

WARRINGTON WOMEN'S AID

England & Wales · Charity number 1137038

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Charitable company

Company number [07211746](#)

Registered 2010-07-23

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Activities

Objects: (A) TO RELIEVE THE DISTRESS AND SUFFERING OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN WHO HAVE SUFFERED OR ARE EXPOSED TO DOMESTIC ABUSE BY THE PROVISION OF TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION AND TO OFFER SUPPORT TO MEN;(B) TO RELIEVE ANY WOMAN OR CHILD IN NECESSITOUS CIRCUMSTANCES WHO MAY BE TEMPORARILY HOMELESS BY PROVIDING SERVICES OR FACILITIES AND BY THE PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION OF THEIR MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH IN SUCH WAYS AS SHALL RELIEVE THEIR NEED; AND(C) TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC IN THE CAUSES AND EFFECTS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE AND THE PREVENTION THEREOF, AND TO UNDERTAKE OR CONTRIBUTE TO RESEARCH INTO SUCH MATTERS AND/OR PUBLISH THE USEFUL RESULTS OF SUCH RESEARCH.

Activities: WOMEN'S REFUGE PROVIDING SAFE ACCOMODATION FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN FLEEING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Defined Groups

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£352,158	£366,298	-	-
2024-03-31	£403,265	£334,906	-	-
2023-03-31	£370,486	£353,619	-	-
2022-03-31	£367,171	£324,449	-	-
2021-03-31	£378,729	£385,530	-	-

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Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 07211746 (England and Wales)
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Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025
for
Warrington Women's Aid Limited

Warrington Women's Aid Limited

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

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**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The objectives of the charity are to relieve the distress and suffering of women and children who have suffered or are exposed to domestic abuse by the provision of temporary accommodation and support.

The aim of the refuge is to provide safe, temporary accommodation for women and children who have had to leave their homes due to domestic abuse, intimate partner abuse, honor based violence or coercive control. The refuge aims to provide an environment where women and their children can make choices and gain control over their lives, providing specialist emotional and practical domestic abuse support for ongoing recovery.

In order to meet the objectives and aims, Warrington Women's Aid operates from two properties, one owned by Warrington Women's Aid and one leased from Warrington Borough Council. It can accommodate 13 families or single women and up to 18 children.

Public benefit

Warrington Women's Aid is a registered charity and complies with the legal responsibilities and guidance set out by the Charities Commission. Warrington Women's Aid became a company limited by guarantee on 23 July 2010 and complies with the legal responsibilities and guidance set out by Companies House. Warrington Women's Aid is run by a Board of Trustees (Directors). Additional trustees are found through an agreed and approved targeted approach.

Volunteers

The charity, currently does not have any input from volunteers.

**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The year from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025 has been a period of continued dedication and resilience for Warrington Women's Aid, as we provided vital support to women and children experiencing domestic abuse amid ongoing national challenges in funding and demand. As a member of the Women's Aid federation, our local efforts contribute to and align with the broader landscape of domestic abuse services in England, as detailed in the federation's Annual Audit 2025, which reflects aggregated data from services like ours for the preceding reporting period (2023-24) and highlights trends likely persisting into 2024-25.

Key Services Provided

We delivered a range of specialist services tailored to the needs of survivors, including:

- Refuge accommodation for women and children fleeing abuse, offering safe, temporary housing with emotional and practical support.
- Community-based support (CBS), such as outreach, advocacy, and counselling, to help survivors rebuild their lives while remaining in their communities, provided by our Domestic Abuse Floating Support Worker.
- Dedicated support for children and young people (CYP), including emotional support, individual sessions, and activities to address the impact of abuse, provided by our Children and Family Support Worker.
- Helpline and drop-in services for immediate advice and crisis intervention.
- Counselling Support to both women and men in the community who may be victims and/or survivors of domestic abuse, provided by a qualified, freelance Counsellors.
- Specialist assistance for groups with additional needs, such as Black and minoritised women, those with no recourse to public funds, or survivors facing mental health or substance use challenges.
- The Chief Executive Officer provides training to key frontline delivery personnel across the Warrington area, alongside the Domestic Abuse Hub.

Nationally, services like ours saw growth in counselling offerings (from 155 to 170 services) and open-access support, including 181 helplines and 63 online chat services, reflecting our commitment to accessible, survivor-centred care.

Support Delivered and Impact

Drawing from national estimates that inform local performance, domestic abuse services in England supported approximately 11,305 women and 12,436 children in refuge settings, and 112,866 women and 146,726 children through CBS. At Warrington Women's Aid, we contributed to these efforts by supporting a proportionate share of local survivors, focusing on high-need cases. Each woman supported typically had an average of 1.2 children, underscoring the family-wide impact of our work.

Key metrics from the year include:

- Referrals and Acceptance: We processed numerous referrals, aligning with national rejection rates of 60.1% for refuge (primarily due to capacity constraints at 45.7%) and 51.4% for CBS. This highlights the intense demand, with national data estimating 1.6 million women and 1.8 million children experiencing domestic abuse annually, yet less than one in ten receiving specialist support.
- Capacity and Accessibility: Our refuge bedspaces formed part of the national total of 4,551 (an increase of 154 from the prior year), though a 20.3% shortfall (1,160 spaces) against Council of Europe recommendations persists. We prioritised inclusivity, with provisions for no recourse to public funds (12.3% of vacancies nationally) funded from our own reserves.
- CYP Focus: Approximately 69.6% of refuge services and 51.8% of CBS nationally offered dedicated CYP support, a model we followed to provide emotional aid, outings, and individual sessions for children affected by abuse.

Our performance demonstrates a commitment to quality, with average wait times for services mirroring national figures (e.g., 7.3 days for refuge entry and 11.9 days for Independent Domestic Violence Advocate support). We also engaged in prevention and educational work, contributing to the federation's efforts to raise awareness and reduce future abuse.

Achievements

**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

- Service Expansion and Resilience: Despite challenges, we maintained and potentially expanded our offerings in line with national growth in key areas like counselling and helplines, ensuring more survivors could access timely support.
- Inclusive Support: We supported diverse groups, aligning with the 72 national services dedicated to specific communities (e.g., 45 for Black and minorities women), representing 11.6% of refuge spaces.
- Community Impact: Through partnerships and local commissioning, we helped address rising referrals for complex needs, including economic abuse (affecting 49.0% of refuge users nationally) and financial hardship (32.5% in CBS unable to afford food). Our work empowered survivors to achieve safety, independence, and recovery.

Challenges and Looking Ahead

Demand outstripped supply, with national funding falling £321 million short of the £516 million required, leading to reliance on reserves (71.4% of unfunded services) and occasional service reductions (15.0% of organisations). Recruitment of specialist staff remained difficult due to cost-of-living pressures, and commissioning processes were complex for many providers. External factors, such as global conflicts increasing migrant support needs, added strain.

