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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1133023

Report of the Trustees and
Audited Consolidated Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024
for
AGE UK KENT RIVERS
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

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AGE UK KENT RIVERS

Chairman's Report FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The year ending March 31st, 2024, has been a year of explosive growth, and rapid response to the growing needs of our beneficiary groups. Age UK Kent Rivers has juggled competing priorities this year, attempting to achieve our strategic aims in the face of intensive challenge, and some unexpected new developments which set the tone for a busy year.

It is noticeable of course that we started the year under the name Age UK Medway, and ended the year calling ourselves Age UK Kent Rivers, a small change on the face of it, but one that has taken incredible amounts of work behind the scenes, by our very dedicated staff team, to deliver. With the added challenges of relocating our offices, and simultaneous launch of our exciting new integrated community at the Clarendon Royal Community, alongside the large merger and transfer, the charity undertook, it has not been a year in which we can rest on our laurels.

The staff and volunteer team, including of course, our trustees, have stood firmly behind the strategy, and our principles to ensure everyone within our remit, can Achieve Life's Fullness, and this steadfast commitment has seen us through what could have been an insurmountable year.

The opportunities to merge, take on a charity in difficulty, and express our strategy through our innovative work, have come at both the best and the worst of times, but the charity has juggled the priorities effectively and seen the year through in good spirits. There will be challenges ahead of course, as we continue to harmonise three organisational cultures, bring projects to fruition, and maintain existing services all in a climate of ever decreasing funding, limited grants and donations and a rising cost for everyone of general living. The costs of living crisis hit our beneficiaries very hard, with fixed incomes through pensions and increasing costs, we heard too often, that our older people are making incredibly difficult choice between heating, eating, and self-care.

These are choices that Age UK Kent Rivers feels should be rights for older people, not choices, and our work to reach as many people in difficulty and support them effectively will be unending in that pursuit.

I extend my thanks to the staff team for their work through this extremely challenging year, where agility and emotional intelligence has been required in large amounts, and too to the Trustees for their ongoing steadfast support during the year.

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Dr Gillian Fargher - Chairman

Date: 27 June 2025

Chief Executive's Report FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Age UK Kent Rivers, formerly Age UK Medway, is a locally constituted brand partner of the National organisation Age UK, with whom the charity shares a dynamic and well-known brand.

The locally constituted Board of Trustees govern the charity through delegated authority to the Group CEO and senior leadership team structure and are responsible for every element of the charity's income and expenditure. The year ending March 31st 2024 has been a seminal year in the charities history and presented opportunity and challenge in equal measure.

Post balance sheet events indicated in our annual report of 2022/23 indicated plans for the launch of an innovative project, the Clarendon Royal Community, with a start date of April 1 2023. This large multifaceted project, to create and sustain an integrated community was a daunting challenge that the Trustees accepted with enthusiasm, as the core purpose aligns well with the charity objectives and reaches into the communities we service, to address some longstanding issues of suitable residential accommodation for older people.

Additionally, the charity took transfer of a failing local Age UK in Northwest Kent, on the cusp of the new financial year, March 31st 2023, and further agreed to merge with Age UK Faversham and Sittingbourne on the 31st July 2023. These transfer and merger projects have compounded the challenges for the charity in the year, demanding a huge amount of attention, reorganisation, rationalisation, system change, and culture change, all of which have provided unprecedented challenges for the charity to overcome. Nonetheless, the charity remained resolved to push through these challenges as the outcome of success meant a significantly more impactful charity, with an increased territory and mandate to reach a 30% increase in the older population, who could benefit from the charity's services.

The greatest challenge of the year has been to control the outflow of cash, needed to support the transitional phases of the charity's growth, and support the various "spinning plates" while the charity has been able to work through the list of challenges one by one.

To add further to the pressures for the team, we relocated our registered office in November 2023, and when requested to do so by the national charity, changed the organisations name, to better reflect the wider territory and retain the brand in our new areas of operation, two more "tasks" which when said or written quickly, seem on the surface to be simple, but tasks which provided immense logistical challenges and political wranglings around our choice of name.

Reflecting at year end, March 31st 2024, we can be immensely proud that the charity has relentlessly moved forward through all of these difficulties, and pressed on with the important mission, to ensure older people and adults with a learning disability are effectively enabled, now across the whole of North Kent, to Achieve Life's Fullness.

The Clarendon Royal Community

The charity entered into a long lease for a former hotel building in April 2023 and began the transformation of the former historic hotel in Gravesend, into a fully integrated community for older people.

With the building already designed following a refit in 2012, it was ready to offer 20 self-contained apartments for extra care (independent accommodation with care packages provided to meet needs), 13 hotel rooms, which the charity offered to statutory services as step down/respite bed spaces, and a wealth of commercial spaces on the ground floor to provide supporting income for the charity group, trading through the Kent and Medway Trading Company. The commercial space offers a public bar, restaurant and function room, all of which can be fully utilised by the resident and non-resident community, through a program of activities, events and the everyday business of a busy bar and restaurant.

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Throughout the year, while awaiting statutory services to refer to the respite accommodation, the rooms (13) have continued to operate as a hotel, adding further richness of the integrated community, and the apartments have gradually filled with a range of beneficiaries with a range of needs.

The Clarendon Royal Community plugs a gap in need, through affordable, suitable accommodation for older people, through market rents, rather than purchased apartment. The charity is able to offer extremely competitive rates for residential accommodation and wrap around services which when compared to traditional care home environments, means this type of service is far more accessible for people.

The planned occupation of the project has fallen behind time in the year, due to distractions of the two other major undertakings, but toward year end, has begun to show that the model is working more closely to the anticipated budget, and the work continues.

Day services

Day services continue to be a core service for the charity, a stable offering built on the charity's origin building in Gillingham, and through the transfer and merger, now operating in Dartford and Faversham too. Our day services offer a range of services in each area, but remain fundamentally rooted in tradition, with a transport service to collect and return people to home, a fresh cooked two course lunch, and a wealth of engaging activity, delivered by care professionals who can cater for additional assistance when required by our beneficiaries.

Information and Advice

Our information service, which Age UK Medway was forced to close in 2020 as a result of the pandemic, returned to us through our merger with Faversham and Sittingbourne, including the service manager, so the charity is especially pleased to have the service return this year.

Following successful passing of the required AQS standard in late 2022, the service was permitted by Age UK National to expand, to offer the service across the new Age UK Kent Rivers territory, which has already in this year had a huge impact in Medway and Dartford/Gravesend areas, where the service had been absent for some time.

Much of the work to assess peoples benefit entitlement is offset by available grants associated with various programs secured by the National charity, and our service continues to be at the forefront of the Information and Advice offer, often outperforming other brand partners and being asked to undertake additional sessions where others have fallen short.

The impact of the service is a financial, and permanent one for our beneficiaries, allowing them to unlock potential benefits and assistance which can give a much-needed boost to the personal income required to proactively purchase services and support.

Dementia services

Our dementia services have also seen growth in the year, because of the merger of course, but also in response to the growing need. We are now able to offer a blended approach to dementia services, including a specialist dementia day service in Chatham and Dartford, and MCST (Maintenance Cognitive Stimulation Therapy) groups across Medway and Faversham.

We also have several active Dementia cafes in various locations, taken under our control, led by volunteers, following the withdrawal of face-to-face services by the Alzheimer's Society in 2022. We have seen the need for dementia services increase exponentially over the years, with no signs of a slowing or end. Growth of more MCST groups will figure in future plans to ensure we can meet the growing need.

Medway Homecare

Our domiciliary care services in Medway, known internally as homecare, continues to offer personal care in people's homes, critical to their remaining independent as long as possible. Our homecare service incorporates footcare (basic nail care) and domestic (housekeeping) as well as shopping calls and prescription collection. These services are invaluable to our beneficiaries, as additionally to delivering critical personal care, they also offer by proxy, companionship and a daily interrupter to loneliness, which is extremely harmful to our beneficiaries, as research continues to demonstrate.

Faversham Homecare

Our Faversham homecare service mirrors the Medway services but offers additional challenges logistically due to the more rural nature of the area. Despite this, we have continued to deliver a valuable service, with an effective team located in a satellite office, which will relocate in the coming year to the newly acquired Faversham building, creating some additional costs efficiency for that model of work.

