Headspace courses across Leeds.

The Brelms Trust

A three year grant to support staff to provide assistance to those using the IT Suite services within the Woodhouse Community Centre.

Leeds City Council COVID-19 Hub Network Fund

Working as part of the Community Care Volunteering network, we supported Leeds City Council in delivering food, medicine and necessities to those in need in Hyde Park & Woodhouse.

Leeds City Council Community Care Hubs

The Community Care Hub project builds on the work of the Community Care Volunteering network. Woodhouse Community Centre was chosen to be a Community Care Hub for the ward of Little London and Woodhouse.

The National Lottery Community Fund Thriving Together

Developing a community informed programme of groups and activities at Woodhouse Community Centre led by local volunteers from the Hyde Park, Little London and Woodhouse areas.

The National Lottery Community Fund Thriving Together – Capital

Working on improvements and renovations to public areas at Woodhouse Community Centre to improve comfort, usability and creating a more welcoming environment.

Leeds Community Foundation Mental Health

We will use the funding to deliver Headspace courses specifically designed to meet the needs of BAME communities, delivered by qualified facilitators from BAME communities.

The National Lottery Awards For All – Community Cohesion

The One Community Volunteers funding covers the period from September 2022 to August 2023. The funds will enable us to offer free space for volunteers to run group events for the benefit of the wider community, supported by our Centre coordinator.

Amazon 100% Digital

This funding, received through 100% Digital Leeds, has supported combating digital poverty and household hardship in Woodhouse and Little London.

12. **Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cashflow from operating activities**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Net movement in funds	4,335	33,783
Add back depreciation charge	7,947	7,947
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(9,930)	10,780
(Decrease)/Increase in creditors	(38,128)	3,373
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Net cash (used)/generated in operating activities	(35,776)	55,883
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OBLONG LTD

England & Wales - Charity number 1120379

Accounts

Charity Registration No. 1120379
Company Registration No. 03147855 (England and Wales)

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DIRECTORS' REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Directors

Mark Richards
Kwame Gad
Paul Spinks
Sabina Lokolong
Amendeep Sohal
Neal Heard
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Company number

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DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The directors present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's constitution and Memorandum & Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and Charities Act 2011.

Structure, governance and management

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 18th January 1996. The charity was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charity and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the charity being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1. The objects and articles were amended and lodged at Companies House in August 2011.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees of the charity are also directors for the purpose of company law. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the trustees are elected to serve until the annual general meeting and stand for re-election.

The trustees have the power to co-opt additional trustees and no more than 12 in total.

New trustees are invited and encouraged to attend a series of meetings and short training sessions to familiarise themselves with the charity and the context within which it operates. All trustees are encouraged to meet with at least one member of the existing board of trustees and/or a staff member to look at the responsibilities and time commitments for trustees.

Trustee induction and training

All new trustees receive a prepared trustee induction pack which includes the following Oblong information:

Induction document

Memorandum and Articles of Association

Minutes of last 3 Board meetings

Last 3 years annual accounts

Staffing structure chart

Board contact details

Last annual review

Copy of 'The Essential Trustee' from the Charity Commission

Dates and times of next 3 Board Meetings

The directors who served during the year were:-

Ella Montgomery-Smith (resigned 30 September 2020)

Elie Kamden (resigned 31 January 2021)

Kwame Gad

Niyati Korgaonkar (appointed 20 January 2021 and resigned 3 March 2021)

Adelle Stollmeyer (appointed 2 February 2021 and resigned 24 March 2021)

Amendeep Sohal (appointed 25 February 2021)

Mark Richards

Lizzie Caperon (resigned 24 November 2020)

Catherine Welsh (resigned 21 October 2020)

Iwona Szczecina (appointed 5 August 2020 and resigned 7 January 2021)

Paul Spinks (appointed 12 January 2021)

Sabina Lokolong (appointed 10 February 2021)

Thomas Cross (appointed 25 February 2021 and resigned 14 September 2021)

Neal Heard (appointed 10 March 2021)

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Related parties

Oblong Ltd may support a number of community groups and these are referred to as "member projects". During the 2020/21 financial year Oblong had no active member projects.

Organisation structure

Oblong is managed by a voluntary trustee board, which meets quarterly, and which makes all major policy and strategic decisions. Oblong is managed by a team of 5 part time staff. Oblong is non-hierarchical, the staff team manage each other and are responsible to the board for managing the organisation's daily activity.

