

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 07233113 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1136465

**Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024
for
Cheshire West Voluntary Action**

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Cheshire West Voluntary Action

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for the year ended 31 March 2024**

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 March 2024

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The Charity's objects (the Objects) are:

- (i) To promote any charitable purposes for the benefit of the public, principally but not exclusively in the local government area of Cheshire West and Chester and its environs (hereinafter called the "area of benefit") and, in particular, build the capacity of third sector organisations and provide them with the necessary support, information and services to enable them to pursue or contribute to any charitable purpose.
- (ii) To promote and facilitate co-operation and partnership working between third sector, statutory and other relevant bodies in the achievement of the above purposes within the area of benefit.

Trustees have referred to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when undertaking an annual review of our aims and objectives, and have in particular ensured that future activities and services provided remain focussed on, and contribute to these aims, objectives and our stated purposes.

Our values

Passion Independence Volunteering Collaboration Inclusiveness

Public benefit

The charity's trustees have complied with the duty in section 4 of the 2006 Act to have regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Cheshire West Voluntary Action (CWVA) has been supporting voluntary, community, faith groups, and social enterprises (VCFSE sector) across west Cheshire for nearly 110 years. Our role is to enable local organisations to thrive by offering practical support with governance, volunteering, funding, training, networking, and representation. We advocate for the sector through strategic partnerships and create opportunities for our members.

Our Vision

CWVA's vision is to champion the community sector by building trust, influencing change, and inspiring action. We achieve this by:
Connecting sectors and building trusted relationships.

Championing our members and amplifying their voices to influence policy.

Sharing and expanding opportunities for the sector.

Building resilience to address societal issues with creativity and care.

Key Areas of Work

Our team of 13, led by Chief Executive, Gary Cliffe, has played a significant role in shaping the local health and social care landscape. As an equal partner in Cheshire West Place, we are recognised for our ability to support early intervention and prevention, helping to reduce the burden on statutory services. However, there is an ongoing need to invest in the sector to deliver these services effectively.

CWVA continues to act as a strategic bridge, representing a diverse range of organisations and enabling a unified conversation with statutory partners. Our work is vital in building the capacity of the sector to respond to increasing demand and prevent people from falling into crisis.

Development Work

Our development work remains a core part of our offer, which includes free or subsidised training, networking opportunities, governance advice, volunteer management support, and funding assistance. In 2023/24, CWVA managed funding pots totalling more than £450,000, ensuring vital resources reached local organisations.

Mental Health Alliance

In 2023, we launched the Mental Health Alliance, connecting over 50 organisations focused on improving mental health outcomes. The Alliance, supported by a Strategic Lead, has formed thematic groups addressing key areas, including work with undeserved communities and supporting in-patient discharge.

Food Strategy - The Welcome Network

The Welcome Network has evolved from a food security project to a broader initiative addressing the wider food system's impact on insecurity. Through the Food for All Plan, CWVA leads the West Cheshire Food Partnership, representing community organisations and fostering collaboration across sectors. The Network manages small grants, supports food-related training, and recently hosted a Food Summit to guide future strategy.

Children, Young Persons and Families Alliance : Currently funded until March 2025, this activity focuses on bringing together VCFSE organisations and to build capacity within the sector to improve services for children, young people and their families. There are some exciting developments happening with much interest from our public sector partners.

Volunteering Development: This role, also funded until 2025, aims to strengthen volunteer strategies across the sector, recognising the vital role volunteers play in service delivery and as a pathway to employment.

Local Voices Framework: This project seeks to foster lived experience involvement in service design in the public sector and within our sector. Next steps include establishing a Local Voices Network and securing additional funding to expand the initiative.

Cancer Awareness: Working with Cheshire and Merseyside Cancer Alliance, CWVA is leading a community engagement project to promote early cancer diagnosis.

Conclusion

CWVA remains committed to its mission of championing the VCFSE sector. Despite challenges such as uncertain future funding, Trustees are confident that with robust financial controls and a clear strategic vision, we are well-positioned to continue supporting local organisations and enhancing community resilience.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

During 2023/24, CWVA managed funds on behalf of private organisations, grant funders, and public sector bodies, earning a small management fee. These funds were distributed to small VCFSE organisations, enabling them to provide vital support to their communities, especially during the ongoing cost-of-living crisis.