CRS

The carers relief service has continued to grow steadily since it joined the charity back in 2021. With the addition of new sites, acquired through our merger and transfer, we have the opportunity to establish new services for the CRS client group, including a learning disability disco at the Clarendon Royal Community. We have been able to achieve this through effective partnership with a local provider, and by creating appropriate space in the community program at the clarendon, to ensure a protected and supportive social "Night spot" for our clients. CRS continue to offer valuable social support to this group, which of course releases carers to make use of other Age UK Kent Rivers services.

Hands to help

Following the merger with Faversham and Sittingbourne on July 31st, 2023, we took responsibility for Hands to Help, a service borne out of that charity's response to the pandemic.

While Medway pivoted to provide remote activities and regular telephone engagement, the Faversham and Sittingbourne team offered the Sittingbourne day centre to the health authority as a vaccination centre, and created Hands to Help, allowing beneficiaries to receive targeted one to one contact time, accompanying them to minor appointments, shopping trips, daytime activities and general assistance, (non-personal care) which effectively took the traditional day centre model to each individual. Since the merger the service continued, as this was the service familiar to Faversham and Sittingbourne residents, and the learning from this service has been shared effectively across the new broader organisation territory.

Volunteering

Volunteering, guided by our coordinators, continues to be a valuable resource for the charity, deploying volunteers across all services to support paid staff in services delivery. Additionally, our befriending service, both telephone and face to face, is delivered solely by our volunteers, providing a meaningful service we could not have without them. Our current volunteer base accounts for approximately 5 full time equivalent staff, particularly helpful in challenging financial times.

Age Concern Gillingham Shop

Our charity shop remains at the heart of the local high street, providing valuable goods for resale and assisting the local community with the ever-growing costs of living. We received regular high-quality donations which are rapidly turned into charitable funds, helped considerably by our online selling too for items which we feel demand a higher price that the local shop will demand.

Future plans for the shop will include an increase in opening days, to take fuller advantage of one of the better local high streets in the area.

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Fundraising

Our grants and trusts fundraiser has had a successful year with several grants awarded to the charity to support its work, and a couple of legacies that we have received notification of in the year. Most notable was a grant to improve the community transport infrastructure in Northwest Kent, awarded by Kent County council which has allowed the purchase of additional transport after the year-end to support day services in the area. Sadly, this success was offset by the theft of three of our minibus vehicles in the middle of the year, but is a grant to be thankful for nonetheless.

Wellbeing

Our wellbeing service took some real positive steps forward in the year, opening up in a number of new locations to bring wellbeing, and strength and balance exercises to our beneficiaries, either in one of our centres, or in a community based shared space. Whilst income generation from this activity is quite low, it directly compliments other wellbeing services we gained through our merger, like walking sports, happening in the Faversham area, so it has been an achievement to bring all of this together under one service type to make it more accessible for beneficiaries.

Future plans include utilising the charities YouTube channel to reach people unable to leave the house, but still able to take part in gentle exercise.

Delivered meals

Our delivered meals has grown three fold with the transfer of the Northwest Kent charity and the merger with Faversham and Sittingbourne. From April 2023, meals are now delivered over 7 days a week, from three large kitchen hubs, reaching the full extent of our territory, underpinning good nutrition to support good healthy living in later life for over 250 people a day.

Future plans

Assessment of Meadowside centre Dartford - during the coming year we will assess the Meadowside day centre for overall viability and make required changes to improve income. The centre was part of the transfer from Northwest Kent and remains a service to give some concern about long term sustainability. We will carry out a review of performance in the year and make adjustments when practical to do so.

Creation of Heather house Community Hub - we anticipate that by October 2024, the former Sittingbourne day centre will be repurposed. The centre was returned to the charity by the local health authority in February 2024, and we anticipate the creation of a community hub, bringing together a number of local charities in the same space, to creatively offer a social and support hub for the Sittingbourne community.

Increase in MCST groups and sessions - through 2024/25 it will be one of our aims to replicate the excellent practice of our MCST sessions across the territory, ensuring that the service is available and creates a pathway dementia service right across the new Age UK Kent Rivers patch.

Increasing opening hours for our shop - we will carry out a review of our charity shop opening hours and hope to carefully re-structure the opening hours to take best advantage of busy days on the high street, and perhaps reducing our presence on quieter days.

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J M Norley - Group Chief Executive Officer

Date: 27 June 2025

**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 consolidated financial statements of the charity and its wider group for the year ended 31 March 2024. The annual report serves the purposes of both Trustees Report and Directors Report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual report and Financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the company's governing document and the provisions of the statement of recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective January 2019)

The report is prepared in accordance with the small company regime (Section 419(2) of the Companies Act 2006).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The purpose of the charitable company is to promote the well-being of all older people and to help make later life a fulfilling and enjoyable experience.

The charity is committed to providing high quality services enabling older people to live safely and independently in their own home.

Significant activities

Details of the significant activities of the charity can be found in the Chief Executive's report on pages 2-5 of the financial statements.

Public benefit

In accordance with section 17 of the Charities Act 2011, the trustees have had due regard to the guidance published by the Charity Commission on the operation of the requirement that our charitable purpose is for the public benefit. We will continue to meet the requirements by ensuring that all of the services we operate have the benefit of the customer at the heart of creation, development and operation. We will continue to hold the prices of customer's contribution to services within a range from free at point of access to affordable where a contribution is sought. We recognise that our charity supports those for who accessing services conventionally is cost prohibitive and often forces difficult choices between basic needs.

Grantmaking

The charity provides access to small grants via the sister charity Age Concern Gillingham's welfare fund, designed to facilitate take up of Age UK Kent Rivers services for those experiencing financial hardship, or awaiting statutory financial support.

Risk Management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate its exposure to major risks. Risks are monitored at each board meeting and measured using a traffic light KPI system.

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Principal Risks and Uncertainties

The most significant risk is the long-term lease liability attributed to the Clarendon Royal Community. Income from this model is key to mitigating the risks from liabilities if rent payments are unable to be met. This risk is mitigated through other income streams supporting the project, and regular dialogues to secure contracts for large portions of the residential accommodation, which statutory services have expressed interest in. Commercial letting of properties has been undertaken in the year to further mitigate financial losses, and continued use of the respite rooms as hotel accommodation is another risk mitigant.

Additional significant risks to the charity come in the form of a lack of effective inflationary contract price increase relating to the homecare contract with the local authority. This risk has been identified early and factored into strategic plans in terms of growing the private pay element of the homecare business and devising new models of work that can recover the anticipated lost income. The perceived losses will arise through the year on years increases in National Living Wage rates and employers pension contributions through the Auto Enrolment program. Both are legal requirements to which the charity must comply, sadly, this cost increase is rarely offset by a matched increase in local authority contract pricing. The other principal risks relate to the other income streams of the charity, particularly in a cost-of-living crisis context.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Details of the achievement and performance of the charity during the year under review can be found in the Chief Executive's report on pages 2-5 of the financial statements. However, it is important to consider why we are here and the impact we have. Older people have again been severely impacted this year, with a gradual return to pre-pandemic activities, we are now seeing the impact of the costs of living crisis which is ensuring that isolation is further compounded, reflected in health inequalities, increasing loneliness and further and accelerated cognitive deterioration. The charity has worked hard this year to tackle these issues head on, and innovated to deliver new solutions to these issues which will continue to grow in the coming years.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

The trustees have reviewed the reserves of the charity and have established a policy under which the unrestricted reserves held by the charitable company should be between three and six months of the resources expended, that is between £1,587,320 and £3,174,640.

As at 31 March 2024 the free reserves amounted to £338,350 (2023: £407,898) which is below the policy lower threshold. Trustees are content, that the growth strategy in place will over time, replenish reserves to former levels and accept that the unusually high reserve levels of the past may not return in the current financial climate. The Trustees are further satisfied that the use of reserves on the delivery of charitable activity is appropriate.

As at 31 March 2024, the total unrestricted reserves amounted to £825,544 (2023: £1,587,232).

The balance on all restricted and unrestricted funds and explanation of why held can be found in note 24 to the financial statements.

Investment policy and objectives

In accordance with the memorandum of association the charity has unrestricted powers of investment but the trustees are required to take advice before buying or selling investments.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Overview

The Statement of Financial Activities shows a deficit for the year of £761,162 (2023: £35,989). Our reserves stand at £846,610 (2023: £1,607,772).

Going concern

Details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

Principal funding sources

Principal funding sources to the charity come from local government contracts, grants and earned income. These funding sources support the charity's key objectives by enabling the continued provision of valuable support and care services for older people in Medway. Income directly supports the provision of some Information and signposting services, and enables the charity to act as a gateway signposting to services which directly relieve poverty, support disability, prevent ill health, and reduce social isolation and exclusion.