Looking ahead, we aim to strengthen funding advocacy, enhance capacity, and collaborate under new legislation like the Victims and Prisoners Act 2024 to better meet local needs. Our performance this year reaffirms our role in building a future free from domestic abuse.

Capacity Building Project

Across the two refuges, we only have one DDA compliant room for any disabled woman /child fleeing domestic abuse. We plan to rectify this through a ground floor extension at the refuge owned by Warrington Women's Aid. We will be seeking financial resources to match fund this project against some of our reserves. A project plan is currently being developed, with the trustees all agreeing that this is a vital requirement.

The Board of Trustees remains committed to investing in staff training to improve and expand the support available to the women and children in the refuge.

The Chief Executive Officer has an office at the Gateway Centre, giving us a public profile in the town and also providing a more diverse approach to addressing domestic abuse across all demographics. Whilst the Refuge is a 'women's only safe space' we can support men and transgender victims at The Gateway if needed.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The financial position of Warrington Women's Aid remains strong. The charity has a robust financial policy which is reviewed annually. This policy reduces the risk of fraud. The Charity also has a clearly defined reserves policy which is reviewed annually and ensures the ability to discharge all responsibilities in the event of funding being lost from WBC.

**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

Warrington Women's Aid is funded through a grant from Warrington Borough Council. The Chief Executive Officer and Board of Trustees are committed to working with Warrington Borough Council to secure this contract for a further period.

Warrington Women's Aid also has a rental income from the 13 rooms it rents to families and seeks other ad hoc grants and donations to support activities in line with our aim and objectives.

RESERVES POLICY

Need for a reserves policy

In accordance with guidance given by the Charities Commission for England and the legal obligations of our Trustees, a formal policy on reserves was agreed by all Trustees. Trustees agreed a reserves policy which requires reserves to be maintained at a level that ensures the Organisation's core activities can continue during a period of any unforeseen difficulty. Furthermore, a proportion of these reserves are required to be maintained in a readily realisable form.

Explanation to commissioners, future funders and other scrutiny authorities

The end of year accounts (March 2025) for the Charity shows that our general reserves stand at £442,102 and for accounting purposes this amount is shown as unrestricted funds. However, for cash immediately and freely available for Trustees to cover for any risks such as unforeseen expenditure or unanticipated loss of income e.g. losing our support grant (though unsuccessful tendering) or to provide a level of funding for any unexpected opportunities which may require additional capacity, or any diversification of provision the Charity may make to further the needs of the Organisation and to help guarantee continued funding from commissioners/funders, this freely available cash is £167,901. The full breakdown of General reserves is as follows:

Fixed asset the Charity owns (i.e. Refuge accommodation) £113,657

3 months operating costs (to cover unsustainable costs i.e. redundancies/creditors, etc) £116,334

10% reserves for major repair provision £44,210

Cash funds freely available for Trustees to use £167,901

General reserves total (as at 31st March 2025) £442,102

**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Organisation's Risks

WWA relied mainly on two sources of income in the 24/25 financial year to perform its key objectives and activities in accordance with its Mission Statement which were:

1. Rental income (3% of total income) usually through housing benefit claims, and
2. Support grant (94% of total income) - the commissioned grant from Warrington Borough Council.

The disproportionate dependence on these sources exposes WWA to significant operational and sustainability threats, particularly in an environment of fiscal austerity, rising demand, and policy volatility.

- **Vulnerability to Local Authority Budget Constraints:** With 94% of income tied to Warrington Borough Council's grant, any reductions in local government funding could devastate service delivery. Nationally, 59.1% of domestic abuse providers report complex commissioning processes, and 71.4% of unfunded services rely on reserves to bridge gaps, leading to potential service cuts in 15% of organisations. Warrington Borough Council, like many local authorities, has faced ongoing financial pressures, including cost-of-living impacts and competing priorities for social care, as highlighted in their 2024/25 draft statement of accounts and domestic abuse support frameworks. If the council reallocates funds-perhaps due to central government cuts or shifts toward integrated care systems-WWA could struggle to maintain refuge spaces or outreach programs, exacerbating the existing 20.3% national shortfall in refuge bedspaces (1,160 spaces short of Council of Europe recommendations).

- **Exposure to Housing Policy Fluctuations:** The modest 3% from rental income, derived mainly from housing benefits, is susceptible to changes in welfare policies. Delays in benefit claims, eligibility restrictions, or broader reforms (such as those influenced by the cost-of-living crisis) could erode this revenue stream. Sector-wide data shows that economic abuse affects 49% of refuge users, with 32.5% of community-based support recipients unable to afford basic needs like food, amplifying the risk if housing benefits fail to keep pace with inflation or demand. In Warrington, where domestic abuse partnerships emphasise supported accommodation, any disruption could lead to higher rejection rates for referrals (nationally at 60.1% for refuges due to capacity issues), leaving survivors without immediate safe housing.

- **Broader Sector and External Pressures:** The lack of income diversification heightens risks from macroeconomic factors, such as the ongoing cost-of-living challenges that have pushed services to operate over capacity while staff recruitment becomes difficult due to uncompetitive salaries. Globally influenced events, like conflicts increasing migrant needs, add strain, and without alternative funds, WWA risks staff burnout and reduced service quality -trends seen in 15% of national providers facing service reductions. This reliance also limits agility in responding to surging demand, with national estimates indicating only one in ten of the 1.6 million women experiencing abuse annually receives specialist support.

These risks collectively threaten WWA's ability to fulfil its mission, potentially leading to gaps in life-saving support for vulnerable families in Warrington.

Opportunities

Despite these challenges, the funding structure offers avenues for growth and resilience, particularly through diversification and advocacy, leveraging national momentum for improved domestic abuse funding.

Diversification of Revenue Streams: WWA can pursue alternative sources to reduce dependence on the council grant, such as charitable donations, trusts, foundations, and corporate partnerships-options increasingly vital as per Women's Aid's recommendations for sustainable futures. For instance, national funds like the Ministry of Justice's protected allocations for victims of violence against women and girls (VAWG) could be tapped for additional grants, especially with announcements in late 2024 emphasizing consistent support. Locally, initiatives like Warrington's Household Support Fund or partnerships under the Domestic Abuse Partnership Strategy provide entry points for supplementary funding, including for no-recourse-to-public-funds cases. Exploring social enterprises, such as training programs or awareness campaigns with fee-based elements, could further bolster the 3% rental income by enhancing benefit claim efficiency through advocacy.

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Strengthened Advocacy and Policy Engagement: The high reliance on public funding positions WWA to advocate for ring-fenced, long-term grants, aligning with Women's Aid's calls for a government pathway to address the £321 million gap. Engaging with Warrington Borough Council on commissioning reforms-where 59.1% of providers report issues-could secure multi-year contracts, providing stability. New legislation, such as the Victims and Prisoners Act 2024, offers opportunities to access enhanced statutory duties for local authorities, potentially increasing grant sizes or introducing dedicated pots for specialist services like WWA's refuge and children/young people support.

