WARRINGTON VOLUNTARY ACTION

England & Wales · Charity number 1129343

Details

Other names	VOLUNTEER CENTRE WARRINGTON LTD
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	06805818
Registered	2009-04-29
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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE THE BENEFIT OF ALL INHABITANTS IN THE AREA OF BENEFIT BY ASSOCIATING TOGETHER VOLUNTEERS AND ORGANISATIONS IN A COMMON EFFORT TO ADVANCE EDUCATION, PROTECT HEALTH, RELIEVE POVERTY, SICKNESS AND DISTRESS, AND PROMOTE ANY OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSE.

Activities: We support the development of a vibrant, thriving and sustainable third sector to meet the diverse and changing needs of local communities. .

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

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Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Warrington

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£986,886	£985,923	£591,802	22
2024-03-31	£905,608	£839,257	£561,264	22
2023-03-31	£700,865	£771,793	£452,913	18
2022-03-31	£638,618	£439,907	£304,841	13
2021-03-31	£288,547	£243,003	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Lynne Bennett	Chair	2014-01-21
Catherine Mary Fitzgerald		2025-12-02
David Barlow		2020-01-16
Joanne Jackson		2014-01-21
Katie Horan		2014-11-11

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Accounts

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Report of the Trustees and

Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

for

Warrington Voluntary Action

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Warrington Voluntary Action (Registered number: 06805818)

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity 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 Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

WVA supports the development, and meaningful growth of a vibrant, responsive, thriving and sustainable third sector and community-focused faith groups, to meet the diverse and changing needs of local communities.

WVA's charitable objectives are "To promote the benefit of all the inhabitants in Warrington and the local area by associating together volunteers and organisations in a common effort to advance education, protect the health, relieve poverty, sickness and distress, and to promote any other charitable purpose. In furtherance of these objects but not otherwise, we shall:-

a) Inform, advise and support organisations which involve or are willing to involve volunteers to enable them to pursue or contribute to any charitable purpose to develop volunteering and community engagement.
b) Promote, organise and facilitate co-operation and partnership working between third sector, statutory and other relevant bodies within the Warrington and the local area.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Significant activities

The Charity meets its aims by:

- Providing information, guidance and resources enabling local voluntary, community and faith organisations to deliver effective quality services.
- Promoting, supporting and developing volunteering opportunities for individuals and local communities that will contribute to making a positive difference.
- Developing and championing excellence in volunteer management, supporting groups to deliver good practice in managing their volunteers, and access to relevant accreditation programmes.
- Initiating the development of new groups, schemes, enterprises or activities to meet identified needs and local demand.
- Supporting local networks and forums to facilitate and encourage effective partnerships and strengthen cross-sector working.
- Enabling effective representation and involvement in key strategic partnership bodies to ensure third-sector organisations have a strong and coherent voice and promote equitable participation for the communities and community representations in local policies.
- Elevate the voice of marginalised communities and groups in strategic forums and promote equality, diversity and equitability of outcomes.
- Supporting people to enjoy life, and live well and independently through a network of community connectors and first step enquiries.
- Warrington Voluntary Action embeds the essence of National Voluntary and Community Actions, locally; supporting sustainability and support of the Voluntary and Community Sector in Warrington.
- Represent the voice of the sector in statutory and policy-making structures.
- Promoting the value of community assets and understanding social value investment in people and local causes from an intersectional lens.
- Inviting shared problem solving and identifying shared solutions ,sharing relevant governance, policy and guidelines in a timely and contextual manner

The values we believe in are:

- Being passionate: Utilising energies purposefully and committing to the development and enrichment of others.
- Thinking creatively: Seeking to get the best from available resources and unlocking potential by thinking differently.
- Working collaboratively: Developing effective relationships that aim to benefit all partners as well as people in our communities.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Public benefit

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Warrington Voluntary Action (WVA) is the strategic Place lead for the VCSE Sector across the borough. We work closely with public sector strategic partners, including those involved in healthcare transformation to represent the interests of the VCSE and the community groups.

WVA has an excellent understanding of Warrington's network of over 1000 VCSE organisations, enabling us to speak with credibility and assurance when representing the views of the sector. WVA has actively supported the groups to stay connected to the direction of the public sector and communicated on their behalf to influence the strategy with the voice of the community and VCSE groups at heart.

WVA is a key leader within the borough's strategic ecosystem of boards, innovation groups, forums and alliances, having an elected place to advocate for the VCSE on an equitable platform as a key partner. As a trusted, independent charity, WVA will continue to provide a strong presence, and continuous voice ensuring confidence in the sector across Warrington's systems and strives to deliver our strategic priorities to ensure we achieve the best possible outcomes.

To do this WVA will:

- Ensure that the Charity is performing proactively and at an optimum level, achieves excellence in the quality of its governance and is an effectively ran and managed organisation.

- Continually strengthen the engagement of WVA in all relevant groups, to stay informed, and to provide a strong and trusted, local voice on behalf of the voluntary, community and faith sector, and act as the first point of call in all matters related to the community and voluntary sector.

- Be recognised by stakeholders as an effective enabler of high-quality outcomes with meaningful social values, for voluntary and community organisations.

- Building a responsive and strong evidence-based system to evaluate the impact of WVA and the effectiveness of VSFSE groups as an important focus for strengthening communities and measuring outcomes for individuals, organisations groups, and the wider community, by building capacity and partnership, and facilitating identification of effective evidence of this work.

- Be recognised as an organisation that puts service users first encourages and supports the development of groups collaboratively and supports the delivery of services for our partners by:
- Use our extensive reach from our community database, surveys, outreach work and forums to provide quality information.
- relating to groups, service purpose, service beneficiaries and activity to identify emerging needs or gaps.
- respond to the strategic needs of our communities.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Overview

Warrington Voluntary Action (WVA) has a diverse team of talented and multi-skilled employees, who work on a diverse array of services and projects.
As the sole infrastructure organisation for Warrington, WVA is contracted until 2028 and is continuing to focus on building capacity within the sector and informing our commissioners on the trends, strengths and challenges of the sector on a regular basis.

This is achieved through our work with charity and enterprise start-ups with a core focus on building capacity and offering funding support, governance requirements and quality assurance and strengthening the performance of the said organisation by offering support in Leadership, encouraging partnership and collaboration, and supporting with any scaling up plans and growth they have planned in the strategic direction.

WVA is a VCQA-accredited Volunteer Centre, encouraging, supporting and promoting volunteers across Warrington as well as recruiting, mobilising and supporting volunteers for our community wellbeing services. We have reviewed our volunteering training offer and we are developing our volunteer training programme, to be able to sustain the support in our communities, learnings and growth to people who want to volunteer and be more responsible for the trends and new themes emerging in our communities.
The work of Warrington Voluntary Action aligns with local corporate strategy in the health, well-being and micro-level economic growth of Warrington Residents
-Our residents live healthy, happy and independent lives
-Everyone benefits from our thriving economy

The strand of WVA engagement at the place, with the communities and community members and delivery of commissioned services, has the golden thread of well-being and the core elements of Adults can work and live fulfilling lives in a vibrant and healthy borough.
Warrington Voluntary Action also embeds the essence of National Voluntary and Community Action locally, supporting sustainability and support of the Voluntary and Community Sector in Warrington.

Warrington Voluntary Action represent the voice of the sector in statutory and policy-making structures. Promoting the value of community assets and understanding social value investment in people and local causes from an intersectional lens. Sharing relevant governance, policy and guidelines in a timely and contextual manner

WVA has been leading multiple strands of volunteer-led, community support structures. Through the Wellbeing Service offer, WVA has a responsible and effective working relationship with health and social care. Our Healthy and Home service our Good Neighbours services and falls prevention initiative are highly regarded as effective services to support individuals in the comfort of their homes.
Our Talking Point services are the first point of seeking advice and information for the community and the first door to the breadth of our partnership support is also supported and is striving to run by local volunteers.

We continue to be a strategic partner in shaping the new place-based integrated care partnership, Warrington Together Partnership Board.

We are partners in delivering Poverty responses as a priority for the Warrington Health and Wellbeing Board, we also continue to support anti-poverty interventions through the work of the Poverty Forum and our well-established Food Network. We have enhanced the reach of our work in Poverty by announcing the establishment of Poverty Truth Commission in the Poverty Conference. The project will start in the new financial year.

WVA represents the VCSE on various boards and forums across the borough to provide a strong collective voice and help shape future policy and direction, ensuring an eco-system with full VCSE representation and forums to share intelligence, tacit knowledge and good practice.

Other work includes leading a mental health alliance and health Alliance partnership, delivering cancer awareness engagement within communities, coordinating community digital accessibility service, expanding our offer on the food network and poverty responses, and managing grants and commissions on behalf of the sector.

At a regional level, WVA is an active partner of the Cheshire & Warrington Infrastructure Partnership, as well as a number of other regional and national networks working with partners across the area to steer the direction of strategic priorities and to mirror the needs of the local population.

Volunteering

By encouraging, supporting, and developing volunteering across the borough, WVA can unlock the potential of local residents and channel their skills and enthusiasm towards making a positive impact in their community. By utilising the potential within our community, WVA can create a sense of ownership and responsibility among residents, foster a sense of community, and drive positive change. A key role of WVA is to encourage, support and develop volunteering across the borough.

WVA holds the VCQA (Volunteer Centre Quality Accreditation) quality mark. This provides assurance to commissioners, funders, volunteers involving organisations and the public that we offer an effective quality service.

Our engagement in the community events, our brokerage service continues to offer individuals the expert local knowledge on volunteering opportunities, allowing individuals to make an informed choice and support WVAs own volunteers to be responsive to the changing needs of our communities and the new themes presenting themselves at the front door of our services. We predominantly have a digital platform to allow people to explore the possibilities of volunteering.
This year, the brokerage service started a new geographic capture to extend the volunteering offer across the neighbouring borough. This is to increase the opportunities across the borough for volunteering. This service provides accessibility and inclusivity, ensuring people with additional needs, mental health issues, asylum seekers and refugees, and newcomers with English as a second language are supported to access suitable volunteering opportunities.

WVA as a team supports external organisations on considerations they need to have before adversity and recruiting volunteers. The Advisor supports writing up clear and attractive volunteer opportunities to ensure increased interest before publishing and supports with matching the volunteers with the skill sets required.

WVA updated all volunteer training this year and ran refresher sessions for volunteers. Boundaries, confidentiality, and escalation were updated subjects addressed in the new training.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

WVA coordinates banks of volunteers for a number of activities. During this period. We have supported Warrington Public Health in older person's JSNA, engaging more than 1200 people to conduct the surveys and facilitate capturing the voice of older residents, in a community-wide consultation.
We continue to recruit, train and coordinate WBCs Food Pantry volunteers, Good Neighbours volunteers and Talking Point volunteers. We have delivered specialise and advance to our volunteers in responding to safe disclosures trauma responses so we can effectively arm volunteers with the training and support they need to continue their support.

We continue to support various events by supporting organisations to recruit and support their volunteers for specific events, carnivals and festivals.

Development Work

WVA has helped the development of new groups and programmes this year and enabled a large number of charities and community groups to access funding, training and governance support.

WVA continued to support individual organisations with the required support and advice to help manage and develop their group, structure, governance and strategic growth. This support included an organisational Health check service for governance, training needs and scalability.
EQIS (focused on mental health service providers) membership to ensure a benchmark for good practice in mental health has been established with a growing membership. Our support for Mental health support groups additionally included advice and guidance on funding applications, a read-through service, governance and management advice, policies and procedures, recruiting and managing volunteers, measuring outcomes and impact and setting up new organisations. WVA has been instrumental in supporting a number of new groups to establish and flourish.

WVA has managed community grants for the Cheshire Foundation micro-grants, Multiply grant, Bridgewater community healthcare trust, UK Shared Prosperity Fund - Talking Point(Community Investment Grants), and Cancer Alliance, disseminating funds that either served to create a programme to address a gap in service provision, or enable the groups to address various identified outcomes, for example deliver prevention and early detection messages and communications to those most hard to reach in our communities.
Additionally, we have been involved in a collaborative approach to identifying gaps in provisions in different communities and closely working to address the gaps through a multi-organisation approach to development. Creating women-focused mental health groups, and grief support groups are examples of that work.
Through our collaborative work with our partners we funded the first ever miscarriage support group in Warrington , so Warrington residents don't have to travel to access support.

Community Impact and Strategic Coordination

Affordable Food Provision- Poverty

Warrington Voluntary Action celebrated the success of dedicated work and significant effort to coordinate a response to food poverty in Warrington, by collaboration and engagement with the partners and stakeholders who support and delivery.

WVA has held six in-person Food Network meetings this year and have continued to support groups to connect with new partners and upskill in a variety of topics to support their delivery. There have been 7 new partners who have joined the Food Network this year including two new community fridges, an affordable food project and community café, who we have worked with to connect into relevant services to ensure safe delivery of food to residents, providing guidance to these organisations on food hygiene, governance, food sourcing, volunteering and funding. Promotion and awareness raising of food poverty, the drivers and available support has continued to require focus throughout year 3. We have provided food poverty awareness training for teams within the VCSE sector, for the Social Prescribers, Community Health Workers, Talking Points and 0-19 teams within Bridgewater. er services for the cause.

WVA has supported the end-to-end procurement of a new affordable food project to take over from the WBC ran Pantry in Fearnhead, following the recognition that independence from the council was required for sustainability. We promoted the scheme to potential partners, enlisted national expertise onto the panel through our relationship with Feeding Britain and provided a critical eye from a Warrington perspective to ensure we found the right partner organisation to deliver a quality affordable food offer. We provided project development support throughout, fostering connections with funders and supporting the transition of the volunteer team. This has led to the development of a strong affordable food offer for this area of Warrington launching at the beginning of April.

WVA has been directly engaged with food organisations to enable them to link with other partners and providers to address the wider financial inclusion agenda within the town and developed and coordinated a Warrington Food Alliance working with local food organisations, the wider voluntary sector, local authorities and health partners. To develop and agree on a set of principles that champion local, ethical and sustainable practice as well as the provision of support to access funds and resources and volunteers. Cheshire Community Foundation and WBC funding has created the opportunity for the wide-reach network to become a highly impactful engagement

Strategically, we have continued to contribute towards the work of the Poverty Action Group to tackle the underlying causes of poverty, representing the Food Network members and beneficiaries to ensure the voices and challenges the people we support face, are heard. We inputted into the development of the new Health and Wellbeing Strategy for the borough, ensuring a focus on access to and affordability of nutritious food was included within the strategy.

Warrington in Mind- Strategic Coordination of Mental Health responses

Warrington in Mind (WiM) Warrington in Mind (WiM) is an alliance of 44 VCFSE groups and organisations in Warrington. It's a platform to promote a collaborative and collective approach to improving mental health services within the town. WiM aims to provide the VCSE with a voice to ensure they are a valued part of the co-design and transformation of services. Members of WiM have to have a quality marker of EQIS which is an accredited programme to demonstrate trust and quality of offer. WVA coordinated regular group meetings with the members, identified gaps in the community and practice, recommended areas of need to commissionaires and coordinated 4 Mental Health Market Events in Warrington to reduce stigma and help the community understand the full offer of clinical and non-clinical services to improve mental health.

A)Wellbeing Services:

WVA is continuing to deliver community Well-being services. This service is a joint Local Authority and Health initiative to support individuals in living well and independently in their own homes. This is achieved through the following programs and services: from this service.

1)Good Neighbours Program:
Aims to reduce feelings of loneliness and provide meaningful social interactions.
This service offers a period of support to connect individuals to various community-based services or a volunteer befriender to reduce isolation and loneliness.

Fall prevention service, by delivering accredited chair-based exercise programs, through a network of trained volunteers, for individuals referred from fall services.
Through these services, WVA aims to enhance the well-being of individuals by ensuring they have access to the necessary social support and community connections.

Dementia Support: This service offers person-centred support to people with early onset dementia to maintain a level of familiarity and independence in their lives, whilst maintaining safety and connection. The service has partnered with various VCSE groups with the aim of making Warrington a Dementia friendly city.

2)Healthy and Home Services:
Based in Warrington and Halton NHS

Trust Hospital discharge service serves Warrington residents with discharge
plans from both hospitals.
This service supports people discharged from the hospital by informing them of the voluntary sector assistance available to meet their social needs, connecting them to Good Neighbour teams for their initial needs upon discharge and aims to reduce loneliness and isolation for vulnerable and frail people.

3) Community Link Workers:
We offer a network of community link workers and social prescribers who work with our health partners in the community or at GP surgeries to meet the non-clinical needs of the patients and support the community-based needs, by offering information about the VCFSE partner's wider and specialised support, and facilitating engagement in community activities.

Warrington Voluntary Action has a network of Link Workers across various health providers to connect the individuals post-discharge, or for their non-clinical needs, to the wider VCFSE groups. The individuals in this role support beneficiaries with a range of activities, from referral to review entitlements, connecting to local groups, supporting to try different groups, and escalation of cases for formal reviews and reassessments.
-Bridgewater Community Service (I FTE supporting 0-90 and supporting over 280 clients annually)

-Merseycare Care - Sever Mental Health Discharge Care Navigators (2 FTE working inpatient and, in the community, supporting 80 clients per year)

B) Other Comunity serice Offers:

1) Digital Accessibility:
WVA offers a comprehensive support package of digital skills, tools, and resources to help the sector streamline its services, transform the group, and empower the employees, volunteers, and trustees to work together and incorporate digital into everyday life in Warrington. This service has now entered its second phase to deliver one-to-one support in the community to individuals to get connected to the digital platforms and their offers.
This service offers practical skills to individuals, including learning how to use NHS apps and other digitalised government services in the community centres.

2) Talking Point:
Talking Points offer face-to-face information, support and guidance to help people live well in Warrington. Talking points have no criteria, do not need appointments and are offered in 13 locations throughout the week, and their significance is being available when people are ready to ask for support (cycle of help-seeking and cycle of change). Talking Point services are going from strength to strength, offering a unique, hyper-local service with the needs of each community at the centre of the offer and fulfilling the needs of people who otherwise have to attend multiple services. Talking Point was connected to an investment fund to increase capacity or set up new services to respond to the locally identified gaps.

3) Living Well Warrington:
This is the latest strand of service development at WVA, interconnected and led by Capacity capacity-building arm of the organisation.

Building on the success of the partnership work that created and is sustaining the Living Well Hub, Living Well Warrington opens up local services to the community like never before. Referred to as the first 'system-wide' website of its kind, the mission is to take the approach of empowerment and choice offered by the hub and put it in the palm of your hand.

WVA has been integral to the development and delivery of the project both strategically and operationally. WVA, as an infrastructure service, has been involved in implementation and was commissioned to be responsible for the VCFSE presence and coordinating the team of administrators from various agencies managing their information. The deep knowledge of the WVA about our communities and neighbourhoods has been instrumental in helping shape the structure of the plan. We are looking forward to the partnership and what this could office to the members of our community. This service is expected to be launched in the new financial year for full public assess.

4)Voice and Representation:
Our public profile continues to grow through a blend of organic visibility, strategic community engagement, and targeted social media activity.

WVA plays a pivotal role in championing the voice of the VCSE sector, ensuring effective representation on a wide range of strategic boards. Throughout the year, the WVA team has consistently advocated for the sector at key forums, including the Central Neighbourhood Renewal Board, Mental Health Partnership Board, Health and Wellbeing Board, Poverty Forum, Warrington Together, Cheshire and Merseyside Health and Care Partnership, Staying Well, Community Led Support, and many others.