Tax status

The charitable company is exempt from taxation on charitable activities.

Key performance indicators

Regular management accounts (monthly) are used to inform and guide the executive team and flag incidences of underperformance early, to allow in year resolution or changes to operational plans accordingly. These financial indicators are included in the trustees KPI report every 6 weeks, alongside other key metrics linked to income, such as service attendance figures.

FUTURE PLANS

Plans for future periods can be found in the Chief Executive's report on pages 2-5 of the financial statements.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

Age UK Kent Rivers was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee on 14 April 2009, with registration number 06876354, and was registered with the Charity Commission on 1 December 2009 with registration number 1133023. It is governed by its memorandum and articles of association. It changed its name from Medway Age Concern to Age UK Medway on 13 June 2012, and subsequently changed its name from Medway Age Concern to Age UK Kent Rivers on 15 November 2023.

The members of the charitable company are the trustees named on the information page. In the event of the charitable company being wound up, their liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 each.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The directors of the charitable company are its trustees for the purposes of charity law and, in accordance with the articles of association, are known as the board of trustees.

The trustees are elected at least once every three years by the members attending the charitable company's annual general meeting. They may serve for three years and are eligible for re-election. The board of trustees has the power to appoint persons to fill any casual vacancies and to co-opt persons to the board.

Trustees are recruited from a wide range of backgrounds to ensure an appropriate mix of skills and experience.

Organisational structure

The trustees, as trustees of the charity, are legally responsible for the overall management and control of the charity. The charitable company is managed on a day to day basis by the chief executive, who reports to the board of trustees, which meets bi-monthly.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Induction and training of new trustees

New and existing trustees are encouraged to spend time at the Day Centres helping and observing our day to day operations. New and existing trustees are also encouraged to attend appropriate training courses, for which the charitable company pays.

Related parties

A declaration of conflict of interests and a reminder to disclose are included in the header for each board minute agenda. At each meeting there is an agenda item also to ensure that disclosures can be made.

There is a regular assessment of procurement by the Finance Manager and the Chief Executive to ensure that there are no related parties under contracts for services.

Remuneration

The board have constituted a subcommittee to oversee the charity's staff remuneration and terms of service, this committee is made up of the Vice Chairman, Treasurer and two additional trustees. The committee is focused on the establishment of good employer principles through the staff terms and conditions, which includes pay, pensions, healthcare and other benefits. The committee is charged with the review of staff salaries each year as part of the charity's budget setting process, and the salary for the Group CEO.

Trustees indemnity

The charitable company has arranged qualifying indemnity insurance for the trustees.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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Registered Charity number

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J E Stanton	- resigned 10th July 2024
F P J Contreiras	- appointed 12th December 2024

Chief Executive

J M Norley

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Age UK Kent Rivers for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Annual Report 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.

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES - continued

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.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the company's website.

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 27 June 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

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Dr G Fargher - Trustee

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Age UK Kent Rivers (the 'parent charitable company') and its subsidiaries (the 'group') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities, the Consolidated Balance Sheet, the Charity balance sheet, the Consolidated Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and of the parent charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of the group's incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the group in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the group's or the parent charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Report of the Trustees.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the group's and the parent charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the group or the parent charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

We identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and then design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, including obtaining audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis of our opinion. These procedures included:

- Discussions with management and assessment of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations (including health and safety) and fraud; and
- Assessment of identified fraud risk factors; and
- Review of cash expenditure to confirm no evidence of personal benefit; and
- Challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in its significant accounting estimates; and
- Performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships, including related party transactions, that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud; and
- Confirmation of related parties with management, and review of transactions throughout the period to identify any previously undisclosed transactions with related parties outside the normal course of business; and
- Reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance; and
- Physical inspection of tangible assets susceptible to fraud or irregularity; and
- Review of significant and unusual transactions; and
- Identify and testing journal entries, in particular any manual entries made at the year end for financial statement preparation.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

These inherent limitations are particularly significant in the case of misstatement resulting from fraud as this may involve sophisticated schemes designed to avoid detection, including deliberate failure to record transactions, collusion or the provision of intentional misrepresentations.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Mark Friend BSc FCA (Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Xeinadin Audit Limited, Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants
Bryant House
Bryant Road
Strood
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Date: 27 June 2025

AGE UK KENT RIVERS

Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities (Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
	Notes				
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	3	907,456	310,755	1,218,211	103,243
Charitable activities	6				
Day Centres		1,557,754	-	1,557,754	1,123,897
Home Care and Other Services		1,462,883	-	1,462,883	1,240,990
Carers Relief Service		350,828	-	350,828	351,044
Integrated Residential and Community Services		430,835	-	430,835	-
Other trading activities	4	559,489	-	559,489	86,326
Investment income	5	8,117	-	8,117	1,083
Total		5,277,362	310,755	5,588,117	2,906,583
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	7	574,410	-	574,410	146,006
Charitable activities	8				
Day Centres		1,546,362	46,216	1,592,578	920,156
Home Care and Other Services		1,135,671	19,405	1,155,076	956,825
Administration		1,097,388	4,265	1,101,653	604,820
Carers Relief Service		304,517	4,701	309,218	314,765
Integrated Residential and Community Services		1,600,747	15,597	1,616,344	-
Total		6,259,095	90,184	6,349,279	2,942,572
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(981,733)	220,571	(761,162)	(35,989)
Transfers between funds	24	220,045	(220,045)	-	-
Net movement in funds		(761,688)	526	(761,162)	(35,989)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		1,587,232	20,540	1,607,772	1,597,830
Prior year adjustment		-	-	-	45,931
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		825,544	21,066	846,610	1,607,772

CONTINUING OPERATIONS

There were no unrecognised gains or losses other than the surplus/deficit for the year. The accompanying accounting policies and notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

The notes form part of these financial statements

Consolidated Balance Sheet
31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	13	6,453,621	16,919	6,470,540	247,004
Investments					
Investment property	16	358,030	-	358,030	306,100
		6,811,651	16,919	6,828,570	553,104
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	17	8,511	-	8,511	1,013
Debtors	18	403,767	-	403,767	199,143
Prepayments and accrued income		245,661	-	245,661	149,242
Cash at bank and in hand		688,678	4,147	692,825	921,320
		1,346,617	4,147	1,350,764	1,270,718
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	19	(310,973)	-	(310,973)	(110,015)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		1,035,644	4,147	1,039,791	1,160,703
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		7,847,295	21,066	7,868,361	1,713,807
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	20	(6,878,181)	-	(6,878,181)	(14,400)
ACCRUALS AND DEFERRED INCOME	23	(143,570)	-	(143,570)	(91,635)
NET ASSETS		825,544	21,066	846,610	1,607,772
FUNDS	24				
Unrestricted funds				825,544	1,587,232
Restricted funds				21,066	20,540
TOTAL FUNDS				846,610	1,607,772

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 27 June 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

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Dr G Fargher - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

Charity Balance Sheet
31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	14	6,423,756	16,919	6,440,675	247,004
Investments					
Investments	15	10,000	-	10,000	10,000
Investment property	16	358,030	-	358,030	306,100
		6,791,786	16,919	6,808,705	563,104
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	18	461,594	-	461,594	227,104
Prepayments and accrued income		240,535	-	240,535	149,242
Cash at bank and in hand		568,735	4,147	572,882	841,324
		1,270,864	4,147	1,275,011	1,217,670
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	19	(288,620)	-	(288,620)	(109,865)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		982,244	4,147	986,391	1,107,805
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		7,774,030	21,066	7,795,096	1,670,909
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	20	(6,878,181)	-	(6,878,181)	(14,400)
ACCRUALS AND DEFERRED INCOME	23	(138,117)	-	(138,117)	(86,989)
NET ASSETS		757,732	21,066	778,798	1,569,520
FUNDS	24				
Unrestricted funds				757,732	1,548,980
Restricted funds				21,066	20,540
TOTAL FUNDS				778,798	1,569,520

The charity's net movement in funds for the year was £(790,722) (2023 - £(27,229)).