Innovation and Community Collaboration: By building on its mission-driven activities, WWA can capitalise on growing public awareness of domestic abuse to boost fundraising. National reports highlight successes in expanding counselling and helplines amid demand growth, suggesting WWA could partner with federations like Women's Aid for shared resources or joint bids. Locally, collaborations with Warrington Safeguarding Partnerships or schemes like the Women's Aid Flexible Fund could integrate additional support, such as flee funds for survivors, enhancing overall financial resilience.

In summary, while WWA's funding model poses substantial risks in a strained economic climate, proactive steps toward diversification and advocacy can transform these vulnerabilities into strengths, ensuring sustained impact for survivors. By addressing these dynamics, WWA can not only safeguard its operations but also expand its reach, contributing to a safer Warrington community.

To help mitigate this risk, WWA is the only organisation of its kind in Warrington with the expertise, skills and knowledge to provide support to women and children suffering from domestic abuse and violence. WWA is in close consultation with WBC regarding its current and future service delivery and remains optimistic of continuing to be the preferred provider for this service in the Borough in future.

The remaining 3% of the Organisation's income comes predominantly from small ad hoc grants/donations and the Trustees are confident that the loss of any or all of these incomes are low risk as we are confident that alternative funding of a similar magnitude can be found through proactive engagement, to identify alternative/similar funding streams.

As explained above, the General reserves of £442,102 could at face value, deter grant making trusts from funding the Organisation in future which is potentially a high risk for any future projects/new initiatives. However, the Trustees are confident that with the current level of reserves freely available at £167,901 (38% of total reserves) the risk of being refused funding based on this figure is small.

**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The required level of reserves for 2025/6

The calculation of required level of reserves is an integral part of the Organisation's planning, budget and forecast cycle. Having considered all the facts and information available, the Trustees have concluded that the Charity should hold a level of reserves sufficient to fund the Organisation in any period of unforeseen difficulties for three months which is estimated to be £116,334 for the financial year April 2025--March 2026. This is the identified amount required to pay all of the staff their required redundancy payment entitlement and also to pay our creditors, should the Charity become insolvent and therefore be brought to a cessation. Currently, the Trustees do not consider cessation to be a risk, due to the ongoing support of WBC and WWA's capacity to generate income. However, the Trustees acknowledge the need to continue to consolidate and diversify its income streams further to be sustainable over the longer term.

Monitoring and Reviewing Reserves

The Trustees recognise that the risks facing our Organisation are not constant. Our view of risk will depend on how vulnerable our income streams are and how healthy our financial forecasts are. Also, as an employer, our financial risks will change over time. The risks and therefore the level of reserves required will fluctuate. Accordingly, the Trustees have committed to review the Reserves Policy on an annual basis. The next Review will be April 2026.

In Summary

Our reserves will:

Provide a level of working capital to protect the continuation of our work for a minimum period of 3 months

Provide a level of funding for any new opportunities/initiatives which may materialise, plus any additional operational costs required to service any new projects

Provide cover for any risks such as unforeseen expenditure or unanticipated loss of income and as such we will ensure that we have the necessary reserves available to provide for any of the following:

Contingency - Unexpected expenditure in the event of an emergency e.g. loss of support grant

Cash Flow- A situation where a large bill must be paid before the money to cover it has been received

Commitment - A commitment to expenditure which cannot be covered by our normal annual income e.g. new projects, specialist staffing expertise

Closure - The Charity becomes financially unsustainable and has to be "wound up"

Going concern

The Trustees are continually reviewing the operations of the charity and its ability to deliver its objects. It is the opinion of the trustees that the charity remains a going concern.

FUTURE PLANS

The Board of Trustees are working with Warrington Borough Council on the new Domestic Abuse Strategy.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

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

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Trustees make every effort to recruit new trustees via Warrington Voluntary Action or partner agencies who are from a wide variety of backgrounds within the local community taking into consideration their skill sets which would be valuable to Warrington Women's Aid.

**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Organisational structure

Warrington Women's Aid is a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee. It is run by a Board of Trustees, with the day to day management delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, Sally Starkey, who was appointed in May 2016. Sally is due to retire in August 2025 and her role will be filled by Gillian McKinnon.

The staff team consist of Chief Executive Officer, Refuge Manger, one domestic abuse complex case worker two Specialist Domestic Abuse workers, one children's worker, one part time administrator and two part time cleaners.

The Board of Warrington Women's Aid is set up as follows Chair, Treasurer, with other roles for other trustees allocated where necessary for example fundraising.

The Trustees have overall responsibility for the financial management of Warrington Women's Aid, including staffing matters, rules and regulations but delegate the day to day management to the Chief Executive Officer.

An up to date skills audit of Trustees is held to ensure the Board has effective diversity and trustees with a rounded skill set. The Chief Officer, who is responsible for operational delivery of the service, is also a Board Member. In addition, the Board takes advice from external advisors and from statutory and voluntary agencies where appropriate.

An Annual General Meeting is held once a year. The Board meets routinely every quarter. All issues regarding the Charity are discussed openly and decisions are taken in accordance with the Charity aims and objectives and its values and principles, as laid out in its business plan. All decisions are discussed, tracked, agreed by majority vote and recorded.

Induction and training of new trustees

Training in governance is offered to Trustees via locally run courses.

Key management remuneration

Key management are deemed by the board to be the Chief Officer, whose salary is set by the board of trustees.

Wider network

Warrington Women's Aid is committed to continued Partnership Working, with Warrington Domestic Abuse Partnership, VTSS, Early Help Partnership, Refuge Accommodation Steering Group WAFE and Warrington Homeless Forum, along with Housing Plus including a working together protocol.

Warrington Women's Aid also is co-delivering part of Responding to Domestic Abuse Training.

In addition, the Chief Officer is continuing to deliver talks and presentations to local groups and organisations.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

07211746 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1137038

Registered office

The Gateway
89 Sankey Street
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**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

Trustees

Ms E Hayes (resigned 24.7.25)
Mrs G Miller Chair
J J Mackie Treasurer
Mrs S Arshad Debt Supervisor (appointed 24.7.25)
Ms D L Duddle (resigned 24.7.25)
Mrs P M Iddon (appointed 24.7.25)
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T Mainwaring (appointed 24.7.25)
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This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 14 August 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J J Mackie', written in a cursive style.