This vital work ensures the sector remains fully engaged and that its needs and concerns are actively raised and addressed. It also involves the coordination of multiple representative boards and networks, such as the VCSE Health and Social Care Alliance, Network Hub, Food Network, Warrington in Mind, as well as various community networks and communities of practice

Charitable activities

WVA Front Facing Services, enabled and predominantly fulfilled by WVA volunteers, had one of the busiest years of service in Warrington Community and demonstrating the value of community-led services to the public sector and commissioners in health and social care.
Healthy and Home service supported 1,551 patients with timely discharge from the hospital and delivered 5,869 interventions to the beneficiaries.
The offer of wellbeing was delivered by Good Neighbours, providing support and befriending through our highly skilled volunteers, as well as Falls Prevention (Chair-Based Exercise), Dementia, and a team of community link workers collaborating with PCNs, Bridgewater Community Hospital, and MerseyCare for secondary mental health support. Our wellbeing services supported 1056 individuals to connect to services offered in the community and completed 6956 interventions.

Capacity Building

During the reporting period, our Capacity Building team supported the development of 192 new groups and new strands of services across Warrington. The team also responded to 1,061 volunteering applications, facilitating opportunities for individuals to engage meaningfully in their communities. In addition, we delivered and implemented training for these groups on safe governance, safeguarding, and best practice standards. This support was provided through bespoke, one-to-one sessions and access to either free or low-cost external training opportunities. A structured system of support was also made available for leadership roles, including Chairs at the Trustee level.

Investment in the Community

We conducted 90 community consultations to identify needs and gaps at a granular level, engaging residents within their own localities to ensure inclusive participation. As a result of these insights, a total of £248,903 was invested in 73 projects across the borough during 2024-2025. This funding was delivered in partnership with Warrington Borough Council, and through the utilisation of Empowering Community Funds provided via the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF), Bridgewater Community Healthcare, and microgrants made available by the Cheshire Community Foundation.

Multi-Sector Strategic Coordination

This strand of WVA's service focuses on creating a dynamic, two-way system between the VCFSE sector and public bodies. Local authority strategies provide the framework, guiding and shaping the operational work of voluntary, community, faith, and social enterprise organisations. At the same time, the experiences, insights, and challenges encountered on the ground are fed back into the system, helping to refine and inform future strategy. By linking strategic priorities with real-world practice in this way, the system ensures that community action is aligned with broader goals while allowing public bodies to respond to the realities and needs of the communities they serve. The result is a more connected, adaptive ecosystem where strategy and practice continuously inform and strengthen one another.

This might change from time to time and currently holds two main portfolios of activities in Warrington. Poverty and affordable food provision, and Mental Health - specifically men's mental health.
This year, we have completed a mapping exercise to understand the Community Cooking offer across the town. This has led to an improved understanding of needs and provision to build upon. Supported the design and roll-out of Food Active training for affordable food provisions, to increase the awareness of what makes a good offering and how to display products and engage with residents to encourage healthy eating. We have 528 members of the vantry sign up since launch (which is 1012 adults & 406 children

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Social Action Activities:

WVA proactively coordinates and/or responds to social actions to support the community and community needs in various types of activities. This could be through implementing MECC (make every contact count) for cancer screening and early detection, in the community and with highly marginalised groups, or working with primary care to support the CDV (Cardio Vascular and Blood Pressure) health messages in the community and community groups. Work with public health on consultation and implementation of the healthy weight (eat well, live well) strategy or responding to more urgent matters, like coordinating flood responses to affected communities.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The Charity made a surplus in the year of £963, before the gain on the pension asset. The Charity had total free reserves of £591,802 (2024: £561,264). At the year end, the Charity held restricted reserves totalling £126,815.

Principal funding sources

Funds are mainly obtained by commissions from Warrington Borough Council, NHS, and national and local funding bodies.

Reserves policy

In light of the main financial risks facing the charity, the Board has determined that free reserves (unrestricted funds, not designated or invested in fixed assets) would be equivalent to a minimum of 6 months of unrestricted expenditure to deliver core services, approximately. £209,360, which provides sufficient funds to cover management and administration costs needed to wind up the organisation, to include redundancy costs for all staff or apply for emergency grants or loans.

Going concern

The Trustees are continually reviewing the operations of the charity and its ability to deliver its objectives in a post-pandemic phase where the cost of living, poverty and health complexities are intensively affecting VCSE groups and communities. The Trustees have followed Government Guidance and will continue to seek financial assistance where appropriate and make cost savings where possible and appropriate.

FUTURE PLANS

We continue to support opportunities that mobilise local people to represent their communities, participate in local decision-making processes and strengthen social networks, encouraging people to play their full part in contributing to the life of their community.

Looking ahead to the change in public sector polices, the cuts and changes to benefits require our focus on managing and mitigating the impact within the sector and our communities,
Building layers of resilience and fortitude across the sector is vital to maintaining support and to creating brave spaces where the voices of community members and grassroots groups are not only heard but valued and acted upon.

Reviewing our offer of support to our stakeholders through a whole sector consultation is an important area of focus for us this year. It is important to shape the offer of support based on the current and topical needs. We are looking forward to engaging with our stakeholders and supporters to refine engagement and planning ahead.
One of our key priorities for the coming year will be the establishment and launch of the Warrington Poverty Truth Commission, funded by Public Health. This initiative will bring together community commissioners with lived experience of poverty and civic and business leaders, following the nationally recognised Poverty Truth Network model. The Commission aims to create a space for honest dialogue, mutual learning, and co-produced solutions that challenge systemic barriers and influence policy and practice.

This work lies at the heart of our ongoing commitment to tackling the wider determinants of health, recognising that poverty, inequality, and social exclusion are critical issues affecting the well-being of our communities. By centring the voices of those with lived experience, we hope to drive long-term, meaningful change. Our partnership with Warrington Borough Council remains a vital part of this journey, as we move forward with shared purpose, compassion, and a collective vision for a fairer, healthier Warrington.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The Directors, who are also Trustees, are appointed by the membership at the Annual General Meeting (AGM), and are collectively known as the Board of Directors. Trustees are elected to serve on the board of Warrington Voluntary Action (WVA) at the AGM for a period of 3 years. Nominations are invited from the wider membership of the organisation. The Trustees who served during the year, together with any changes up to the date of approving this report are listed above.

Organisational structure

The Board, which must not be less than three members and not more than fifteen, administers the Charity and meets as necessary, usually at least 6 times per year. Although there is no formal structure of sub-committees, individual trustees hold specific portfolios and take the lead on behalf of the Board on these matters. The Board occasionally sets up ad hoc working groups to look at specific matters and to report back.

The day-to-day operations of the Charity are the responsibility of the Chief Officer, to whom the Trustees delegate authority for operational matters including finance, employment and development, within the overall strategy agreed upon by the Board.

Induction and training of new trustees

Directors are recruited for their commitment, experience, skill and knowledge they can bring to the organisation. The organisation has a defined process for recruitment, induction and training of members of the Board of Directors which is led by the needs of the organisation.

New trustees are supported by experienced trustees and Chief Officer.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Wider network

WVA is part of the national network of third-sector infrastructure support organisations across England, and is an accredited Volunteer Centre through the National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO).

WVA is also a member of the Cheshire and Warrington Infrastructure Partnership (CWIP).

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

06805818 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1129343

Registered office

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Trustees

M Barbour Retired (resigned 19.12.24)
S L Bennett
J Jackson
K Horan
C Jones Outreach Manager (resigned 19.11.24)
D F Barlow
C M Fitzgerald (appointed 2.12.25)

Company Secretary

N Ghodrati

Independent Examiner

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Warrington Voluntary Action (Registered number: 06805818)

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

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

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 15 January 2026 and signed on its behalf by:



S L Bennett - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Warrington Voluntary Action (Registered number: 06805818)

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Warrington Voluntary Action ('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 the Company 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
Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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 the Company 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.



J Boyo FMAAT FCA BFP

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15 January 2026

Warrington Voluntary Action

Statement of Financial Activities
(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.25 Total funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	2,082	-	2,082	138
Charitable activities	4				
Advice and support		160,232	813,119	973,351	900,904
Investment income	3	11,453	-	11,453	4,566
Total		173,767	813,119	986,886	905,608
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	5				
Advice and support		276,424	709,499	985,923	839,257
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(102,657)	103,620	963	66,351
Transfers between funds	14	(55,695)	55,695	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses)					
Actuarial gains on defined benefit schemes		29,575	-	29,575	42,000
Net movement in funds		(128,777)	159,315	30,538	108,351
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		434,449	126,815	561,264	452,913
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		305,672	286,130	591,802	561,264

The notes form part of these financial statements

Balance Sheet
31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.25 Total funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	11	3,689	-	3,689	2,851
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	12	109,624	-	109,624	119,191
Cash at bank		135,675	309,091	444,766	531,384
		245,299	309,091	554,390	650,575
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(246,888)	(22,964)	(269,852)	(366,162)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		(1,589)	286,127	284,538	284,413
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		2,100	286,127	288,227	287,264
PENSION ASSET	15	303,575	-	303,575	274,000
NET ASSETS		305,675	286,127	591,802	561,264
FUNDS	14				
Unrestricted funds				305,675	434,449
Restricted funds				286,127	126,815
TOTAL FUNDS				591,802	561,264

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

(a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each 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 financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet - continued
31 March 2025

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 15 January 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:



S L Bennett - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

Warrington Voluntary Action

Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	(94,653)	12,649
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities		(94,653)	12,649
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(3,418)	-
Interest received		11,453	4,566
Net cash provided by investing activities		8,035	4,566
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		(86,618)	17,215
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		531,384	514,169
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		444,766	531,384

The notes form part of these financial statements

Notes to the Cash Flow Statement for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	963	66,351
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	2,579	4,345
Interest received	(11,453)	(4,566)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	9,567	(38,052)
Decrease in creditors	(96,309)	(15,429)
Net cash (used in)/provided by operations	(94,653)	12,649

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.4.24 £	Cash flow £	At 31.3.25 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank	531,384	(86,618)	444,766
	531,384	(86,618)	444,766
Total	531,384	(86,618)	444,766

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared 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 UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

In the opinion of the Trustees the charity has sufficient resources and funding for the foreseeable future and as a result have prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the company.

Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

Income
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

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 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 those conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants,is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the Trust that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is a treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

Expenditure
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs incurred by the charity to enable it to fulfil its core operations.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Expenditure
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Governance costs
Governance costs relate to those costs which are incurred purely in furtherance of improving or contributing to the governance of the charity.

Tangible fixed assets
Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Plant and machinery	- 25% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% on cost
Computer equipment	- 33% on cost

Taxation
The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments
Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits
The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Financial instruments
The company has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the company's statement of financial position when the company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the net asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and include cash in hand, deposits held at call with bank, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Financial instruments

Basic financial assets
Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised costs using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Other financial assets
Other financial assets, including investments in equity instruments which are not subsidiaries, associates or joint ventures, are initially measured at fair value, which is normally the transaction price. Such assets are subsequently carried at fair value and the changes in fair value are recognised in profit or loss, except that investments in equity instruments that are not publically traded and whose fair values cannot be measured reliably are measured at cost less impairment.

Impairment of financial assets
Financial assets, other than those held at fair value through profit or loss, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each reporting end date.

Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows have been affected. If an asset is impaired, the impairment loss is the difference between the carrying amount and the present value of the estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. The impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss.

Derecognition of financial assets
Financial assets are derecognised only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire or are settled, or when the company transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to another entity, or if some significant risks and rewards of ownership are retained but control of the asset has transferred to another party that is able to sell the asset in its entirety to an unrelated third party.

Employee benefits
The costs of the short-term employee benefits are recognised as a liability and an expense, unless those costs are required to be recognised as part of the costs of stock or fixed assets. The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received. Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the company is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.25 Total funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
Donations	2,082	-	2,082	138

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.25 Total funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
Deposit account interest	11,453	-	11,453	4,566

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Activity	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
Other support services provided	Advice and support	95,911	70,071
Grants	Advice and support	877,440	830,833
		973,351	900,904

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
Cheshire Community Foundation	45,000	45,629
WBC - Infrastructure Support Services	116,000	116,000
Adult Social Care - Good Neighbours	45,000	-
T N L Communities Fund	-	57,959
Alder Hey Childrens Charity	-	42,160
Warrington Borough Council	57,997	163,338
Cancer Alliance	38,934	147,393
NHS Cheshire And Merseyside	38,484	38,484
Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust - Care Navigators	100,000	175,146
Active Cheshire	-	8,890
Bridgewater NHS Trust	40,000	23,334
VSNW	-	12,500
Adult Social Care - Falls	40,000	-
UK SPF Funding	290,042	-
Adult Social Care - Healthy & Home	65,983	-
	877,440	830,833

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5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs	Grant funding of activities (see note 6)	Support costs (see note 7)	Totals
	£	£	£	£
Advice and support	799,699	183,553	2,671	985,923

6. GRANTS PAYABLE

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Advice and support	183,553	201,373

The total grants paid to institutions during the year was as follows:

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
3rd Party Organisations	178,753	83,587
Sefton CVS	-	10,000
Warrington Disability Partnership	-	30,000
Warrington Citizens Advice Bureau	-	5,000
Cheshire East & West	-	72,786
Warrington Speak Up	4,800	-
	183,553	201,373

7. SUPPORT COSTS

	Governance costs
	£
Advice and support	2,671

8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	2,580	4,345
Other operating leases	19,117	15,862
Independent examination fee	2,671	2,400

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9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

10. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Wages and salaries	635,995	487,243
Social security costs	56,039	34,750
Pensions costs	15,291	16,938
	707,325	538,931

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.25	31.3.24
Chief officers	1	1
Project managers	3	3
Project officers	17	17
Secondment to Warrington parents & carers	1	1
	22	22

No member of staff received a salary in excess of £60,000 in either year.

11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant and machinery	Fixtures and fittings	Computer equipment	Totals
	£	£	£	£
COST				
At 1 April 2024	12,919	2,605	14,543	30,067
Additions	-	-	3,418	3,418
At 31 March 2025	12,919	2,605	17,961	33,485
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 April 2024	12,919	2,605	11,692	27,216
Charge for year	-	-	2,580	2,580
At 31 March 2025	12,919	2,605	14,272	29,796
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 March 2025	-	-	3,689	3,689
At 31 March 2024	-	-	2,851	2,851

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12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Trade debtors	67,020	84,881
Other debtors	8,685	-
Prepayments and accrued income	33,919	34,310
	109,624	119,191

13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Trade creditors	1,627	32,029
Social security and other taxes	-	8,744
Other creditors	3,793	3,372
Accruals and deferred income	264,432	322,017
	269,852	366,162

Deferred income comprises grant income received in advance of the year to which it relates.

	31.03.25
	£
Balance as at 1st April 2024	319,517
Amount released to income earned from charitable activities	(319,517)
Amount deferred in year	209,576
Balance as at 31st March 2025	209,576

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.24 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.25 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	160,449	(102,654)	(55,695)	2,100
Pension fund	274,000	29,575	-	303,575
	434,449	(73,079)	(55,695)	305,675
Restricted funds				
WBC Good Neighbours Project	-	(8,516)	48,516	40,000
Food Poverty	-	25,237	-	25,237
NHS Charities Trust	42,160	-	-	42,160
Cancer Alliance Community	52,065	(1,230)	-	50,835
CCF Connector	-	(6,226)	4,452	(1,774)
Merseycare	29,090	18,012	-	47,102
Bridgewater Community Link	-	6,295	-	6,295
Multiply Project	3,500	(4,750)	1,250	-
Social Prescribers	-	(79)	79	-
UK SPF- Talking Point	-	47,158	-	47,158
Warrpac	-	(1,398)	1,398	-
Enhanced Volunteers	-	15,026	-	15,026
Healthy & Home	-	14,581	-	14,581
Virtual Hub	-	507	-	507
CVD	-	(1,000)	-	(1,000)
	126,815	103,617	55,695	286,127
TOTAL FUNDS	561,264	30,538	-	591,802

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	173,767	(276,421)	-	(102,654)
Pension fund	-	-	29,575	29,575
	173,767	(276,421)	29,575	(73,079)
Restricted funds				
WBC Good Neighbours Project	85,000	(93,516)	-	(8,516)
Food Poverty	78,751	(53,514)	-	25,237
Cancer Alliance Community	38,935	(40,165)	-	(1,230)
CCF Connector	2,000	(8,226)	-	(6,226)
Merseycare	100,001	(81,989)	-	18,012
Bridgewater Community Link	40,000	(33,705)	-	6,295
Multiply Project	-	(4,750)	-	(4,750)
Social Prescribers	86,164	(86,243)	-	(79)
UK SPF- Talking Point	264,844	(217,686)	-	47,158
Warrpac	24,247	(25,645)	-	(1,398)
Enhanced Volunteers	21,137	(6,111)	-	15,026
Healthy & Home	65,983	(51,402)	-	14,581
Virtual Hub	4,057	(3,550)	-	507
CVD	2,000	(3,000)	-	(1,000)
	813,119	(709,502)	-	103,617
TOTAL FUNDS	986,886	(985,923)	29,575	30,538

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	88,365	24,813	47,271	160,449
Pension fund	232,000	42,000	-	274,000
	320,365	66,813	47,271	434,449
Restricted funds				
NHS Charities Trust	74,834	(32,674)	-	42,160
WBC Community Fund	2,000	4,246	(6,246)	-
Cancer Alliance Community	3,726	48,339	-	52,065
Warm Spaces	40,879	(35,000)	(5,879)	-
CCF Connector	11,109	(11,109)	-	-
Merseycare	-	64,236	(35,146)	29,090
Multiply Project	-	3,500	-	3,500
	132,548	41,538	(47,271)	126,815
TOTAL FUNDS	452,913	108,351	-	561,264

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	190,775	(165,962)	-	24,813
Pension fund	-	-	42,000	42,000
	190,775	(165,962)	42,000	66,813
Restricted funds				
WBC Good Neighbours Project	66,500	(66,500)	-	-
Food Poverty	45,629	(45,629)	-	-
NHS Charities Trust	42,160	(74,834)	-	(32,674)
Good Neighbourhood Dementia	38,484	(38,484)	-	-
WBC Community Fund	4,246	-	-	4,246
Cancer Alliance Community	147,394	(99,055)	-	48,339
VCSE Place secondee	12,500	(12,500)	-	-
Voluntary sector support	18,500	(18,500)	-	-
Warm Spaces	-	(35,000)	-	(35,000)
CCF Connector	-	(11,109)	-	(11,109)
Places Together Fund	8,889	(8,889)	-	-
Merseycare	175,146	(110,910)	-	64,236
Bridgewater Community Link	23,334	(23,334)	-	-
National Lottery	57,959	(57,959)	-	-
Talking Points	37,917	(37,917)	-	-
Multiply Project	24,000	(20,500)	-	3,500
Warrington Parent & Carers	12,175	(12,175)	-	-
	714,833	(673,295)	-	41,538
TOTAL FUNDS	905,608	(839,257)	42,000	108,351

WBC Good Neighbours Project

Coordination of referrals from a wide range of health professionals to provide support to isolated residents. The aim of this activity is to support residents to remain in their own home and live independently with the support of volunteers in the community.

Cheshire Community Foundation - Food Alliance

Supporting the coordination of community led food organistaions across Warrington to ensure the people of Warrington, especially those in our deprived wards have improved and to recognise local, ethical and sustainable practice.

The National Lottery Community Fund

The Get Connected project supports the many community and voluntary organisations with the digital skills they require to deliver effective services, as well as mobilises volunteers to engage in one off volunteering opportunities and community events.

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

NHS Charities Trust

Healthy and Home; Supporting the discharge of patients from hospital pathway zero to home, to avoid unnecessary hospital stay, where there is no clinical needs.

Good Neighbour Dementia

The Good Neighbours Dementia Project provides tailored support to individuals living with dementia and their carers. Trained volunteers offer companionship, practical help, and guidance for up to 12 weeks, helping to connect beneficiaries with dementia-friendly spaces and local services.