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AGE UK KENT RIVERS

Consolidated Cash Flow Statement FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	<u>(234,077)</u>	<u>(105,191)</u>
Net cash used in operating activities		<u>(234,077)</u>	<u>(105,191)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(148,816)	(33,383)
Purchase of investment property		-	(306,100)
Sale of tangible fixed assets		260	-
Disposal of tangible fixed assets		(379)	-
Interest received		<u>8,117</u>	<u>1,083</u>
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(140,818)</u>	<u>(338,400)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities			
New loans in year		150,000	22,000
Loan repayments in year		<u>(3,600)</u>	<u>(4,000)</u>
Net cash provided by financing activities		<u>146,400</u>	<u>18,000</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		(228,495)	(425,591)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		<u>921,320</u>	<u>1,346,911</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u><u>692,825</u></u>	<u><u>921,320</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**Notes to the Consolidated Cash Flow Statement
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET EXPENDITURE TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	2024	2023
	£	£
Net expenditure for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	(761,162)	(35,989)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	207,884	22,515
Increase in stock	(7,498)	-
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	5,788	330
Interest received	(8,117)	(1,083)
Interest accrued on finance lease	782,245	-
Interest accrued on non bank interest	2,195	-
Assets donated on transfer of activities	(350,582)	-
Increase in debtors	(301,043)	(105,139)
Increase in creditors	196,213	14,175
Net cash used in operations	<u>(234,077)</u>	<u>(105,191)</u>

**Notes to the Consolidated Cash Flow Statement
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS/(DEBT)

	At 1/4/23 £	Cash flow £	Other non-cash changes £	At 31/3/24 £
Net cash				
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>921,320</u>	<u>(228,495)</u>		<u>692,825</u>
	<u>921,320</u>	<u>(228,495)</u>		<u>692,825</u>
Debt				
Finance leases	-	-	(6,771,866)	(6,771,866)
Debts falling due within 1 year	(3,600)	-	-	(3,600)
Debts falling due after 1 year	<u>(14,400)</u>	<u>(146,400)</u>	<u>(2,195)</u>	<u>(162,995)</u>
	<u>(18,000)</u>	<u>(146,400)</u>	<u>(6,774,061)</u>	<u>(6,938,461)</u>
Total	<u>903,320</u>	<u>(374,895)</u>	<u>(6,774,061)</u>	<u>(6,245,636)</u>

1. STATUTORY INFORMATION

Age UK Kent Rivers is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. The liability of each member in the event of winding up is limited to £1.

The company is registered in England and Wales, Registered Number 06876354 and its registered office is Age UK Kent Rivers Floor 2, Fitted Rigging House South, Anchor Wharf, The Historic Dockyard, Chatham, Kent, ME4 4TZ.

The presentation currency of the financial statements is the Pound Sterling (£). Figures are rounded to the nearest pound.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The financial statements 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), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the modification to a fair value basis for certain fixed asset investments as specified in the accounting policies below.

The Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) and Consolidated balance sheet consolidate the financial statements of the Charity and its subsidiary undertaking, Kent & Medway Trading Company Limited, and also its sister charity, Age Concern Gillingham. Whilst Age Concern Gillingham is not a formal subsidiary, the two charities share the same board of trustees, and thus it has been concluded that with common control, and since Age UK Kent Rivers demonstrates power and benefit over its smaller sister charity, it is appropriate for Age Concern Gillingham to be consolidated into the group results.

The results of both entities have been consolidated on a line by line basis.

The Charity has taken advantage of the exemption allowed under section 408 of the Companies Act 2006 and has not presented its own Statement of Financial Activities in these financial statements.

The Charity has taken advantage of the disclosure exemption permitted under FRS 102 of the requirements of Section 7, 'Statement of Cash Flow', to not disclose a charity-only Statement of Cash Flows.

The Charity has taken advantage of the exemption from requirement to disclose transactions between the Charity, its subsidiary and Age Concern Gillingham under Section 33.1A of FRS 102 as the transactions occur between wholly owned members.

Going concern

The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charitable company to continue as a going concern. This is made in respect of a period of at least one year from the date of authorisation for issue of the financial statements.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Going concern - continued

The trustees have carefully considered the current financial position of the charity group, both in terms of the business-as usual activities reported to year end 31 March 2024 and the post balance sheet events outlined in this report (see note 30) ,which are significant.

Using a range of information and documentation available, including draft budgets (2024/25 and 2025/26), cash flow forecasts for the forward period to 2026 and current management accounts, trustees have satisfied themselves that no material uncertainties exist that may cast doubt over the abilities of the charity group to continue as a going concern.

The forecasts make certain key assumptions, based on information available to the board, around:

- the levels and timings of income and related cash flows, especially in respect of the Clarendon Royal Hotel project. Achieving the desired occupancy rates, which we believe from all information available to us are achievable, is the most crucial aspect of reaching the required levels of income; and
- the availability of additional funding, should this be required. A £150,000 loan has been secured from Age UK England, and the trustees understand that a bank overdraft can also be available if this becomes necessary.

The trustees recognise that achievement of the forecasts is dependent on the key assumptions noted above.

The going concern assessment also takes into account the potential for the charity to liquidise certain assets, including the investment property, and potentially other freehold properties, should the need arise.

Recognition of income

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

Income from the sale of goods is recognised when the company has transferred the significant risks and rewards of ownership to the buyer and the company retains neither continuing managerial involvement to the degree usually associated with the ownership nor effective control over the goods sold.

For the rendering of services, the percentage of completion method is used to calculate the income recognised at the period end unless services are performed by an indeterminate number of acts over a specified period of time, in which circumstance income is recognised on a straight-line basis over the specified period.

Legacies

The recognition of income from legacies is dependent on establishing entitlement, the probability of receipt and the ability to estimate with sufficient accuracy the amount receivable. Evidence of entitlement to a legacy exists when the charity has sufficient evidence that a gift has been left to them (through knowledge of the existence of a valid will and the death of the benefactor) and the executor is satisfied that the property in question will not be required to satisfy claims in the estate. Receipt of a legacy must be recognised when it is probable that it will be received and the fair value of the amount receivable, which will generally be the expected cash amount to be distributed to the charity, can be reliably measured.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Grants

Grants are included in the statement of financial activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Gift Aid

Gift aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any gift aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

Donations

Donations are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the general income recognition criteria are met.

Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the group; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

Volunteers contribution

The contribution from volunteers has not been included in the Statement of Financial Activities as the value of their contribution cannot be reliably quantified in financial terms.

Membership subscriptions

Membership subscriptions received give a member the right to buy services or other benefits are recognised as income earned from the provision of goods and services as income from charitable activities.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, 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 classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the group to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the group's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Allocation and apportionment of costs

All support costs are allocated directly to the Charitable Activities which they support. Whilst a minimal amount of support costs could be allocated to governance costs, it is not considered appropriate for such an allocation to be made due to the cost involved in doing so and since there would be no impact on the true and fair view of the accounts produced.

Tangible fixed assets

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

Freehold property	- 2% on cost and straight line over lease term
Short leasehold	- straight line over lease term
Fixtures and fittings	- 33% on cost
Motor vehicles	- 20% on cost
Office equipment	- 20% on cost

Tangible fixed assets costing £1,000 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

At each reporting date the charity assesses whether there is any indication of impairment. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined to be the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use. An impairment loss is recognised where the carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount.

Investment property

Investment property is shown at most recent valuation. Any aggregate surplus or deficit arising from changes in fair value is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the group and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the group for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Assets held under finance lease and hire purchase contracts are capitalised in the balance sheet and depreciated over their expected useful lives. The interest element of the leasing payments represents a constant proportion of the capital balance outstanding and is charged to the profit and loss account over the period of the lease.

All other leases are regarded as operating leases and the payments made under them are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the lease term.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charity operates defined benefit contribution schemes covering the majority of its permanent employees. The assets of the schemes are held separately from those of the charity in independently administered funds. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the charity to the funds.

Donated goods

Items donated for resale are included as turnover from donated goods when sold and no value is placed on stock at the year end.

Financial instruments

Basic financial assets/liabilities including trade and other receivables/payables and cash and bank balances, are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction (loan over period of time) where the transaction is measured at present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Such assets/liabilities are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Fixed asset investments

Investments in subsidiary undertakings are recognised at cost.

Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

Estimates and judgments are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

The charity makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below

Critical areas of judgement:

The most significant area of judgement and key assumptions that affect items in the financial statements relate to the revaluation of investment property held at fair value.