J J Mackie - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Warrington Women's Aid Limited (Registered number: 07211746)**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Warrington Women's Aid Limited ('the Company')

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of Institute of Chartered Accountants for England & 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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14 August 2025

Warrington Women's Aid Limited

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

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.3.25 Total funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		5,419	-	5,419	9,046
Charitable activities	4				
Provision of aid to women		331,412	-	331,412	379,140
Other trading activities	2	9,917	-	9,917	10,502
Investment income	3	5,410	-	5,410	4,577
Total		352,158	-	352,158	403,265
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Provision of aid to women		366,298	-	366,298	334,906
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(14,140)	-	(14,140)	68,359
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		456,242	-	456,242	387,883
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		442,102	-	442,102	456,242

The notes form part of these financial statements

Warrington Women's Aid Limited (Registered number: 07211746)

**Balance Sheet
31 March 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.3.25 Total funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	8	113,657	-	113,657	118,265
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	9	51,181	-	51,181	42,212
Cash at bank and in hand		281,144	-	281,144	313,451
		<u>332,325</u>	-	<u>332,325</u>	<u>355,663</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(3,880)	-	(3,880)	(17,686)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>328,445</u>	-	<u>328,445</u>	<u>337,977</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		442,102	-	442,102	456,242
NET ASSETS		<u>442,102</u>	-	<u>442,102</u>	<u>456,242</u>
FUNDS	12				
Unrestricted funds				<u>442,102</u>	<u>456,242</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>442,102</u>	<u>456,242</u>

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

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

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

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

Balance Sheet - continued
31 March 2025

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 14 August 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J J Mackie', written in a cursive style.

J J Mackie - Trustee

Warrington Women's Aid Limited

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

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

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

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

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

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

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows;
- the requirement of paragraph 3.17(d);
- the requirements of paragraphs 11.42, 11.44, 11.45, 11.47, 11.48(a)(iii), 11.48(a)(iv), 11.48(b) and 11.48(c);
- the requirements of paragraphs 12.26, 12.27, 12.29(a), 12.29(b) and 12.29A.

Income

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

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

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

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

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

Expenditure

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

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

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Expenditure

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

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

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

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold Property	2% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	20% straight line

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.

Cash and cash equivalents

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

Financial instruments

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

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

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

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

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

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

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

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Basic financial assets

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

Other financial assets

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

Impairment of financial assets

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

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

Derecognition of financial assets

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

Employee benefits

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

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Service charges and rent	9,917	10,502
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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3.	INVESTMENT INCOME	31.3.25	31.3.24
		£	£
	Deposit account interest	5,410	4,577
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
4.	INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	31.3.25	31.3.24
		Provision of aid to women	Total activities
		£	£
	Grants	331,412	379,140
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:		
		31.3.25	31.3.24
		£	£
	Warrington Borough Council	131,155	211,120
	Housing Benefit	155,477	168,020
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
		286,632	379,140
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
5.	NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		
	Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):		
		31.3.25	31.3.24
		£	£
	Independent examiner's fee	2,700	2,640
	Depreciation - owned assets	4,608	4,608
	Hire of plant and machinery	1,746	2,908
	Other operating leases	15,463	19,400
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

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

Trustees' expenses

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

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7. STAFF COSTS

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

	31.3.25	31.3.24
Management	1	1
Support staff	6	7
	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>

The charity considers its key management personnel comprise the trustees and the Chief Executive Officer. The total employment benefits including employer pension contributions of key management personnel were £47,197.

No employees had employee benefits in excess of £60,000 in this financial year or the previous financial year.

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 April 2024	230,404	48,024	278,428
Disposals	-	(48,024)	(48,024)
	<u>230,404</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>230,404</u>
At 31 March 2025	230,404	-	230,404
	<u>230,404</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>230,404</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2024	112,139	48,024	160,163
Charge for year	4,608	-	4,608
Eliminated on disposal	-	(48,024)	(48,024)
	<u>116,747</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>116,747</u>
At 31 March 2025	116,747	-	116,747
	<u>116,747</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>116,747</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2025	113,657	-	113,657
	<u>113,657</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>113,657</u>
At 31 March 2024	118,265	-	118,265
	<u>118,265</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>118,265</u>

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9.	DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	31.3.25	31.3.24
		£	£
	Other debtors	451	3,574
	Accrued income	47,948	36,006
	Prepayments	2,782	2,632
		<u>51,181</u>	<u>42,212</u>
		<u>51,181</u>	<u>42,212</u>
10.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	31.3.25	31.3.24
		£	£
	Other creditors	872	4,914
	Accruals and deferred income	3,008	12,772
		<u>3,880</u>	<u>17,686</u>
		<u>3,880</u>	<u>17,686</u>
11.	LEASING AGREEMENTS		
	Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:		
		31.3.25	31.3.24
		£	£
	Within one year	45,152	45,152
	Between one and five years	5,152	10,305
		<u>50,304</u>	<u>55,457</u>
		<u>50,304</u>	<u>55,457</u>
12.	MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		
		At 1.4.24	Net movement in funds
		£	At 31.3.25 £
	Unrestricted funds		
	General fund	456,242	(14,140) 442,102
		<u>456,242</u>	<u>(14,140) 442,102</u>
	TOTAL FUNDS	<u>456,242</u>	<u>(14,140) 442,102</u>
	Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:		
		Incoming resources	Resources expended
		£	£
	Unrestricted funds		Movement in funds £
	General fund	352,158	(366,298) (14,140)
		<u>352,158</u>	<u>(366,298) (14,140)</u>
	TOTAL FUNDS	<u>352,158</u>	<u>(366,298) (14,140)</u>

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12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	387,883	68,359	456,242
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>387,883</u>	<u>68,359</u>	<u>456,242</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	403,265	(334,906)	68,359
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>403,265</u>	<u>(334,906)</u>	<u>68,359</u>

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

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	387,883	54,219	442,102
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>387,883</u>	<u>54,219</u>	<u>442,102</u>

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 £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	755,423	(701,204)	54,219
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>755,423</u>	<u>(701,204)</u>	<u>54,219</u>

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13. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS

The charity operates a defined contribution scheme, the assets of which are held separately from the charity. During the year £4,579 (2024: £2,945) was charged to the profit and loss account.

14. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

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

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

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	5,419	9,046
Other trading activities		
Service charges and rent	9,917	10,502
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	5,410	4,577
Charitable activities		
Grants	331,412	379,140
Total incoming resources	352,158	403,265
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	214,989	176,811
Social security	16,580	10,284
Pensions	4,579	2,945
Computer costs	1,746	2,908
Other operating leases	15,463	19,400
Rates and water	1,655	1,840
Insurance	6,379	6,356
Light and heat	13,472	15,323
Telephone	8,367	6,911
Postage and stationery	538	594
Sundries	1,397	-
Repairs and maintenance	23,864	20,618
Other motor/travel costs	995	470
Training and conferences	1,168	-
TV licences	346	337
Cleaning	4,185	4,981
Security	1,017	243
Welfare	7,065	3,254
Agency staff costs	-	4,895
Counselling services	29,020	40,367
Children's worker post	-	1,758
Depn of freehold property	4,608	4,608
	357,433	324,903
Support costs		

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

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
Support costs		
Finance		
Bank charges	71	85
Governance costs		
Independent Examiners fee	2,700	2,640
Accountancy fees	790	1,014
Legal & professional fees	5,304	6,264
	<u>8,794</u>	<u>9,918</u>
Total resources expended	<u>366,298</u>	<u>334,906</u>
Net (expenditure)/income	<u>(14,140)</u>	<u>68,359</u>

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WARRINGTON WOMEN'S AID

England & Wales - Charity number 1137038

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 07211746 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1137038

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024
for

Warrington Women's Aid Limited

Warrington Women's Aid Limited

Report of the Trustees for the Year
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The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 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

Warrington Women's Aid Limited

The objectives of the charity are to relieve the distress and suffering of women and children who have suffered or are exposed to domestic abuse by the provision of temporary accommodation and support.

