

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

**OBLONG LTD**  
**DIRECTORS' REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

# **OBLONG LTD**

## **LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

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<b>Directors</b>	Neal Heard Mark Richards Paul Spinks Layla Mubarak John Barton Lorena Blanco-Falcioni Zara Mahmood
<b>Co-opted</b>	Claire Lavery
<b>Secretary</b>	Jessica Fishenden
<b>Charity number</b>	1120379
<b>Company number</b>	03147855
<b>Registered office</b>	Woodhouse Community Centre 197 Woodhouse Street Leeds West Yorkshire LS6 2NY
<b>Independent Examiner</b>	Kevin J Meddings MAAT Kevin Meddings Accountancy Services 55 Crowther Avenue Calverley Leeds West Yorkshire LS28 5SA
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# **OBLONG LTD**

## **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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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 18<sup>th</sup> 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)

Amea 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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#### **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**

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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



**OBLONG LTD**  
**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 £
<b>Income</b>						
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
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>67,500</b>	<b>7,431</b>	<b>156,168</b>	<b>231,099</b>	<b>224,693</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	4					
<b>Charitable Activities</b>		<b>82,634</b>	<b>3,689</b>	<b>165,363</b>	<b>251,686</b>	<b>216,586</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>82,634</b>	<b>3,689</b>	<b>165,363</b>	<b>251,686</b>	<b>216,586</b>
<b>Net (expenditure) /net income/net movement in funds before transfers</b>		<b>(15,134)</b>	<b>3,742</b>	<b>(9,195)</b>	<b>(20,587)</b>	<b>8,107</b>
Transfers between funds	11/12	9,800	4,503	(14,303)	-	-
<b>Net (expenditure) /net income/net movement in funds after transfers</b>		<b>(5,334)</b>	<b>8,245</b>	<b>(23,498)</b>	<b>(20,587)</b>	<b>8,107</b>
<b>Total Funds brought forward</b>		<b>110,179</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>131,405</b>	<b>241,584</b>	<b>233,477</b>
<b>Total Funds carried forward</b>		<b>104,845</b>	<b>8,245</b>	<b>107,907</b>	<b>220,997</b>	<b>241,584</b>

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 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>						
Tangible assets	7	217,809	-	93,977	311,786	309,933
<b>Current Assets</b>						
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
<b>Creditors: amount falling due within one year</b>	9	(3,597)	-	(18,642)	(22,239)	(20,970)
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		36,114	8,245	13,930	58,289	95,811
<b>Total Assets less Current Liabilities</b>		253,923	8,245	107,907	370,075	405,744
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	10	(149,078)	-		(149,078)	(164,160)
<b>Total Assets less Liabilities</b>		104,845	8,245	107,907	220,997	241,584
<b>Total Funds of the Charity</b>						
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

**OBLONG LTD**  
**BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)**  
**AS AT 31 MARCH 2024**

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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**

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	Notes	2024	2023
Cash (used)/generated from operating activities	13	(40,776)	7,251
<b>Cashflow from investing activities</b>			
Bank interest		242	-
(Decrease)/increase in cash equivalents in the year		(40,534)	7,251
Cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		98,709	91,458
<b>Total cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>		<b>58,175</b>	<b>98,709</b>

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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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**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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**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**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Core income</b>		
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:**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
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)**  
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<b>Restricted funds:</b>		<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
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	
	<b>156,168</b>	<b>132,808</b>	
<b>4. Charitable activities</b>			
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	
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	
	<b>251,686</b>	<b>216,586</b>	

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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)**  
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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**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
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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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)**  
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**7. Tangible fixed assets**

	<b>Leasehold Improvements £</b>	<b>Fixtures &amp; Fittings £</b>	<b>Computers &amp; Equipment £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 April 2023	397,350	4,979	36,919	439,248
Additions	9,800	-	-	9,800
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<b>At 31 March 2024</b>	<b>407,150</b>	<b>4,979</b>	<b>36,919</b>	<b>449,048</b>
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<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 1 April 2023	87,417	4,979	36,919	129,315
Charge for the Year	7,947	-	-	7,947
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<b>At 31 March 2024</b>	<b>95,364</b>	<b>4,979</b>	<b>36,919</b>	<b>137,262</b>
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<b>Net book value</b>				
<b>At 31 March 2024</b>	<b>311,786</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>311,786</b>
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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**

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

	<b>2024 £</b>	<b>2023 £</b>
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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	<b>22,239</b>	<b>20,970</b>
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Deferred income is as follows:

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Restricted:</b>		
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**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
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:-

	Movement in funds				
	Balance at 1 April 2023	Incoming resources	Charitable activities	Transfer between funds	Balance at 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
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**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
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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