Cancer Alliance Community

The post is funded by CMCA to support Warrington VCFSE groups to engage with communities and deliver opportunities to raise awareness of cancer. Through informal and supportive discussions and activities groups/organisations work with targeted communities of under-represented groups to address barriers to screening and early detection and diagnosis of cancer.

VCSE Place Secondee

Offer place-based insight for the development and support of the Warrington VCSE sector in the context of Cheshire East, Cheshire West and Warrington-wide commissioning and health structures.

Voluntary Sector Support

To scale and enhance the capacity of programmes delivered in the community to address wellbeing, health, and isolation in a clinical and community setting. This will increase VCSE capacity within WHHFT

CCF Connector

Community Connector, is a project created to work directly with our Food Network project to support and connect the increasing number of people accessing food provision, through the Food Bank, the Bread and Butter Thing, food pantries, volunteer-led food providers and community fridges to the correct level of wider support, advice with the aim of reducing the wider determinant of poverty and food poverty.

Mersey Care

Funded community mental health link workers to offer community-based and VCFSE-led support to people discharged from secondary mental health services with severe mental health (SMI).The Community Mental Health Framework (CMH-F) was a need identified as part of the transformation of the community mental health services to include strengthened relationships between all partners operating within each local community. Particular attention is paid to the role of the VCSE (now referred to as VCSFE) in the shared provision of care for people at Place with SMI

Bridge Water

Community Link Workers and investing in VCFSE sector services under the umbrella of the CVS/VCA to support people accessing Bridgewater services in Halton & Warrington to improve health and promote wellbeing in communities

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Talking Point

Community-based, open access services across Warrington, for all residents. Community members can access face-to-face information, support and guidance about things that matter to them. Through the Talking Point residents will be connected to people, places and services that will support them to live well and stay well.

Multiply Project

Joint partnership between WBC and WVA and wider VCFSE partners. A government-funded programme to help adults improve their numeracy skills for adults, 19 and over. Multiply was intended to build confidence with numbers and gain a qualification. WVA supported the sector through small grants, to encourage creative ways of improving maths and numeracy outcomes and making learning more accessible at the community level .

Transfers between funds

As part of operating the WBC Community Trust, Warm Spaces and Merseycare projects, the charity receives management fees. This has been transferred to general reserves.

The Charity received additional income from Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust, these monies were not restricted so have been transferred to general funds.

15. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS

The company operates a defined contribution scheme. The assets of which are held separately from the assets of the company in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the company to the fund and amounted to £15,219 (2024: £16,819).

16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2025.

17. REMUNERATION OF KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

The charity considers its key management personnel to comprise its trustees and manager. The total employment benefits (including employers national insurance and pension contributions) of its key management personnel were £57,855 (2024: £25,478).

Warrington Voluntary Action

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	2,082	138
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	11,453	4,566
Charitable activities		
Other support services provided	95,911	70,071
Grants	877,440	830,833
	973,351	900,904
Total incoming resources	986,886	905,608
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	640,996	487,243
Social security	51,040	34,750
Pensions	40,292	16,819
Other operating leases	19,117	15,862
Insurance	2,570	935
Telephone	3,736	964
Sundries	6,599	9,425
Printing,postage,stationery & IT support	6,498	13,617
Travel	5,173	6,459
Training, consultancy, project activities costs & events	21,099	15,604
Depn of computer equipment	2,579	4,345
Grants to institutions	183,553	201,373
	983,252	807,396
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Accountancy fees	2,671	2,780
Consultancy	-	29,081
	2,671	31,861
Total resources expended	985,923	839,257
Net income	963	66,351

WARRINGTON VOLUNTARY ACTION

England & Wales - Charity number 1129343

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 06805818 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1129343

Report of the Trustees and

Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

for

Warrington Voluntary Action

Warrington Voluntary Action

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Warrington Voluntary Action (Registered number: 06805818)

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. 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 Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

WVA supports the development, and meaningful growth of a vibrant, responsive, thriving and sustainable third sector and community-focused faith groups, to meet the diverse and changing needs of local communities.

WVA's charitable objectives are "To promote the benefit of all the inhabitants in Warrington and the local area by associating together volunteers and organisations in a common effort to advance education, protect the health, relieve poverty, sickness and distress, and to promote any other charitable purpose. In furtherance of these objects but not otherwise, we shall:-

a) Inform, advise and support organisations which involve or are willing to involve volunteers to enable them to pursue or contribute to any charitable purpose to develop volunteering and community engagement.
b) Promote, organise and facilitate co-operation and partnership working between third sector, statutory and other relevant bodies within the Warrington and the local area.

Significant activities

The Charity meets its aims by:

- Providing information, guidance and resources enabling local voluntary, community and faith organisations to deliver effective quality services.
- Promoting, supporting and developing volunteering opportunities for individuals and local communities that will contribute to making a positive difference.
- Developing and championing excellence in volunteer management, supporting groups to deliver good practice in managing their volunteers, and access to relevant accreditation programmes.
- Initiating the development of new groups, schemes, enterprises or activities to meet identified needs and local demand.
- Supporting local networks and forums to facilitate and encourage effective partnerships and strengthen cross-sector working.
- Enabling effective representation and involvement in key strategic partnership bodies to ensure third-sector organisations have a strong and coherent voice and promote equitable participation for the communities and community representations in local policies.
- Elevate the voice of marginalised communities and groups in strategic forums and promote equality, diversity and equitability of outcomes.
- Supporting people to enjoy life, and live well and independently through a network of community connectors and first step enquiries.

The values we believe in are:

- Being passionate: Utilising energies purposefully and committing to the development and enrichment of others.
- Thinking creatively: Seeking to get the best from available resources and unlocking potential by thinking differently.
- Working collaboratively: Developing effective relationships that aim to benefit all partners as well as people in our communities.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Public benefit

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Warrington Voluntary Action (WVA) is the strategic Place lead for the VCSE Sector across the borough. We work closely with public sector strategic partners, including those involved in healthcare transformation to represent the interests of the VCSE and the community groups.

WVA has an excellent understanding of Warrington's network of over 1000 VCSE organisations, enabling us to speak with credibility and assurance when representing the views of the sector. WVA has actively supported the groups to stay connected to the direction of the public sector and communicated on their behalf to influence the strategy with the voice of the community and VCSE groups at heart.

WVA is a key leader within the borough's strategic ecosystem of boards, innovation groups, forums and alliances, having an elected place to advocate for the VCSE on an equitable platform as a key partner. As a trusted, independent charity, WVA will continue to provide a strong presence, and continuous voice ensuring confidence in the sector across Warrington's systems and strives to deliver our strategic priorities to ensure we achieve the best possible outcomes.

To do this WVA will:

- Ensure that the Charity is performing proactively and at an optimum level, achieves excellence in the quality of its governance and is an effectively ran and managed organisation.

- Continually strengthen the engagement of WVA in all relevant groups, to stay informed, and to provide a strong and trusted, local voice on behalf of the voluntary, community and faith sector, and act as the first point of call in all matters related to the community and voluntary sector.

- Be recognised by stakeholders as an effective enabler of high-quality outcomes with meaningful social values, for voluntary and community organisations.

- Building a responsive and strong evidence-based system to evaluate the impact of WVA and the effectiveness of VSFSE groups as an important focus for strengthening communities and measuring outcomes for individuals, organisations groups, and the wider community, by building capacity and partnership, and facilitating identification of effective evidence of this work.

- Be recognised as an organisation that puts service users first encourages and supports the development of groups collaboratively and supports the delivery of services for our partners by:
- Use our extensive reach from our community database, surveys, outreach work and forums to provide quality information.
- relating to groups, service purpose, service beneficiaries and activity to identify emerging needs or gaps.
- responds to the strategic needs of our communities.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Overview

Warrington Voluntary Action (WVA) has a diverse team of talented and multi-skilled employees, who work on a diverse array of services and projects.

As the sole infrastructure organisation for Warrington, WVA is contracted until 2028 and is continuing to focus on building capacity within the sector and informing our commissioners on the trends, strengths and challenges of the sector on a regular basis.

This is achieved through our work with charity and enterprise start-ups with a core focus on building capacity and offering funding support, governance requirements and quality assurance and strengthening the performance of the said organisation by offering support in Leadership, encouraging partnership and collaboration, and supporting with any scaling up plans and growth they have planned in the strategic direction.

WVA is a VCQA-accredited Volunteer Centre, encouraging, supporting and promoting volunteers across Warrington as well as recruiting, mobilising and supporting volunteers for our community wellbeing services. We have reviewed our volunteering training offer and we are developing our volunteer training programme, to be able to sustain the support in our communities, learnings and growth to people who want to volunteer and be more responsible for the trends and new themes emerging in our communities

WVA has been leading multiple strands of volunteer-led, community support structures. Through the Wellbeing Service offer, WVA has a responsible and effective working relationship with health and social care. Our Healthy and Home service our Good Neighbours services and falls prevention initiative are highly regarded as effective services to support individuals in the comfort of their homes. Our Talking Point services are the first point of seeking advice and information for the community and the first door to the breadth of our partnership support is also supported and is striving to run by local volunteers.

We continue to be a strategic partner in shaping the new place-based integrated care partnership Warrington Together Partnership Board.

We are partners in delivering Poverty responses as a priority for the Warrington Health and Wellbeing Board, we also continue to support anti-poverty interventions through the work of the Poverty Forum and our well-established Food Network.

WVA represents the VCSE on various boards and forums across the borough to provide a strong collective voice and help shape future policy and direction, ensuring an eco-system with full VCSE representation and forums to share intelligence, tacit knowledge and good practice.

Other work includes leading a mental health alliance and health Alliance partnership, delivering cancer awareness engagement within communities, coordinating community digital accessibility service, expanding our offer on the food network and poverty responses, and managing grants and commissions on behalf of the sector.

At a regional level, WVA is an active partner of the Cheshire & Warrington Infrastructure Partnership, as well as a number of other regional and national networks working with partners across the area to steer the direction of strategic priorities and to mirror the needs of the local population.

Volunteering

By encouraging, supporting, and developing volunteering across the borough, WVA can unlock the potential of local residents and channel their skills and enthusiasm towards making a positive impact in their community.

By utilising the potential within our community, WVA can create a sense of ownership and responsibility among residents, foster a sense of community, and drive positive change. A key role of WVA is to encourage, support and develop volunteering across the borough.

WVA holds the VCQA (Volunteer Centre Quality Accreditation) quality mark. This provides assurance to commissioners, funders, volunteers involving organisations and the public that we offer an effective quality service.

Our brokerage service continues to offer individuals expert local knowledge on volunteering opportunities, allowing individuals to make an informed choice. We have a digital platform to allow people to explore the possibilities of volunteering in the community for varied reasons.
Additionally, we offer person-centred and one-to-one confidential appointments advising people of volunteering opportunities that would best suit their needs.

This service provides accessibility and inclusivity ensuring people with additional needs, mental health issues, asylum seekers and refugees, and newcomers with English as a second language are supported to access suitable volunteering opportunities.

WVA as a team supports external organisations on considerations they need to have prior to adversity and recruiting volunteers. The Advisor supports writing up clear and attractive volunteer opportunities to ensure increased interest before publishing and supports with matching the volunteers with the skill sets required.

We continue to support opportunities that mobilise local people to represent their communities, participate in local decision-making processes and strengthen social networks, encouraging people to play their full part in contributing to the life of their community.

WVA coordinates banks of volunteers for a number of activities. During this period, we have supported the primary care team in undertaking Cardio Vascular Awareness (CVD) for monitoring blood pressure, engaging more than 1600 people and worked with community volunteers to facilitate community-wide consultation for Warrington Public Health strategic priorities, are examples of initiatives that we have been involved with. We continue to recruit, train and coordinate WBCs Food Pantry volunteers, Good Neighbours volunteers and Talking Point volunteers, and extend the reach of all of our projects to address the root cause of poverty and adversities across Warrington.
We continue to support various events by supporting organisations to recruit and support their volunteers for specific events, carnivals and festivals.

Development Work
WVA digital skills project, funded by national lottery is successfully entered the third year of funding and the programme maturity has given us the momentum to see the accumulative impact of gradual digital competency and confidence in the VCFSE sector.
The project has not only improved the digital skills of the groups but also combined our objectives of building the infrastructure and funding and improved digital skills to help organisations conduct small-scale fundraising for their groups. The gap analysis of this programme for the communities has also been utilised in securing funding for a follow-up programme that will be launched in the new financial year.

WVA continued to support individual organisations with the required support and advice to help manage and develop their group, structure, governance and strategic growth. This support included an organisational Health check service for governance, training needs and scalability.
EQIS (focused on mental health service providers) membership to ensure a benchmark for good practice in mental health has been established with a growing membership. Our support for Mental health support groups additionally included advice and guidance on funding applications, a read-through service, governance and management advice, policies and procedures, recruiting and managing volunteers, measuring outcomes and impact and setting up new organisations. WVA has been instrumental in supporting a number of new groups to establish and flourish.

WVA has managed community grants for the Cheshire Foundation micro-grants, Multiply grant, UK Shared Prosperity Fund - Talking Point (Community Investment Grants), and Cancer Alliance, disseminating funds that either served to create a programme to address a gap in service provision, or enable the groups to address various identified outcomes, for example deliver prevention and early detection messages and communications to those most hard to reach in our communities.
Additionally, we have been involved in a collaborative approach to identifying gaps in provisions in different communities and closely working to address the gaps through a multi-organisation approach to development. Creating women-focused mental health groups, and grief support groups are examples of that work.

Community Impact
Warrington Voluntary Action celebrated the success of dedicated work and significant effort to coordinate a response to food poverty in Warrington, by collaboration and engagement with the partners and stakeholders who support and deliver services for the cause.
WVA strengthened the alliance bringing together the local organisations who are providing food projects in Warrington. On a joint agreement cross-referencing and using shared criteria across partners to develop opportunities for sharing resources, best practices, training, and learning from each other to extend the reach of affordable food across Warrington
WVA has been directly engaged with food organisations to enable them to link with other partners and providers to address the wider financial inclusion agenda within the town and developed and coordinated a Warrington Food Alliance working with local food organisations, the wider voluntary sector, local authorities and health partners. To develop and agree on a set of principles that champion local, ethical and sustainable practice as well as the provision of support to access funds and resources and volunteers. Cheshire Community Foundation and WBC funding has created the opportunity for the wide-reach network to become a highly impactful engagement

Wellbeing Services:

WVA is continuing to deliver community Well-being services. This service is a joint Local Authority, and Health initiative, to support individuals in living well and independently in their own homes. This is achieved through the following programs and services:

1) Good Neighbours Program:
Aims to reduce feelings of loneliness and provide meaningful social interactions.
This service offers a period of support to connect individuals to various community-based services or a volunteer befriender to reduce isolation and loneliness.

Fall prevention service, by delivering accredited chair-based exercise programs, through a network of trained volunteers, for individuals referred from fall services.
Through these services, WVA aims to enhance the well-being of individuals by ensuring they have access to the necessary social support and community connections.

Dementia Support: This service offers person-centred support to people with early onset dementia to maintain a level of familiarity and independence in their lives, whilst maintaining safety and connection. The service has partnered with various VCSE groups with the aim of making Warrington a Dementia friendly city.

2) Healthy and Home Services:
Based in Warrington and Halton NHS Trust Hospital discharge service serving Warrington residents discharge plans from both hospitals.
This service supports people discharged from the hospital by informing them of the voluntary sector assistance available to meet their social needs, connecting them to Good Neighbour teams for their initial needs upon discharge and aims to reduce loneliness and isolation for vulnerable and frail people.

3) Community Link Workers, Social Prescribers Health Focused:
We offer a network of community link workers and social prescribers who work with our health partners in the community or at GP surgeries to meet the non-clinical needs of the patients and support the community-based needs, by offering information about the VCFSE partner's wider and specialised support, and facilitate engagement in community activities.

Voice and Representation:
Our public profile continues to increase through organic and planned community engagement and social media.

WVA plays a pivotal role in providing effective representation for the VCSE sector on strategic boards. WVA provides a strong voice ensuring issues that affect the sector are raised and addressed This year the WVA team have been providing a strong voice and ensuring representation of the sector at the Central Neighbourhood Renewal Board, , Mental Health Partnership Board, Health and Wellbeing Board, Poverty Forum Warrington Together, Cheshire and Merseyside Health Care Partnership, Staying Well, Community Led Support and many more to ensure the sector is fully engaged and the needs of the sector are raised. This work involves the coordination of numerous representative boards and forums including the VCSE health and social care alliance, network hub, food network, Warrington in Mind and a range of community networks and communities of practice.

FINANCIAL REVIEW
Financial position
The Charity made a surplus in the year of £66,351, before the gain on the pension asset. The Charity had total free reserves of £157,598. At the year end, the Charity held restricted reserves totalling £126,815 (£132,548).

Principal funding sources
Funds are mainly obtained by commissions from Warrington Borough Council, NHS, and national and local funding bodies.

Reserves policy
In light of the main financial risks facing the charity the Board has determined that free reserves (unrestricted funds, not designated or invested in fixed assets) would be equivalent to a minimum of 6 months unrestricted expenditure to deliver core services, approx. 200k which provides sufficient funds to cover management and administration costs needed to wind up the organisation, to include redundancy costs for all staff or apply for emergency grants or loans.

Going concern
The Trustees are continually reviewing the operations of the charity and its ability to deliver its objectives during any future pandemic. The Trustees have followed Government Guidance and will continue to seek financial assistance where appropriate and make cost savings where possible.

FUTURE PLANS

We have continued to engage in community engagements, surveys and supporting the local voices to shape the future strategy of health and wellbeing, for example, healthy weight declaration for public health.

We offered support to more than 275 new groups, supported 72 organisations to access external funding and responded to 1469 volunteering inquiries to be matched internally or externally.

We extended our offer of linkwork and social prescription to include additional social prescribers, mental health link workers, and community-based link workers.

Our food poverty coordinated network has grown and become more established, identifying new pathways to address the root cause of poverty by partnering with Cheshire Community Foundation (part commissioning) and Citizen Advice and working with multiple partners across Warrington.

Our Good Neighbour programme grew from strength to strength, by offering support to 382 beneficiaries for overall support, training 31 specialist volunteers to support beneficiaries at early stages of dementia, and our Healthy and Hope team supported 1725 patients with a fast and safe discharge plan from hospital to home.

Looking ahead, we envisage focusing on four strands of work

I. Strengthening the value and offer by continuing to influence policy and actions to a more transparent and collaborative work with our public sector colleagues, commissioners, VCSE health alliance and wider members of VCFSE groups. This will be by our joint effort to update and embed the Compact Agreement. The Compact defines a commitment made by health, social care, and other public and voluntary, community, faith and social enterprises to focus on how we can work together and keep the community voice at the centre of what we do.

II. Building Capacity and Resilience in the VCFSE Sector by enhancing our offer of support to the sector leads, increasing access to training and professional development offers directly or indirectly. Sharing resources and continuing to highlight the areas of gaps and seek proactive solutions for capacity building. We focus on fostering the well-being of our sector by providing more opportunities for problem-solving and speaking up about challenges to access support and solutions.

III. Strategic involvement in Poverty and food poverty, coordinating and driving strategic initiatives and programs focused on addressing poverty, social inequality, and community development and focusing on the aim to continue to highlight the need to reduce poverty, empower marginalised communities, and foster sustainable development.

IV. Strategic involvement in improving the mental health response, highlighting the gaps and strengthening to voice and the work of grassroots organisations that offer community-based mental health support in addition to clinical services

V. Wellbeing services: Continue to deliver high-quality, evidence-based interventions and work collaboratively with our health and social care partners to enhance an offer centred around the voices of the beneficiaries.

