

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

OBLONG LTD

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Mark Richards
Paul Spinks
Layla Mubarak
John Barton
Sally Read
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Charity number

1120379

Company number

03147855

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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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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.

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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	4					
Charitable Activities		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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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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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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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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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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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)	-	-
	107,907	198,139	(174,640)	(25,805)	105,601

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)	-
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	8,245	5,670	(306)	(3,684)	9,925
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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)
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Net cash (used) in operating activities	(6,604)	(40,776)
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