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Registered Company Number: 06262852
(England and Wales)

Livestock
Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 March 2025

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Report of the Trustees
For the year ended 31 March 2025

The Trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements for the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2025. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

Livestock is an arts and community development charity. We run projects that engage with the themes of mental health and wellbeing, focused on individuals' personal stories. We enable people to share their histories and experiences to connect and communicate with each other. Our peer support groups use creativity as a tool to empower. We work primarily with mothers and families.

The company aims to advance education for the public benefit by the promotion of the arts, especially performance, writing and art; and mental and physical wellbeing through mindfulness and food activities. We work especially with communities in the Brighton and Hove area.

The trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance 'public benefit: running a charity (PB2).

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Significant activities

Mothers Uncovered founder Maggie won two awards: Women's Champion for Social Enterprise UK and WISE Women 100.

Maggie met with MP Laura Kyrke-Smith who has made it her mission to improve maternal mental healthcare with significant investment into community provision.

We were also approached to be a community partner for a leading piece of research for UCL, headed by academic Charlotte Faircloth.

Maggie was interviewed by BBC 5 Live following a report on patchy maternal care around the UK. This led to interest and funding for our young mums' project from Forvis Mazars.

Mothers Uncovered

We ran a 5-week Mindfulness group at The All Saints, Hove and 3 My Birth sessions at The Turner Centre in June/July. Attendance was patchy and we've identified that participants are initially interested but struggle to commit to a sequence of sessions.

We identified that people preferred a drop-in model so we trialled that in the autumn over 4 sessions in Whitehawk, a deprived area and this worked out well. We tried to run a one-off session for mothers who have experienced pregnancy/baby loss in the autumn, however this didn't have enough interest. There were 20 mothers supported through these activities.

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Younger Mothers

In the summer of 2024 our facilitator Caroline (Caz) resumed the training and preparation of the group for younger mothers which ran from late Sept-Oct, led by 2 young mums from last year's Three Gen project. This went successfully and we were awarded further grants to sustain this work. With a new coordinator Cat (due to Caroline's work capacity at the time) we went forward into April 2025 with a strong plan for a year's delivery ahead for younger mums and additional recruitment to this project also.

We additionally started sessions at the Puzzleboard café in March 2024 in order to set up a general chat session to support the removal of barriers into more committed groups to see if this supported younger mums better. This was attended by 10 mums but only funded for a number of weeks prior to the set up of the formal groups. We look forward to seeing how the group work unfolds.

Raising Awareness: Maternal Health

Maggie and Aradhana developed some Peer Support training for individuals expressing the wish to set up their own groups in the UK. This **Peer Support Training** – a low-cost, online support session facilitated by Maggie. This initially started as a group session, but moved to an individual mentoring session (or two people from the same organisation). This attracted people from different parts of the country, with 5 women supported from Norfolk, Kent, London and Leeds.

We pitched for funding to develop Matrescence advocacy from The Stephen Lloyd Award (along with facilitator Felicity). This was unsuccessful unfortunately, however Maggie was been shortlisted for Social Enterprise Women's Champion of the Year by Social Enterprise UK. She also was on the Pioneers Post Wise 100 list of women for the second year running.

Additionally, Maggie was also involved in SPSN (Sussex Peer Support Network) event, mentioned in a Guardian piece by Lucy Jones, interviewed by Rosie Taylor for the Independent, went to Parliament and met MP Laura Kyrke-Smith and attended the launch of the UCL-funded 'Becoming A Mother Study' at the House of Lords. We shall be involved in this research going forwards.

We took on a volunteer, Jay, to edit and uploaded 2 more episodes of the 'Secret Life of Mothers' podcast and 2 more have been recorded, including with Sam Southern, a leading light in suicide awareness who ensured that the Baton of Hope Tour would start in her home town of Blackpool. The editor role was taken on by another volunteer Vladimir. The podcast has increased views and is being produced regularly with increasingly more higher profile interviewees.

<https://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/article/2024/aug/21/it-felt-shameful-the-profound-loneliness-of-modern-motherhood>

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/06j39jSj1Ttrd9kPOkVAZP?si=awbkuT05TcKBH0v1z3iuQA>

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Reaching Your Potential

Due to a lack of funds for this project, we did not run anything during this year. We anticipate a course next year for younger mums as part of this project.

Frazzled

We have been running monthly online sessions for parents of SEND children ongoing throughout this year with attendance varying, and some regular individuals who see it as their lifeline. The groups are to be promoted by Amaze, and we are looking to develop better connection with schools. We shall be looking to recruit a third facilitator in the coming year, as the funding increases for this project and we expand into face to face sessions at the Old Boat in Hollingbury on a regular monthly basis.