VI. Volunteering: We have the ambition to re-structure our volunteer offer and volunteering training based on the increasing demand and the need for volunteers internally and externally.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The Directors, who are also Trustees, are appointed by the membership at the Annual General Meeting (AGM), and are collectively known as the Board of Directors. Trustees are elected to serve on the board of Warrington Voluntary Action (WVA) at the AGM for a period of 3 years. Nominations are invited from the wider membership of the organisation. The Trustees who served during the year, together with any changes up to the date of approving this report are listed above.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Organisational structure

The Board, which must not be less than three members and not more than fifteen, administers the Charity and meets as necessary, usually at least 6 times per year. Although there is no formal structure of sub committees, individual trustees hold specific portfolios, and take the lead on behalf of the Board on these matters. The Board occasionally sets up ad hoc working groups to look at specific matters and to report back.

Portfolio -
Governance - Mary Barbour
Finance - Lynne Bennett
Wellbeing - Katie Horan

The day to day operations of the Charity are the responsibility of the Chief Officer, to whom the Trustees delegate authority for operational matters including finance, employment and development, within the overall strategy agreed by the Board.

Induction and training of new trustees

Directors are recruited for their commitment, experience, skill and knowledge they can bring to the organisation. The organisation has a defined process for recruitment, induction and training of members of the Board of Directors which is led by the needs of the organisation.

New trustees are supported by experienced trustees and Chief Officer.

Wider network

WVA is part of the national network of third sector infrastructure support organisations across England, and is an accredited Volunteer Centre through National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO).

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

06805818 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1129343

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M Barbour Retired
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J Jackson Employment Development Team Manager
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D F Barlow Retired

Company Secretary

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

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 19 December 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

S L Bennett

S L Bennett - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Warrington Voluntary Action (Registered number: 06805818)

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Warrington Voluntary Action ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2024.

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 the Company 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
Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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 the Company 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 December 2024

Warrington Voluntary Action

Statement of Financial Activities
(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	135	-	135	5,000
Charitable activities	4				
Advice and support		186,072	714,832	900,904	692,084
Investment income	3	4,569	-	4,569	3,781
Total		190,776	714,832	905,608	700,865
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	5				
Advice and support		165,963	673,294	839,257	771,793
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		24,813	41,538	66,351	(70,928)
Transfers between funds	14	47,271	(47,271)	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses)					
Actuarial gains on defined benefit schemes		42,000	-	42,000	219,000
Net movement in funds		114,084	(5,733)	108,351	148,072
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		320,365	132,548	452,913	304,841
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		434,449	126,815	561,264	452,913

The notes form part of these financial statements

Balance Sheet
31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	11	2,851	-	2,851	7,196
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	12	119,191	-	119,191	81,139
Cash at bank		404,569	126,815	531,384	514,169
		523,760	126,815	650,575	595,308
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(366,162)	-	(366,162)	(381,591)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		157,598	126,815	284,413	213,717
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		160,449	126,815	287,264	220,913
PENSION ASSET	15	274,000	-	274,000	232,000
NET ASSETS		434,449	126,815	561,264	452,913
FUNDS	14				
Unrestricted funds				434,449	320,365
Restricted funds				126,815	132,548
TOTAL FUNDS				561,264	452,913

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

(a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each 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 financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet - continued
31 March 2024

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 19 December 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:



S L Bennett - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

Warrington Voluntary Action

Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	12,646	197,813
Net cash provided by operating activities		12,646	197,813
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		-	(3,811)
Interest received		4,569	3,781
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		4,569	(30)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		17,215	197,783
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		514,169	316,386
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		531,384	514,169

The notes form part of these financial statements

Notes to the Cash Flow Statement for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	66,351	(70,928)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	4,345	3,926
Interest received	(4,569)	(3,781)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(38,052)	71,307
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(15,429)	197,289
Net cash provided by operations	12,646	197,813

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.4.23 £	Cash flow £	At 31.3.24 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank	514,169	17,215	531,384
	514,169	17,215	531,384
Total	514,169	17,215	531,384

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared 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 UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

In the opinion of the Trustees the charity has sufficient resources and funding for the foreseeable future and as a result have prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the company.

Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

Income
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

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 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 those conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants,is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the Trust that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is a treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

Expenditure
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs incurred by the charity to enable it to fulfil its core operations.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Expenditure
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Governance costs
Governance costs relate to those costs which are incurred purely in furtherance of improving or contributing to the governance of the charity.

Tangible fixed assets
Depreciation is provided for on assets to write off the asset over its useful economic life at the rates shown below. Expenditure on fixed assets of £500 or less is not capitalised and is charged to the Statement of Financial Activities.

Taxation
The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments
Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits
The charity makes contributions to a multi-employer defined benefit scheme run by Cheshire County Council. Contributions to the scheme are charged to the SOFA in the period to which they relate.

The charity also operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the Charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Financial instruments
The company has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the company's statement of financial position when the company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the net asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and include cash in hand, deposits held at call with bank, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Financial instruments

Basic financial assets
Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised costs using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Other financial assets
Other financial assets, including investments in equity instruments which are not subsidiaries, associates or joint ventures, are initially measured at fair value, which is normally the transaction price. Such assets are subsequently carried at fair value and the changes in fair value are recognised in profit or loss, except that investments in equity instruments that are not publically traded and whose fair values cannot be measured reliably are measured at cost less impairment.

Impairment of financial assets
Financial assets, other than those held at fair value through profit or loss, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each reporting end date.

Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows have been affected. If an asset is impaired, the impairment loss is the difference between the carrying amount and the present value of the estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. The impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss.

Derecognition of financial assets
Financial assets are derecognised only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire or are settled, or when the company transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to another entity, or if some significant risks and rewards of ownership are retained but control of the asset has transferred to another party that is able to sell the asset in its entirety to an unrelated third party.

Employee benefits
The costs of the short-term employee benefits are recognised as a liability and an expense, unless those costs are required to be recognised as part of the costs of stock or fixed assets. The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received. Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the company is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
Donations	135	-	135	5,000

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
Deposit account interest	4,569	-	4,569	3,781

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Activity	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
Other support services provided	Advice and support	70,071	46,993
Grants	Advice and support	830,833	645,091
		900,904	692,084

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
Cheshire Community Foundation	45,629	44,435
WBC - Infrastructure Support Services	116,000	116,000
Torus Foundation	-	13,189
T N L Communities Fund	57,959	55,233
Alder Hey Childrens Charity	42,160	143,434
Warrington Borough Council	163,338	172,800
Cancer Alliance	147,393	100,000
NHS Cheshire And Merseyside	38,484	-
Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust	175,146	-
Active Cheshire	8,890	-
Bridgewater NHS Trust	23,334	-
VSNW	12,500	-
	830,833	645,091

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5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs	Grant funding of activities (see note 6)	Support costs (see note 7)	Totals
	£	£	£	£
Advice and support	606,023	201,373	31,861	839,257

6. GRANTS PAYABLE

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Advice and support	201,373	285,747

The total grants paid to institutions during the year was as follows:

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
3rd Party Organisations	83,587	168,751
Sefton CVS	10,000	-
Warrington Disability Partnership	30,000	15,296
Warrington Citizens Advice Bureau	5,000	35,500
Cheshire East & West	72,786	-
Halton & St Helens NHS	-	44,200
Citizens Advice Halton	-	12,000
Lifeline	-	10,000
	201,373	285,747

7. SUPPORT COSTS

	Governance costs
	£
Advice and support	31,861

8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	4,345	3,926
Other operating leases	15,862	20,426
Independent examination fee	2,400	2,500

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9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

10. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Wages and salaries	487,243	358,526
Social security costs	34,750	22,949
Pensions costs	16,938	14,906
Pension deficit payments	-	8,703
	538,931	405,084

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.24	31.3.23
Chief officers	1	1
Project managers	3	3
Project officers	17	13
Secondment to Warrington parents & carers	1	1
	22	18

No member of staff received a salary in excess of £60,000 in either year.

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11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024	12,919	2,605	14,543	30,067
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 April 2023	12,919	2,605	7,347	22,871
Charge for year	-	-	4,345	4,345
At 31 March 2024	12,919	2,605	11,692	27,216
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 March 2024	-	-	2,851	2,851
At 31 March 2023	-	-	7,196	7,196

12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
Trade debtors	84,881	59,746
Prepayments and accrued income	34,310	21,393
	119,191	81,139

13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
Trade creditors	32,029	14,124
Social security and other taxes	8,744	6,836
Other creditors	3,372	2,885
Accruals and deferred income	322,017	357,746
	366,162	381,591

Deferred income comprises grant income received in advance of the year to which it relates.

	31.03.24 £
Balance as at 1st April 2023	355,246
Amount released to income earned from charitable activities	(355,246)
Amount deferred in year	319,517
Balance as at 31st March 2024	319,517

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	88,365	24,813	47,271	160,449
Pension fund	232,000	42,000	-	274,000
	320,365	66,813	47,271	434,449
Restricted funds				
NHS Charities Trust	74,834	(32,674)	-	42,160
WBC Community Fund	2,000	4,246	(6,246)	-
Cancer Alliance Community	3,726	48,339	-	52,065
Warm Spaces	40,879	(35,000)	(5,879)	-
CCF Connector	11,109	(11,109)	-	-
Merseycare	-	64,236	(35,146)	29,090
Multiply Project	-	3,500	-	3,500
	132,548	41,538	(47,271)	126,815
TOTAL FUNDS	452,913	108,351	-	561,264

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	190,775	(165,962)	-	24,813
Pension fund	-	-	42,000	42,000
	190,775	(165,962)	42,000	66,813
Restricted funds				
WBC Good Neighbours Project	66,500	(66,500)	-	-
Food Poverty	45,629	(45,629)	-	-
NHS Charities Trust	42,160	(74,834)	-	(32,674)
Good Neighbourhood Dementia	38,484	(38,484)	-	-
WBC Community Fund	4,246	-	-	4,246
Cancer Alliance Community	147,394	(99,055)	-	48,339
VCSE Place secondee	12,500	(12,500)	-	-
Voluntary sector support	18,500	(18,500)	-	-
Warm Spaces	-	(35,000)	-	(35,000)
CCF Connector	-	(11,109)	-	(11,109)
Places Together Fund	8,889	(8,889)	-	-
Merseycare	175,146	(110,910)	-	64,236
Bridgewater Community Link	23,334	(23,334)	-	-
National Lottery	57,959	(57,959)	-	-
Talking Points	37,917	(37,917)	-	-
Multiply Project	24,000	(20,500)	-	3,500
Warrington Parent & Carers	12,175	(12,175)	-	-
	714,833	(673,295)	-	41,538
TOTAL FUNDS	905,608	(839,257)	42,000	108,351

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	152,406	(62,126)	(1,915)	88,365
Pension fund	13,000	219,000	-	232,000
	165,406	156,874	(1,915)	320,365
Restricted funds				
TNL Community Fund	4,300	(4,300)	-	-
WBC Good Neighbours Project	25,100	(25,100)	-	-
NHS Charities Trust	77,600	(2,766)	-	74,834
Good Neighbourhood Dementia	28,500	(28,500)	-	-
WBC Community Fund	2,000	-	-	2,000
CCG Mental Health	1,935	(3,850)	1,915	-
Cancer Alliance Community	-	3,726	-	3,726
Warm Spaces	-	40,879	-	40,879
CCF Connector	-	11,109	-	11,109
	139,435	(8,802)	1,915	132,548
TOTAL FUNDS	304,841	148,072	-	452,913

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	147,463	(209,589)	-	(62,126)
Pension fund	-	-	219,000	219,000
	147,463	(209,589)	219,000	156,874
Restricted funds				
TNL Community Fund	55,233	(59,533)	-	(4,300)
WBC Good Neighbours Project	21,500	(46,600)	-	(25,100)
Food Poverty	30,000	(30,000)	-	-
NHS Charities Trust	143,434	(146,200)	-	(2,766)
Good Neighbourhood Dementia	-	(28,500)	-	(28,500)
CCG Mental Health	-	(3,850)	-	(3,850)
Cancer Alliance Community	100,000	(96,274)	-	3,726
Soup & Chat	7,800	(7,800)	-	-
VCSE Place secondee	37,500	(37,500)	-	-
Voluntary sector support	23,500	(23,500)	-	-
Warm Spaces	90,000	(49,121)	-	40,879
CCF Connector	44,435	(33,326)	-	11,109
	553,402	(562,204)	-	(8,802)
TOTAL FUNDS	700,865	(771,793)	219,000	148,072

WBC Good Neighbours Project

Coordination of referrals from a wide range of health professionals to provide support to isolated residents. The aim of this activity is to support residents to remain in their own home and live independently with the support of volunteers in the community.

Cheshire Community Foundation - Food Alliance

Supporting the coordination of community led food organistaions across Warrington to ensure the people of Warrington, especially those in our deprived wards have improved and to recognise local, ethical and sustainable practice.

The National Lottery Community Fund

The Get Connected project supports the many community and voluntary organisations with the digital skills they require to deliver effective services, as well as mobilises volunteers to engage in one off volunteering opportunities and community events.

NHS Charities Trust

Healthy and Home; Supporting the discharge of patients from hospital pathway zero to home, to avoid unnecessary hospital stay, where there is no clinical needs.

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Good Neighbour Dementia

The Good Neighbours Dementia Project provides tailored support to individuals living with dementia and their carers. Trained volunteers offer companionship, practical help, and guidance for up to 12 weeks, helping to connect beneficiaries with dementia-friendly spaces and local services.

Cancer Alliance Community

The post is funded by CMCA to support Warrington VCFSE groups to engage with communities and deliver opportunities to raise awareness of cancer. Through informal and supportive discussions and activities groups/organisations work with targeted communities of under-represented groups to address barriers to screening and early detection and diagnosis of cancer.

VCSE Place Secondee

Offer place-based insight for the development and support of the Warrington VCSE sector in the context of Cheshire East, Cheshire West and Warrington-wide commissioning and health structures.

Voluntary Sector Support

To scale and enhance the capacity of programmes delivered in the community to address wellbeing, health, and isolation in a clinical and community setting. This will increase VCSE capacity within WHHFT

CCF Connector

Community Connector, is a project created to work directly with our Food Network project to support and connect the increasing number of people accessing food provision, through the Food Bank, the Bread and Butter Thing, food pantries, volunteer-led food providers and community fridges to the correct level of wider support, advice with the aim of reducing the wider determinant of poverty and food poverty.

Mersey Care

Funded community mental health link workers to offer community-based and VCFSE-led support to people discharged from secondary mental health services with severe mental health (SMI).The Community Mental Health Framework (CMH-F) was a need identified as part of the transformation of the community mental health services to include strengthened relationships between all partners operating within each local community. Particular attention is paid to the role of the VCSE (now referred to as VCSFE) in the shared provision of care for people at Place with SMI

Bridge Water

Community Link Workers and investing in VCFSE sector services under the umbrella of the CVS/VCA to support people accessing Bridgewater services in Halton & Warrington to improve health and promote wellbeing in communities

Talking Point

Community-based, open access services across Warrington, for all residents. Community members can access face-to-face information, support and guidance about things that matter to them. Through the Talking Point residents will be connected to people, places and services that will support them to live well and stay well.

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Multiply Project

Joint partnership between WBC and WVA and wider VCFSE partners. A government-funded programme to help adults improve their numeracy skills for adults, 19 and over. Multiply was intended to build confidence with numbers and gain a qualification. WVA supported the sector through small grants, to encourage creative ways of improving maths and numeracy outcomes and making learning more accessible at the community level .

Transfers between funds

As part of operating the WBC Community Trust, Warm Spaces and Merseycare projects, the charity receives management fees. This has been transferred to general reserves.

The Charity received additional income from Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust, these monies were not restricted so have been transferred to general funds.

15. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS

Defined benefit scheme

The amounts recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities are as follows:

	Defined benefit pension plans	
	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Current service cost	3,000	18,000
Net interest from net defined benefit asset/liability	42,000	31,000
Past service cost	91,000	-
	136,000	49,000
Actual return on plan assets	10,000	(115,000)

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15. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS - continued

Changes in the present value of the defined benefit obligation are as follows:

	Defined benefit pension plans	
	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Opening defined benefit obligation	854,000	1,159,000
Current service cost	3,000	18,000
Past service cost	91,000	-
Contributions by scheme participants	1,000	3,000
Interest cost	42,000	31,000
Actuarial losses/(gains)	(26,000)	(335,000)
Benefits paid	(25,000)	(22,000)
	940,000	854,000

Changes in the fair value of scheme assets are as follows:

	Defined benefit pension plans	
	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Opening fair value of scheme assets	1,086,000	1,172,000
Interest income on plan assets	53,000	32,000
Contributions by employer	89,000	16,000
Contributions by scheme participants	1,000	3,000
Actuarial gains/(losses)	10,000	(115,000)
Benefits paid	(25,000)	(22,000)
	1,214,000	1,086,000

The amounts recognised in other recognised gains and losses are as follows:

	Defined benefit pension plans	
	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Actuarial gains/(losses)	42,000	209,000
	42,000	209,000

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15. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS - continued

The major categories of scheme assets as a percentage of total scheme assets are as follows:

	Defined benefit pension plans	
	31.3.24	31.3.23
Equities	45%	43%
Bonds	41%	39%
Property	13%	16%
Cash	1%	2%
	100%	100%

Principal actuarial assumptions at the Balance Sheet date (expressed as weighted averages):

	31.3.24	31.3.23
Discount rate	4.85%	4.75%
Future salary increases	3.45%	3.65%
Future pension increases	2.75%	2.95%

The charity is making additional payments into the scheme to reduce the liability. In the current year, the amount paid was £nil (2023: £8,471). These amounts are advised by the scheme advisors.

Defined contribution scheme

The company operates a defined contribution scheme. The assets of which are held separately from the assets of the company in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the company to the fund and amounted to £16,819 (2023: £15,138).

16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2024.

17. REMUNERATION OF KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

The charity considers its key management personnel to comprise its trustees and manager. The total employment benefits (including employers national insurance and pension contributions) of its key management personnel were £25,478 (2023: £57,921). The Charity also paid consultancy fees to key management personnel of £29,081.

Warrington Voluntary Action

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	135	5,000
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	4,569	3,781
Charitable activities		
Other support services provided	70,071	46,993
Grants	830,833	645,091
	900,904	692,084
Total incoming resources	905,608	700,865
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	487,243	358,526
Social security	34,750	22,949
Pensions	16,819	23,609
Other operating leases	15,862	20,426
Insurance	935	1,480
Telephone	964	2,591
Sundries	9,425	3,638
Printing,postage,stationery & IT support	13,617	18,772
Travel	6,459	2,501
Training, consultancy, project activities costs & events	15,604	24,003
Computer equipment	4,345	3,926
Grants to institutions	201,373	285,747
	807,396	768,168
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Accountancy fees	2,780	2,605
Legal fees	-	1,020
Consultancy	29,081	-
	31,861	3,625
Total resources expended	839,257	771,793
Net income/(expenditure)	66,351	(70,928)

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements

WARRINGTON VOLUNTARY ACTION

England & Wales - Charity number 1129343

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 06805818 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1129343

Report of the Trustees and

Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

for

Warrington Voluntary Action

Warrington Voluntary Action

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Warrington Voluntary Action (Registered number: 06805818)

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. 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 Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

WVA supports the development of a vibrant, thriving and sustainable third sector to meet the diverse and changing needs of local communities.