Oblong uses several collectives which encompass the operational running to deliver its objectives that include but are not restricted to:

- Woodhouse Community Centre collective
- Volunteering collective
- Mental Wellbeing collective
- Finance and Development collective
- Governance and HR collective

During the 2020/21 financial year Oblong did not use collectives to manage the organisation due to staff furlough and closure of the community centre. Oblong continued its non-hierarchical management structure and had regular staff meetings to manage the organisation's daily activity.

Risk management

The trustees have conducted a review of all risks to which Oblong is exposed and are confident systems are in place to mitigate these risks.

There are procedures in place to ensure that the quality of provision is maintained, the procedures are reviewed regularly, along with ensuring that staff regularly receive training to update skills and knowledge.

A risk register has been established and is periodically reviewed. Where appropriate systems or procedures have been established to mitigate risks the charity faces. Significant external risks to funding have led to the development of a strategic plan which will allow for the diversification of funding and activities. Internal controls are monitored by the implementing of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers and visitors to the centre. Appropriate DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) checks are made when required.

Objectives and activities

The stated objectives of the charity are:-

"Oblong aims to develop the capacity and skills of people living in socially and economically disadvantaged areas in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to create active, flourishing communities and to run a community centre, primarily for the benefit of the Woodhouse, Little London and Hyde Park areas".

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular the advancement of education and the enhancement of citizenship or community development.

Achievements and performance

Oblong resources

Oblong is user led and tries to provide the services people want. This currently includes:

- Community Centre facilities
- Drop in IT suite with access to print facilities
- Mental health wellbeing courses
- Volunteering opportunities

During the 20/21 financial year we had to offer alternatives to our face to face services normally accessed at the Community Centre, this was as a result of closing the Community Centre due to the pandemic.

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DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Woodhouse Community Centre

Our aim is to run the centre for the benefit of the local community, that everyone feels welcome at the centre, they enjoy their time here and leave wanting to come back.

The centre has a large hall, meeting rooms, IT suite, catering kitchen, community garden, offices and event space for hire. Our office spaces are let to charitable organisations working in the local community and beyond.

Due to the pandemic and government restrictions our community centre has remained closed to the general public throughout 20/21, this has been to help protect public health and prevent further spread of COVID19.

This year we have primarily used our space within the community centre for packing food parcels, food and other necessities storage and as a collection and drop off point for our volunteers when delivering items to people in the community. Having a large space available to work safely and at a social distance has been vital in delivering our Community Care Volunteering and Together & Stronger project.

Mental Wellbeing

Oblong's mental wellbeing programmes takes tried and tested approaches from Peer Support, Adult Education, CBT, Mindfulness and health coaching and uses a unique participatory learning style to create spaces where people can develop their understanding of their own and others mental health, re-imagine their future and make new connections and lifestyle changes. Headspace is a programme of seven weekly sessions that will help you to deal with the tough times in life that happen to us all. Learn techniques for relaxation, coping with stress and positive thinking. Find your strengths, meet new people and get new perspectives.

Our popular Headspace courses have been running in the later half of this year as we were able to deliver them online. We were able to provide tablets with data for those attendees who did not have access to the internet so that the courses were accessible to a wider range of participants. We have successfully piloted a peer support co-facilitation programme this year. Headspace participants who have expressed a desire to support others through facilitating their own peer support groups have been given the opportunity for training and to co-facilitate with us on the Headspace courses. We have also been gathering feedback from participants from ethnic minorities, mainly Black and Brown participants in Leeds, in order to start a more tailored and relevant peer support group.

Volunteering

Our volunteers have been integral in enabling Oblong to support those most in need in the Woodhouse, Little London and Hyde Park community and we would like to say a big thank you to all of them for their time and commitment.

Oblong is all about volunteers. This year we have had to adapt our volunteer roles to support the needs of the community during the pandemic whilst the community centre has been closed, we have worked closely with Voluntary Action Leeds (VAL), Woodhouse Mutual Aid groups, Rainbow Junction, Hamara, Leeds Grand Mosque (Love in a Box) and Hyde Park Source to deliver our Community Care Support service funded by Leeds City Council, The Big Lottery, Awards 4 All and Gateway Church.

The Community Care Volunteer project was created at the beginning of the pandemic as an emergency response primarily to support those who were unable to access food and collect medicine, it was not anticipated that this project would run for more than a few months but the demand was so high that it continued throughout the 20/21 year. Volunteers were recruited and inducted via VAL in procedures and safeguarding and worked with Oblong to deliver food parcels, make weekly check in calls and provide service signposting support to those in need in our community.