Employee Benefits

All employee benefit costs to which employees have become entitled as a result of service rendered to the entity during the reporting period are recognised as an expense, unless the financial reporting standard requires the cost to be recognised as part of the cost of an asset, or as a liability, after deducting amounts that have been paid either directly to the employees or as a contribution to an employee benefit fund. If the amount paid exceeds the obligation arising from service before the reporting date, the excess is recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations	689,393	18,811
Gift aid	3,773	-
Legacies	20,112	-
Grants	<u>504,933</u>	<u>84,432</u>
	<u>1,218,211</u>	<u>103,243</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fundraising events	47,126	17,878
Age Concern Gillingham income	47,210	43,954
Kent & Medway Trading Company income	465,153	24,494
	<u>559,489</u>	<u>86,326</u>

5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>8,117</u>	<u>1,083</u>

6. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Day Centre attendance contribution		
Activity		
Day Centres	1,557,754	1,123,897
Home care, other services & carers relief service		
Home Care and Other Services	1,236,693	1,240,990
F&S home care and other services		
Home Care and Other Services	226,190	-
Home care, other services & carers relief service		
Carers Relief Service	350,828	351,044
Integrated residential and community services		
Integrated Residential and Community Services	430,835	-
	<u>3,802,300</u>	<u>2,715,931</u>

7. RAISING FUNDS**Raising donations and legacies**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Staff costs	95,135	111,355
Other staff costs	1,035	1,228
Advertising and promotion	550	3,255
Purchases	-	942
Other costs	3,671	1,252
Property expenditure	14,206	4,754
Age Concern Gillingham expenditure	43,751	19,573
Kent & Medway Trading Company expenditure	416,062	3,647
	<u>574,410</u>	<u>146,006</u>

8. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

Summary by fund type

	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Day centres	46,216	1,546,362	1,592,578	920,156
Home care and other services	19,405	1,135,671	1,155,076	956,825
Administration	4,265	1,097,388	1,101,653	604,820
Carers relief service	4,701	304,517	309,218	314,765
Integrated residential and community services	15,597	1,600,747	1,616,344	-
	<u>90,184</u>	<u>5,684,685</u>	<u>5,774,869</u>	<u>2,796,566</u>
Analysis of 2023	<u>5,971</u>	<u>2,790,595</u>	<u>2,796,566</u>	

Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2024 £	Support costs 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Day centres	1,592,578	451,333	2,043,911	1,170,442
Home care and other services	1,155,076	423,846	1,578,922	1,233,185
Carers relief service	309,218	101,647	410,865	392,939
Integrated residential and community services	1,616,344	124,827	1,741,171	-
	<u>4,673,216</u>	<u>1,101,653</u>	<u>5,774,869</u>	<u>2,796,566</u>
Analysis of 2023	<u>2,191,746</u>	<u>604,820</u>	<u>2,796,566</u>	

9. SUPPORT COSTS

Analysis of support costs

	Day centres 2024 £	Home care and other services 2024 £	Carers relief service 2024 £	Integrated residential and community services 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Staff costs	262,579	246,588	59,136	72,623	640,926	379,599
Depreciation	19,743	18,539	4,447	5,461	48,190	22,515
Staff expenses and welfare	16,773	15,751	3,777	4,639	40,940	8,320
Establishment costs	31,653	29,725	7,129	8,754	77,261	41,812
Legal and professional fees	16,031	15,055	3,610	4,434	39,130	25,488
Purchases	-	-	-	-	-	73
Other costs	81,170	76,227	18,281	22,449	198,127	116,265
P&L on disposal	2,371	2,227	534	656	5,788	-
Non bank interest	899	845	203	248	2,195	-
Governance costs	20,114	18,889	4,530	5,563	49,096	10,748
	<u>451,333</u>	<u>423,846</u>	<u>101,647</u>	<u>124,827</u>	<u>1,101,653</u>	<u>604,820</u>
Analysis of 2023	<u>250,286</u>	<u>276,360</u>	<u>78,174</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>604,820</u>	

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10. AUDITORS' REMUNERATION

	2024 £	2023 £
Auditor's remuneration for the audit of the charity's annual accounts	23,155	8,400
All other services not included above	27,240	4,500
	<u>50,395</u>	<u>12,900</u>

11. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

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

During the year ended 31 March 2024 the trustees were re-imbursed £Nil (2023: £Nil) in relation to expenses.

During the year ended 31 March 2024, Susan Robinson, a trustee of the charity, made donations to the charity of £5,805 (2023: £Nil).

During the year ended 31 March 2024, John Norley, the Chief Executive of the charity, made donations to the charity of £1,654 (2023: £Nil).

12. STAFF COSTS

	Group		Charity	
	2024 £	2023 £	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	3,294,186	1,985,116	3,269,420	1,962,196
Social security costs	216,227	128,529	215,294	127,836
Pension costs	145,389	91,621	143,689	90,089
	<u>3,655,802</u>	<u>2,205,266</u>	<u>3,628,403</u>	<u>2,180,121</u>

Included within wages and salaries are redundancy payments of £22,035 paid to employees during the year.

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12. STAFF COSTS - continued

The average monthly number of employees in the year was:

	Group		Charity	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	No.	No.	No.	No.
Day centres	60	33	60	33
Home care and other services	65	58	65	58
Carers relief service	27	32	27	32
Integrated residential and community services	44	-	44	-
Fundraising	5	4	3	2
Administration	16	13	16	13
	<u>217</u>	<u>140</u>	<u>215</u>	<u>138</u>

The number of employees who received emoluments (excluding pension contributions) in excess of £60,000, shown in bands of £10,000, are as follows:

	2024	2023
Between £70,001 - £80,000	-	1
Between £80,001 - £90,000	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>

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13. GROUP TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Short leasehold £	Fixtures and fittings £
COST			
At 1 April 2023	238,855	75,241	129,352
Additions	6,223,399	33,536	114,932
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31 March 2024	<u>6,462,254</u>	<u>108,777</u>	<u>244,284</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2023	35,449	49,396	124,746
Charge for year	156,195	9,748	30,490
Eliminated on disposal	-	-	-
At 31 March 2024	<u>191,644</u>	<u>59,144</u>	<u>155,236</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2024	<u>6,270,610</u>	<u>49,633</u>	<u>89,048</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>203,406</u>	<u>25,845</u>	<u>4,606</u>
	Motor vehicles £	Office equipment £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 April 2023	148,802	86,037	678,287
Additions	55,679	9,543	6,437,089
Disposals	(51,900)	(24,642)	(76,542)
At 31 March 2024	<u>152,581</u>	<u>70,938</u>	<u>7,038,834</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2023	139,023	82,669	431,283
Charge for year	12,291	(840)	207,884
Eliminated on disposal	(51,602)	(19,271)	(70,873)
At 31 March 2024	<u>99,712</u>	<u>62,558</u>	<u>568,294</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2024	<u>52,869</u>	<u>8,380</u>	<u>6,470,540</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>9,779</u>	<u>3,368</u>	<u>247,004</u>

Included within the assets of the group, are assets that are held under finance leases. Further details regarding these assets can be found in note 14, since these are assets held on the balance sheet of the parent charitable company. Further details regarding this property can be found in note 34.

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14. CHARITY TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Short leasehold £	Fixtures and fittings £
COST			
At 1 April 2023	238,855	62,903	127,171
Additions	6,223,399	33,536	75,113
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31 March 2024	<u>6,462,254</u>	<u>96,439</u>	<u>202,284</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2023	35,449	37,058	122,565
Charge for year	156,195	9,748	20,536
Eliminated on disposal	-	-	-
At 31 March 2024	<u>191,644</u>	<u>46,806</u>	<u>143,101</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2024	<u>6,270,610</u>	<u>49,633</u>	<u>59,183</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>203,406</u>	<u>25,845</u>	<u>4,606</u>
	Motor vehicles £	Office equipment £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 April 2023	148,802	86,037	663,768
Additions	55,679	9,543	6,397,270
Disposals	(51,900)	(24,642)	(76,542)
At 31 March 2024	<u>152,581</u>	<u>70,938</u>	<u>6,984,496</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2023	139,023	82,669	416,764
Charge for year	12,291	(840)	197,930
Eliminated on disposal	(51,602)	(19,271)	(70,873)
At 31 March 2024	<u>99,712</u>	<u>62,558</u>	<u>543,821</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2024	<u>52,869</u>	<u>8,380</u>	<u>6,440,675</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>9,779</u>	<u>3,368</u>	<u>247,004</u>

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14. CHARITY TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - continued

Fixed assets, included in the above, which are held under finance leases are as follows:

	Freehold property £
COST	
Additions	<u>5,989,621</u>
DEPRECIATION	
Charge for year	<u>149,740</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2024	<u><u>5,839,881</u></u>
At 31 March 2023	<u><u>-</u></u>

15. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

Charity

	Shares in group undertaking £
COST LESS IMPAIRMENT	
At 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024	<u>10,000</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2024	<u><u>10,000</u></u>
At 31 March 2023	<u><u>10,000</u></u>

There were no investment assets outside the UK

Entities included within the group consolidated accounts

The entities detailed below have been included within the group consolidated accounts.