WVA's charitable objectives are "To promote the benefit of all the inhabitants in Warrington and the local area by associating together volunteers and organisations in a common effort to advance education, protect health, relieve poverty, sickness and distress, and to promote any other charitable purpose. In furtherance of these objects but not otherwise, we shall:-

a) Inform, advise and support organisations which involve or are willing to involve volunteers to enable them to pursue or contribute to any charitable purpose to develop volunteering and community engagement.
b) Promote, organise and facilitate co-operation and partnership working between third sector, statutory and other relevant bodies within the Warrington and the local area.

Significant activities

The Charity meets its aims by:

- Providing information, guidance and resources enabling local voluntary, community and faith organisations to deliver effective quality services.
- Promoting, supporting and developing volunteering opportunities for individuals and local communities that will contribute to making a positive difference.
- Developing and championing excellence in volunteer management, supporting groups to deliver good practice in managing their volunteers.
- Initiating the development of new groups, schemes, enterprises or activities to meet identified needs and local demand.
- Supporting local networks and forums to facilitate and encourage effective partnerships and strengthen cross sector working.
- Enabling effective representation and involvement on key strategic partnership bodies to ensure third sector organisations have a strong and coherent voice.
- Supporting people to enjoy life, live well and independently.

The values we believe in are:

- Being passionate: Utilising energies purposefully and committing to the development and enrichment of others.
- Thinking creatively: Seeking to get the best from available resources and unlocking potential by thinking differently.
- Working collaboratively: Developing effective relationships that aim to benefit all partners as well as people in our communities.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Public benefit

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aim and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Warrington Voluntary Action is the strategic Place lead for the VCSE Sector across the borough. We work closely with public sector strategic partners, including those involved in healthcare transformation to represent the interests of the VCSE.

WVA has an excellent understanding of Warrington's network of over 1000 VCSE organisations, enabling us to speak with credibility and assurance when representing the views of the sector. WVA is a key leader within the borough's strategic ecosystem of boards, forums and groups, having an elected place on many to advocate for the VCSE. As a trusted, independent charity, WVA will continue to provide a strong voice ensuring confidence in the sector across Warrington's system and strive to deliver our strategic priorities to ensure we achieve the best possible outcomes.

To do this we will:

- Ensure that the Charity is high performing, achieves excellence in the quality of its governance and an effectively managed organisation.
- Continually strengthen the reputation of WVA to provide a strong and trusted local voice on behalf of the voluntary, community and faith sector, and act as the first point of call in all matters related to the community and voluntary sector.
- Be recognised by stakeholders as an effective enabler of high-quality outcomes for voluntary and community organisations.
- Build a strong evidence base and clearly outline the impact of WVA ensuring we measure outcomes for individuals, organisations and are able to evidence the wider impact of our work.
- Be recognised as an organisation that puts service users first and encourages and supports the development of groups in resourcing activities rather than WVA competing to deliver front line services.
- Use our extensive reach from our community database, surveys, outreach work and forums to provide quality information
- relating to groups, service purpose, service beneficiaries and activity to identify emerging need or gaps.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Overview

WVA has a team of talented and multi-skilled employees, working on a wide range of services and projects.

As the sole infrastructure organisation for Warrington contracted until 2028, we have a core focus on building capacity within the sector through charity/enterprise start-up and funding advice, governance support, quality assurance and skills development all of which continue to be in high demand.

WVA is a VCQA accredited Volunteer Centre, encouraging, supporting and promoting volunteers across Warrington as well as recruiting, mobilising and supporting volunteers for our wellbeing services.

Through our Wellbeing Service offer, WVA has good working relationship with health and social care and Warrington and Halton's NHS Trust Hospital discharge service though our Healthy and Home and our Good Neighbours service's and newly established falls prevention initiative.

We have been an active strategic partner in shaping the new place-based integrated care partnership Warrington Together. We also continue to support anti-poverty interventions through the work of the Poverty Forum and our well established Food Network.

WVA represents the VCSE on various boards and forums across the borough to provide a strong collective voice and helping to shape future policy and direction, ensuring an eco-system with full VCSE representation and forums to share intelligence and good practice.

Other work includes leading on a mental health alliance, delivering cancer awareness engagement within communities, coordinating a community lottery and managing grants and commissions on behalf of the sector.

At a regional level, WVA is an active partner of the Cheshire & Warrington Infrastructure Partnership, as well as a number other regional and national networks. The CEO of the charity is seconded one day per week to represent Cheshire and Warrington VCSE across the Cheshire & Merseyside ICS.

Volunteering

A key role of WVA is to encourage, support and develop volunteering across the borough. There is untapped potential within our communities and we want to make sure that this capability and capacity is utilised for the benefit of all.

WVA holds the VCQA (Volunteer Centre Quality Accreditation) quality mark. This provides assurance to commissioners, funders, volunteer involving organisations and the public that we offer an effective quality service.

Our face-to-face brokerage service continues to offer individuals expert local knowledge on volunteering opportunities, allowing individuals to make an informed choice. We have provided one to one confidential appointments advising people of volunteering opportunities that would best suit their needs. This service provides accessibility and inclusivity ensuring people with additional needs, mental health issues and those with English as a second language are supported to access suitable volunteering opportunities. This area of work is funded through New Leaf, a Big Lottery and European Social Fund programme managed by Torus bringing together partners across Cheshire to support unemployed and economically inactive people into employment. This extended project aims to support individuals with complex needs to access suitable volunteering opportunities that will help them increase their chances of finding employment. Volunteering has played a key role in this collaboration to give people the experience, skills and confidence to progress into work.

We have a dedicated Volunteer Advisor to support groups to use the system to their full advantage. The role of the Advisor is to advise groups on their volunteering opportunities, ensuring roles are manageable and purposeful, not a paid-role replacement and that they are of community benefit. The Advisor supports with writing up clear and attractive volunteer opportunities to ensure increased interest before publishing.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

We continue to support opportunities that mobilise local people to represent their communities, participate in local decision-making processes and strengthen social networks, encouraging people to play their full part in contributing to the life of their community.

WVA coordinates banks of volunteers for a number of activities. In 2022 we supported the East PCN to undertake a digital inequalities survey through the mobilisation of volunteers. We continue to recruit, train and coordinate WBCs Food Pantry volunteers Other examples include supporting Culture Warrington with Exhibition whereby we recruited and provided rotas for volunteers to support with invigilation of the exhibition and interacting with the public.

Development Work

WVA successfully accessed funding from the National Lottery Communities Fund to support communities and volunteers with their digital skills. Ensuring VCSE organisations have the skills and resources required to build and develop their services.

163 individual organisations have received support and advice to help manage and develop their group. Support has included, an organisational Health check service, called REFLECT and EQIS (focused on mental health service providers), advice and guidance on funding applications, a read through service, governance and management advice, policies and procedures, recruiting and managing volunteers, measuring outcomes and impact and setting up new organisation. WVA has been instrumental in supporting a number of new groups to establish and flourish.

WVA has managed community grants for the Cheshire and Merseyside Cancer Alliance, disseminating funds that enable groups to deliver prevention and early detection messages and communications to those most hard to reach in our communities. We have also managed Cost of Living Grants to enable communities to set up warm hubs and provide information and advice for those most vulnerable and in crisis. We also had a small pot of monies available for distribution focused on men's mental health.

Wellbeing Services

WVA also accessed funds through NHS Charities Trust, the Local Authority and NHS to provide support to enable people to live well and live independent lives within their own homes. This is delivered though our Healthy and Home services based in Warrington and Halton NHS Trust Hospital discharge service and our Good Neighbours offer home. Good Neighbours aims to reduce feelings of loneliness and provide meaningful social time making people feel connected and valued. This offer also includes providing chair-based exercise for people referred from falls services. We deliver Good Neighbours through the coordination and mobilisation of volunteers that have awareness in safeguarding and making positive connections. Healthy and Home supports people from Warrington and Halton who are being discharged from Hospital, to make them aware of what Voluntary Sector assistance is available to support their social needs, and link them with services that could enable them to remain safe and happy in their own homes. This also involves a fund for those VCSE organisations taking referrals from the service.

Voice and Representation

Our public profile continues to increase through social media and community engagement.

WVA plays a pivotal role providing effective representation for the VCSE sector on strategic boards. WVA provides a strong voice ensuring issues that affect the sector are raised and addressed This year the WVA team have been providing a strong voice and ensuring representation of the sector at the Central Neighbourhood Renewal Board, ,Mental Health Partnership Board, Health and Wellbeing Board, Poverty Forum Warrington Together, Cheshire and Merseyside Health Care Partnership, Staying Well, Community Led Support and many more to ensure the sector is fully engaged and the needs of the sector are raised. This work involves the coordination of numerous representative boards and forums including the VCSE health and social care alliance, network hub, food network, Warrington in Mind and a range of community networks and communities of practice.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

During 2022/23 WVA continued to work towards increasing reserves for the organisation. At the end of the previous financial year the charity made another surplus, these steps taken by the Board of Directors have successfully secured the organisation's financial stability, ensuring the requirement for 6 months reserves to cover core services. The charity is now moving into 2022/23 with an expanded, experienced and knowledgeable team focused on the infrastructure contract and a diverse range of medium-term project grants that meet the aims of the organisation.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

Funds are mainly obtained by commissions from Warrington Borough Council, NHS, and national and local funding bodies.

Reserves policy

In light of the main financial risks facing the charity the Board has determined that free reserves (unrestricted funds, not designated or invested in fixed assets) would be equivalent to a minimum of 6 months unrestricted expenditure to deliver core services, approx. 200k which provides sufficient funds to cover management and administration costs needed to wind up the organisation, to include redundancy costs for all staff or apply for emergency grants or loans.

Going concern

The Trustees are continually reviewing the operations of the charity and its ability to deliver its objects during any future pandemic. The Trustees have followed Government Guidance and will continue to seek financial assistance where appropriate and making cost savings where possible.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The Directors, who are also Trustees, are appointed by the membership at the Annual General Meeting (AGM), and are collectively known as the Board of Directors. Trustees are elected to serve on the board of Warrington Voluntary Action (WVA) at the AGM for a period of 3 years. Nominations are invited from the wider membership of the organisation. The Trustees who served during the year, together with any changes up to the date of approving this report are listed above.

Organisational structure

The Board, which must not be less than three members and not more than fifteen, administers the Charity and meets as necessary, usually at least 6 times per year. Although there is no formal structure of sub committees, individual trustees hold specific portfolios, and take the lead on behalf of the Board on these matters. The Board occasionally sets up ad hoc working groups to look at specific matters and to report back.

Portfolio -
Governance - Mary Barbour
Finance - Lynne Bennett
Wellbeing - Katie Horan

The day to day operations of the Charity are the responsibility of the Chief Officer, to whom the Trustees delegate authority for operational matters including finance, employment and development, within the overall strategy agreed by the Board.

Induction and training of new trustees

Directors are recruited for their commitment, experience, skill and knowledge they can bring to the organisation. The organisation has a defined process for recruitment, induction and training of members of the Board of Directors which is led by the needs of the organisation.

New trustees are supported by experienced trustees and Chief Officer.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Wider network

WVA is part of the national network of third sector infrastructure support organisations across England, and is an accredited Volunteer Centre through National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO).

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

06805818 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1129343

Registered office

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Trustees

M Barbour Retired
S L Bennett Centre Manager
J Jackson Employment Development Team Manager
K Horan Engagement Manager
C Jones Outreach Manager
D F Barlow Retired

Company Secretary

A E Cullen

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Bankers

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Warrington Voluntary Action for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES - continued

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which 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 those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements 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.

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

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 1 December 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

S L Bennett

S L Bennett - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Warrington Voluntary Action (Registered number: 06805818)

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Warrington Voluntary Action ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2023.

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 the Company 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
Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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 the Company 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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1 December 2023

Warrington Voluntary Action

Statement of Financial Activities
(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	5,000	-	5,000	500
Charitable activities	4				
Advice and support		138,682	553,402	692,084	638,062
Investment income	3	3,781	-	3,781	56
Total		147,463	553,402	700,865	638,618
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	5				
Advice and support		209,589	562,204	771,793	439,907
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(62,126)	(8,802)	(70,928)	198,711
Transfers between funds	14	(1,915)	1,915	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses)					
Actuarial gains on defined benefit schemes		219,000	-	219,000	140,000
Net movement in funds		154,959	(6,887)	148,072	338,711
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		165,406	139,435	304,841	(33,870)
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		320,365	132,548	452,913	304,841

The notes form part of these financial statements

Balance Sheet
31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	11	7,196	-	7,196	7,311
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	12	59,746	21,393	81,139	152,446
Cash at bank		403,014	111,155	514,169	316,386
		462,760	132,548	595,308	468,832
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(381,591)	-	(381,591)	(184,302)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		81,169	132,548	213,717	284,530
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		88,365	132,548	220,913	291,841
PENSION ASSET	15	232,000	-	232,000	13,000
NET ASSETS		320,365	132,548	452,913	304,841
FUNDS	14				
Unrestricted funds				320,365	165,406
Restricted funds				132,548	139,435
TOTAL FUNDS				452,913	304,841

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

(a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each 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 financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet - continued
31 March 2023

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 1 December 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

S L Bennett - Trustee

Warrington Voluntary Action

Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	197,813	177,050
Net cash provided by operating activities		197,813	177,050
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(3,811)	(4,642)
Interest received		3,781	56
Net cash used in investing activities		(30)	(4,586)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		197,783	172,464
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		316,386	143,922
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		514,169	316,386

The notes form part of these financial statements

Notes to the Cash Flow Statement for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
Net (expenditure)/income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	(70,928)	198,711
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	3,926	2,917
Interest received	(3,781)	(56)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	71,307	(129,946)
Increase in creditors	197,289	105,424
Net cash provided by operations	197,813	177,050

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.4.22 £	Cash flow £	At 31.3.23 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank	316,386	197,783	514,169
	316,386	197,783	514,169
Total	316,386	197,783	514,169

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared 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 UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

In the opinion of the Trustees the charity has sufficient resources and funding for the foreseeable future and as a result have prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the company.

Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

Income
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

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 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 those conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants,is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the Trust that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is a treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

Expenditure
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs incurred by the charity to enable it to fulfil its core operations.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Expenditure
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Governance costs
Governance costs relate to those costs which are incurred purely in furtherance of improving or contributing to the governance of the charity.

Tangible fixed assets
Depreciation is provided for on assets to write off the asset over its useful economic life at the rates shown below. Expenditure on fixed assets of £500 or less is not capitalised and is charged to the Statement of Financial Activities.

Taxation
The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments
Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits
The charity makes contributions to a multi-employer defined benefit scheme run by Cheshire County Council. Contributions to the scheme are charged to the SOFA in the period to which they relate.

The charity also operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the Charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Financial instruments
The company has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the company's statement of financial position when the company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the net asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and include cash in hand, deposits held at call with bank, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Financial instruments

Basic financial assets
Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised costs using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Other financial assets
Other financial assets, including investments in equity instruments which are not subsidiaries, associates or joint ventures, are initially measured at fair value, which is normally the transaction price. Such assets are subsequently carried at fair value and the changes in fair value are recognised in profit or loss, except that investments in equity instruments that are not publically traded and whose fair values cannot be measured reliably are measured at cost less impairment.

Impairment of financial assets
Financial assets, other than those held at fair value through profit or loss, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each reporting end date.

Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows have been affected. If an asset is impaired, the impairment loss is the difference between the carrying amount and the present value of the estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. The impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss.

Derecognition of financial assets
Financial assets are derecognised only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire or are settled, or when the company transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to another entity, or if some significant risks and rewards of ownership are retained but control of the asset has transferred to another party that is able to sell the asset in its entirety to an unrelated third party.

Employee benefits
The costs of the short-term employee benefits are recognised as a liability and an expense, unless those costs are required to be recognised as part of the costs of stock or fixed assets. The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received. Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the company is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	31.3.23 Total funds	31.3.22 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Donations	5,000	-	5,000	500

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	31.3.23 Total funds	31.3.22 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Deposit account interest	3,781	-	3,781	56

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Activity	31.3.23	31.3.22
		£	£
Other support services provided	Advice and support	46,993	52,559
Grants	Advice and support	645,091	585,503
		692,084	638,062

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Cheshire Community Foundation	44,435	30,000
WBC - Infrastructure Support Services	116,000	116,000
Torus Foundation	13,189	16,372
WBC - Good Neighbours Project	-	68,975
T N L Communities Fund	55,233	38,259
NHS Liverpool	-	19,999
Alder Hey Childrens Charity	143,434	133,134
NHS Warrington CCG	-	52,124
Warrington Borough Council	172,800	16,300
Warrington Disability Partnership	-	94,340
Cancer Alliance	100,000	-
	645,091	585,503

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5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs	Grant funding of activities (see note 6)	Support costs (see note 7)	Totals
	£	£	£	£
Advice and support	482,421	285,747	3,625	771,793

6. GRANTS PAYABLE

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Advice and support	285,747	100,561

The total grants paid to institutions during the year was as follows:

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
3rd Party Organisations	285,747	100,561

7. SUPPORT COSTS

	Governance costs
	£
Advice and support	3,625

8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	3,926	2,917
Other operating leases	20,426	15,033
Independent examination fee	2,500	2,350

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9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

10. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Wages and salaries	358,526	255,105
Social security costs	22,949	14,829
Pension costs	14,906	12,089
Pension deficit payments	8,703	7,207
	405,084	289,230

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.22	31.3.21
Chief officers	1	1
Project managers	3	1
Project officers	12	10
Secondment to Warrington parents & carers	1	1
	18	13

No member of staff received a salary in excess of £60,000 in either year.

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11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 April 2022	12,919	2,605	10,732	26,256
Additions	-	-	3,811	3,811
At 31 March 2023	12,919	2,605	14,543	30,067
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 April 2022	12,919	2,605	3,421	18,945
Charge for year	-	-	3,926	3,926
At 31 March 2023	12,919	2,605	7,347	22,871
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 March 2023	-	-	7,196	7,196
At 31 March 2022	-	-	7,311	7,311

12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
Trade debtors	59,746	152,446
Prepayments and accrued income	21,393	-
	81,139	152,446

13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
Trade creditors	14,124	8,368
Social security and other taxes	6,836	5,647
Other creditors	2,885	987
Accruals and deferred income	357,746	169,300
	381,591	184,302

Deferred income comprises grant income received in advance of the year to which it relates.