Through effective financial management and support from the Local Authority and other partners, our unrestricted reserves increased by £94,599, bringing the total to £281,957, exceeding our 6-9 months reserves policy. Our budget for 2024/25 forecasts a slight further increase, but with uncertainties surrounding future funding, particularly the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, Trustees are monitoring this closely. With strong financial controls in place, we are well-positioned to manage potential challenges.

Investment policy and objectives

The charity does not have an investment policy. The funds of the charity are held in interest bearing bank accounts to maximise returns.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

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

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

07233113 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1136465

Registered office

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 March 2024

Trustees

Mrs D Brown (appointed 7.11.23)
Ms V Buzza
J Davies (appointed 7.11.23)
Mrs L Hesketh (appointed 7.11.23)
A K Jeffs
B D Rigby (appointed 7.11.23)
Mrs S Sutherland
Dr H White
Mrs K Dooley (resigned 7.11.23)
S Sandford (resigned 7.11.23)

New Trustees are appointed by the Board after advertisement of the vacancies and shortlisting against the published role description, followed by an interview with three existing trustees. The interviewing group reports to the Board who decide whether or not to appoint. Under the Memorandum and Articles of Association, appointment as a trustee is immediate but it is confirmed by members at the organisation's next Annual General Meeting to serve for a period of three years, after which they may be re-appointed for one further period of three years.

In accordance with the charity's governing document, the Board meets at least four times a year. The Board comprises representatives of voluntary and community organisations and other members with appropriate skill sets. The Board of Trustees forms sub-committees and ad hoc working groups to address particular issues, including finance and governance matters with recommendations, which are considered by the full Board.

New trustees are provided with an induction to the charity to familiarise themselves with the organisation and the context in which it operates, jointly delivered by the Chair and the Chief Executive. New trustees are also provided with a welcome / induction pack which includes Charity Commission guidance on the roles and responsibilities of trustees; CWVA's Code of Conduct; Declarations of Interests Guidance; CWVA's Governing Document; most recent Annual Accounts and Annual review; and Strategic Plan.

The Charity has a part time Chief Executive who reports to the Board of Trustees and is line managed by the Chair, and a Deputy Chief Executive line managed by the Chief Executive.

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

The remuneration of staff is determined annually by the trustees.

Independent Examiner

Michael Joseph Snape FCCA
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 8 October 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



A K Jeffs - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Cheshire West Voluntary Action**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Cheshire West Voluntary Action ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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

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Michael Joseph Snape FCCA

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Date: 14 October 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Charitable activities	3				
Performance related grants		529,090	278,564	807,654	699,094
Investment income	2	942	2	944	1,521
Total		<u>530,032</u>	<u>278,566</u>	<u>808,598</u>	<u>700,615</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	4				
Performance related grants		<u>511,373</u>	<u>224,251</u>	<u>735,624</u>	<u>748,111</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments		<u>3,558</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,558</u>	<u>(1,546)</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		<u>22,217</u>	<u>54,315</u>	<u>76,532</u>	<u>(49,042)</u>
Transfers between funds	15	<u>72,381</u>	<u>(72,381)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>94,598</u>	<u>(18,066)</u>	<u>76,532</u>	<u>(49,042)</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>187,358</u>	<u>43,041</u>	<u>230,399</u>	<u>279,441</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>281,956</u></u>	<u><u>24,975</u></u>	<u><u>306,931</u></u>	<u><u>230,399</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**Balance Sheet
31 March 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	11	25	-	25	30
Investments	12	42,866	-	42,866	39,308
		<u>42,891</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>42,891</u>	<u>39,338</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	13	72,969	-	72,969	47,753
Cash at bank and in hand		182,648	24,974	207,622	236,551
		<u>255,617</u>	<u>24,974</u>	<u>280,591</u>	<u>284,304</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	14	(16,551)	-	(16,551)	(93,243)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>239,066</u>	<u>24,974</u>	<u>264,040</u>	<u>191,061</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>281,957</u>	<u>24,974</u>	<u>306,931</u>	<u>230,399</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>281,957</u>	<u>24,974</u>	<u>306,931</u>	<u>230,399</u>
FUNDS	15				
Unrestricted funds				281,957	187,358
Restricted funds				24,974	43,041
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>306,931</u>	<u>230,399</u>

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

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

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

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 8 October 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:



A K Jeffs - Trustee

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Cash Flow Statement
for the year ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	(29,873)	(48,137)
Net cash used in operating activities		<u>(29,873)</u>	<u>(48,137)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest received		151	378
Dividends received		793	1,143
Net cash provided by investing activities		<u>944</u>	<u>1,521</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		<u>(28,929)</u>	<u>(46,616)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		<u>236,551</u>	<u>283,167</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u><u>207,622</u></u>	<u><u>236,551</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Cash Flow Statement
for the year ended 31 March 2024

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

	2024 £	2023 £
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	76,532	(49,042)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	6	8
(Gain)/losses on investments	(3,558)	1,546
Interest received	(151)	(378)
Dividends received	(793)	(1,143)
Increase in debtors	(25,216)	(35,035)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(76,693)	35,907
Net cash used in operations	<u>(29,873)</u>	<u>(48,137)</u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.4.23 £	Cash flow £	At 31.3.24 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>236,551</u>	<u>(28,929)</u>	<u>207,622</u>
	<u>236,551</u>	<u>(28,929)</u>	<u>207,622</u>
Total	<u>236,551</u>	<u>(28,929)</u>	<u>207,622</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

Income

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

Expenditure

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

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

Tangible fixed assets

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

Fixtures and fittings	- 20% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 20% on reducing balance

Taxation

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

Fund accounting

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

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

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

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

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

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
Income from listed investments	793	1,143
Deposit account interest	151	378
	<u>944</u>	<u>1,521</u>

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3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

		2024	2023
	Activity	£	£
Grants	Performance related grants	807,574	698,106
Events and training	Performance related grants	80	988
		<u>807,654</u>	<u>699,094</u>

4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Grant funding of activities (see note 5) £	Support costs (see note 6) £	Totals £
Performance related grants	<u>329,982</u>	<u>401,649</u>	<u>3,993</u>	<u>735,624</u>

5. GRANTS PAYABLE

	2024	2023
	£	£
Performance related grants	<u>401,649</u>	<u>438,132</u>

6. SUPPORT COSTS

	Governance costs £
Performance related grants	<u>3,993</u>

7. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

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

	2024	2023
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>5</u>	<u>8</u>

8. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

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

Trustees' expenses

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

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9. STAFF COSTS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	238,043	189,298
Social security costs	17,758	16,693
Other pension costs	20,382	15,137
	<u>276,183</u>	<u>221,128</u>

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

	2024	2023
	10	9
Charity staff	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

10. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Charitable activities			
Performance related grants	356,169	342,925	699,094
Investment income	1,521	-	1,521
Total	<u>357,690</u>	<u>342,925</u>	<u>700,615</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Performance related grants	404,782	343,329	748,111
Net gains/(losses) on investments	(1,546)	-	(1,546)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(48,638)	(404)	(49,042)
Transfers between funds	34,745	(34,745)	-
Net movement in funds	(13,893)	(35,149)	(49,042)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	201,251	78,190	279,441
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>187,358</u>	<u>43,041</u>	<u>230,399</u>

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11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024	54	461	515
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2023	51	434	485
Charge for year	-	5	5
At 31 March 2024	51	439	490
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2024	3	22	25
At 31 March 2023	3	27	30

12. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed investments £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1 April 2023	39,308
Revaluations	3,558
At 31 March 2024	42,866
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2024	42,866
At 31 March 2023	39,308

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

Cost or valuation at 31 March 2024 is represented by:

	Listed investments £
Valuation in 2022	40,854
Valuation in 2023	(1,546)
Valuation in 2024	3,558
	42,866

13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	72,969	47,280
Other debtors	-	123
Prepayments and accrued income	-	350
	72,969	47,753

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14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	6,731	2,047
Social security and other taxes	2,426	15,125
Other creditors	3,794	1,788
Accruals and deferred income	3,600	74,283
	<u>16,551</u>	<u>93,243</u>