We received a grant from The Big Lottery to further support our community in our Together and Stronger project, which ran for six months from September 20 to February 21. This project's overarching aim was to support and empower our local communities to develop resilience and the skills they need to grow stronger as a community, in response to the serious detriments they face from the COVID19 pandemic. Our initial response was to meet physical and mental health needs arising from lockdown.

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DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Impact of COVID19 on Oblong

This year has been challenging for Oblong, with the lockdown in the UK our standard model of operation was turned on its head and we have had to adapt to the changes so we were able to best support our local community. As a result of lockdown Oblong had to close the Woodhouse Community Centre to the public, and we remained closed for the majority of the year reopening only for private bookings allowable within government guidelines.

Financial review

In this financial year the organisation made a surplus of £33,783, compared to a deficit of £678 in the previous financial year. The surplus is a result of Oblong's quick actions when lockdown began, to reduce costs we furloughed under the government funded Job Retention Scheme, four members of staff, as the community centre was closed we had a reduction in running costs and we were able to win unrestricted resilience grants.

Unrestricted rental income decreased by £48,781 this year, which was the result of the closure of the Woodhouse Community Centre to adhere with government guidelines for public health and safety. Oblong maintained its tenants in the community centre but was not able to take the same number of bookings for public events which have previously made up a good portion of the unrestricted income.

Oblong's unrestricted grant income for the year was £61,075, a full list of unrestricted grant income can be found in note 3 to the accounts. This was an increase of £44,261 from the previous year and was primarily due to the resilience grants that we successfully applied for during the year and the grants we received from Leeds City Council for business support.

Oblong's restricted grant income for the year was £98,058, a full list of movement in funds can be found in Note 11 to the accounts. This was an increase of £28,305 from the previous year and was driven by the funding we received to supply food parcels, medicine and support for other local community needs driven by the Covid-19 pandemic. As a result of the increase in grant funding we saw an increase in charitable activities spending.

Included within creditors is £29,386 of deferred grant and contract income which relates to the year ended 31 March 2022 and will be recognised in that financial year. An analysis of the deferred income is included in Note 9 of the accounts.

At the end of the financial year the overall reserves of the organisation were £229,142 of which £122,487 is unrestricted and can be used on any aspect of the charitable objectives of Oblong Ltd. We continue to work through our plan to build on our strengths, maximise the use of our Community Centre asset and grow our way towards a long term sustainable position.

Funders

We would like to thank all the funders who have made our work possible this year. Detailed restricted funding information can be found in Note 11 to the accounts and unrestricted funding information can be found in Note 3 to the accounts.

Assets

Woodhouse Community Centre reopened in 2012 after the Community Asset Transfer from Leeds City Council with a 50 year lease and a capital project refurbishment funded from a grant/loan mix from the Social Investment Business. Due to the pandemic and the closure of Woodhouse Community Centre we were offered a payment break by Futurebuilders England Ltd (Social Investment Business) from April 21 to September 21, Oblong still incurred monthly interest charges on the loan during this period therefore when loan repayment started in October 21 they were used to repay the interest balance before reducing the loan balance. We reduced the overall debt this year by £1,821 down to £192,187 with £7,947 depreciated from the building now valued at £325,827.

Reserves

The Board has set a policy to keep reserve funds at a sufficient level in order to allow the smooth operation of the charity's activities. The policy aims to hold between 3 and 6 months of resources expended, which equates to between £40,000 and £85,000. At the year end date unrestricted reserves stood at £122,487. Although this figure is higher than our policy we anticipate that some of these

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reserves will be used in the 21/22 financial year as our policy we anticipate that some of these reserves will be used in the 21/22 financial year as Oblong re-opens the community centre after the pandemic closure and we are anticipating lower rental income as a result of health and safety precautions required.

Development and Future Plans

2020 to 2021 has seen both uncertainty and success in terms of Oblong's funding and development situation.

With the ongoing local and national lockdowns, as a result of the coronavirus pandemic, we were unable to deliver centre-based projects and so changed to delivering our projects online as far as possible. Whilst this was a good means of continuing services, and people were pleased to be able to stay involved, it did have its limitations. On a positive note, funders were quick to accept a flexible approach to delivery, which made it possible to deliver in a way that took on board the huge change in the environment we were now operating in.

Another positive approach from fund providers was their recognition of the need to provide funding towards organisational resilience, in light of the fact that the speed at which changes to our environment occurred, did not give us time to plan and prepare in a way we could in more normal times. Not only did grant providers make it easier to find appropriate funding by being broader in their selection criteria, but they were also making speedier decisions. All of which made our sustainability more viable.