	31.03.23 £
Balance as at 1st April 2022	166,800
Amount released to income earned from charitable activities	(166,800)
Amount deferred in year	355,246
Balance as at 31st March 2023	355,246

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	152,406	(62,126)	(1,915)	88,365
Pension fund	13,000	219,000	-	232,000
	165,406	156,874	(1,915)	320,365
Restricted funds				
TNL Community Fund	4,300	(4,300)	-	-
WBC Good Neighbours Project	25,100	(25,100)	-	-
NHS Charities Trust	77,600	(2,766)	-	74,834
Good Neighbourhood Dementia	28,500	(28,500)	-	-
WBC Community Fund	2,000	-	-	2,000
CCG Mental Health	1,935	(3,850)	1,915	-
Cancer Alliance Community	-	3,726	-	3,726
Warm Spaces	-	40,879	-	40,879
CCF Connector	-	11,109	-	11,109
	139,435	(8,802)	1,915	132,548
TOTAL FUNDS	304,841	148,072	-	452,913

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	147,463	(209,589)	-	(62,126)
Pension fund	-	-	219,000	219,000
	147,463	(209,589)	219,000	156,874
Restricted funds				
TNL Community Fund	55,233	(59,533)	-	(4,300)
WBC Good Neighbours Project	21,500	(46,600)	-	(25,100)
Food Poverty	30,000	(30,000)	-	-
NHS Charities Trust	143,434	(146,200)	-	(2,766)
Good Neighbourhood Dementia	-	(28,500)	-	(28,500)
CCG Mental Health	-	(3,850)	-	(3,850)
Cancer Alliance Community	100,000	(96,274)	-	3,726
Soup & Chat	7,800	(7,800)	-	-
VCSE Place secondee	37,500	(37,500)	-	-
Voluntary sector support	23,500	(23,500)	-	-
Warm Spaces	90,000	(49,121)	-	40,879
CCF Connector	44,435	(33,326)	-	11,109
	553,402	(562,204)	-	(8,802)
TOTAL FUNDS	700,865	(771,793)	219,000	148,072

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	86,932	65,474	152,406
Pension fund	(127,000)	140,000	13,000
	(40,068)	205,474	165,406
Restricted funds			
Cheshire Community Fund - Manbassador Project	4,893	(4,893)	-
TNL Community Fund	-	4,300	4,300
Assura Digital Grant	1,305	(1,305)	-
WBC Good Neighbours Project	-	25,100	25,100
NHS Charities Trust	-	77,600	77,600
Good Neighbourhood Dementia	-	28,500	28,500
WBC Community Fund	-	2,000	2,000
Men's Health Grant	-	1,935	1,935
	6,198	133,237	139,435
TOTAL FUNDS	(33,870)	338,711	304,841

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	185,487	(120,013)	-	65,474
Pension fund	-	-	140,000	140,000
	185,487	(120,013)	140,000	205,474
Restricted funds				
Cheshire Community Fund - Manbassador Project	-	(4,893)	-	(4,893)
TNL Community Fund	38,259	(33,959)	-	4,300
Assura Digital Grant	-	(1,305)	-	(1,305)
WBC Good Neighbours Project	68,975	(43,875)	-	25,100
Food Poverty	30,000	(30,000)	-	-
Maternal Mental Health Grants	19,999	(19,999)	-	-
NHS Charities Trust	133,134	(55,534)	-	77,600
Good Neighbourhood Dementia	37,804	(9,304)	-	28,500
WBC Community Fund	2,000	-	-	2,000
Covid Community Champions	94,340	(94,340)	-	-
CCG Mental Health	14,320	(14,320)	-	-
Men's Health Grant	14,300	(12,365)	-	1,935
	453,131	(319,894)	-	133,237
TOTAL FUNDS	638,618	(439,907)	140,000	338,711

WBC Good Neighbours Project
Coordination of referrals from a wide range of health professionals to provide support to isolated residents. The aim of this activity is to support residents to remain in their own home and live independently with the support of volunteers in the community.

Cheshire Community Foundation - Food Alliance
Supporting the coordination of community led food organistaions across Warrington to ensure the people of Warrington, especially those in our deprived wards have improved and to recognise local, ethical and sustainable practice.

The National Lottery Community Fund
The Get Connected project supports the many community and voluntary organisations with the digital skills they require to deliver effective services, as well as mobilises volunteers to engage in one off volunteering opportunities and community events.

NHS Liverpool
Cheshire & Merseyside Community Grants to support grass roots voluntary and community groups on women's peri-natal mental health to support women and their families who are expecting a child or have recently given birth.

NHS Charities Trust
Delivery of Healthy and Home to support the hospital discharge process, by supporting NHS teams to navigate the voluntary sector and refer to patients to community settings. Includes capacity building monies for the wider sector.

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

NHS Warrington CCG
Good Neighbours dementia support to match families with volunteer support to provide a helping hand, friendship and respite.

Warrington Borough Council
Community Initiative Fund to deliver community walks to wellness though volunteer support.

15. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS

Defined benefit scheme

The amounts recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities are as follows:

	Defined benefit pension plans	
	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Current service cost	18,000	19,000
Net interest from net defined benefit asset/liability	31,000	24,000
Past service cost	-	-
	49,000	43,000
Actual return on plan assets	(115,000)	55,000

Changes in the present value of the defined benefit obligation are as follows:

	Defined benefit pension plans	
	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Opening defined benefit obligation	1,159,000	1,223,000
Current service cost	18,000	19,000
Contributions by scheme participants	3,000	3,000
Interest cost	31,000	24,000
Actuarial losses/(gains)	(335,000)	(91,000)
Benefits paid	(22,000)	(19,000)
	854,000	1,159,000

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15. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS - continued

Changes in the fair value of scheme assets are as follows:

	Defined benefit pension plans	
	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Opening fair value of scheme assets	1,172,000	1,096,000
Interest income on plan assets	32,000	22,000
Contributions by employer	16,000	15,000
Contributions by scheme participants	3,000	3,000
Actuarial gains/(losses)	(115,000)	55,000
Benefits paid	(22,000)	(19,000)
	1,086,000	1,172,000

The amounts recognised in other recognised gains and losses are as follows:

	Defined benefit pension plans	
	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Actuarial gains/(losses)	209,000	140,000
	209,000	140,000

The major categories of scheme assets as a percentage of total scheme assets are as follows:

	Defined benefit pension plans	
	31.3.23	31.3.22
Equities	43%	37%
Bonds	39%	45%
Property	16%	12%
Cash	2%	6%
	100%	100%

Principal actuarial assumptions at the Balance Sheet date (expressed as weighted averages):

	31.3.23	31.3.22
Discount rate	4.75%	2.70%
Future salary increases	3.65%	3.90%
Future pension increases	2.95%	3.20%

The charity is making additional payments into the scheme to reduce the liability. In the current year, the amount paid was £8,471 (2022: £7,207). These amounts are advised by the scheme advisors.

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15. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS - continued

Defined contribution scheme

The company operates a defined contribution scheme. The assets of which are held separately from the assets of the company in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the company to the fund and amounted to £15,138 (2022: £12,089).

16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2023.

17. REMUNERATION OF KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

The charity considers its key management personnel to comprise its trustees and manager. The total employment benefits (including employers national insurance and pension contributions) of its key management personnel were £57,921 (2022: £54,858).

Warrington Voluntary Action

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	5,000	500
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	3,781	56
Charitable activities		
Other support services provided	46,993	52,559
Grants	645,091	585,503
	692,084	638,062
Total incoming resources	700,865	638,618
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	358,526	255,105
Social security	22,949	14,829
Pensions	23,609	19,296
Other operating leases	20,426	15,033
Insurance	1,480	1,480
Telephone	2,591	3,832
Sundries	3,638	7,415
Printing,postage,stationery & IT support	18,772	8,870
Travel	2,501	1,800
Training, consultancy, project activities costs & events	24,003	5,275
Computer equipment	3,926	2,917
Grants to institutions	285,747	100,561
	768,168	436,413
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Accountancy fees	2,605	2,864
Legal fees	1,020	630
	3,625	3,494
Total resources expended	771,793	439,907
Net (expenditure)/income	(70,928)	198,711

WARRINGTON VOLUNTARY ACTION

England & Wales - Charity number 1129343

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 06805818 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1129343

Report of the Trustees and

Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

for

Warrington Voluntary Action

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Warrington Voluntary Action (Registered number: 06805818)

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

Warrington VoluntaryAction



Community and Voluntary Sector Headlines

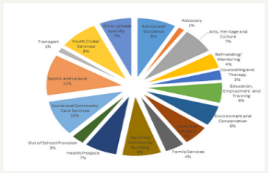
Findings from Warrington's 20/21 Community and Voluntary Sector - Recovery and Impact Survey. Providing a comprehensive picture of how the sector responded to the Covid 19 crisis, it's current state, the road to recovery and future expectations.

SIZE

1045 Voluntary and Community Sector Organisations

836 Organisations delivering activties < £10K
202 Delivering services with an income of £10k to £1 million
276 Registered Charities based in Warrington







SCOPE

Diverse provision across all service areas. Highest across sports, leisure and community activity. 29% stated secondary purpose of providing information and advice.

2,157,941 beneficiary interventions.

26% of organisations supported more people from previously under-represented groups.

TOTAL INCOME

Total income of the sector 20/21 £46.8million

Nearly a third (27%) of respondents have reported an increase in short-term income accessed to support their response to Covid.

52 % reported no surplus of funds due to increased demand.



RESERVES



75% of organisations have less than 1 years reserves.

43 % concerned about loss of income & increased demand during 2022

21% not confident they will be operating beyond 2023

VOLUNTEERS

37,982 people volunteered at least once during the year.

Volunteers gave 113,946 hours per week, valued at £56,289 million
(based on National Living Wage £9.50)

70% are involved in delivering services.

63% of organisations are seeking to involve more volunteers in the future.

51% of organisations see a decline in formal volunteering



EMPLOYEES

963 FT equivalent employed across the sector.
28% furloughed during Covid pandemic.
16% concerned about future staff retention and absence

The survey highlights the impact of the pandemic has been uneven and unpredictable. Many organisations now run fewer services or have lost volunteers whilst others have expanded and accessed additional funds. On a positive note, the sector has been able to innovate and rise to the challenge demonstrating the ability to adapt, scale and pivot services.



Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022. 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 Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

WVA supports the development of a vibrant, thriving and sustainable third sector to meet the diverse and changing needs of local communities.

WVA's charitable objectives are "To promote the benefit of all the inhabitants in Warrington and the local area by associating together volunteers and organisations in a common effort to advance education, protect health, relieve poverty, sickness and distress, and to promote any other charitable purpose. In furtherance of these objects but not otherwise, we shall:-

a) Inform, advise and support organisations which involve or are willing to involve volunteers to enable them to pursue or contribute to any charitable purpose to develop volunteering and community engagement.
b) Promote, organise and facilitate co-operation and partnership working between third sector, statutory and other relevant bodies within the Warrington and the local area.

Significant activities

The Charity meets its aims by:

- Providing information, guidance and resources enabling local voluntary, community and faith organisations to deliver effective quality services.
- Promoting, supporting and developing volunteering opportunities for individuals and local communities that will contribute to making a positive difference.
- Developing and championing excellence in volunteer management, supporting groups to deliver good practice in managing their volunteers.
- Initiating the development of new groups, schemes, enterprises or activities to meet identified needs and local demand.
- Supporting local networks and forums to facilitate and encourage effective partnerships and strengthen cross sector working.
- Enabling effective representation and involvement on key strategic partnership bodies to ensure third sector organisations have a strong and coherent voice.

The values we believe in are:

- Being passionate: Utilising energies purposefully and committing to the development and enrichment of others.
- Thinking creatively: Seeking to get the best from available resources and unlocking potential by thinking differently.
- Working collaboratively: Developing effective relationships that aim to benefit all partners as well as the wider community.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Public benefit

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aim and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

WVA has an excellent understanding of Warrington's network of 1045 VCSE organisations, enabling us to speak with credibility and assurance when representing the views of the sector. WVA is a key leader within the borough's strategic ecosystem of boards, forums and groups, having an elected place on many to advocate for the VCSE. As a trusted, independent charity, WVA will continue to provide a strong voice ensuring confidence in the sector across Warrington's system and strive to deliver our strategic priorities to ensure we achieve the best possible outcomes.

To do this we will:

- Ensure that the Charity is high performing, achieves excellence in the quality of its governance and an effectively managed organisation.
- Continually strengthen the reputation of WVA to provide a strong and trusted local voice on behalf of the voluntary, community and faith sector, and act as the first point of call in all matters related to the community and voluntary sector.
- Be recognised by stakeholders as an effective enabler of high-quality outcomes for voluntary and community organisations.
- Build a strong evidence base and clearly outline the impact of WVA ensuring we measure outcomes for individuals, organisations and are able to evidence the wider impact of our work.
- Be recognised as an organisation that puts service users first and encourages and supports the development of groups in resourcing activities rather than WVA competing to deliver front line services.
- Use our extensive reach from our community database, surveys, outreach work and forums to provide quality information
- relating to groups, service purpose, service beneficiaries and activity to identify emerging need or gaps.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Volunteering

A key role of WVA is to encourage, support and develop volunteering across the borough. There is untapped potential within our communities and we want to make sure that this capability and capacity is utilised for the benefit of all.

WVA holds the VCQA (Volunteer Centre Quality Accreditation) quality mark. This provides assurance to commissioners, funders, volunteer involving organisations and the public that we offer an effective quality service.

Our face-to-face brokerage service continues to offer individuals expert local knowledge on volunteering opportunities, allowing individuals to make an informed choice. We have provided one to one confidential appointments advising people of volunteering opportunities that would best suit their needs. This service provides accessibility and inclusivity ensuring people with additional needs, mental health issues and those with English as a second language are supported to access suitable volunteering opportunities. This area of work is funded through New Leaf, a Big Lottery and European Social Fund programme managed by Torus bringing together partners across Cheshire to support unemployed and economically inactive people into employment. This extended project aims to support individuals with complex needs to access suitable volunteering opportunities that will help them increase their chances of finding employment. Volunteering has played a key role in this collaboration to give people the experience, skills and confidence to progress into work.

We have a dedicated Volunteer Advisor to support groups to use the system to their full advantage. The role of the Advisor is to advise groups on their volunteering opportunities, ensuring roles are manageable and purposeful, not a paid-role replacement and that they are of community benefit. The Advisor supports with writing up clear and attractive volunteer opportunities to ensure increased interest before publishing.

WVA played an integral part in the coronavirus community response. At an extraordinary pace we were able to recruit, mobilise and coordinate over 600 volunteers, supporting shielded residents with reassurance calls, prescription collections, shopping and paramedic transport. This high-profile work has developed into a successful Good Neighbour scheme enabling vulnerable residents to access support through the coordination of over 120 volunteers.

WVA coordinates banks of volunteers for a number of activities. In 2021 we supported the online census, we recruited, vetted and trained 15 volunteers to provide a digital drop-in centre to ensure those not digitally able could complete the national Census. We currently recruit, train and coordinate WBCs Food Pantry volunteers and have most recently recruited, vetted and coordinated NHS rotas for covid vaccination marshals. Other examples include supporting Culture Warrington with the Wireworks Exhibition whereby we recruited and provided rotas for volunteers to support with invigilation of the exhibition and interacting with the public.

Future activities include working with WBC to provide opportunities for volunteers involved in the RLWC21 and its legacy. We also expect to continue to support opportunities that mobilise local people to represent their communities, participate in local decision-making processes and strengthen social networks, encouraging people to play their full part in contributing to the life of their community.

Development Work

WVA successfully accessed funding from the National Lottery Communities Fund to support communities and volunteers with their digital skills. Ensuring VCSE organisations have the skills and resources required to build and develop their services as Covid lockdowns ended.
WVA also accessed funds through NHS Charities Trust to provide support within Warrington and Halton's hospital discharge team supporting people to access community services on their return home. This project also indused a fund for those organistaions the project refers into.
This compliments our Good Neighbours and Good Neighbours Dementia projects, matching our more vulnerable members of the community with volunteers for support and friendship.
Working with Warrington Disability Partnership and other local charities, WVA played a key role in the deliver of Covid Community Champions, encouraging conversations with those who were vaccine hesitant, sharing messages and reaching out to under-represented communities.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Over 130 individual organisations have received support and advice to help manage and develop their group. Support has included, an organisational Healthcheck service, called REFLECT and EQIS (focused on mental health service providers), advice and guidance on funding applications, a read through service, governance and management advice, policies and procedures, recruiting and managing volunteers, measuring outcomes and impact and setting up new organisation. WVA was instrumental in supporting a number of new groups to establish and flourish.

WVA is also managing small pots community funds for distribution focused on men's mental health and maternal mental heath.

We worked closely with the Adult Safeguarding Board to develop and deliver safeguarding training and advice. Giving us the opportunity to address and note safeguarding issues and ensuring all the information we provide is agreed by the Warrington Safeguarding Board. WVA has successfully facilitated funding surgeries and workshops, inviting grant makers to promote programmes and provide opportunities to network and encourage peer-to-peer support across communities.

Voice and Representation

Our public profile continues to increase through social media and community engagement.

WVA plays a pivotal role in the Third Sector Leaders Hub ensuring effective representation for the VCSE sector on strategic boards. WVA provides a strong voice ensuring issues that affect the sector are raised and addressed This year the WVA team have been providing a strong voice and ensuring representation of the sector at the Central Neighbourhood Renewal Board, Active Warrington, Cultural Board, Mental Health Partnership Board, Warrington Together, Cheshire and Merseyside Health Care Partnership and many more to ensure the sector is fully engaged and the needs of the sector are raised.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

During 2021/22 WVA continued to work towards increasing reserves for the organisation. At the end of the previous financial year the charity made another surplus, these steps taken by the Board of Directors have successfully secured the organisation's financial stability, with a renewed reserves policy outlining the requirement for 6 months reserves which has now been achieved. The charity is now moving into 2022/23 with an experienced and knowledgeable team focused on the infrastructure contract and a diverse range of medium-term project grants that meet the aims of the organisation.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

Funds are mainly obtained by applying to local government, along income generated through charged for services and securing grants and commissions from the NHS, national and local funding bodies.

Reserves policy

In light of the main financial risks facing the charity the Board has determined that free reserves (unrestricted funds, not designated or invested in fixed assets) would be equivalent to a minimum of 6 months unrestricted expenditure to deliver core services, approx. 150k which provides sufficient funds to cover management and administration costs needed to wind up the organisation, to include redundancy costs for all staff or apply for emergency grants or loans.

Going concern

The Trustees are continually reviewing the operations of the charity and its ability to deliver its objects during any future pandemic. The Trustees have followed Government Guidance and will continue to seek financial assistance where appropriate and making cost savings where possible.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The Directors, who are also Trustees, are appointed by the membership at the Annual General Meeting (AGM), and are collectively known as the Board of Directors. Trustees are elected to serve on the board of Warrington Voluntary Action (WVA) at the AGM for a period of 3 years. Nominations are invited from the wider membership of the organisation. The Trustees who served during the year, together with any changes up to the date of approving this report are listed above.

Organisational structure

The Board, which must not be less than three members and not more than fifteen, administers the Charity and meets as necessary, usually at least 6 times per year. Although there is no formal structure of sub committees, individual trustees hold specific portfolios, and take the lead on behalf of the Board on these matters. The Board occasionally sets up ad hoc working groups to look at specific matters and to report back.

Portfolio -
Governance - Mary Barbour
Finance - Lynne Bennett
Wellbeing - Katie Horan

The day to day operations of the Charity are the responsibility of the Chief Officer, to whom the Trustees delegate authority for operational matters including finance, employment and development, within the overall strategy agreed by the Board.

Induction and training of new trustees

Directors are recruited for their commitment, experience, skill and knowledge they can bring to the organisation. The organisation has a defined process for recruitment, induction and training of members of the Board of Directors which is led by the needs of the organisation.

New trustees are supported by experienced trustees and Chief Officer.

Wider network

WVA is part of the national network of third sector infrastructure support organisations across England, and is an accredited Volunteer Centre through National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO).

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number
06805818 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number
1129343

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K Horan Engagement Manager
C Jones Outreach Manager
D F Barlow Retired

Company Secretary
A E Cullen

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

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 10 August 2022 and signed on its behalf by:



S L Bennett - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Warrington Voluntary Action (Registered number: 06805818)

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Warrington Voluntary Action ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2022.

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 the Company 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
Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of ICAEW which is one of the listed bodies.