Kent & Medway Trading Company is a subsidiary undertaking of the charity.

Age Concern Gillingham is a sister charity, and has been included on the basis that this charity and Age UK Kent Rivers share the same board of trustees and Age UK Kent Rivers demonstrates power and benefit over its smaller sister charity.

Investments in subsidiaries are valued at cost less provision for impairment.

No valuation has been included in the Statement of Financial Position in respect of the sister charity Age Concern Gillingham.

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15. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS – continued

Details of the 2 previously mentioned entities are given below

Age Concern Gillingham

Registered office: Age Uk Kent Rivers Second Floor, The Fitted Rigging House South, The Historic Dockyard, Chatham, Kent, England, ME4 4TZ

Company number: 03796120

Charity registration number: 1079572

Kent & Medway Trading Company Limited

Registered office: Age Uk Kent Rivers Second Floor, The Fitted Rigging House South, The Historic Dockyard, Chatham, Kent, England, ME4 4TZ

Company number: 05475360

Class of shares: Ordinary

Holding: 100%

The financial results of these two entities for the year ended 31 March 2024 were as follows:

Age Concern Gillingham

	£
Income	47,210
Expenditure	46,045
Surplus for the year	1,165
Net Assets	37,489

Kent & Medway Trading Company Limited

	£
Income	467,341
Expenditure	437,769
Profit for the year	29,572
Net Assets	30,323

16. INVESTMENT PROPERTY

Group and charity

	£
COST LESS IMPAIRMENT	
At 1 April 2023	306,100
Additions	51,930
At 31 March 2024	358,030
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2024	358,030
At 31 March 2023	306,100

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16. INVESTMENT PROEPRTY - continued

The investment property acquired during the year was acquired as part of the transfer of activities from Age UK Faversham and Sittingbourne. Note 32 in the accounts provides further details of this transfer of activities.

At the end of each financial reporting period, the trustees will obtain a market value of the investment properties which will form the basis of their fair value.

No valuation of the investment properties took place during the current year, as the trustees determined that there would be no significant change in the fair value of the properties in comparison to the carrying amount currently shown in the financial statements.

17. STOCKS

	Group		Charity	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Closing stock of finished goods	<u>8,511</u>	<u>1,013</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

18. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Group		Charity	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Trade debtors	392,888	149,696	390,728	149,678
Other debtors	10,879	49,447	10,879	49,447
Amounts owed by group undertakings	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>59,987</u>	<u>27,979</u>
	<u>403,767</u>	<u>199,143</u>	<u>461,594</u>	<u>227,104</u>

19. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Group		Charity	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Other loans (see note 21)	3,600	3,600	3,600	3,600
Finance leases (see note 22)	56,680	-	56,680	-
Trade Creditors	83,631	20,357	75,111	20,273
P.A.Y.E	59,730	28,861	59,730	28,861
Other creditors	29,099	49,891	25,928	49,825
Net wages	51,255	-	51,255	-
Pension fund	16,316	7,306	16,316	7,306
VAT	<u>10,662</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>310,973</u>	<u>110,015</u>	<u>288,620</u>	<u>109,865</u>

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20. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	Group		Charity	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Other loans (see note 21)	162,995	14,400	162,995	14,400
Finance leases (see note 22)	<u>6,715,186</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,715,186</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>6,878,181</u>	<u>14,400</u>	<u>6,878,181</u>	<u>14,400</u>

21. LOANS

Group and charity

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Other loans	<u>3,600</u>	<u>3,600</u>
Amounts falling between one and two years:		
Other loans - 1-2 years	<u>155,795</u>	<u>3,600</u>
Amounts falling due between two and five years:		
Other loans - 2-5 years	<u>7,200</u>	<u>10,800</u>

22. LEASING AGREEMENTS

Group and charity

Minimum lease payments under finance leases fall due as follows:

	Finance leases	
	2024	2023
	£	£
Total minimum obligations repayable:		
Within one year	880,000	-
Between one and five years	3,520,000	-
In more than five years	<u>26,400,000</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>30,800,000</u>	<u>-</u>

As explained in note 34, payments under this lease have been discounted to present value using a discount rate based on the obtainable rate of borrowing of the charity.

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22. LEASING AGREEMENTS - continued

	Finance leases	
	2024	2023
	£	£
The present value of the future discounted lease payments are as follows:		
Within one year	56,680	-
Between one and five years	311,059	-
In more than five years	6,404,127	-
	<u>6,771,866</u>	<u>-</u>

23. ACCRUALS AND DEFERRED INCOME

	Group		Charity	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	<u>143,570</u>	<u>91,635</u>	<u>138,117</u>	<u>86,989</u>

	Group		Charity	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Deferred income at 1 April 2023	4,591	4,040	4,591	4,040
Resources deferred during the year	44,775	4,591	44,775	4,591
Amounts released from previous periods	<u>(4,591)</u>	<u>(4,040)</u>	<u>(4,591)</u>	<u>(4,040)</u>
	<u>44,775</u>	<u>4,591</u>	<u>44,775</u>	<u>4,591</u>

Included within the accruals and deferred income of the group of £143,570 (2023: £91,635) is deferred income of £44,775 (2023: £4,591). Included within the deferred income, is grant income received that relates to future periods, deposits for trips taking place in the 24/25 financial year, and income for integrated residential and community services that was invoiced in advance.

24. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/3/24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Fund	407,898	(1,490,016)	1,420,468	338,350
Redundancy Fund	228,423	(22,035)	256,612	463,000
Fixed Asset Fund	553,104	-	(553,104)	-
Fixed Asset Replacement Fund	50,000	-	(50,000)	-
New Services Development Fund	131,000	-	(131,000)	-
Crisis Response Fund	100,000	-	(100,000)	-
Alf Cottage Fund	42,142	-	(42,142)	-
Disaster Recovery Fund	50,000	-	(50,000)	-
F&S Fixed Asset Fund	-	339,880	(339,880)	-
F&S Redundancy Fund	-	140,438	(140,438)	-
F&S Building Fund	-	50,000	(50,000)	-
Age Concern Gillingham's redundancy fund	5,355	-	1,823	7,178
Age Concern Gillingham's welfare fund	19,310	-	(2,294)	17,016
	1,587,232	(981,733)	220,045	825,544
Restricted funds				
CVS Medway Test Bed Fund	219	(219)	-	-
Tackling Inequalities Fund	213	(213)	-	-
Kent Community Foundation Fund	220	(220)	-	-
Recruitment & Retention Fund	9,899	(9,899)	-	-
Jubilee Celebration Of Life Through Art Fund	985	(985)	-	-
Cost Of Living Fund	9,004	72,107	(81,111)	-
Screwfix Fund	-	20	(20)	-
F&S Walking Cricket Fund	-	1,190	(1,190)	-
F&S Swale Cost Of Living Fund	-	15,548	(15,548)	-
F&S Club Cycling UK Fund	-	2,176	(2,176)	-
F&S Screwfix Fund	-	4,583	-	4,583
F&S National Lottery Cost Of Living Fund	-	120,000	(120,000)	-
Active Thames Funding Fund	-	3,353	-	3,353
Dementia Cafe Fund	-	794	-	794
National Lottery Cost Of Living Fund	-	12,336	-	12,336
	20,540	220,571	(220,045)	21,066
TOTAL FUNDS	1,607,772	(761,162)	-	846,610

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24. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General Fund	4,742,456	(6,232,472)	(1,490,016)
Redundancy Fund	-	(22,035)	(22,035)
F&S Fixed Asset Fund	339,880	-	339,880
F&S Redundancy Fund	140,438	-	140,438
F&S Building Fund	50,000	-	50,000
F&S IT Sales Force Fund	4,588	(4,588)	-
	5,277,362	(6,259,095)	(981,733)
Restricted funds			
CVS Medway Test Bed Fund	-	(219)	(219)
Tackling Inequalities Fund	-	(213)	(213)
Kent Community Foundation Fund	6,000	(6,220)	(220)
Recruitment & Retention Fund	-	(9,899)	(9,899)
Jubilee Celebration Of Life Through Art Fund	-	(985)	(985)
Cost Of Living Fund	72,107	-	72,107
Screwfix Fund	5,000	(4,980)	20
F&S Walking Cricket Fund	2,590	(1,400)	1,190
F&S Swale Cost Of Living Fund	15,548	-	15,548
F&S Warm Homes Project Fund	4,416	(4,416)	-
F&S Club Cycling UK Fund	2,214	(38)	2,176
F&S Screwfix Fund	5,000	(417)	4,583
F&S National Lottery Cost Of Living Fund	120,000	-	120,000
Making a difference locally fund	300	(300)	-
Community Centre Grants Fund	1,000	(1,000)	-
Active Thames Funding Fund	4,160	(807)	3,353
Dementia Cafe Fund	3,992	(3,198)	794
National Lottery Cost Of Living Fund	68,428	(56,092)	12,336
	310,755	(90,184)	220,571
TOTAL FUNDS	5,588,117	(6,349,279)	(761,162)