Teen Years

We ran a trial of 3 sessions in Worthing during the Autumn months, and this was not attended well. Therefore, we put the service on hold for the foreseeable future until we establish a better need if there is one.

Organisational wide

Again, this year we have found that the trend of a competitive landscape in seeking funding continued to worsen, with some funders closing and a couple that we regularly are successful in obtaining funding from changing their criteria, so we are no longer eligible. Of over 40 bids that were applied for, Livestock was successful in only a quarter of these, the majority of these being less than £5000. There was also restricted capacity throughout the year due to the Aradhana (Managing Executive) needing time off for ill health leaving Maggie (Creative Executive) to carry operational and management tasks for a few months (cumulative) throughout the year.

We still persevered at the diversification of income streams, many of the initiatives we explored required more resource than we were able to offer in people power and upfront costs. Additionally, the Lottery which we did sign up to has been slow in progress. We held a Pub Quiz fundraiser which brought in £850 and looked at really promoting Easy Fundraising – a donation platform which organisations give money to charities whilst individuals do their regular shopping. This has been successful in the cases where people use it, however getting sufficient numbers of people who activate the donation is difficult.

Additionally, we created a slide deck with the aid of our trustee Jess, which we have used to approach corporate organisations in order to gain a relationship whereby we can offer training/courses to their staff or seek voluntary time or donations. We are yet to create a strategy of delivery for this, however, were unlucky with Siemens for whom it was originally created.

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Governance

During 2024-25, having Lorraine on board as Treasurer provided more operational capacity As well as an opportunity to organise and automate financial processes, making better use of Xero and other tools. Following Lorraine's resignation, Christina Lewis has taken on responsibility for the oversight of subcontractor payments. A new Trustee / Treasurer will be recruited in early 2026.

We led an all team away day in October 2024 for the trustees and facilitators to meet and create a co-vision of the organisation alongside discussing solutions as a group to barriers of fundraising, reviewing service and also commenting on our digital presence. This was really beneficial to get everyone together.

All trustees had their annual meetings with the Managing Executive this year, and the general consensus was restrictions on time for individuals. No immediate need for training across the board was identified.

We met with Tim Smith, a lawyer, to seek advice on our constitution given the amount of work that we are now doing to raise awareness. Tim has advised that this does sit within our constitution as written and therefore we are continuing with it.

Policy and Procedure

Policy and Procedures stated to be reviewed this year with the help of our trustee Liv and will continue to be reviewed through the year as capacity allows.

Going Concern

The charity has faced challenges in building and sustaining reserves over the past two years. These have been difficult times for the charity sector in general due to funding restrictions, cuts and the closure of trusts and grant funders which have historically supported the charity.

Whilst the charity continues to operate within its reserves policy of holding one month's operating expenditure in free reserves, action is being taken to diversify and support new income streams such as our collaboration with potential Corporate partners. A conversation with Biogen is currently taking place where donations and funding to support work looks promising. We are also looking to

build our Lottery donations, with better support from a recently recruited communications person and we are looking to run an additional fundraiser this year to support income generation.

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As well as raising additional money, we are also looking to reduce costs by reviewing service providers and subscriptions. We have looked at the cancellation of our Drop Box and Zoom subscriptions, hoping to sign up to the new Microsoft Office for charities as a low cost rate when they roll out their new package in Jan 2026, and we will continue to review other subscriptions as they come up for renewal.

The outlook so far for 2025-26 is challenging but the Trustees are confident that the charity will continue and be able to build the reserves in the coming year. Having been successful in receiving the National Lottery Awards for All funding in November 2025, we have already secured a third of the funding required for this year's infrastructure costs, enabling us to use some of the donations money for reserves this year. This alongside the afore mentioned fundraiser and corporate endeavours should stand Livestock in better stead for 2026/2027.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

For the year ending 31 March 2025, the charity recorded a net deficit of £2,169 (2024 surplus: £3,973). Total reserves now stand at £23,212 of which £18,890 is restricted.

Total income generated for the year was £27,009 (2024: £52,557).

The charity has received £21,025 in grants during the year (2024: £45,650)

A total of £29,178 was spent (2024: £48,584). This has decreased in line with decreased project activity as funding streams have reduced.

The charity continues to invest in supporting the infrastructure of the charity to ensure appropriate controls, governance and planning processes are in place.

Reserves

Livestock is committed to using its resources in pursuit of its charitable objectives. It is also committed to maintaining a level of reserves that is prudent to meeting ongoing liabilities, sufficient to ensure that all delivery commitments can be met and to protect the long-term future of Livestock's operations. Livestock's reserves policy seeks to balance these priorities by aiming to hold a level of general reserves which equates to approximately one month's expenditure of the charity, based on the planned expenditure for the year.