The aim of the refuge is to provide safe, temporary accommodation for women and children who have had to leave their homes due to domestic abuse, intimate partner abuse, honor based violence or coercive control. The refuge aims to provide an environment where women and their children can make choices and gain control over their lives, providing specialist emotional and practical domestic abuse support for ongoing recovery.

In order to meet the objectives and aims, Warrington Women's Aid operates from two properties, one owned by Warrington Women's Aid and one leased from Warrington Borough Council. It can accommodate 13 families or single women and up to 18 children.

Public benefit

Warrington Women's Aid is a registered charity and complies with the legal responsibilities and guidance set out by the Charities Commission. Warrington Women's Aid became a company limited by guarantee on 23 July 2010 and complies with the legal responsibilities and guidance set out by Companies House. Warrington Women's Aid is run by a Board of Trustees (Directors). Additional trustees are found either through an agreed and approved targeted approach.

Volunteers

The charity, currently does not have any input from volunteers.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Warrington Women's Aid operates from two properties, one owned by Warrington Women's Aid and one leased from Warrington Borough Council. It can accommodate 13 families or single women and up to 18 children. The aim of the refuge is to provide safe, temporary accommodation for women and children who have had to leave their homes due to domestic abuse, intimate partner abuse, honour based violence or coercive control. The refuge aims to provide an environment where women and their children can make choices and gain control over their lives, providing specialist emotional and practical domestic abuse support for ongoing recovery.

WBC awarded WWA a grant to set up a new counselling service for survivors of domestic abuse and this was set up at the Gateway in 2021.

WWA began a community based support group for survivors of domestic abuse and the clients have named it Butterflies.

Sally Starkey undertook training by The National Police Federation and has been delivering Domestic Abuse Matters training across Cheshire to police officers.

Warrington Women's Aid is co-delivering a recovery project with family support workers in the community and delivering both children and women's recovery programmes in the refuge.

Warrington Women's Aid is offering a drop in advice surgery twice a week at the Gateway.

The Board of Trustees remains committed to investing in staff training to improve and expand the support available to the women and children in the refuge.

The Chief Officer has an office at the Gateway Centre, giving us a public profile in the town.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The financial position of Warrington Women's Aid remains strong. The charity has a robust financial policy which is reviewed annually. This policy reduces the risk of fraud. The Charity also has a clearly defined reserves policy which is reviewed annually and ensures the ability to discharge all responsibilities in the event of funding being lost from WBC.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

Warrington Women's Aid is funded through a grant from Warrington Borough Council. The Chief Officer and Board of Trustees are committed to working with Warrington Borough Council to secure this contract for a further period.

Warrington Women's Aid also has a rental income from the 13 rooms it rents to families and seeks other ad hoc grants and donations to support activities in line with our aim and objectives.

RESERVES POLICY

Need for a reserves policy

In accordance with guidance given by the Charities Commission for England and the legal obligations of our Trustees, a formal policy on reserves was agreed at our Trustee's meeting held on 21/4/22. At this meeting, the Trustees agreed a reserves policy which requires reserves to be maintained at a level that ensures the Organisation's core activities can continue during a period of any unforeseen difficulty. Furthermore, a proportion of these reserves are required to be maintained in a readily realisable form.

Explanation to commissioners, future funders and other scrutiny authorities

The end of year accounts (March 2024) for the Charity shows that our general reserves stand at E456,242 and for accounting purposes this amount is shown as unrestricted funds. However, for cash immediately and freely available for Trustees to cover for any risks such as unforeseen expenditure or unanticipated loss of income e.g. losing our support grant (though unsuccessful tendering) or to provide a level of funding for any unexpected opportunities which may require additional capacity, or any

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diversification of provision the Charity may make to further the needs of the Organisation and to help guarantee continued funding from commissioners/funders, this freely available cash is £19,263. The full breakdown of General reserves is as follows:

Fixed asset the Charity owns (i.e. Refuge accommodation) £18,265
3 months operating costs (to cover unsustainable costs i.e. redundancies/creditors, etc) £35,194
10% reserves for major repair provision £3,520
Cash funds freely available for Trustees to use £19,263 General
reserves total (as at 31st March 2024) £456,242

Organisation's Risks

WWA relies mainly on two sources of income to perform its key objectives and activities in accordance with its Mission Statement which are 1. Rental income (3% of total income) 2. Support grant (94% of total income) which highlights that WWA are dependent on Warrington BC for 97% of its total income. Currently, WBC has agreed our Support contract until April 2025 and this income stream is fundamental to the continuation of the current service delivery provided by WWA and as such if this funding is withdrawn after April 2025 the Organisation would have to downsize its operational activities as it would seriously impact on the scale of our service delivery, therefore, this has been identified as a primary risk.

To help mitigate this risk, WWA is the only organisation of its kind in Warrington with the expertise, skills and knowledge to provide support to women and children suffering from domestic abuse and violence. WWA is in close consultation with WBC regarding its current and future service delivery and remains optimistic of continuing to be the preferred provider for this service in the Borough in future.

The remaining 3% of the Organisation's income comes predominantly from small ad hoc grants/donations and the Trustees are confident that the loss of any or all of these incomes are low risk as we are confident that alternative funding of a similar magnitude can be found through proactive engagement, to identify alternative/similar funding streams.

As explained above, the General reserves of £456,242 could at face value, deter grant making trusts from funding the Organisation in future which is potentially a high risk for any future projects/new initiatives. However, the Trustees are confident that with the current level of reserves freely available at £19,263 (26% of total reserves) the risk of being refused funding based on this figure is small.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The required level of reserves for 2024

The calculation of required level of reserves is an integral part of the Organisation's planning, budget and forecast cycle. Having considered all the facts and information available, the Trustees have concluded that the Charity should hold a level of reserves sufficient to fund the Organisation in any period of unforeseen difficulties for three months which is estimated to be £35,194 for the financial year April 2024--March 2025. This is the identified amount required to pay all of the staff their required redundancy payment entitlement and also to pay our creditors, should the Charity become insolvent and therefore be brought to a cessation. Currently, the Trustees do not consider cessation to be a risk, due to the ongoing support of WBC and WWA's capacity to generate income. However, the Trustees acknowledge the need to continue to consolidate and diversify its income streams further to be sustainable over the longer term.

Monitoring and Reviewing Reserves

The Trustees recognise that the risks facing our Organisation are not constant. Our view of risk will depend on how vulnerable our income streams are and how healthy our financial forecasts are. Also, as an employer, our financial risks will change over time. The risks and therefore the level of reserves required will fluctuate. Accordingly, the Trustees have committed to review the Reserves Policy on an annual basis. The next Review will be April 2025.

