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Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025
for
Warrington Voluntary Action

Warrington Voluntary Action

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**Report of the Trustees
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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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 WVA's 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 specialised and advanced training 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.

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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

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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 commissioners 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 (1 FTE supporting 0-90 and supporting over 280 clients annually)

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

B) Other Community service 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 VCSE 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 offer to the members of our community. This service is expected to be launched in the new financial year for full public access.

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

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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.

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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 policies, 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.

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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

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Registered Charity number

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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 15 January 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S L Bennett', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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.



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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		<u>173,767</u>	<u>813,119</u>	<u>986,886</u>	<u>905,608</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	5				
Advice and support		<u>276,424</u>	<u>709,499</u>	<u>985,923</u>	<u>839,257</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)					
Transfers between funds	14	(102,657)	103,620	963	66,351
Other recognised gains/(losses)		(55,695)	55,695	-	-
Actuarial gains on defined benefit schemes		<u>29,575</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>29,575</u>	<u>42,000</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>(128,777)</u>	<u>159,315</u>	<u>30,538</u>	<u>108,351</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		434,449	126,815	561,264	452,913
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>305,672</u></u>	<u><u>286,130</u></u>	<u><u>591,802</u></u>	<u><u>561,264</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Warrington Voluntary Action (Registered number: 06805818)

**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
		<u>245,299</u>	<u>309,091</u>	<u>554,390</u>	<u>650,575</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(246,888)	(22,964)	(269,852)	(366,162)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>(1,589)</u>	<u>286,127</u>	<u>284,538</u>	<u>284,413</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		2,100	286,127	288,227	287,264
PENSION ASSET	15	303,575	-	303,575	274,000
NET ASSETS		<u>305,675</u>	<u>286,127</u>	<u>591,802</u>	<u>561,264</u>
FUNDS	14				
Unrestricted funds				305,675	434,449
Restricted funds				<u>286,127</u>	<u>126,815</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>591,802</u>	<u>561,264</u>

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

Warrington Voluntary Action (Registered number: 06805818)

**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:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S L Bennett', with a stylized flourish at the end.

S L Bennett - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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

The notes form part of these financial statements

Warrington Voluntary Action

**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	<u>(94,653)</u>	<u>12,649</u>

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
	<u>531,384</u>	<u>(86,618)</u>	<u>444,766</u>
Total	<u>531,384</u>	<u>(86,618)</u>	<u>444,766</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Warrington Voluntary Action

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

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

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

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

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.25 Total funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
Donations	<u>2,082</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,082</u>	<u>138</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

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

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	<u>877,440</u>	<u>830,833</u>
		<u>973,351</u>	<u>900,904</u>

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	-
	<u>877,440</u>	<u>830,833</u>

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

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

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
	<u>707,325</u>	<u>538,931</u>

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
	<u>22</u>	<u>22</u>

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	<u>12,919</u>	<u>2,605</u>	<u>17,961</u>	<u>33,485</u>
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 April 2024	12,919	2,605	11,692	27,216
Charge for year	-	-	2,580	2,580
At 31 March 2025	<u>12,919</u>	<u>2,605</u>	<u>14,272</u>	<u>29,796</u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 March 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,689</u>	<u>3,689</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,851</u>	<u>2,851</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

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
	<u>109,624</u>	<u>119,191</u>

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
	<u>269,852</u>	<u>366,162</u>

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
	<u>209,576</u>

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

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
	<u>434,449</u>	<u>(73,079)</u>	<u>(55,695)</u>	<u>305,675</u>
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)
	<u>126,815</u>	<u>103,617</u>	<u>55,695</u>	<u>286,127</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>561,264</u>	<u>30,538</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>591,802</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued **for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

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
	<u>173,767</u>	<u>(276,421)</u>	<u>29,575</u>	<u>(73,079)</u>
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)
	<u>813,119</u>	<u>(709,502)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>103,617</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>986,886</u>	<u>(985,923)</u>	<u>29,575</u>	<u>30,538</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

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
	<u>320,365</u>	<u>66,813</u>	<u>47,271</u>	<u>434,449</u>
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
	<u>132,548</u>	<u>41,538</u>	<u>(47,271)</u>	<u>126,815</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>452,913</u>	<u>108,351</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>561,264</u>

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

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
	<u>190,775</u>	<u>(165,962)</u>	<u>42,000</u>	<u>66,813</u>
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)	-	-
	<u>714,833</u>	<u>(673,295)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>41,538</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>905,608</u>	<u>(839,257)</u>	<u>42,000</u>	<u>108,351</u>

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 Seconded

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).

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**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
	<hr/> 973,351	<hr/> 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
	<hr/> 983,252	<hr/> 807,396
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Accountancy fees	2,671	2,780
Consultancy	-	29,081
	<hr/> 2,671	<hr/> 31,861
Total resources expended	985,923	839,257
Net income	<hr/> 963	<hr/> 66,351

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