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24. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	As restated at 1/4/22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/3/23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Fund	483,280	4,557	(79,939)	407,898
Redundancy Fund	235,000	(6,577)	-	228,423
Fixed Asset Fund	236,136	(22,515)	339,483	553,104
Fixed Asset Replacement Fund	50,000	-	-	50,000
New Services Development Fund	150,000	(19,000)	-	131,000
Crisis Response Fund	100,000	-	-	100,000
Alf Cottage Fund	350,000	-	(307,858)	42,142
Disaster Recovery Fund	-	-	50,000	50,000
Age Concern Gillingham's redundancy fund	5,355	-	-	5,355
Age Concern Gillingham's welfare fund	20,000	-	(690)	19,310
	1,629,771	(43,535)	996	1,587,232
Restricted funds				
CVS Medway Test Bed Fund	219	-	-	219
Tackling Inequalities Fund	72	141	-	213
Kent Community Foundation Fund	2,400	(2,180)	-	220
Extreme Weather Emergency Fund	1,400	(1,400)	-	-
Recruitment & Retention Fund	9,899	-	-	9,899
Jubilee Celebration Of Life Through Art Fund	-	985	-	985
Cost Of Living Fund	-	10,000	(996)	9,004
	13,990	7,546	(996)	20,540
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,643,761</u>	<u>(35,989)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,607,772</u>

24. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General Fund	2,893,066	(2,888,509)	4,557
Redundancy Fund	-	(6,577)	(6,577)
Fixed Asset Fund	-	(22,515)	(22,515)
New Services Development Fund	-	(19,000)	(19,000)
	2,893,066	(2,936,601)	(43,535)
Restricted funds			
Tackling Inequalities Fund	1,472	(1,331)	141
Kent Community Foundation Fund	-	(2,180)	(2,180)
Extreme Weather Emergency Fund	-	(1,400)	(1,400)
Jubilee Celebration Of Life Through Art Fund	2,045	(1,060)	985
Cost Of Living Fund	10,000	-	10,000
	13,517	(5,971)	7,546
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>2,906,583</u>	<u>(2,942,572)</u>	<u>(35,989)</u>

Unrestricted funds

All previously designated funds for other purposes, other than the redundancy reserve fund, were transferred in the year to general funds by authority of the board of trustees to mobilise funds in support of development of areas of the charity falling short of income predictions. Details of the individual funds are shown below.

The redundancy reserve fund has been set up to identify those funds which would be required to meet the charitable company's statutory redundancy obligations in the event of its ceasing operations across the group.

The fixed asset fund has been set up to assist in identifying those funds which are not free funds and represent the net book value of tangible fixed assets with the exception of assets held under finance lease agreements.

The fixed asset replacement fund was set up to identify those funds required to purchase new assets for the charitable company within one year. This fund has now been transferred back to the general fund.

The new services development fund was set up to set aside a predetermined level of funds for the development of potential new projects or services. This fund has been transferred back to the general fund.

24. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

The crisis response fund was set up to recognise the changing context in which the charity finds itself operating, and was designed to support future emergencies such as the global pandemic seen across 2020 - 2022. Although pandemics of this nature are alleged 100 year events, the impact on the charities beneficiaries was huge, and meant drastic changes to income levels as well as changes to established models of working which mean the charity may take some time to re-build to previous levels of income. The crisis response fund provided a financial cushion for anticipated future deficits which might arise due to the long process of building back to former levels of income. This fund has been transferred back to the general fund.

The Alf cottage fund represented funds allocated by the board of trustees in February 2022 to support the purchase of Alf cottage, the staff holiday home which represents a company investment and investment in the charities staff reward scheme based upon the new adopted Alf principles. The remaining balance on this fund, following the purchase of Alf Cottage in the prior financial year, has now been transferred back to the general fund.

The disaster recovery fund was set up by the trustees to cover the rising costs the charity was facing to prevent deficits in the coming years. This fund has now been transferred back to the general fund.

The Age Concern Gillingham redundancy fund has been set up to identify those funds which would be required to meet the charitable company's statutory redundancy obligations in the event of it ceasing operation.

The Age Concern Gillingham welfare fund has been set up to provide financial support to clients demonstrating severe hardship. Following an assessment and application process, the funds will be released in small amounts to the parent charitable company to cover the costs of those in hardship attending social care centres and receiving social care services, preventing further deterioration in ill health and social isolation.

The F&S fixed asset fund was acquired as part of the transfer of activities of Age UK Faversham and Sittingbourne, and was set aside by Age UK Faversham and Sittingbourne due to the illiquid nature of the building asset that it related to. These funds have now been transferred to the general fund, as the funds required for the Age UK Kent Rivers fixed assets, which the building is now included within, are already calculated within pre-existing funds.

The F&S redundancy fund was acquired as part of the transfer of activities of Age UK Faversham and Sittingbourne, and was set aside by Age UK Faversham and Sittingbourne to identify those funds which would be required to meet the charitable company's statutory redundancy obligations in the event of its ceasing operation. These funds have now been transferred to the general fund, as the redundancy obligations of Age UK Kent Rivers in the event of its ceasing operation, are already calculated within pre-existing funds.

The F&S building fund was acquired as part of the transfer of activities of Age UK Faversham and Sittingbourne, and was set aside by Age UK Faversham and Sittingbourne for any emergency repairs, including a roof which will need replacement at some point in the near future. This fund has now been transferred to the general fund.

The F&S IT sales force fund was acquired as part of the transfer of activities of Age UK Faversham and Sittingbourne, and was set aside by Age UK Faversham and Sittingbourne until the new IT sales force system was fully operational. Since the transfer of activities, the fund has now been fully expensed.

24. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Restricted funds

The CVS Medway test bed fund related to a grant received from CVS Medway following a bid. It is a joint project which allows our beneficiaries to become pen friends with volunteers during difficult times of isolation. This fund has now been fully expensed.

The tackling inequalities fund, held by the national organisation, was applied in order to bring exercise classes back to our Gillingham day centre. The application focused on increasing physical activity to promote wellness and therefore encourage increased mobility and inclusion. This fund has now been fully expensed.

The Kent community foundation fund was a fund awarded for the provision of digital recorded content for the Sparko digital social hub, the fund is to pay content providers and was received following a specific application to the community fund. This fund has now been fully expensed. An additional £6,000 of funding was received in the current year which was awarded to support the dementia cafés in Medway, and support activities and resources in volunteer led services in numerous locations across Medway. This fund has now been fully expensed.

The recruitment & retention fund was provided by Medway Council to Age UK Kent Rivers, in recognition of the difficulties providers have in recruitment of carers post pandemic. The fund was designed to support fast track recruitment to support packages of care through an enhanced payment to staff, and the recruiting organisation, assisting the council to offload care packages to community services rather than costly residential care. This fund has now been fully expensed.

The jubilee celebration of life through art fund tracks income and expenditure for a creative project between the charity and Medway and Nucleus Arts, which delivers two art activities in celebration of the Queen's 70 year Jubilee celebrations. This fund has now been fully expensed.

The cost of living fund was a grant received to fund 100% of new clients first day and 50% of their second day. The transfer of £81,111 to the general fund represents the amount of funded services in the period.

The screwfix fund was awarded for the upgrade of the perimeter fence at our Gillingham centre, following a couple of break ins, as part of Screwfix's community support initiatives. The fund was fully expensed in the year with the costs associated with replacement fencing, and it was agreed that the remaining balance on the fund, following the purchase of the fencing, could be transferred to the general fund.

The F&S walking cricket fund was acquired as part of the transfer of activities of Age UK Faversham and Sittingbourne, and had been awarded for walking sports activities locally by the Kent and Medway active fund to launch the activities. It was agreed that the remaining balance on the fund, could be transferred to the general fund. Continued funding for these activities has been met through other sources on an ongoing basis.