In Summary

Our reserves will:

Provide a level of working capital to protect the continuation of our work for a minimum period of 3 months

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Provide a level of funding for any new opportunities/initiatives which may materialise, plus any additional operational costs required to service any new projects

Provide cover for any risks such as unforeseen expenditure or unanticipated loss of income and as such we will ensure that we have the necessary reserves available to provide for any of the following:

Contingency - Unexpected expenditure in the event of an emergency e.g. loss of support grant

Cash Flow- A situation where a large bill must be paid before the money to cover it has been received

Commitment - A commitment to expenditure which cannot be covered by our normal annual income e.g. new projects, specialist staffing expertise

Closure - The Charity becomes financially unsustainable and has to be "wound up"

Going concern

The Trustees are continually reviewing the operations of the charity and its ability to deliver its objects. It is the opinion of the trustees that the charity remains a going concern.

FUTURE PLANS

The Board of Trustees are working with Warrington Borough Council on the new Domestic Abuse Strategy.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

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

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Trustees make every effort to recruit new trustees via Warrington Voluntary Action or partner agencies who are from a wide variety of backgrounds within the local community taking into consideration their skill sets which would be valuable to Warrington Women's Aid.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Organisational structure

Warrington Women's Aid is a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee. It is run by a Board of Trustees, with the day to day management delegated to the Chief Officer, Sally Starkey, who was appointed in May 2016.

The staff team consist of Chief Officer, Refuge Manger, one domestic abuse complex case worker two Specialist Domestic Abuse workers, one children's worker, one part time administrator and two part time cleaners.

The Board of Warrington Women's Aid is set up as follows Chair, Treasurer, with other roles for other trustees allocated where necessary for example fundraising.

The Trustees have overall responsibility for the financial management of Warrington Women's Aid, including staffing matters, rules and regulations but delegate the day to day management to the Chief Officer.

An up to date skills audit of Trustees is held to ensure the Board has effective diversity and trustees with a rounded skill set. The Chief Officer, who is responsible for operational delivery of the service, is also a Board Member. In addition, the Board takes advice from external advisors and from statutory and voluntary agencies where appropriate.

An Annual General Meeting is held once a year. The Board meets routinely every quarter. All issues regarding the Charity are discussed openly and decisions are taken in accordance with the Charity aims and objectives and its values and principles, as laid out in its business plan. All decisions are discussed, tracked, agreed by majority vote and recorded.

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Induction and training of new trustees

Training in governance is offered to Trustees via locally run courses.

Key management remuneration

Key management are deemed by the board to be the Chief Officer, whose salary is set by the board of trustees.

Wider network

Warrington Women's Aid is committed to continued Partnership Working, with Warrington Domestic Abuse Partnership, VT SS, Early Help Partnership, Refuge Accommodation Steering Group WAFE and Warrington Homeless Forum, along with Housing Plus including a working together protocol.

Warrington Women's Aid also is co-delivering part of Responding to Domestic Abuse Training.

In addition, the Chief Officer is continuing to deliver talks and presentations to local groups and organisations.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

07211746 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

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Registered office

The Gateway
89 Sankey Street
Warrington
Cheshire
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Trustees

Ms K Bennett (resigned 30. I .24)

Ms E Hayes

Mrs G Miller Chair

J J Mackie Treasurer

Ms D L Duddle

Mrs P M Iddon (appointed 30.1.24)

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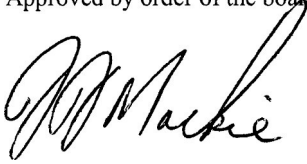
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This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J J Mackie', written in a cursive style.

of trustees on 29 November 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

J J Mackie - Trustee

Warrington

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Women's Aid Limited (Registered number: 07211746)

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Warrington Women's Aid Limited ('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 registered member of Institute of Chartered Accountants for England & 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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29 November 2024

Warrington Women's Aid Limited
Statement of Financial Activities
(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

				31.3.24	31.3.23
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		fund	fund	funds	funds
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	Notes	9,046		9,046	7,950
Charitable activities	4				
Provision of aid to women		379,140		379,140	350,504
Other trading activities	2	10,502		10,502	12,032
Investment income	3	4,577		4,577	
		<u>403,265</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>403,265</u>	<u>370,486</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Provision of aid to women		<u>334,906</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>334,906</u>	<u>353,619</u>
NET INCOME		68,359		68,359	16,867
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>387,883</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>387,883</u>	<u>371,016</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		456,242		456,242	387,883

(Registered number: 07211746)

Balance Sheet
31 March 2024

				31.3.24	31.3.23
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		fund	fund	funds	funds
FIXED ASSETS					
	Notes				

The notes form part of these financial statements

Warrington Women's Aid Limited				
Tangible assets	8	118,265	118,265	122,873
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors	9	39,089	39,089	39,431
Cash at bank and in hand		313,451	313,451	251,618
		<u>352,540</u>	<u>352,540</u>	<u>291,049</u>
CREDITORS				
Amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(14,563)</u>	<u>(14,563)</u>	<u>(26,039)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>337,977</u>	<u>337,977</u>	<u>265,010</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT				
LIABILITIES		<u>456,242</u>	<u>456,242</u>	<u>387,883</u>
NET ASSETS			456,242	387,883
FUNDS				
Unrestricted funds	12		<u>456,242</u>	<u>387,883</u>
TOTAL FUNDS			456,242	387,883

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

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

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

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

(Registered number: 07211746)

Balance Sheet - continued
31 March 2024

The notes form part of these financial statements

Warrington Women's Aid Limited

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 29 November 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J J Mackie', written in a cursive style.

J J Mackie - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

Warrington Women's Aid Limited

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.

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

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

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

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows;
- the requirement of paragraph 3.17(d);
- the requirements of paragraphs 11.42, 11.44, 11.45, 11.47, 11.48(a)(iii), 11.48(a)(iv), 11.48(b) and 11.48(c);
- the requirements of paragraphs 12.26, 12.27, 12.29(a), 12.29(b) and 12.29A.

Income

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

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

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

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

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

Expenditure

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

Warrington Women's Aid Limited

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Notes to the Financial Statements for
the Year Ended 31 March 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Expenditure

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

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

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

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold Property	2% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	20% straight line

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.

Cash and cash equivalents

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

Financial instruments

The company has elected to apply the provisions of Section I 1 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

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

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

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

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

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

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

Warrington Women's Aid Limited

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Basic financial assets

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

Other financial assets

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

Impairment of financial assets

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

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

Derecognition of financial assets

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

Employee benefits

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

employee or to provide termination benefits.