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.23	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 31.3.24
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	187,358	22,218	72,381	281,957
Restricted funds				
CCF Meeting Place Foundation	18,992	(9,614)	(9,378)	-
Bluecoat Charity (Community Fund)	-	1,770	(1,500)	270
Westminster Foundation cost of living grants	17,000	(15,326)	(1,674)	-
Westminster Foundation holiday grants	4,306	(2,086)	(2,220)	-
Cadent Hydrogen Village Small Grants Programme	2,150	-	(2,150)	-
CWAC Household Support Fund	-	15,150	(15,150)	-
Anne Duchess of Westminster Charity	-	1,005	(1,005)	-
Bluecoat Charity (Training Programme)	-	-	-	-
	593	(971)	378	-
Blacon Neighbourhood	-	5	(5)	-
Active Cheshire	-	1,910	(710)	1,200
Cadent Winter Warmth Grant Project	-	37,235	(23,470)	13,765
Half Term Leisure activities for families living in hotels	-	4,704	-	4,704
Good Food Movement	-	15,035	(10,000)	5,035
ICB System P Complex Lives Project	-	3,670	(3,670)	-
The Majory Boddy Charitable Trust	-	1,827	(1,827)	-
	<u>43,041</u>	<u>54,314</u>	<u>(72,381)</u>	<u>24,974</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>230,399</u>	<u>76,532</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>306,931</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	530,032	(511,372)	3,558	22,218
Restricted funds				
CCF Meeting Place Foundation	-	(9,614)	-	(9,614)
Bluecoat Charity (Community Fund)	5,500	(3,730)	-	1,770
Westminster Foundation cost of living grants	-	(15,326)	-	(15,326)
Westminster Foundation holiday grants	-	(2,086)	-	(2,086)
CWAC Household Support Fund	130,000	(114,850)	-	15,150
Anne Duchess of Westminster Charity	10,001	(8,996)	-	1,005
Bluecoat Charity (Training Programme)	-	(971)	-	(971)
Blacon Neighbourhood	4,392	(4,387)	-	5
Active Cheshire	5,110	(3,200)	-	1,910
Cadent Winter Warmth Grant Project	86,735	(49,500)	-	37,235
Half Term Leisure activities for families living in hotels	5,000	(296)	-	4,704
Good Food Movement	20,000	(4,965)	-	15,035
ICB System P Complex Lives Project	10,001	(6,331)	-	3,670
The Majory Boddy Charitable Trust	1,827	-	-	1,827
	<u>278,566</u>	<u>(224,252)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>54,314</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>808,598</u>	<u>(735,624)</u>	<u>3,558</u>	<u>76,532</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	201,251	(48,638)	34,745	187,358
Restricted funds				
CCF Meeting Place Foundation	21,492	(2,500)	-	18,992
Bluecoat Charity (Community Fund)	1,000	500	(1,500)	-
Westminster Foundation cost of living grants	-	23,000	(6,000)	17,000
Westminster Foundation holiday grants	-	4,306	-	4,306
Cadent Hydrogen Village Small Grants Programme	-	5,995	(3,845)	2,150
Torus Foundation (New Leaf Current)	17,220	(17,220)	-	-
Entep Properties	2,500	(2,500)	-	-
CWAC Household Support Fund	13,000	7,000	(20,000)	-
Vivo Care Choices	2,500	(2,000)	(500)	-
Anne Duchess of Westminster Charity	10,000	(9,000)	(1,000)	-
Healthbox CIC	10,478	(10,478)	-	-
Autism Hub Community Fund	-	1,200	(1,200)	-
Bluecoat Charity (Training Programme)	-	1,293	(700)	593
	78,190	(404)	(34,745)	43,041
TOTAL FUNDS	279,441	(49,042)	-	230,399

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	357,690	(404,782)	(1,546)	(48,638)
Restricted funds				
CCF Meeting Place Foundation	-	(2,500)	-	(2,500)
Bluecoat Charity (Community Fund)	5,500	(5,000)	-	500
Westminster Foundation cost of living grants	60,000	(37,000)	-	23,000
Westminster Foundation holiday grants	25,000	(20,694)	-	4,306
Cadent Hydrogen Village Small Grants Programme	23,000	(17,005)	-	5,995
Torus Foundation (New Leaf Current)	-	(17,220)	-	(17,220)
Sanctuary Housing	1,500	(1,500)	-	-
Entep Properties	-	(2,500)	-	(2,500)
CWAC Household Support Fund	188,000	(181,000)	-	7,000
Vivo Care Choices	22,500	(24,500)	-	(2,000)
Anne Duchess of Westminster Charity	-	(9,000)	-	(9,000)
Healthbox CIC	-	(10,478)	-	(10,478)
Autism Hub Community Fund	12,000	(10,800)	-	1,200
Bluecoat Charity (Training Programme)	5,425	(4,132)	-	1,293
	342,925	(343,329)	-	(404)
TOTAL FUNDS	700,615	(748,111)	(1,546)	(49,042)