The F&S Swale cost of living fund was acquired as part of the transfer of activities of Age UK Faversham and Sittingbourne, and had been awarded from Swale Borough Council to support service users with rising costs. This grant was successfully used to purchase electric transport which in turn reduced unit costs of delivered meals. It was agreed that the remaining balance on the fund, could be transferred to the general fund.

24. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

The F&S warm homes project was acquired as part of the transfer of activities of Age UK Faversham and Sittingbourne, and was for a grant awarded to maximise the number of "warm homes" advice and information sessions provided through the information and advice team. The grant is matched to the number of checks carried out and used to pay the associated staffing costs. This fund has now been fully expensed.

The F&S club cycling UK fund was acquired as part of the transfer of activities of Age UK Faversham and Sittingbourne, and was for a grant awarded to fund sessions of cycling for older people. This was a time limited project which has now finished. It was agreed that the remaining balance on the fund, could be transferred to the general fund.

The F&S screwfix foundation fund was received in order to fit a hearing loop to assist service users and staff. The hearing loop was purchased in the year, with the outstanding balance on the fund representing the net book value of the hearing loop within the accounts at the year-end.

The F&S National Lottery cost of living fund was acquired as part of the transfer of activities of Age UK Faversham and Sittingbourne. This fund income had previously been recognised as restricted in the final accounts of Age UK Faversham and Sittingbourne prior to the date of the transfer. The trustees of Age UK Kent Rivers have determined that this income is actually unrestricted and the amount has therefore been transferred to the general fund.

The making a difference locally fund was awarded for one of our service users undergoing medical treatment to fulfill one of her ambitions as a Harry Potter enthusiast. This fund was fully expensed in the year.

The community centre grants fund was a grant awarded to support rising utilities costs. This fund was fully expensed in the year.

The active thames funding fund was a grant received to allow the creation of a river pathway walking group, which runs fortnightly from the Clarendon Royal Community. The balance on the fund will be spent in future periods.

The dementia café fund was acquired as part of the transfer of activities of Age UK Faversham and Sittingbourne, and was a grant awarded in support of dementia cafés in Faversham and is used to support costs associated with volunteer led services. The balance on the fund will be spent in future periods.

The National Lottery cost of living fund was granted to assist charities in reaching a full cost recovery finance model, and simultaneously support service users through the cost of living crisis as generally costs increased for all households. The fund has been fully expensed in the year, with the remaining balance in the fund, representing the net book value of assets purchased with the funding awarded.

25. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS

The group operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the group in an independently administered fund. The pension costs charge consists of contributions payable to the funds of £145,389 (2023: £91,621). Contributions of £16,316 (2023: £7,306) were outstanding at the end of the period.

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26. OTHER FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

The following operating lease payments are committed to be paid by the group and the charity:

	Group		Charity	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Within one year	223,593	163,467	217,093	156,967
Between one and five years	489,555	138,706	489,555	138,706
In more than five years	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>713,148</u>	<u>302,173</u>	<u>706,648</u>	<u>295,673</u>

Within the Statement of Financial Activities there are operating lease costs totalling £197,798 (2023: £132,790).

27. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

	Group		Charity	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Financial assets				
Financial assets measured at amortised cost	<u>1,158,713</u>	<u>1,233,163</u>	<u>1,094,129</u>	<u>1,181,128</u>
	<u>1,158,713</u>	<u>1,233,163</u>	<u>1,094,129</u>	<u>1,181,128</u>
Financial liabilities				
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	<u>7,743,731</u>	<u>175,292</u>	<u>7,728,968</u>	<u>170,496</u>
	<u>7,743,731</u>	<u>175,292</u>	<u>7,728,968</u>	<u>170,496</u>

Financial assets measured at amortised cost comprise trade debtors, other debtors, accrued income, amounts owed by group undertakings, and cash and cash equivalents.

The amounts owed by group undertakings are removed on consolidation and are therefore not included in the financial assets of the group.

Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost comprise trade creditors, other creditors, accruals, other loans and finance lease contracts.

The financial liabilities of the group also include VAT, as the wholly owned trading subsidiary, Kent & Medway Trading Company, is registered for VAT.

The total interest expense recognised during the period on financial liabilities was £784,440 (2023: £Nil)

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28. KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

Group and charity

Key management personnel comprise the Group Chief Executive, Operations Directors, Commercial Director, Finance Manager and Chief Operating Officer. The compensation paid or payable to key management for employee services is shown below:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Salaries and other short-term benefits	<u>338,587</u>	<u>235,250</u>

29. LESSOR COMMITMENTS

Group and charity

At the year end the charity have leased assets, in regards to rental of part of the freehold property which is capitalised within the balance sheet, and held under a finance lease. This rental income is determined by the trustees to be part of the income from charitable activities. The amounts committed to be received during the rented term are listed below:-

	2024	2023
	£	£
Within one year	45,785	-
Between one and five years	-	-
In more than five years	-	-
Total	<u>45,785</u>	<u>-</u>

Within the Statement of Financial Activities, there is rental income, in relation to the above, totalling £57,300 (2023: £Nil).

30. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

The following non-adjusting event has occurred after the end of the reporting period but before the financial statements were authorised for issue:

Included within freehold properties is a property with a net book value of £232,296 which was acquired as part of the transfer of activities from Age UK Faversham and Sittingbourne. Also included within investment properties is a property with a value of £51,930 that was acquired as part of the same transfer of activities.

Since the end of the financial year, these properties have collectively been sold for a value of £600,000.

This property is now rented by Age UK Kent Rivers for £6,000 per month.

31. CONTINGENT ASSETS

During the year, Age UK Kent Rivers were informed that they were to become benefactors to the legacy of a life tenant. The funds from the life tenant will be left in trust to be shared between 10 charities, of which Age UK Kent Rivers is the majority benefactor. The value of the trust is expected to be over £1,000,000 of which Age UK Kent Rivers will be entitled to £150,000 per year of unrestricted income.

32. AGE UK FAVERSHAM AND SITTINGBOURNE

On 31 July 2023, Age UK Kent Rivers merged with Age UK Faversham and Sittingbourne (company number 08412045) under a transfer agreement, in order to safeguard the services provided to the elderly in Sittingbourne and Faversham. On the transfer date, all assets, liabilities and activities of Age UK Faversham and Sittingbourne transferred to Age UK Kent Rivers as a going concern for £nil consideration.

The value of the net assets and liabilities of Age UK Faversham and Sittingbourne on 31 July 2023, being £650,352, is included in donations in the 31 March 2024 financial statements.

33. AGE UK NORTH WEST KENT

Age UK Kent Rivers signed a transfer deed dated 31 March 2023 where all staff and services were transferred to them from Age UK North West Kent (company number 07645589). All transferred staff and services were in place under Age UK Kent Rivers from 1 April 2023. No consolidation is required in respect of the transfer as there are no assets involved.

34. THE CLARENDON ROYAL HOTEL

On 28 April 2023, Age UK Kent Rivers entered into a 40-year lease agreement to occupy a hotel in the Gravesend area, The Clarendon Royal Hotel, with permissions to develop the hotel in order to be able to offer self-contained flats for lease, and respite rooms. Included within the hotel is an existing bar and restaurant which the Group intends to continue in operation, via its trading subsidiary

The 40-year lease commits the charity to an initial annual rent of £770,000, however there is a rent-free period for the first twelve months with the rent payments commencing on 1 April 2024. In return for the rent-free period there is a further commitment to make an additional rent payment of £110,000 per annum until and including 31 March 2031. The charity is also responsible for meeting the landlord's insurance costs. The lease agreement provides for two break dates, the first of which is 31 March 2043

The charities SORP (FRS 102) states that a lease should be accounted for based on the substance of the transaction rather than the form of the contract. The trustees have determined that the substance of the transaction is one of a finance lease, in line with the FRS 102 guidance. The asset value and corresponding finance lease liability has been calculated by the trustees using a discount rate based on the obtainable rate of borrowing of the charity.

This has resulted in a freehold property addition of £5,989,621, and a finance lease liability at the balance sheet date of £6,771,866. Interest has been charged of £782,245 during the period, which is included within activities undertaken directly on integrated residential and community services (see note 8).

The property is depreciated on a straight line basis over the lease term, resulting in a depreciation charge for the year of £149,740. The depreciation charge is included within activities undertaken directly on integrated residential and community services (see note 8).