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.24	31.3.23
Service charges and rent	10,502	12,032

Warrington Women's Aid Limited

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

3.	INVESTMENT INCOME	31.3.24	31.3.23
	Deposit account interest	4,577	
4.	INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	31.3.24	31.3.23
		Provision of aid to women	Total activities
	Grants	379,140	350,504
	Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:	31.3.24	31.3.23
	Children in Need Warrington Borough Council	211,120	10,000 145,404
	Housing Benefit	168,020	166,844
	Lloyds Foundation		2,250
	Counselling services		23,810
	Christmas on call service		2,196
		379, 140	350,504
5.	NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		
	Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):	31.3.24	31.3.23
	Independent examiner's fee	2,640	2,916
	Depreciation - owned assets	4,608	4,608

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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Hire of plant and machinery	2,908	3,226
Other operating leases	19,400	49,393

6. 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.

7. STAFF COSTS

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

DEPRECIATION

At 1 April 2023	107,531		155,555
Charge for year	4,608		4,608
At 31 March 2024	112,139		160,163
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2024	118,265		118,265
At 31 March 2023	122,873		122,873
		31.3.24	31.3.23
Management	Freehold	and	
Support staff	property	7	7
		fittings	Totals
COST			
At 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024	230,404	48,024	278,428

The charity considers its key management personnel comprise the trustees and the Chief Executive Officer. The total employment benefits including employer pension contributions of key management personnel were E45,413.

No employees had employee benefits in excess of €60,000 in this financial year or the previous financial year.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2024
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

9.	DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	31.3.24	31.3.23
			451
	Other debtors	451	
	Accrued income	36,006	36,006
	Prepayments	<u>2,632</u>	<u>2,974</u>
		39,089	39,431
10.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	31.3.24	31.3.23
		(3,123)	11,331
	Social security and other taxes	(3,123)	
	Other creditors	4,914	436
	Accruals and deferred income	<u>12,772</u>	<u>14,272</u>
		14,563	26,039
11.	LEASING AGREEMENTS		
	Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:		
		31.3.24	31.3.23
	Within one year	45,152	45,152
	Between one and five years	<u>10,305</u>	<u>20,610</u>
		55,457	65,762
12.	MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		
		At 1.4.23	Net movement in funds 31.3.24

Warrington Women's Aid Limited

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued

Unrestricted funds			
General fund	387,883	68,359	456,242
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	387,883	68,359	456,242

Warrington Women's Aid Limited

Notes to the Financial Statements -
continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

12. 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	<u>403,265</u>	<u>(334,906)</u>	<u>68,359</u>
TOTAL FUNDS (334,906)	403,265 68,359		

Comparatives for movement in funds

	Net movement At		
	At 1.4.22 in funds 31.3.23		
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	371,016		
16,867	<u>387,883</u>		
TOTAL FUNDS	371,016		
16,867	<u>387,883</u>		

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

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Unrestricted funds			
General fund	370,486		
(353,619)	16,867		
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TOTAL FUNDS	370,486		
(353,619)	16,867		

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

Warrington Women's Aid Limited

Notes to the Financial Statements -
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	Net movement At 1.4.22 in funds 31.3.24		
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	371,016		
85,226	456,242	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	371,016		
85,226	456,242		

for the
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12. 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	Movement in funds
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	<u>773,751</u>	<u>(688,525)</u>	<u>85,226</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	773,751		
(688,525)	85,226		

13. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS

The charity operates a defined contribution scheme, the assets of which are held separately from the charity. During the year €2,945 (2023: E3,183) was charged to the profit and loss account. An amount of E898 was outstanding at year end which is included in other creditors.

14. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

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

WARRINGTON WOMEN'S AID

England & Wales - Charity number 1137038

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 07211746 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1137038

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023
for
Warrington Women's Aid Limited

Warrington Women's Aid Limited

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

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Warrington Women's Aid Limited (Registered number: 07211746)

**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The objectives of the charity are to relieve the distress and suffering of women and children who have suffered or are exposed to domestic abuse by the provision of temporary accommodation and support.

The aim of the refuge is to provide safe, temporary accommodation for women and children who have had to leave their homes due to domestic abuse, intimate partner abuse, honor based violence or coercive control. The refuge aims to provide an environment where women and their children can make choices and gain control over their lives, providing specialist emotional and practical domestic abuse support for ongoing recovery.

In order to meet the objectives and aims, Warrington Women's Aid operates from two properties, one owned by Warrington Women's Aid and one leased from Warrington Borough Council. It can accommodate 13 families or single women and up to 18 children.

Public benefit

Warrington Women's Aid is a registered charity and complies with the legal responsibilities and guidance set out by the Charities Commission. Warrington Women's Aid became a company limited by guarantee on 23 July 2010 and complies with the legal responsibilities and guidance set out by Companies House. Warrington Women's Aid is run by a Board of Trustees (Directors). Additional trustees are found either through an agreed and approved targeted approach.

Volunteers

The charity, currently does not have any input from volunteers.

**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Warrington Women's Aid operates from two properties, one owned by Warrington Women's Aid and one leased from Warrington Borough Council. It can accommodate 13 families or single women and up to 18 children. The aim of the refuge is to provide safe, temporary accommodation for women and children who have had to leave their homes due to domestic abuse, intimate partner abuse, honour based violence or coercive control. The refuge aims to provide an environment where women and their children can make choices and gain control over their lives, providing specialist emotional and practical domestic abuse support for ongoing recovery.

WBC awarded WWA a grant to set up a new counselling service for survivors of domestic abuse and this was set up at the Gateway in 2021.

WWA began a community based support group for survivors of domestic abuse and the clients have named it Butterflies.

As a result of donations during the lock down period, the clients asked for a new summerhouse to be built in the garden and this was completed in 2021.

Sally Starkey undertook training by The National Police Federation and has been delivering Domestic Abuse Matters training across Cheshire to police officers.

Warrington Women's Aid is co-delivering a recovery project with family support workers in the community and delivering both children and women's recovery programmes in the refuge.

Warrington Women's Aid is offering a drop in advice surgery twice a week at the Gateway.

The Board of Trustees remains committed to investing in staff training to improve and expand the support available to the women and children in the refuge.

The Chief Officer has an office at the Gateway Centre, giving us a public profile in the town.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The financial position of Warrington Women's Aid remains strong. The charity has a robust financial policy which is reviewed annually. This policy reduces the risk of fraud. The Charity also has a clearly defined reserves policy which is reviewed annually and ensures the ability to discharge all responsibilities in the event of funding being lost from WBC.

**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

Warrington Women's Aid is funded through a grant from Warrington Borough Council. The Chief Officer and Board of Trustees are committed to working with Warrington Borough Council to secure this contract for a further period.

Warrington Women's Aid also has a rental income from the 13 rooms it rents to families and seeks other ad hoc grants and donations to support activities in line with our aim and objectives.

RESERVES POLICY

Need for a reserves policy

In accordance with guidance given by the Charities Commission for England and the legal obligations of our Trustees, a formal policy on reserves was agreed at our Trustee's meeting held on 21/4/22. At this meeting, the Trustees agreed a reserves policy which requires reserves to be maintained at a level that ensures the Organisation's core activities can continue during a period of any unforeseen difficulty. Furthermore, a proportion of these reserves are required to be maintained in a readily realisable form.