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 the Company 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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Chartered Accountants
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10 August 2022

Warrington Voluntary Action

Statement of Financial Activities
(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	500	-	500	1,500
Charitable activities	4				
Advice and support		184,931	453,131	638,062	286,442
Investment income	3	56	-	56	605
Total		185,487	453,131	638,618	288,547
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	5				
Advice and support		120,013	319,894	439,907	243,003
NET INCOME		65,474	133,237	198,711	45,544
Other recognised gains/(losses)					
Actuarial gains/(losses) on defined benefit schemes		140,000	-	140,000	(160,000)
Net movement in funds		205,474	133,237	338,711	(114,456)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		(40,068)	6,198	(33,870)	80,586
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		165,406	139,435	304,841	(33,870)

The notes form part of these financial statements

Balance Sheet
31 March 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	11	7,311	-	7,311	5,586
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	12	52,446	100,000	152,446	22,500
Cash at bank		169,151	147,235	316,386	143,922
		221,597	247,235	468,832	166,422
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(76,502)	(107,800)	(184,302)	(78,878)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		145,095	139,435	284,530	87,544
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		152,406	139,435	291,841	93,130
PENSION ASSET/(LIABILITY)	16	13,000	-	13,000	(127,000)
NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		165,406	139,435	304,841	(33,870)
FUNDS	15				
Unrestricted funds				165,406	(40,068)
Restricted funds				139,435	6,198
TOTAL FUNDS				304,841	(33,870)

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2022.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

(a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each 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 financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet - continued
31 March 2022

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 10 August 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:



S L Bennett - Trustee

Warrington Voluntary Action

Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

	Notes	31.3.22 £	31.3.21 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	177,050	94,862
Net cash provided by operating activities		177,050	94,862
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(4,642)	(6,090)
Interest received		56	605
Net cash used in investing activities		(4,586)	(5,485)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		172,464	89,377
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		143,922	54,545
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		316,386	143,922

The notes form part of these financial statements

Notes to the Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	198,711	45,544
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	2,917	504
Interest received	(56)	(605)
Increase in debtors	(129,946)	(16,073)
Increase in creditors	105,424	65,492
Net cash provided by operations	177,050	94,862

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.4.21	Cash flow	At 31.3.22
	£	£	£
Net cash			
Cash at bank	143,922	172,464	316,386
	143,922	172,464	316,386
Total	143,922	172,464	316,386

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared 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 UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

In the opinion of the Trustees the charity has sufficient resources and funding for the foreseeable future and as a result have prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the company.

Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

Income
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

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 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 those conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Income from government and other grants, whether ‘capital’ grants or ‘revenue’ grants,is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the Trust that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor’s intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is a treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

Expenditure
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs incurred by the charity to enable it to fulfil its core operations.

- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Expenditure
Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Governance costs
Governance costs relate to those costs which are incurred purely in furtherance of improving or contributing to the governance of the charity.

Tangible fixed assets
Depreciation is provided for on assets to write off the asset over its useful economic life at the rates shown below. Expenditure on fixed assets of £500 or less is not capitalised and is charged to the Statement of Financial Activities.

Taxation
The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments
Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits
The charity makes contributions to a multi-employer defined benefit scheme run by Cheshire County Council. Contributions to the scheme are charged to the SOFA in the period to which they relate.

The charity also operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the Charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Financial instruments
The company has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the company's statement of financial position when the company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the net asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and include cash in hand, deposits held at call with bank, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts.

Basic financial assets
Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised costs using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Financial instruments

Other financial assets
Other financial assets, including investments in equity instruments which are not subsidiaries, associates or joint ventures, are initially measured at fair value, which is normally the transaction price. Such assets are subsequently carried at fair value and the changes in fair value are recognised in profit or loss, except that investments in equity instruments that are not publically traded and whose fair values cannot be measured reliably are measured at cost less impairment.

Impairment of financial assets
Financial assets, other than those held at fair value through profit or loss, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each reporting end date.

Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows have been affected. If an asset is impaired, the impairment loss is the difference between the carrying amount and the present value of the estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. The impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss.

Derecognition of financial assets
Financial assets are derecognised only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire or are settled, or when the company transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to another entity, or if some significant risks and rewards of ownership are retained but control of the asset has transferred to another party that is able to sell the asset in its entirety to an unrelated third party.

Employee benefits
The costs of the short-term employee benefits are recognised as a liability and an expense, unless those costs are required to be recognised as part of the costs of stock or fixed assets. The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received. Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the company is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	31.3.22 Total funds	31.3.21 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Donations	500	-	500	1,500

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	31.3.22 Total funds	31.3.21 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Deposit account interest	56	-	56	605

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4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Activity	31.3.22 £	31.3.21 £
Other support services provided	Advice and support	52,559	64,725
Grants	Advice and support	585,503	221,717
		638,062	286,442

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	31.3.22 £	31.3.21 £
Cheshire Community Foundation	30,000	13,135
WBC - Infrastructure Support Services	116,000	116,000
East Primary Care GP Network	-	20,134
Torus Foundation	16,372	21,278
NAVCA	-	3,000
WBC - Good Neighbours Project	68,975	21,500
T N L Communities Fund	38,259	26,670
NHS Liverpool	19,999	-
Alder Hey Childrens Charity	133,134	-
NHS Warrington CCG	52,124	-
Warrington Borough Council	16,300	-
Warrington Disability Partnership	94,340	-
	585,503	221,717

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Grant funding of activities (see note 6) £	Support costs (see note 7) £	Totals £
Advice and support	335,852	100,561	3,494	439,907

6. GRANTS PAYABLE

	31.3.22 £	31.3.21 £
Advice and support	100,561	-

The total grants paid to institutions during the year was as follows:

	31.3.22 £	31.3.21 £
3rd Party Organisations	100,561	-

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7. SUPPORT COSTS

	Governance costs
	£
Advice and support	3,494

8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	2,917	504
Other operating leases	15,033	10,546
Independent examination fee	2,350	2,300

9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2022 nor for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2022 nor for the year ended 31 March 2021.

10. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Wages and salaries	255,105	176,008
Social security costs	14,829	9,503
Pension costs	12,089	9,189
Pension deficit payments	7,207	8,471
	289,230	203,171

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.22	31.3.21
Chief officers	1	1
Project managers	1	1
Project officers	10	6
Secondment to Warrington parents & carers	1	1
	13	9

No member of staff received a salary in excess of £60,000 in either year.

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11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 April 2021	12,919	2,605	6,090	21,614
Additions	-	-	4,642	4,642
At 31 March 2022	12,919	2,605	10,732	26,256
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 April 2021	12,919	2,605	504	16,028
Charge for year	-	-	2,917	2,917
At 31 March 2022	12,919	2,605	3,421	18,945
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 March 2022	-	-	7,311	7,311
At 31 March 2021	-	-	5,586	5,586

12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.22 £	31.3.21 £
Trade debtors	152,446	21,573
Other debtors	-	927
	152,446	22,500

13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.22 £	31.3.21 £
Trade creditors	8,368	-
Social security and other taxes	5,647	3,311
Other creditors	987	4,663
Accruals and deferred income	169,300	70,904
	184,302	78,878

Deferred income comprises grant income received in advance of the year to which it relates.

	31.03.22 £
Balance as at 1st April 2021	68,474
Amount released to income earned from charitable activities	(68,474)
Amount deferred in year	166,800
Balance as at 31st March 2022	166,800

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14. LEASING AGREEMENTS

Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Within one year	-	13,297
Between one and five years	-	6,653
	-	19,950

The charity has moved into new offices but at the year end, the lease had not been drawn up.

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.21	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.22
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	86,932	65,474	152,406
Pension fund	(127,000)	140,000	13,000
	(40,068)	205,474	165,406
Restricted funds			
Cheshire Community Fund - Manbassador Project	4,893	(4,893)	-
TNL Community Fund	-	4,300	4,300
Assura Digital Grant	1,305	(1,305)	-
WBC Good Neighbours Project	-	25,100	25,100
NHS Charities Trust	-	77,600	77,600
Good Neighbourhood Dementia	-	28,500	28,500
WBC Community Fund	-	2,000	2,000
Men's Health Grant	-	1,935	1,935
	6,198	133,237	139,435
TOTAL FUNDS	(33,870)	338,711	304,841

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15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	185,487	(120,013)	-	65,474
Pension fund	-	-	140,000	140,000
	185,487	(120,013)	140,000	205,474
Restricted funds				
Cheshire Community Fund - Manbassador Project	-	(4,893)	-	(4,893)
TNL Community Fund	38,259	(33,959)	-	4,300
Assura Digital Grant	-	(1,305)	-	(1,305)
WBC Good Neighbours Project	68,975	(43,875)	-	25,100
Food Poverty	30,000	(30,000)	-	-
Maternal Mental Health Grants	19,999	(19,999)	-	-
NHS Charities Trust	133,134	(55,534)	-	77,600
Good Neighbourhood Dementia	37,804	(9,304)	-	28,500
WBC Community Fund	2,000	-	-	2,000
Covid Community Champions	94,340	(94,340)	-	-
CCG Mental Health	14,320	(14,320)	-	-
Men's Health Grant	14,300	(12,365)	-	1,935
	453,131	(319,894)	-	133,237
TOTAL FUNDS	638,618	(439,907)	140,000	338,711

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	47,586	35,806	3,540	86,932
Pension fund	33,000	(160,000)	-	(127,000)
	80,586	(124,194)	3,540	(40,068)
Restricted funds				
Cheshire Community Fund - Manbassador Project	-	4,893	-	4,893
TNL Community Fund	-	449	(449)	-
Assura Digital Grant	-	3,350	(2,045)	1,305
WBC Good Neighbours Project	-	1,046	(1,046)	-
	-	9,738	(3,540)	6,198
TOTAL FUNDS	80,586	(114,456)	-	(33,870)

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15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	207,108	(171,302)	-	35,806
Pension fund	-	-	(160,000)	(160,000)
	207,108	(171,302)	(160,000)	(124,194)
Restricted funds				
Welltime Project	20,133	(20,133)	-	-
Cheshire Community Fund - Manbassador Project	9,786	(4,893)	-	4,893
TNL Community Fund	26,670	(26,221)	-	449
Assura Digital Grant	3,350	-	-	3,350
WBC Good Neighbours Project	21,500	(20,454)	-	1,046
	81,439	(71,701)	-	9,738
TOTAL FUNDS	288,547	(243,003)	(160,000)	(114,456)

CCF - Manbassador project
Promoting, encouraging and supporting an increased number of men to get involved in social action, though volunteering and acting as role models in the community.

TNL Community fund
Supporting the clinically and extremely vulnerable through the Covid pandemic, providing reassurance phone call, prescription collections, shopping etc.

Assura Digital grant
Supporting vulnerable residents excluded from accessing services and amenities due to digital access and capabilities

WBC Good Neighbours Project
Coordination of referrals from a wide range of health professionals to provide support to isolated residents. The aim of this activity is to support residents to remain in their own home and live independently with the support of volunteers in the community.

Cheshire Community Foundation - Food Alliance
Supporting the coordination of community led food organistaions across Warrington to ensure the people of Warrington, especially those in our deprived wards have improved and to recognise local, ethical and sustainable practice.

The National Lottery Community Fund
The Get Connected project supports the many community and voluntary organisations with the digital skills they require to deliver effective services, as well as mobilises volunteers to engage in one off volunteering opportunities and community events.

NHS Liverpool
Cheshire & Merseyside Community Grants to support grass roots voluntary and community groups on women's peri-natal mental health to support women and their families who are expecting a child or have recently given birth.

NHS Charities Trust

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15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Delivery of Healthy and Home to support the hospital discharge process, by supporting NHS teams to navigate the voluntary sector and refer to patients to community settings. Includes capacity building monies for the wider sector.

NHS Warrington CCG
£37500 Good Neighbours dementia support to match families with volunteer support to provide a helping hand, friendship and respite.

£14634 - EQIS the delivery of a mental health quality assurance framework for the VCSE.

Warrington Borough Council
Community Initiative Fund to deliver community walks to wellness though volunteer support.

Covid Community Champions
Working directly within local communities to communicate the latest accurate health information to residents, providing a trusted voice to address vaccine hesitancy.

16. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS

Defined benefit scheme

The amounts recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities are as follows:

	Defined benefit pension plans	
	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Current service cost	19,000	12,000
Net interest from net defined benefit asset/liability	24,000	21,000
Past service cost	-	-
	43,000	33,000
Actual return on plan assets	55,000	112,000

Changes in the present value of the defined benefit obligation are as follows:

	Defined benefit pension plans	
	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Opening defined benefit obligation	1,223,000	930,000
Current service cost	19,000	12,000
Contributions by scheme participants	3,000	2,000
Interest cost	24,000	21,000
Actuarial losses/(gains)	(91,000)	276,000
Benefits paid	(19,000)	(18,000)
	1,159,000	1,223,000

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16. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS - continued

Changes in the fair value of scheme assets are as follows:

	Defined benefit pension plans	
	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Opening fair value of scheme assets	1,096,000	963,000
Interest income on plan assets	22,000	22,000
Contributions by employer	15,000	15,000
Contributions by scheme participants	3,000	2,000
Actuarial gains/(losses)	55,000	112,000
Benefits paid	(19,000)	(18,000)
	1,172,000	1,096,000

The amounts recognised in other recognised gains and losses are as follows:

	Defined benefit pension plans	
	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Actuarial gains/(losses)	140,000	(160,000)
	140,000	(160,000)

The major categories of scheme assets as amounts of total scheme assets are as follows:

	Defined benefit pension plans	
	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Equities	433,640	427,440
Bonds	527,400	493,200
Property	140,640	120,560
Cash	70,320	54,800
	1,172,000	1,096,000

Principal actuarial assumptions at the Balance Sheet date (expressed as weighted averages):

	31.3.22	31.3.21
Discount rate	2.70%	2.00%
Future salary increases	3.90%	3.55%
Future pension increases	3.20%	2.85%

The charity is making additional payments into the scheme to reduce the liability. In the current year, the amount paid was £7,207 (2021: £8,471). These amounts are advised by the scheme advisors.

Defined contribution scheme

The company operates a defined contribution scheme. The assets of which are held separately from the assets of the company in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the company to the fund and amounted to £12,089 (2021: £9,189).

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17. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2022.

18. REMUNERATION OF KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

The charity considers its key management personnel to comprise its trustees and manager. The total employment benefits (including employers national insurance and pension contributions) of its key management personnel were £54,858 (2021: £45,855).

WARRINGTON VOLUNTARY ACTION

England & Wales - Charity number 1129343

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 06805818 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1129343

Report of the Trustees and

Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

for

Warrington Voluntary Action

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

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Warrington Voluntary Action (Registered number: 06805818)

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021. 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 Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

WVA supports the development of a vibrant, thriving and sustainable third sector to meet the diverse and changing needs of local communities.

WVA's charitable objectives are "To promote the benefit of all the inhabitants in Warrington and the local area by associating together volunteers and organisations in a common effort to advance education, protect health, relieve poverty, sickness and distress, and to promote any other charitable purpose. In furtherance of these objects but not otherwise, we shall:-

a) Inform, advise and support organisations which involve or are willing to involve volunteers to enable them to pursue or contribute to any charitable purpose to develop volunteering and community engagement.
b) Promote, organise and facilitate co-operation and partnership working between third sector, statutory and other relevant bodies within the Warrington and the local area.

Significant activities

The Charity meets its aims by:

- Providing information, guidance and resources enabling local voluntary, community and faith organisations to deliver effective quality services.
- Promoting, supporting and developing volunteering opportunities for individuals and local communities that will contribute to making a positive difference.
- Developing and championing excellence in volunteer management, supporting groups to deliver good practice in managing their volunteers.
- Initiating the development of new groups, schemes, enterprises or activities to meet identified needs and local demand.
- Supporting local networks and forums to facilitate and encourage effective partnerships and strengthen cross sector working.
- Enabling effective representation and involvement on key strategic partnership bodies to ensure third sector organisations have a strong and coherent voice.

The values we believe in are:

Being passionate: Utilising energies purposefully and committing to the development and enrichment of others.

Thinking creatively: Seeking to get the best from available resources and unlocking potential by thinking differently.

Working collaboratively: Developing effective relationships that aim to benefit all partners as well as the wider community.

Public benefit

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aim and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Volunteers

WVA has supported a small team of volunteers to review, research and update our community directory to ensure it is fit for purpose. The directory managed by volunteers holds up to date contact details and organisation profiles, highlighting their services and activities right across the borough. We have approximately 1250 community, voluntary, faith and social enterprises registered on our database. Our dedicated volunteers have been instrumental in keeping this updated to ensure we provide information, support and networking opportunities to as many organisations as possible and can confidently state that we provide a strong voice for the sector.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

This is the 4th year of our contract with Warrington Borough Council to deliver infrastructure support to the local Third Sector. We continue to strive to deliver our strategic priorities to ensure we achieve the best possible outcomes. As in the previous year our strategic priorities are:

-To ensure that the Charity is high performing, achieves excellence in the quality of its governance and an effectively managed organisation.
- Strengthen the reputation of WVA to provide a strong and trusted local voice on behalf of the voluntary, community and faith sector and volunteering development organisations. Also, to be recognised by all sectors, third, public and private as the first point of call in all matters related to the community and voluntary sector.
- To be recognised by stakeholders as an effective enabler of high-quality outcomes for voluntary and community organisations.
- To build a strong evidence base and clearly outline the impact of WVA ensuring we measure outcomes for individuals, organisations and are able to evidence the wider impact of our work.
- To be recognised as an organisation that puts service users first and encourages and supports the development of groups in resourcing activities rather than WVA competing to deliver front line services.
- Carry out a comprehensive review of the community, voluntary and faith sector and gather service user feedback, enabling WVA to better respond to the needs of the sector.

These strategic priorities build on our key organisational strengths, will help to identify gaps to meet local demand and accountability to all our stakeholders.

WVA has been recognised by Council Leaders and the Third Sector as playing a pivotal role in the response to Covid, supporting those most vulnerable in our community. Significantly, adapting services to meet demand, from managing large cohorts of volunteers, keeping the third sector updated on covid guidelines and latest updates, collecting and distributing PPE for the Sector, working directly with public sector colleagues and working remotely and digitally.

Volunteering

A key role of WVA is to encourage, support and develop volunteering across the borough. There is untapped potential within our communities and we want to make sure that this capability and capacity is utilised for the benefit of all.

WVA holds the VCQA (Volunteer Centre Quality Accreditation) quality mark. This provides assurance to commissioners, funders, volunteer involving organisations and the public that we offer an effective quality service.

As with all charities this year has been one like no other due to the Covid pandemic. WVA has played a pivotal role in mobilising volunteers across the borough in response to the Covid pandemic. Since March, a total of 1630 Covid-19 volunteers have been recruited, uploaded to our volunteer database and deployed. Keeping within GDPR regulations we have contact details for all volunteers and dependant on their role we have collated details on car type and insurance (for deliveries), DBS, skills and experience, availability and social media activity.
During the first pandemic volunteer activity included:

- Telephone reassurance calls, referred from Safe and Well, matching 132 volunteers with 262 recipients
- 421 prescription collections delivered by 127 volunteers
- 54 volunteers helping with food parcels at Fearnhead Community Centre
- 12 volunteers involved in delivering Safe and Well leaflets
- 81 volunteers signed up to drive paramedics for Covid-19 door testing
- 8 volunteers trained up to be Town Centre Ambassadors when lockdown restriction ended in July.

WVA is working hard to continue this community spirt and keep the momentum going. We are providing a coordinated approach through a bank of volunteers deployed across the borough, enabling and supporting people to engage in a valuable and meaningful role within the community. All 1630 Covid Response Volunteers on our database receive regular information and bulletins on current volunteering opportunities coordinated through WVA work and across the voluntary sector.

At the year-end we had 102 volunteers on a rota to support Marshalling Covid-19 vaccinations at Orford Jubilee Hub and at the Halliwell Jones Stadium.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

We are working closely with Warrington Foodbank, with a bank of 26 volunteer delivery drivers, which we coordinate. We have provided a weekly rota of volunteers for the Foodbank during the 3 lockdowns for those shielding /CEV.
In October, WVA collaborated with WBC and signed up 32 people to volunteer with the Food Pantry, we continue to keep them informed on any updates ready for the re-opening of the Food Pantry

72 volunteers have registered and been matched with our recently established Good Neighbours project providing low level support to those isolated in our communities, this includes telephone befriending, shopping, prescription collections and home visit check-ins on people isolated due to Covid. WVA is working closely with Safe and Well and Adult Social Care to deliver this strand of work.
The remainder of the volunteers continue their support with the telephone reassurance calls and one-off requests. We also have a number of core volunteers that support with more than one opportunity. We continue to receive requests from people to volunteer on a daily basis, each request is responded to and matched appropriately.