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15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	201,251	(26,420)	107,126	281,957
Restricted funds				
CCF Meeting Place Foundation	21,492	(12,114)	(9,378)	-
Bluecoat Charity (Community Fund)	1,000	2,270	(3,000)	270
Westminster Foundation cost of living grants	-	7,674	(7,674)	-
Westminster Foundation holiday grants	-	2,220	(2,220)	-
Cadent Hydrogen Village Small Grants Programme	-	5,995	(5,995)	-
Torus Foundation (New Leaf Current)	17,220	(17,220)	-	-
Entep Properties	2,500	(2,500)	-	-
CWAC Household Support Fund	13,000	22,150	(35,150)	-
Vivo Care Choices	2,500	(2,000)	(500)	-
Anne Duchess of Westminster Charity	10,000	(7,995)	(2,005)	-
Healthbox CIC	10,478	(10,478)	-	-
Autism Hub Community Fund	-	1,200	(1,200)	-
Bluecoat Charity (Training Programme)	-	322	(322)	-
Blacon Neighbourhood	-	5	(5)	-
Active Cheshire	-	1,910	(710)	1,200
Cadent Winter Warmth Grant Project	-	37,235	(23,470)	13,765
Half Term Leisure activities for families living in hotels	-	4,704	-	4,704
Good Food Movement	-	15,035	(10,000)	5,035
ICB System P Complex Lives Project	-	3,670	(3,670)	-
The Majory Boddy Charitable Trust	-	1,827	(1,827)	-
	<u>78,190</u>	<u>53,910</u>	<u>(107,126)</u>	<u>24,974</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>279,441</u>	<u>27,490</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>306,931</u>

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15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	887,722	(916,154)	2,012	(26,420)
Restricted funds				
CCF Meeting Place Foundation	-	(12,114)	-	(12,114)
Bluecoat Charity (Community Fund)	11,000	(8,730)	-	2,270
Westminster Foundation cost of living grants	60,000	(52,326)	-	7,674
Westminster Foundation holiday grants	25,000	(22,780)	-	2,220
Cadent Hydrogen Village Small Grants Programme	23,000	(17,005)	-	5,995
Torus Foundation (New Leaf Current)	-	(17,220)	-	(17,220)
Sanctuary Housing	1,500	(1,500)	-	-
Entep Properties	-	(2,500)	-	(2,500)
CWAC Household Support Fund	318,000	(295,850)	-	22,150
Vivo Care Choices	22,500	(24,500)	-	(2,000)
Anne Duchess of Westminster Charity	10,001	(17,996)	-	(7,995)
Healthbox CIC	-	(10,478)	-	(10,478)
Autism Hub Community Fund	12,000	(10,800)	-	1,200
Bluecoat Charity (Training Programme)				
	5,425	(5,103)	-	322
Blacon Neighbourhood	4,392	(4,387)	-	5
Active Cheshire	5,110	(3,200)	-	1,910
Cadent Winter Warmth Grant Project	86,735	(49,500)	-	37,235
Half Term Leisure activities for families living in hotels	5,000	(296)	-	4,704
Good Food Movement	20,000	(4,965)	-	15,035
ICB System P Complex Lives Project	10,001	(6,331)	-	3,670
The Majority Boddy Charitable Trust	1,827	-	-	1,827
	<u>621,491</u>	<u>(567,581)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>53,910</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,509,213</u>	<u>(1,483,735)</u>	<u>2,012</u>	<u>27,490</u>

Unrestricted funds

The general fund represents the free funds of the charity which are not designed for particular purposes.

Restricted funds

CCF Meeting Place Foundation - includes monies received from Cheshire Community Foundation to plan and deliver a range of co-production sessions in order to develop food security training and train the trainer sessions.

Bluecoat Charity (Community Fund) - represents funding from The Chester Bluecoat Charity to distribute small grants for start-up or one-off costs (up to £500) for projects that aim to tackle the root causes of poverty and inequality throughout the city and the surrounding area.

Westminster Foundation cost of living grants - includes grant funding from the Westminster Foundation cost of living emergency fund to allocate monies to charities and voluntary organisations providing food support for families with children and young people in Chester, the rural surrounds of Chester and Ellesmere Port, most affected by the current cost of living crisis.