Whilst we as an organisation needed to secure income to survive, we had not lost sight of the fact that the needs of the communities we serve, increased both in breadth and an volume. Hence, we were grateful to be selected as the covid response hub for the Little London and Woodhouse ward, working collaboratively with our third sector partners and Leeds City Council. The funding provided for this work enabled us to meet the many and varied needs of the most vulnerable in our ward, including providing support with food, health and digital inclusion. As the period of covid-related need could not be predicted with any degree of certainty, the funding for this support came in several short bursts and with gaps, which made it challenging for us, as a small organisation, to provide an ongoing seamless service. However, our determination and efforts to ensure our communities were not left high and dry, ensured we successfully secured funding from various sources to plug those gaps.

We also took advantage of the benefits furloughed provided, for non-project delivery staff, particularly during the early days of the pandemic. This allowed us to keep our overhead costs down and avoided us having to dip into our reserves, at a time when we were losing income from being unable to hire out our rooms.

In March 2020 we had plans to embark upon a large-scale community consultation exercise with the residents of Woodhouse, Hyde Park and Little London. However, the pandemic and lockdown required us to put this on hold. This project was funded from the lottery's Awards for All grant, and they were amenable to us extending the deadline for completion to ensure we achieved the best possible outcome. This project is now scheduled to take place towards the end of 2021.

Our work over the past year, particularly in dealing with the impact of the pandemic, has highlighted how much support is still needed by vulnerable individuals in our locality, whilst also highlighting how willing people are to come together and offer their time and support, for the benefit of their communities and neighbourhood. Armed with this knowledge we submitted a proposal for funding to the Lottery's community fund, to deliver a community development and empowerment project, and have successfully secured a three year grant. The Thriving Together project will begin from November 2021.

OBLONG LTD

DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

The directors of Oblong Ltd. are responsible for preparing the Directors' Annual report and accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the directors to prepare accounts for each financial year. Under company law the directors must not approve the accounts unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these accounts the directors are required to:-

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- prepare the accounts on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of accounts may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

The directors are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose at anytime the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the accounts 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.

On behalf of the board of directors

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Mark Richards
Director

Dated: 30 November 2021

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS OF OBLONG LTD

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021, which are set out on pages 8 to 17.

Respective responsibilities of Directors and Examiner

The directors, who also act as trustees for the charitable activities of Oblong Ltd are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The directors consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011, (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination it is my responsibility to:

- (i) examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- (ii) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- (iii) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities;have not been met; or
- (b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Kevin J Meddings MAAT
Stuart B Lodge & Co
Chartered Accountants
44 Bradford Road
Idle
Bradford
West Yorkshire
BD10 9PE

Dated: 1 December 2021

OBLONG LTD**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Income					
Voluntary Income	2	14,214	-	14,214	404
Rental income		21,368	-	21,368	70,149
Incoming resources from charitable activities	3	61,075	98,058	159,133	86,567
Other incoming resources		150	-	150	776
Total income		96,807	98,058	194,865	157,896
Expenditure					
	4				
Charitable activities		73,910	87,172	161,082	158,574
Total expenditure		73,910	87,172	161,082	158,574
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds before transfers		22,897	10,886	33,783	(678)
Transfers between funds	11	11,482	(11,482)	-	-
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds after transfers		34,379	(596)	33,783	(678)
Total funds brought forward		88,108	107,251	195,359	196,037
Total funds carried forward		122,487	106,655	229,142	195,359

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

OBLONG LTD
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible assets	7	-	325,827	325,827	333,774
Current Assets					
Debtors	8	374	-	374	11,154
Cash at bank and in hand		126,833	401	127,234	71,351
		127,207	401	127,608	82,505
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(4,720)	(27,386)	(32,106)	(26,912)
Net current assets		122,487	(26,985)	95,502	55,593
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		122,487	298,842	421,329	389,367
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	10	-	(192,187)	(192,187)	(194,008)
Total assets less liabilities		122,487	106,655	229,142	195,359
The Funds of the Charity					
Unrestricted funds		122,487	-	122,487	88,108
Restricted funds	11	-	106,655	106,655	107,251
		122,487	106,655	229,142	195,359

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 2021. No member of the company has deposited a notice, pursuant to section 476, requiring an audit of these accounts.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and;
- preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its 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 small companies' regime.