Volunteer Demographics

Volunteers reside across all areas of Warrington, we have not identified any area as being significantly higher. The highest proportion of volunteers are aged 45-60, with 63% being female, although more males have been involved in ad-hoc collections and delivery/driver roles.

Volunteers have a wide range of skills and professions, from sales personnel, social workers and other health professionals, IT, retired and 14% are currently furloughed. Anecdotal evidence indicates that people are volunteering around their work role, especially as most people are working from home.
72% of the volunteers have not previously volunteered and as expected the main reason 92% registered was to help others during the crisis.
Volunteers have fed back they are interested in continued ad-hoc opportunities, they want flexibility and don't want to fully commit to a specific organisation or more formal opportunities.
WVA is working towards continuing the bank of volunteers beyond the Covid pandemic to sustain the current level of engagement and support with borough wide opportunities such as with the Rugby League World Cup, local events, cultural activities etc.

We continue to deliver Manbassador, a campaign to encourage more men into volunteering. WVA set this up to help address the declining numbers of men registering an interest in volunteering. The campaign has involved showcasing men volunteering and promoting volunteering opportunities in a more male orientated way. This campaign is ongoing so we can hopefully engage more men into volunteering and create role models for future volunteers, utilising the volunteer response to covid which has seen a big influx.

Third Sector Representation and Leadership
- Local Outbreak Engagement Board - monthly meetings updating on sector response to WBC and Councillors.
- Halton and Warrington Covid 19 Health Protection Board bi weekly meetings to update
- Cheshire and Warrington Infrastructure partnership - leading on volunteering, engaging with NHS for Charities Together work, NHS responders and LEP evidence gathering .
- Member of VSCEP to represent Warrington across NAVCA membership
- Covid Shielding/CEV briefings to provide updates initially weekly.
- Living Well Sub Group feeding into the Integrated Community Team active members and presented on Design | Council and good Neighbours.
- RLWC2021 - involved in Delivery Board
- Frailty System Programme Board
- Building Stronger Communities Policy Committee - update on volunteering and support to Food Pantry
- Central 6 Board - active member
- Culture Board and consortium active member
- Cheshire and Merseyside VCFSE Health and Care Leadership Group - active member
- Mental Health Partnership Board - active member and Chair
- Community Led Support consultation
- Coordination of virtual consultation on Town Centre development, Covid 19 vaccination roll out with CCG and YOOF, Merseycare acquisition consultation.
- Warrington Impact Group with CCF

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

- Stakeholder and Engagement Health and Wellbeing Centre - provided mapping of non-council community centres and community assets.
- Promotion and Prevention
- Active Warrington

Development Work

Throughout the pandemic we have provided support and advice to help 107 groups deliver their services to residents. Support has included, an organisational review and reflect on delivering in a new way, advice and guidance on funding applications, a read through service, governance and management advice, policies and procedures, measuring outcomes and impact and setting up new organisation. During this year we have supported the voluntary sector to access £464,000 to help with their response to Covid.

- Developed EQIS a quality assurance framework for third sector organisations supporting people with mental health issues. This involves 7 key indicators to highlight evidence based good practice, the framework has been approved by MHBP. 3 orgs involved in pilot and now signed off, discussions on delivery, resourcing and expanding wider than Warrington ongoing.
- WVA Healthcheck revamped to coincide with recovery of groups Review and Reflect
- Warrington Safeguarding Adults Board - reviewing and updating training offer for the sector

Our public profile continues to increase through social media and community engagement. During this year we sent out 158 e-alerts to Warrington's Voluntary Sector

WVA continues to be a key player of the Third Sector Network Hub ensuring effective representation for all third sector groups on strategic boards. WVA provides a strong voice ensuring issues that affect the sector are raised and addressed, throughout Covid meeting have continued virtually.

- Food Poverty activity with WBC and CCF. Active member of stakeholder group to work on strategy for the town, networking with wider Food Alliances across Cheshire and Merseyside to gather resources and learning. Recruitment of associated post to start April/May
- Housing and Communities Flood Recovery and recovery funding panel - weekly meetings and established funding panel sub group
- Lateral Flow Testing - worked with Public Health to train and set up volunteers at the Safeway to provide a self-contained testing centre operating on a weekly basis since January, reporting figures to PH.
- Working with NHS across Cheshire and Merseyside to coordinate and manage local Maternal Mental Health Grants - WVA has awarded 3 one year grants totalling £20k.
- New Leaf
- NHS Charities Together - bringing partners together to bid into the funds allocated for Cheshire and Merseyside under the Outreach and Mental Health Themes -Warrington organistaions involved in 4 partnership bids.
- NHS Charities Together working with Warrington and Halton Hospital with WVA leading on a bid to support Hospital Discharge - £300K bid submitted end of March

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

During 2020/21 WVA continued to work towards increasing reserves for the organisation. At the end of the previous financial year the charity made another surplus, these steps taken by the Board of Directors have successfully secured the organisation's financial stability. The charity is now moving into 2021/22 with an experienced and knowledgeable team focused on the infrastructure contract and subsequent grants that meet the aims of the organisation.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

Funds are mainly obtained by applying to local and central government bodies for funding, along income generated through charged for services and securing small grants and commissions.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

In light of the main financial risks facing the charity the Board has determined that free reserves (unrestricted funds, not designated or invested in fixed assets) would be equivalent to a minimum of 3 months unrestricted expenditure to deliver core services, approx. 55k, which provides sufficient funds to cover management and administration costs needed to wind up the organisation, to include redundancy costs for all staff or apply for emergency grants or loans. The strategy to increase the existing reserves during the next financial year is focused around securing more stable core funding and generating income through the sale of be-spoke and specialised services.

Going concern

The Trustees are continually reviewing the operations of the charity and its ability to deliver its objects during the Covid 19 pandemic. The Trustees have followed Government Guidance and are seeking financial assistance where appropriate and making cost savings where possible. In the opinion of the Trustees significant financial pressure will be placed on the Charity as a result of the Covid 19 pandemic but the Trustees believe they have the structure and resources to ensure the Charity remains a going concern.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The Directors, who are also Trustees, are appointed by the membership at the Annual General Meeting (AGM), and are collectively known as the Board of Directors. Trustees are elected to serve on the board of Warrington Voluntary Action (WVA) at the AGM for a period of 3 years. Nominations are invited from the wider membership of the organisation. The Trustees who served during the year, together with any changes up to the date of approving this report are listed above.

Organisational structure

The Board, which must not be less than three members and not more than fifteen, administers the Charity and meets as necessary, usually at least 6 times per year. Although there is no formal structure of sub committees, individual trustees hold specific portfolios, and take the lead on behalf of the Board on these matters. The Board occasionally sets up ad hoc working groups to look at specific matters and to report back.

Portfolio -
Governance - Mary Barbour
Finance - Lynne Bennett
Funding - Katie Horan & Jo Jackson
Chief Officer - A Cullen

The day to day operations of the Charity are the responsibility of the Chief Officer, to whom the Trustees delegate authority for operational matters including finance, employment and development, within the overall strategy agreed by the Board.

Induction and training of new trustees

Directors are recruited for their commitment, experience, skill and knowledge they can bring to the organisation. The organisation has a defined process for recruitment, induction and training of members of the Board of Directors which is led by the needs of the organisation.

New trustees are supported by experienced trustees and Chief Officer.

Wider network

WVA is part of the national network of third sector infrastructure support organisations across England, and is an accredited Volunteer Centre through National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO).

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

06805818 (England and Wales)

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

Registered Charity number
1129343

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES
The trustees (who are also the directors of Warrington Voluntary Action for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which 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 those financial statements, the trustees are required to

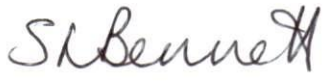
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements 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.

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

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

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 19 August 2021 and signed on its behalf by:



S L Bennett - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Warrington Voluntary Action (Registered number: 06805818)

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Warrington Voluntary Action ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2021.

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 the Company 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
Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of ICAEW which is one of the listed bodies.

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 the Company 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 August 2021

Warrington Voluntary Action

Statement of Financial Activities
(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £	31.3.20 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	1,500	-	1,500	10,050
Charitable activities	4				
Advice and support		205,004	81,438	286,442	211,997
Investment income	3	605	-	605	252
Total		207,109	81,438	288,547	222,299
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	5				
Advice and support		171,303	71,700	243,003	212,177
NET INCOME		35,806	9,738	45,544	10,122
Transfers between funds	14	3,540	(3,540)	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses)					
Actuarial gains/(losses) on defined benefit schemes		(160,000)	-	(160,000)	180,000
Net movement in funds		(120,654)	6,198	(114,456)	190,122
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		80,586	-	80,586	(109,536)
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		(40,068)	6,198	(33,870)	80,586

The notes form part of these financial statements

Balance Sheet
31 March 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £	31.3.20 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	10	5,586	-	5,586	-
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	11	22,500	-	22,500	6,427
Cash at bank		98,250	45,672	143,922	54,545
		120,750	45,672	166,422	60,972
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(39,404)	(39,474)	(78,878)	(13,386)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		81,346	6,198	87,544	47,586
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		86,932	6,198	93,130	47,586
PENSION (LIABILITY)/ASSET	15	(127,000)	-	(127,000)	33,000
NET ASSETS		(40,068)	6,198	(33,870)	80,586
FUNDS	14				
Unrestricted funds				(40,068)	80,586
Restricted funds				6,198	-
TOTAL FUNDS				(33,870)	80,586

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

(a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each 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 financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet - continued
31 March 2021

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 19 August 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:

S L Bennett

S L Bennett - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared 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 UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

In the opinion of the Trustees the charity has sufficient resources and funding for the foreseeable future and as a result have prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the company.

Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

Financial reporting standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions
The charitable company has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland':

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

Income
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

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 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 those conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants,is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the Trust that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is a treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

Expenditure
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Expenditure

- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs incurred by the charity to enable it to fulfil its core operations.

- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

Governance costs
Governance costs relate to those costs which are incurred purely in furtherance of improving or contributing to the governance of the charity.

Tangible fixed assets
Depreciation is provided for on assets to write off the asset over its useful economic life at the rates shown below. Expenditure on fixed assets of £500 or less is not capitalised and is charged to the Statement of Financial Activities.

Taxation
The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments
Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits
The charity makes contributions to a multi-employer defined benefit scheme run by Cheshire County Council. Contributions to the scheme are charged to the SOFA in the period to which they relate.

The charity also operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the Charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Financial instruments
The company has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the company's statement of financial position when the company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the net asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and include cash in hand, deposits held at call with bank, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts.

Basic financial assets

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Financial instruments
Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised costs using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Other financial assets
Other financial assets, including investments in equity instruments which are not subsidiaries, associates or joint ventures, are initially measured at fair value, which is normally the transaction price. Such assets are subsequently carried at fair value and the changes in fair value are recognised in profit or loss, except that investments in equity instruments that are not publically traded and whose fair values cannot be measured reliably are measured at cost less impairment.

Impairment of financial assets
Financial assets, other than those held at fair value through profit or loss, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each reporting end date.

Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows have been affected. If an asset is impaired, the impairment loss is the difference between the carrying amount and the present value of the estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. The impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss.

Derecognition of financial assets
Financial assets are derecognised only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire or are settled, or when the company transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to another entity, or if some significant risks and rewards of ownership are retained but control of the asset has transferred to another party that is able to sell the asset in its entirety to an unrelated third party.

Employee benefits
The costs of the short-term employee benefits are recognised as a liability and an expense, unless those costs are required to be recognised as part of the costs of stock or fixed assets. The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received. Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the company is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	31.3.21 Total funds	31.3.20 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Donations	1,500	-	1,500	50
Legacies	-	-	-	10,000
	1,500	-	1,500	10,050

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3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £	31.3.20 Total funds £
Deposit account interest	605	-	605	252

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Activity	31.3.21 £	31.3.20 £
Other support services provided	Advice and support	64,725	41,294
Grants	Advice and support	221,717	170,703
		286,442	211,997

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	31.3.21 £	31.3.20 £
Cheshire Community Foundation	13,135	-
NHS England	-	11,651
WBC - Infrastructure Support Services	116,000	116,000
Sport England	-	15,228
Youth Social Action Fund	-	11,500
East Primary Care GP Network	20,134	-
Torus Foundation	21,278	16,324
NAVCA	3,000	-
WBC - Good Neighbours Project	21,500	-
T N L Communities Fund	26,670	-
	221,717	170,703

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 6) £	Totals £
Advice and support	239,799	3,204	243,003

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6. SUPPORT COSTS

	Governance costs
	£
Advice and support	3,204

7. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	504	-
Other operating leases	10,546	12,605

8. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2021 nor for the year ended 31 March 2020.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2021 nor for the year ended 31 March 2020.

9. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Wages and salaries	176,008	145,701
Social security costs	9,503	8,261
Pension costs	9,189	8,667
Pension deficit payments	8,471	7,033
	203,171	169,662

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.21	31.3.20
Chief officers	1	1
Project managers	1	1
Project officers	6	5
Secondment to Warrington parents & carers	1	1
	9	8

No member of staff received a salary in excess of £60,000 in either year.

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10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 April 2020	12,919	2,605	-	15,524
Additions	-	-	6,090	6,090
At 31 March 2021	12,919	2,605	6,090	21,614
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 April 2020	12,919	2,605	-	15,524
Charge for year	-	-	504	504
At 31 March 2021	12,919	2,605	504	16,028
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 March 2021	-	-	5,586	5,586
At 31 March 2020	-	-	-	-

11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.21 £	31.3.20 £
Trade debtors	21,573	6,427
Other debtors	927	-
	22,500	6,427

12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.21 £	31.3.20 £
Trade creditors	-	3,188
Social security and other taxes	3,311	3,102
Other creditors	4,663	4,666
Accruals and deferred income	70,904	2,430
	78,878	13,386

Deferred income comprises grant income received in advance of the year to which it relates.

	31.03.21 £
Balance as at 1st April 2020	-
Amount released to income earned from charitable activities	-
Amount deferred in year	68,474
Balance as at 31st March 2021	68,474

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13. LEASING AGREEMENTS

Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Within one year	13,297	13,297
Between one and five years	6,653	19,950
	19,950	33,247

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.20	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 31.3.21
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	47,586	35,806	3,540	86,932
Pension fund	33,000	(160,000)	-	(127,000)
	80,586	(124,194)	3,540	(40,068)
Restricted funds				
Cheshire Community Fund - Manbassador Project	-	4,893	-	4,893
TNL Community Fund	-	449	(449)	-
Assura Digital Grant	-	3,350	(2,045)	1,305
WBC Good Neighbours Project	-	1,046	(1,046)	-
	-	9,738	(3,540)	6,198
TOTAL FUNDS	80,586	(114,456)	-	(33,870)

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gains and losses	Movement in funds
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	207,108	(171,302)	-	35,806
Pension fund	-	-	(160,000)	(160,000)
	207,108	(171,302)	(160,000)	(124,194)
Restricted funds				
Welltime Project	20,133	(20,133)	-	-
Cheshire Community Fund - Manbassador Project	9,786	(4,893)	-	4,893
TNL Community Fund	26,670	(26,221)	-	449
Assura Digital Grant	3,350	-	-	3,350
WBC Good Neighbours Project	21,500	(20,454)	-	1,046
	81,439	(71,701)	-	9,738
TOTAL FUNDS	288,547	(243,003)	(160,000)	(114,456)

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	23,464	24,122	47,586
Pension fund	(147,000)	180,000	33,000
	(123,536)	204,122	80,586
Restricted funds			
Youth Social Action Fund	7,000	(7,000)	-
Big Lottery Awards4All	7,000	(7,000)	-
	14,000	(14,000)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	(109,536)	190,122	80,586

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	184,011	(159,889)	-	24,122
Pension fund	-	-	180,000	180,000
	184,011	(159,889)	180,000	204,122
Restricted funds				
NHS - Dept of Health	11,650	(11,650)	-	-
Sport England Volunteering	15,138	(15,138)	-	-
Youth Social Action Fund	11,500	(18,500)	-	(7,000)
Big Lottery Awards4All	-	(7,000)	-	(7,000)
	38,288	(52,288)	-	(14,000)
TOTAL FUNDS	222,299	(212,177)	180,000	190,122

Welltime project
Coordinating referrals from the East GP Primary Care Network, to match patients with social activities, other residents and volunteers to support their health and wellbeing.

CCF - Manbassador project
Promoting, encouraging and supporting an increased number of men to get involved in social action, though volunteering and acting as role models in the community.

TNL Community fund
Supporting the clinically and extremely vulnerable through the Covid pandemic, providing reassurance phone call, prescription collections, shopping etc.

Assura Digital grant
Supporting vulnerable residents excluded from accessing services and amenities due to digital access and capabilities

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

WBC Good Neighbours Project
Coordination of referrals from a wide range of health professionals to provide support to isolated residents. The aim of this activity is to support residents to remain in their own home and live independently with the support of volunteers in the community.

Transfers between funds

As part of providing its services, an element of the funding included funds for IT equipment. However the equipment is not restricted in its use so the cost of the equipment has been transferred to general funds.

15. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS

Defined benefit scheme

The amounts recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities are as follows:

	Defined benefit pension plans	
	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Current service cost	12,000	16,000
Net interest from net defined benefit asset/liability	21,000	27,000
Past service cost	-	-
	33,000	43,000
Actual return on plan assets	112,000	(31,000)

Changes in the present value of the defined benefit obligation are as follows:

	Defined benefit pension plans	
	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Opening defined benefit obligation	930,000	1,126,000
Current service cost	12,000	16,000
Contributions by scheme participants	2,000	2,000
Interest cost	21,000	27,000
Actuarial losses/(gains)	276,000	(224,000)
Benefits paid	(18,000)	(17,000)
	1,223,000	930,000

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15. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS - continued

Changes in the fair value of scheme assets are as follows:

	Defined benefit pension plans	
	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Opening fair value of scheme assets	963,000	979,000
Interest income on plan assets	22,000	23,000
Contributions by employer	15,000	7,000
Contributions by scheme participants	2,000	2,000
Actuarial gains/(losses)	112,000	(31,000)
Benefits paid	(18,000)	(17,000)
	1,096,000	963,000

The amounts recognised in other recognised gains and losses are as follows:

	Defined benefit pension plans	
	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Actuarial gains/(losses)	(160,000)	180,000
	(160,000)	180,000

The major categories of scheme assets as amounts of total scheme assets are as follows:

	Defined benefit pension plans	
	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Equities	427,440	337,050
Bonds	493,200	452,610
Property	120,560	77,040
Cash	54,800	96,300
	1,096,000	963,000

Principal actuarial assumptions at the Balance Sheet date (expressed as weighted averages):

	31.3.21	31.3.20
Discount rate	2.00%	2.30%
Future salary increases	3.55%	2.60%
Future pension increases	2.85%	1.90%

The charity is making additional payments into the scheme to reduce the liability. In the current year, the amount paid was £8,471 (2020: £7,033). These amounts are advised by the scheme advisors.

Defined contribution scheme

The company operates a defined contribution scheme. The assets of which are held separately from the assets of the company in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the company to the fund and amounted to £9,1891 (2020: £8,667)

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16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2021.

17. REMUNERATION OF KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

The charity considers its key management personnel to comprise its trustees and manager. The total employment benefits (including employers national insurance and pension contributions) of its key management personnel were £45,855 (2020: £46,160).