At 31 March 2025 the charity held general reserves of £4,322 which equates to roughly six weeks operating costs at 2024-25 levels. However, recent fundraising bids have included funds to support the development of the charities' infrastructure and £1,700 is currently held in restricted funds for this purpose.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

Livestock is a charitable company limited by guarantee; it was incorporated on 30 May 2007 and registered as a charity on 30 December 2007. Livestock was established under a Memorandum of Association, which describes the objects and power of the charitable company; it is governed under its Articles of Association. Under those Articles, the Trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting. One third of the elected, and all of the co-opted, Trustees must retire at each subsequent Annual General Meeting.

The Members have guaranteed to contribute a maximum of £1 each in the event of the company being wound up. All members of the Trustee Board give their time voluntarily and received no benefits from the charity. Any expenses reclaimed from the charity are set out in the notes to the accounts.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION


Name of charity	Livestock
Charity registration number	1122091
Company registration number	06262852
Principal address	Community Base 113 Queens Road Brighton BN1 3XG
Independent Examiner	Rachel Hall FCA Bulldog Accounting Limited 12 Brogdale Place Faversham Kent ME13 0AF

Trustees

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

	Claire Imogen Foss (Chair)
	L London (resigned 07/11/25)
	L McDonnell
	J Jetmore
	C Lewis
	O. Carr (appointed 22/7/24)
Secretary	Ms Maggie Gordon-Walker

Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by

C Foss (Trustee) 

Date: 05/12/25.

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Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees
For the year ended 31 March 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiners statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



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Rachel Hall FCA
Bulldog Accounting Limited
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Faversham
Kent ME13 0AF

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Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure account)
For the year ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 £	2024 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	11,292	14,450	25,742	50,704
Charitable activities	3	-	-	-	610
Bank interest		122	-	122	-
Other trading activities	4	1,145	-	1,145	1,243
Total		<u>12,559</u>	<u>14,450</u>	<u>27,009</u>	<u>52,557</u>
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	5	715	-	715	1,008
Charitable activities	6/7/8	20,112	8,351	28,463	47,576
Total		<u>20,827</u>	<u>8,351</u>	<u>29,178</u>	<u>48,584</u>
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>(8,268)</u>	<u>6,099</u>	<u>(2,169)</u>	<u>3,973</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	14	12,590	12,791	25,381	21,408
Total funds carried forward		<u>4,322</u>	<u>18,890</u>	<u>23,212</u>	<u>25,381</u>

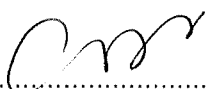
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Statement of Financial Position
As at 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025	2024
Tangible Fixed Assets	11	-	135
Current Assets			
Debtors and prepayments	12	-	155
Cash at bank and in hand		23,692	25,571
		<u>23,692</u>	<u>25,726</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(480)	(480)
Net current assets		<u>23,212</u>	<u>25,246</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>23,212</u>	<u>25,381</u>
Net assets		<u>23,212</u>	<u>25,381</u>
The funds of the charity			
Restricted income funds	14	18,890	12,791
Unrestricted income funds	14	4,322	12,590
Total funds		<u>23,212</u>	<u>25,381</u>

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The notes on pages 13 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board and signed on its behalf by:

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Claire Imogen Foss

Trustee

Date 05/12/25

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Notes to the Financial Statements
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1. Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investments which are included at market value and the revaluation of certain fixed assets in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Companies Act 2006.

Livestock meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

2. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Donations received	4,717	-	4,717	5,054
Grants received	6,575	14,450	21,025	45,650
	11,292	14,450	25,742	50,704

Analysis of grants received

	2025	2024
Albert Hunt	2,000	1,000
Healthwatch	-	300
Brighton and Hove Council	-	5,000
Chalk Cliff Trust	3,000	3,000
Trusthouse	-	8,751
Homity Trust	-	-
Groundwork	375	1,125
National Lottery Community Fund	-	19,974
Sussex Community Foundation	4,950	5,000
KFC Foundation	2,500	-
Allen Lane	2,000	-
Mazars	5,000	-
Woodward Trust	1,200	-
	21,025	45,650

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3. Income from charitable activities

Unrestricted Funds

	2025	2024
	£	£
Course fees	-	610
	<u>-</u>	<u>610</u>

4. Income earned from other activities

Unrestricted Funds

	2025	2024
	£	£
Book sales and events	-	126
Fundraising activities	743	1,117
Lottery	402	-
	<u>1,145</u>	<u>1,243</u>

