

Love Stoke Church

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Small Company Provision

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on SEPTEMBER 2025. and signed on its behalf by:

.....*Robert Price*.....

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(A company limited by guarantee)

Report and Financial Statements for the

Year Ended 31 March 2025

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Love Stoke Church ("the company")

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of Love Stoke Church are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's 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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Love Stoke Church as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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



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19/12/25
Date:.....

Love Stoke Church

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025
(Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	3	22,873	36,943
Other trading activities	4	74,597	66,303
Total Income		<u>97,470</u>	<u>103,246</u>
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	5	-123,386	-121,298
Total expenditure		<u>-123,386</u>	<u>-121,298</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		<u>-25,916</u>	<u>-18,052</u>
Net movement in funds		-25,916	-18,052
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		102,363	120,415
Total funds carried forward	15	<u><u>76,447</u></u>	<u><u>102,363</u></u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2020 is shown in note 15.

Love Stoke Church

(Registration number: 06548592)
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025


	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	11	73,060	93,989
Current Assets			
Debtors	12	1,724	2,703
Cash at bank and in hand	13	5,860	9,254
		<u>7,584</u>	<u>11,957</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	14	<u>-4,197</u>	<u>-3,583</u>
Net current assets		<u>3,387</u>	<u>8,374</u>
Net assets		<u>76,447</u>	<u>102,363</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		0	0
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		76,447	102,363
Total Funds	15	<u>76,447</u>	<u>102,363</u>

For the financial year ending 31 March 2025 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The financial statements on pages 6 to 18 were approved by the trustees, and authorized for issue on ~~19/12/25~~ and signed on their behalf by:


Robert Price (Dec 19, 2025 15:54:10 GMT)
Robert Price
Company secretary and trustee

The notes on pages 8 to 13 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

1 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). They also comply with the Companies Act 2006 and Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

Love Stoke Church 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 notes.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

The charity opted to adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

Income and endowments

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of the income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees's meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Government grants

Government grants are recognised based on the accrual model and are measured at the fair value of the asset received or receivable. Grants are classified as relating either to revenue or to assets. Grants relating to revenue are recognised in income over the period in which the related costs are recognised. Grants relating to assets are recognised over the expected useful life of the asset. Where part of a grant relating to an asset is deferred, it is recognised as deferred income.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity.

Substantial items are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and will have continued value. They are valued at cost or, if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life on a straight line basis, the Board of Directors have agreed to increase the rate of depreciation in line with the end of the current lease (2028), so all assets will be written off before the new lease commences, as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Equipment	20%
Vehicles	20%
Modular Building	20%
Building Improvements	20%

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

2 Charity status

The charity is limited by guarantee, incorporated in England, and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	2025 £	2024 £
Donations and legacies;		
Donations from individuals	17,693	3,755
Gift Aid Reclaimed	5,181	12,688
Grants, including capital grants;		
Government grants	0	20,500
Grants from other charities	0	0
	<u>22,873</u>	<u>36,943</u>

4 Income from other trading activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Sales of goods and services	54,434	44,308
Community events and rentals	20,163	21,994
	<u>74,597</u>	<u>66,303</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Ministry		1,995	4,665
Gifts to Others		0	0
Conferences		0	0
Community Hall Facilities		17,928	24,357
Community Hall Maintenance		6,146	13,807
Community Hall Programmes		280	208
Depreciation		23,936	23,435
Insurance		1,788	846
Other		44,245	35,980
Staff Costs		27,069	18,000
Governance costs	6	0	0
		<u>123,386</u>	<u>121,298</u>

6 Analysis of governance and support costs

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Independent examiner fees			
Examination of the financial statements		0	370
		<u>0</u>	<u>370</u>

7 Trustees remuneration and expenses

During the year the charity made the following transactions with trustees:

Robert Price

Robert Price invoiced adhoc as a consultant when funds were available £10,979 (2024: £10,975).

Emily Ruth Price

Emily Ruth Price received remuneration of £27,069 (2024: £18,000) during the year in her role as senior leader.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

8 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Staff costs during the year were:			
Wages and salaries		27,069	18,000
Pension Costs		<u>27,069</u>	<u>18,000</u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management / leadership team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2025 No	2024 No
Staff	2	2

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

9 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Note	2025	2024
		£	£
Cost			
As at 01 April (b/fwd)		130,115	128,345
Additions		3,006	1,770
As at 31 March (Year End)		<u>133,121</u>	<u>130,115</u>
Depreciation			
As at 01 April (b/fwd)		-36,126	-12,691
Additions		-23,936	-23,435
As at 31 March (Year End)		<u>-60,062</u>	<u>-36,126</u>
Net book value			
As at 01 April (b/fwd)		93,989	115,654
As at 31 March (Year End)		<u>73,060</u>	<u>93,989</u>

12 Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade debtors	988	1,967
Accrued income	736	736
	<u>1,724</u>	<u>2,703</u>

13 Cash and cash equivalents

	2025	2024
	£	£
Cash at bank	5,860	9,254
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14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	0	0
Other creditors	4,124	3,510
Accruals	73	73
	<u>4,197</u>	<u>3,583</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

15 Funds

	2025	2024
	£	£
Opening balance (b/fwd)	102,363	120,415
Incoming resources	97,470	103,246
resources expended	-123,386	-121,298
Closing balance (c/fwd)	<u>76,447</u>	<u>102,363</u>

16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	2025	2024
	£	£
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Current assets	7,584	11,957
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17 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.