The accounts were approved by the Board on 30 November 2021

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 Mark Richards
 Director

Company Registration Number: 03147855

OBLONG LTD
STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Cash generated/(used) in operating activities	12	55,883	(5,001)
Cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		71,351	76,352
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Total cash equivalents at the end of the year		127,234	71,351
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OBLONG LTD

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention unless otherwise stated.

The accounts are prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities; Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) published on 16 July 2014, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

Having considered future planned activities and the reserves available to the charity, the Management Committee are satisfied that the financial statements should continue to be prepared on the going concern basis.

1.2 Incoming resources

Core funding revenue grants are recognised in the income and expenditure account in the accounting period to which they relate.

Revenue grants for specific projects are recognised in the income and expenditure account in the accounting period to which they relate. Any unspent amounts are carried forward as part of the restricted funds in the balance sheet.

1.3 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be recovered and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for beneficiaries.

Governance costs includes those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirement of the charitable company.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories on the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource.

1.4 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:-

Fixtures and fittings	5 years straight line
Computers and equipment	3 years straight line

It is the policy of the charitable company to only include on the balance sheet individual items of a capital nature which cost £1,500 or more and only relates to those items that can be used for more than one year.

1.5 Fund accounting

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

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes of use of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the accounts.

OBLONG LTD**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

1.6 The charity pays contributions into the National Employment Savings Trust (NEST) which is a defined contribution work place scheme.

2. Voluntary income

	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Core income		
Unrestricted funds:		
Donations	40	404
Fees and services	222	-
Job retention scheme (furlough)	13,952	-
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	14,214	404
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3. Incoming resources from charitable activities:

	2021 £	2020 £
Grants receivable and contracts	159,133	86,567
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Included within income relating to grants receivable and contracts are the following:-

Unrestricted funds:

The Power to Change Trust	21,144	-
Leeds City Council – Small Business Rate Relief Grant	10,000	-
Leeds Community Foundation	10,000	-
Leeds City Council Lockdown Grant Support	14,431	-
Gateway Church	5,000	-
Groundworks UK	500	-
Garfield Weston Foundation	-	10,000
The Brelms Trust	-	4,999
Leeds City Council (Inner North West Community Committee)	-	1,815
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	61,075	16,814
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OBLONG LTD**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021****Restricted funds:**

Leeds Community Foundation – Time to Shine	3,413	10,038
Touchstone Live Well Leeds – Headspace	20,004	20,004
Leeds Community Foundation – CAF Community Cooks	3,328	6,618
The Brelms Trust	4,998	-
The National Lottery Community Fund Woodhouse Together and Stronger	30,028	-
Leeds City Council COVID-19 Hub Network Fund	26,362	-
Awards for All – COVID-19 Support	9,925	-
Peoples Health Trust – Health Amaze	-	8,334
Leeds Community Foundation – Jimbos Fund	-	3,962
Leeds Community Foundation – Power of Communities	-	13,045
Mentally Healthy Leeds - Headspace	-	800
Awards for All – Peaceful Minds	-	6,952
	98,058	69,753

4. Charitable activities

	2021	2020
	£	£
Wages and salaries	86,835	99,085
Pension costs	3,181	4,048
Freelance costs	9,239	3,579
Rates	810	2,306
Room hire	-	842
Insurance	2,260	2,195
Repairs and maintenance	6,343	7,795
Cleaning and PPE	3,169	1,305
Staff travel expenses	-	136
Volunteer expenses	2,341	715
Events and projects	14,198	2,429
Training	80	427
Printing, postage and stationery	1,240	2,587
Telephone and internet	950	1,703
Light and heat	4,480	5,839
Payroll costs	1,390	1,008
Paypal fees	-	127
Depreciation	7,947	7,947
Bank charges	129	121
Grant repaid	3,667	-
Publicity and promotion	343	1,492
Loan Interest	9,614	9,987
Legal and professional	928	861
Independent examination fee	1,938	2,040
	161,082	158,574

OBLONG LTD**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021****5. Directors**

None of the directors (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year.

6. Employees**Number of employees**

The average number of employees during the year was 6 (2020 – 6).

Employment costs

	2021	2020
	£	£
Wages and salaries	86,131	96,281
Social security costs	704	2,804
Pension costs	3,181	4,048
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	90,016	103,133
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There were no employees whose annual emoluments were £60,000 or more.

No pension contributions were outstanding at the year end.

The charity considers its key management personnel (Trustee group) to be the directors of the organisation.