5. Expenditure on generating donations and legacies

Unrestricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Donations	715	-	715	230
Publicity		-	-	778
	<u>715</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>715</u>	<u>1,008</u>

6. Costs of charitable activity by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted funds	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Core	-	-	-	-
Collaboration	-	-	-	3,504
Mothers Uncovered	-	8,351	8,351	18,032
Soul Food	-	-	-	5,109
Support Costs	20,112	-	20,112	20,931
	<u>20,112</u>	<u>8,351</u>	<u>28,463</u>	<u>47,576</u>

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7. Costs of charitable activity by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly	Support Costs	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Core	-	20,112	20,112	20,931
Collaboration	-	-	-	3,504
Mothers Uncovered	8,351	-	8,351	18,032
Soul Food	-	-	-	5,109
	<u>8,351</u>	<u>20,112</u>	<u>28,463</u>	<u>47,576</u>

8. Analysis of support costs

	2025	2024
	£	£
Management	16,871	16,594
Marketing & advertising	904	1,302
Office & IT Costs	1,646	1,539
Training	175	106
Governance costs	516	1,390
	<u>20,112</u>	<u>20,931</u>

9. Net income / expenditure for the year

This is stated after charging

	2025	2024
Accountancy fees	480	720
Depreciation	135	179

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10. Comparative for the Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	32,453	18,251	50,704	47,584
Charitable activities	610	-	610	237
Other trading activities	1,234	-	1,243	1,596
Total	<u>34,306</u>	<u>18,251</u>	<u>52,557</u>	<u>49,417</u>
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	1,008	-	1,008	579
Charitable activities	24,431	23,145	47,575	43,565
Total	<u>25,439</u>	<u>23,145</u>	<u>48,584</u>	<u>44,144</u>
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	<u>8,867</u>	<u>(4,894)</u>	<u>3,973</u>	<u>5,273</u>
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward	3,723	17,685	21,408	16,135
Total funds carried forward	<u>12,590</u>	<u>12,791</u>	<u>25,381</u>	<u>21,408</u>

11. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Computer Equipment	Total
	£	£
Cost or valuation		
At 1 April 2024	539	539
Additions	-	-
At 31 March 2025	<u>539</u>	<u>539</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 April 2024	(404)	(404)
Charge for the year	(135)	(179)
At 31 March 2025	<u>(539)</u>	<u>(404)</u>
Net Book Value		
At 1 April 2024	135	135
At 31 March 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>135</u>

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12. Debtors

Amounts falling due within one year	2025	2024
	£	£
Prepayments	-	155
	-	155

13. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	480	480
	480	480

14. Movement in funds

Unrestricted Funds – Current Year

	Balance at 01/04/2024	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Balance at 31/03/2025
General	12,590	12,559	(20,827)	-	4,322
	12,590	12,559	(20,827)	-	4,322

Restricted Funds – Current Year

	Balance at 01/04/2024	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Balance at 31/03/2025
Mothers Uncovered	12,791	-	(2,790)	(8,802)	1,199
Young mums	-	9,500	(4,900)	8,141	12,741
Frazzled	-	4,950	(661)	661	4,950
	12,791	14,450	(8,351)	-	18,890

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Unrestricted Funds – Prior Year

	Balance at 01/04/2023	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Balance at 31/03/2024
General	3,723	34,306	(25,439)	-	12,590
	3,723	34,306	(25,439)	-	12,590

Restricted Funds – Prior Year

	Balance at 01/04/2023	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Balance at 31/03/2024
Soul Food	8,348	-	(5,109)	(3,239)	-
Mothers Uncovered	1,642	18,251	(14,532)	7,430	12,791
Children In Need	1,029	-	-	(1,029)	-
Collaboration	6,666	-	(3,504)	(3,1262)	-
	17,685	18,251	(23,145)	-	12,791

15. Analysis of net assets between funds

Current Year

	Net current assets / (liabilities) £	Net Assets £
Unrestricted Funds		
General	4,322	4,322
Restricted Funds		
Mothers Uncovered	18,890	18,890
	23,212	23,212

Previous year

	£	£
Unrestricted Funds		
General	12,455	12,590
Restricted Funds		
Mothers Uncovered	12,791	12,791
	25,246	25,381

16. Related parties

Maggie Gordon-Walker is paid fees for delivering certain project activities, as well as carrying out administration and management activities for the charity. Ms Gordon-Walker also carries out the role of the Charity secretary. In 2024-25 Ms Gordon-Walker received £9,840 (2024: £14,080).

There were no other related party transactions during the period (2024: nil).