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Achievements and Performance

a) Advancing the Christian Faith

This year we have ran Love Coffee with a team of volunteers from the church and community and we have seen so many people blest and find faith in and through their time in the coffee shop. Advancing the Christian faith into our community has been done by the opening of the Christian coffee shop called “Love Coffee” at the community centre. As a charity we are still are looking to build the canopy outside to give dog walkers shelter and also for extra space in the summer as the coffee shop fills to capacity on some days. Love Coffee and the canopy will be safe places to dwell and talk about spiritual health and wellbeing. The church has been working on a grant for the refurbishment of the toilets and this has taken over two years of work. We finally got the award for the grant in March 2025. for £98,000 to re do the entrance to the hall and refurbishment of the toilets within the community hall. This will happen in the first quarter of 2025 (May to July) and we will report in next years trustees report. The church runs many programs throughout the year which include a Sunday Morning meeting in the hall. We engage with other churches and often have guest speakers in from the churches of Stoke On Trent.

b) Furthering Christian Education

We work with leadership groups we identify within the charity and they are being taught how to run church services on a monthly rota. This has lead on from the Legacy Leadership that many went through. We look forward to doing an Alpha course in late 2025

c) Relieving Need

As a church we are committed to helping those in need and are doing this through our members engaging in Love Coffee and meeting our community to help with loneliness, help with antisocial behaviour by having a safe place for the youth. We have provided food to family who needed help, and have a pay forward scheme in place where people can purchase a heart and this then can be traded in for a free drink – this has proven very successful.

d) Managing Facilities

In September we completed the 12th year of operating Meir Park Community Centre under a 15 year lease signed in 2013, again exceeding the performance measure contained within the lease. This continues to be a strong arm for our work in the community. We also signed another lease agreement for an additional 9 years in 2021 that will run after the 15year lease finishes, this was needed as we required 10yrs on the lease to be accepted for a community grant. Due to changes in Stoke Council we have not had the opportunity to discuss the possibility of a 25 yr lease so we can apply for major capital investment within the hall.

The finances are run in the same way as we have done for the last 12 years. All community rentals are paid into the community centre account under Love Stoke Church. The Charity pays all the bills and repairs and any improvements within the community centre. The Coffee Shop proceeds all goes into the coffee shop account, and are paid into the main account once cost and supplies have been paid for.

The cabin has been used to hold small groups. But we have had an enquiry by a lady who comes to the church to rent it for her to serve the community by running a beauty shop in 2025 summer onwards.

The main community building is used for many activities within Meir Park, Slimming World, Over 55, karate and one-off local events.

We continue to be very active within community groups and with Stoke City Council, who are very supportive.

Robert and Emily Price are the Senior leaders of Love Stoke Church.

Financial review

See pages 6-15

Love Stoke Church

Trustees' Report (Incorporating the Directors' Report)

Policy on reserves

The directors have considered the level of reserves they deem wise to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs. This is based on the charity's size and level of financial commitments held. The directors aim to ensure the charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The directors will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily. At 31 March 2025 the charity had unrestricted reserves of £75,569.98.

Plans for future periods

Aims and key objectives for future periods

The coffee shop has been open two years and this has given us the hub to really link in with the community and build strong relationships both with young and old. We are looking to change out the toilets and make a changing room for the disabled and sight impaired, also make the toilets accessible to all. We have applied to the national lottery for this grant.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

Love Stoke Church is a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee incorporated on 29th March 2008 and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. The charitable company was administered by the trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law and are listed on page 2.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Love Stoke Church selects known potential trustees to fulfil a specific role within the board to provide levels of expertise necessary for the oversight and guidance to comply with our role and responsibilities as a charity.

Induction and training of trustees

To ensure that the potential trustee understands the role, guidance can be given including directing them to the Charity Commission's guidance for a well-run charity and guidance for a well-managed company.

Risk Management

The directors have examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they are able to mitigate the significant risks.

Small Company Provision

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on SEPTEMBER 2025. and signed on its behalf by:


.....

Robert Price
Company Secretary and Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Love Stoke Church ("the company")

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of Love Stoke Church are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's 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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Love Stoke Church as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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



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19/12/25
Date:.....

Love Stoke Church

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025
(Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	3	22,873	36,943
Other trading activities	4	74,597	66,303
Total Income		<u>97,470</u>	<u>103,246</u>
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	5	-123,386	-121,298
Total expenditure		<u>-123,386</u>	<u>-121,298</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		<u>-25,916</u>	<u>-18,052</u>
Net movement in funds		-25,916	-18,052
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		102,363	120,415
Total funds carried forward	15	<u><u>76,447</u></u>	<u><u>102,363</u></u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2020 is shown in note 15.