Westminster Foundation holiday grants - is from the Westminster Foundation cost of living emergency funding to allocate to charities and voluntary organisations working to meet the needs in school holidays of families with children and young people in Chester, the rural surrounds of Chester and Ellesmere Port, most affected by the current cost of living crisis.

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15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Cadent Hydrogen Village Small Grants Programme - consists of funding from Cadent (National company providing gas network) Hydrogen Village Small Grants programme to provide top-up funding for capital or revenue costs including overheads, volunteer expenses, project costs for groups in Ellesmere Port only.

Torus Foundation (New Leaf Current) - to deliver the New Leaf project - a voluntary programme supporting unemployed people who need extra help and support to get them into or closer to employment. CWVA left the project in February 2022.

Sanctuary Housing - includes monies from Sanctuary Housing to deliver a volunteer training programme to CWVA members.

Entep Properties - consists of funding from Entep Properties Ltd (local business) to distribute grants of up to £3,000 for existing services/activities or new services/activities in Ellesmere Port only tackling poverty, mental health, long term health conditions, loneliness or isolation.

CWAC Household Support Fund - represents grant funding from Cheshire West and Chester Council (CWAC), distributed to organisations supporting households in most need with food, energy, water bills and other essential costs.

Anne Duchess of Westminster's Charity - includes funding from the Anne Duchess of Westminster Charity for projects or activities addressing mental health and wellbeing, community projects in disadvantaged areas, isolations and loneliness.

Healthbox CIC - consists of funding from Healthbox CIC for staff and comms support provided by CWVA to The Welcome Network.

Autism Hub Community Fund - is funding from Vivo Care Choices to manage the Autism Hub Community Fund and distribute grants to individuals and community groups on behalf of West Cheshire Autism Hub. Funding ended in March 2023.

Bluecoat Charity (Training Programme) - includes funding from The Chester Bluecoat Charity to deliver a training programme for CWVA members.

Blacon Neighbourhood - comprises monies from Groundwork, holding funds on behalf of Blacon Neighbourhood Alliance.

Active Cheshire - comprises funding from Active Cheshire for community food organisations to support families to get more active by providing training and grants to purchase various play equipment.

Cadent Winter Warmth Grant Project - includes grant funding from Cadent (National company providing gas network) Winter Warmth Grant Project. Grants awarded to those organisations who can deliver significant impact to the most vulnerable residents in Cheshire West while fulfilling Cadent's ambition to keep the community safe, warm, and connected.

Half Term Leisure activities for families living in hotels - Funding from the Marjory Boddy Charitable Trust to fund family activities, pool vouchers and fuel vouchers during school half terms.

Good Food Movement - is funding from Cheshire West and Chester Council (CWAC) for the delivery work around the Good Food Movement.

ICB System P Complex Lives Project - includes funding from Warrington Voluntary Action to deliver the Complex Lives project in Cheshire West.

The Marjory Boddy Charitable Trust - comprises monies from The Marjory Boddy Charitable Trust for comms support provided to the Trust by CWVA team member.

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16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

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

17. COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

Cheshire West Voluntary Action is a company limited by guarantee and accordingly does not have share capital. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £10 per trustee of the charity.

Cheshire West Voluntary Action
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Investment income		
Income from listed investments	793	1,143
Deposit account interest	151	378
	<u>944</u>	<u>1,521</u>
Charitable activities		
Grants	807,574	698,106
Events and training	80	988
	<u>807,654</u>	<u>699,094</u>
Total incoming resources	808,598	700,615
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	238,043	189,298
Social security	17,758	16,693
Pensions	20,382	15,137
Rent	10,515	10,799
Publicity and marketing	6,524	263
Sundries	-	418
Legal and professional fees	-	29,248
Motor and travel expenses	982	377
Events and training	1,455	7,839
Office expenses	34,317	37,552
Fixtures and fittings	1	1
Computer equipment	5	7
Grants to institutions	401,649	438,132
	<u>731,631</u>	<u>745,764</u>
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	3,071	1,483
Payroll fees	922	864
	<u>3,993</u>	<u>2,347</u>
Total resources expended	735,624	748,111
Net income/(expenditure)	<u>72,974</u>	<u>(47,496)</u>