OBLONG LTD**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

7. Tangible fixed assets	Leasehold Improvements £	Fixtures & Fittings £	Computers & Equipment £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 April 2020 and At 31 March 2021	397,350	4,979	36,919	439,248
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Depreciation				
At 1 April 2020	63,576	4,979	36,919	105,474
Charge for the Year	7,947	-	-	7,947
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At 31 March 2021	71,523	4,979	36,919	113,421
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Net book value				
At 31 March 2021	325,827	-	-	325,827
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At 31 March 2020	333,774	-	-	333,774
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Futurebuilders England Ltd (Social Investment Business) hold a legal charge on a 50 year lease over Woodhouse Community Centre, Woodhouse Street, Leeds, LS6 2NY on which the leasehold improvements have been made.

8. Debtors	2021 £	2020 £
Trade debtors	374	11,154
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9. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
	2021	2020
	£	£
Accruals	2,720	3,372
Deferred income (see below)	29,386	23,540
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	32,106	26,912
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OBLONG LTD
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Deferred income is as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Unrestricted:		
Assure (Craven Road Surgery)	2,000	2,000
Restricted:		
Touchstone Live Well Leeds – Headspace	4,998	4,999
Leeds City Council COVID-19 Hub Network Fund	12,588	-
Awards for All – Community Consultation	9,800	9,800
Leeds Community Foundation – Time to Shine	-	3,413
Leeds Community Foundation – CAF Community Cooks	-	3,328
	<u>29,386</u>	<u>23,540</u>

10. **Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year**

	2021 £	2020 £
Loan	192,187	194,008
	<u>192,187</u>	<u>194,008</u>

11. **Restricted funds**

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:-

	Balance at 1 April 2020	Incoming resources	Movement in funds		Balance at 31 March 2021
	£	£	Resources expended	Transfers	£
Futurebuilders	103,869	-	(2,473)	-	101,396
Leeds Community Foundation Time to Shine	1,764	3,413	(4,716)	(461)	-
Touchstone Live Well Leeds – Headspace	1,626	20,004	(15,934)	(3,936)	1,760
Leeds Community Foundation – CAF Community Cooks	(8)	3,328	(2,926)	(394)	-
The Brelms Trust	-	4,998	(4,998)	1,666	1,666
The National Lottery Community Fund – Woodhouse Together and Stronger	-	30,028	(24,934)	(5,094)	-
Leeds City Council COVID-19 Hub Network Fund	-	26,362	(22,959)	(1,570)	1,833
Awards for All – COVID-19 Support	-	9,925	(8,232)	(1,693)	-
	<u>107,251</u>	<u>98,058</u>	<u>(87,172)</u>	<u>(11,482)</u>	<u>106,655</u>

Transfers equate to overheads costs charged to projects, these are agreed with funders in advance.

OBLONG LTD
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Futurebuilders

A capital grant that enabled the refurbishment of the leasehold property.

Leeds Community Foundation – Time to Shine

A project that works with people over 50 years old to reduce isolation and encourage them to share skills and knowledge with each other.

Touchstone Live Well Leeds – Headspace

Costs were spent in the year in delivering multiple Headspace courses across Leeds.

Leeds Community Foundation – CAF Community Cooks

People from our diverse but fragmented community will come together to develop a World Foods catering service which will combat isolation, develop a realistic and needed enterprise initiative.

The Brelms Trust

A three year grant to support staff to provide assistance to those using the IT Suite services within the Woodhouse Community Centre.

The National Lottery Community Fund – Woodhouse Together and Stronger

This grant was to continue support for those in need in Hyde Park & Woodhouse, from September 20 – February 2021. We provided food that meets dietary requirements, hygiene products and other necessities for those people in the community who were unable to access these items. We also focused on supporting mental health providing regular check in calls and doorstep visits with our volunteers.

Leeds City Council COVID-19 Hub Network Fund

Working as part of the Community Care Volunteering network, we supported Leeds City Council in delivering food, medicine and necessities to those in need in Hyde Park & Woodhouse.

Awards for All – COVID-19 Support

Funding (May 20 – July 20) to support people within Hyde Park & Woodhouse who were self isolating, shielding or in need. We provided food parcels, medicine collection and other necessities working with volunteers to deliver to people's homes.

12. **Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cashflow from operating activities**

	2021	2020
	£	£
Net movement in funds	33,783	(678)
Add back depreciation charge	7,947	7,947
Decrease in debtors	10,780	1,210
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	3,373	(13,480)
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Net cash generated/(used) in operating activities	55,883	(5,001)
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