Love Stoke Church

(Registration number: 06548592)
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025


	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	11	73,060	93,989
Current Assets			
Debtors	12	1,724	2,703
Cash at bank and in hand	13	5,860	9,254
		<u>7,584</u>	<u>11,957</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	14	<u>-4,197</u>	<u>-3,583</u>
Net current assets		<u>3,387</u>	<u>8,374</u>
Net assets		<u>76,447</u>	<u>102,363</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		0	0
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		76,447	102,363
Total Funds	15	<u>76,447</u>	<u>102,363</u>

For the financial year ending 31 March 2025 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The financial statements on pages 6 to 18 were approved by the trustees, and authorized for issue on ~~19/12/25~~ and signed on their behalf by:


Robert Price (Dec 19, 2025 15:54:10 GMT)
Robert Price
Company secretary and trustee

The notes on pages 8 to 13 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

1 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). They also comply with the Companies Act 2006 and Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

Love Stoke Church 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 notes.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

The charity opted to adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

Income and endowments

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of the income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees's meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Government grants

Government grants are recognised based on the accrual model and are measured at the fair value of the asset received or receivable. Grants are classified as relating either to revenue or to assets. Grants relating to revenue are recognised in income over the period in which the related costs are recognised. Grants relating to assets are recognised over the expected useful life of the asset. Where part of a grant relating to an asset is deferred, it is recognised as deferred income.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity.

Substantial items are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and will have continued value. They are valued at cost or, if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life on a straight line basis, the Board of Directors have agreed to increase the rate of depreciation in line with the end of the current lease (2028), so all assets will be written off before the new lease commences, as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Equipment	20%
Vehicles	20%
Modular Building	20%
Building Improvements	20%

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

2 Charity status

The charity is limited by guarantee, incorporated in England, and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	2025 £	2024 £
Donations and legacies;		
Donations from individuals	17,693	3,755
Gift Aid Reclaimed	5,181	12,688
Grants, including capital grants;		
Government grants	0	20,500
Grants from other charities	0	0
	<u>22,873</u>	<u>36,943</u>

4 Income from other trading activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Sales of goods and services	54,434	44,308
Community events and rentals	20,163	21,994
	<u>74,597</u>	<u>66,303</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	2025	2024
		£	£
Ministry		1,995	4,665
Gifts to Others		0	0
Conferences		0	0
Community Hall Facilities		17,928	24,357
Community Hall Maintenance		6,146	13,807
Community Hall Programmes		280	208
Depreciation		23,936	23,435
Insurance		1,788	846
Other		44,245	35,980
Staff Costs		27,069	18,000
Governance costs	6	0	0
		<u>123,386</u>	<u>121,298</u>

6 Analysis of governance and support costs

	Note	2025	2024
		£	£
Independent examiner fees			
Examination of the financial statements		0	370
		<u>0</u>	<u>370</u>

7 Trustees remuneration and expenses

During the year the charity made the following transactions with trustees:

Robert Price

Robert Price invoiced adhoc as a consultant when funds were available £10,979 (2024: £10,975).

Emily Ruth Price

Emily Ruth Price received remuneration of £27,069 (2024: £18,000) during the year in her role as senior leader.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

8 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	Note	2025	2024
		£	£
Staff costs during the year were:			
Wages and salaries		27,069	18,000
Pension Costs			
		<u>27,069</u>	<u>18,000</u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management / leadership team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2025	2024
	No	No
Staff	2	2

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

9 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Cost			
As at 01 April (b/fwd)		130,115	128,345
Additions		3,006	1,770
As at 31 March (Year End)		<u>133,121</u>	<u>130,115</u>
Depreciation			
As at 01 April (b/fwd)		-36,126	-12,691
Additions		-23,936	-23,435
As at 31 March (Year End)		<u>-60,062</u>	<u>-36,126</u>
Net book value			
As at 01 April (b/fwd)		93,989	115,654
As at 31 March (Year End)		<u>73,060</u>	<u>93,989</u>

12 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	988	1,967
Accrued income	736	736
	<u>1,724</u>	<u>2,703</u>

13 Cash and cash equivalents

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash at bank	5,860	9,254
	<u>5,860</u>	<u>9,254</u>

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Other taxation and social security	0	0
Other creditors	4,124	3,510
Accruals	73	73
	<u>4,197</u>	<u>3,583</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

15 Funds

	2025	2024
	£	£
Opening balance (b/fwd)	102,363	120,415
Incoming resources	97,470	103,246
resources expended	-123,386	-121,298
Closing balance (c/fwd)	<u>76,447</u>	<u>102,363</u>

16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	2025	2024
	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	73,060	93,989
Current assets	7,584	11,957
Current liabilities	<u>-4,197</u>	<u>-3,583</u>
Total net assets	<u>76,447</u>	<u>102,363</u>

17 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.