Explanation to commissioners, future funders and other scrutiny authorities

The end of year accounts (March 2023) for the Charity shows that our general reserves stand at £387,883 and for accounting purposes this amount is shown as unrestricted funds. However, for cash immediately and freely available for Trustees to cover for any risks such as unforeseen expenditure or unanticipated loss of income e.g. losing our support grant (though unsuccessful tendering) or to provide a level of funding for any unexpected opportunities which may require additional capacity, or any diversification of provision the Charity may make to further the needs of the Organisation and to help guarantee continued funding from commissioners/funders, this freely available cash is £103,444. The full breakdown of General reserves is as follows:

Fixed asset the Charity owns (i.e. Refuge accommodation) £122,873
3 months operating costs (to cover unsustainable costs i.e. redundancies/creditors, etc) £114,938
10% reserves for major repair provision £11,494
Cash funds freely available for Trustees to use £103,444
General reserves total (as at 31st March 2023) £387,883

Organisation's Risks

WWA relies mainly on two sources of income to perform its key objectives and activities in accordance with its Mission Statement which are 1. Rental income (3% of total income) 2. Support grant (94% of total income) which highlights that WWA are dependent on Warrington BC for 97% of its total income. Currently, WBC has agreed our Support contract until April 2024 and this income stream is fundamental to the continuation of the current service delivery provided by WWA and as such if this funding is withdrawn after April 2024 the Organisation would have to downsize its operational activities as it would seriously impact on the scale of our service delivery, therefore, this has been identified as a primary risk.

To help mitigate this risk, WWA is the only organisation of its kind in Warrington with the expertise, skills and knowledge to provide support to women and children suffering from domestic abuse and violence. WWA is in close consultation with WBC regarding its current and future service delivery and remains optimistic of continuing to be the preferred provider for this service in the Borough in future.

The remaining 3% of the Organisation's income comes predominantly from small ad hoc grants/donations and the Trustees are confident that the loss of any or all of these incomes are low risk as we are confident that alternative funding of a similar magnitude can be found through proactive engagement, to identify alternative/similar funding streams.

As explained above, the General reserves of £387,883 could at face value, deter grant making trusts from funding the Organisation in future which is potentially a high risk for any future projects/new initiatives. However, the Trustees are confident that with the current level of reserves freely available at £103,444 (27% of total reserves) the risk of being refused funding based on this figure is small.

**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The required level of reserves for 2023

The calculation of required level of reserves is an integral part of the Organisation's planning, budget and forecast cycle. Having considered all the facts and information available, the Trustees have concluded that the Charity should hold a level of reserves sufficient to fund the Organisation in any period of unforeseen difficulties for three months which is estimated to be £114,938 for the financial year April 2023-March 2024. This is the identified amount required to pay all of the staff their required redundancy payment entitlement and also to pay our creditors, should the Charity become insolvent and therefore be brought to a cessation. Currently, the Trustees do not consider cessation to be a risk, due to the ongoing support of WBC and WWA's capacity to generate income. However, the Trustees acknowledge the need to continue to consolidate and diversify its income streams further to be sustainable over the longer term.

Monitoring and Reviewing Reserves

The Trustees recognise that the risks facing our Organisation are not constant. Our view of risk will depend on how vulnerable our income streams are and how healthy our financial forecasts are. Also, as an employer, our financial risks will change over time. The risks and therefore the level of reserves required will fluctuate. Accordingly, the Trustees have committed to review the Reserves Policy on an annual basis. The next Review will be April 2024.

In Summary

Our reserves will:

Provide a level of working capital to protect the continuation of our work for a minimum period of 3 months

Provide a level of funding for any new opportunities/initiatives which may materialise, plus any additional operational costs required to service any new projects

Provide cover for any risks such as unforeseen expenditure or unanticipated loss of income and as such we will ensure that we have the necessary reserves available to provide for any of the following:

Contingency - Unexpected expenditure in the event of an emergency e.g. loss of support grant

Cash Flow- A situation where a large bill must be paid before the money to cover it has been received

Commitment - A commitment to expenditure which cannot be covered by our normal annual income e.g. new projects, specialist staffing expertise

Closure - The Charity becomes financially unsustainable and has to be "wound up"

Going concern

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

FUTURE PLANS

The Board of Trustees are working with Warrington Borough Council on the new Domestic Abuse Strategy.

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.

**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Trustees make every effort to recruit new trustees via Warrington Voluntary Action or partner agencies who are from a wide variety of backgrounds within the local community taking into consideration their skill sets which would be valuable to Warrington Women's Aid.

Organisational structure

Warrington Women's Aid is a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee. It is run by a Board of Trustees, with the day to day management delegated to the Chief Officer, Sally Starkey, who was appointed in May 2016.

The staff team consist of Chief Officer, Refuge Manger, one domestic abuse complex case worker two Specialist Domestic Abuse workers, one children's worker, one part time administrator and two part time cleaners.

The Board of Warrington Women's Aid is set up as follows Chair, Treasurer, with other roles for other trustees allocated where necessary for example fundraising.

The Trustees have overall responsibility for the financial management of Warrington Women's Aid, including staffing matters, rules and regulations but delegate the day to day management to the Chief Officer.

An up to date skills audit of Trustees is held to ensure the Board has effective diversity and trustees with a rounded skill set. The Chief Officer, who is responsible for operational delivery of the service, is also a Board Member. In addition, the Board takes advice from external advisors and from statutory and voluntary agencies where appropriate.

An Annual General Meeting is held once a year. The Board meets routinely every quarter. All issues regarding the Charity are discussed openly and decisions are taken in accordance with the Charity aims and objectives and its values and principles, as laid out in its business plan. All decisions are discussed, tracked, agreed by majority vote and recorded.

Induction and training of new trustees

Training in governance is offered to Trustees via locally run courses.

Key management remuneration

Key management are deemed by the board to be the Chief Officer, whose salary is set by the board of trustees.

Wider network

Warrington Women's Aid is committed to continued Partnership Working, with Warrington Domestic Abuse Partnership, VTSS, Early Help Partnership, Refuge Accommodation Steering Group WAFE and Warrington Homeless Forum, along with Housing Plus including a working together protocol.

Warrington Women's Aid also is co-delivering part of Responding to Domestic Abuse Training.

In addition, the Chief Officer is continuing to deliver talks and presentations to local groups and organisations

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

07211746 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1137038

Warrington Women's Aid Limited (Registered number: 07211746)

**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

Registered office

The Gateway
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Cheshire
WA1 1SR

Trustees

Ms K Bennett
Ms E Hayes
Mrs G Miller Chair
J J Mackie Treasurer
Mrs S Arshad Debt Supervisor (resigned 10.10.22)
Ms S Brady (resigned 12.6.22)
Ms D L Duddle

Independent Examiner

Voisey & Co LLP
Chartered Accountants
8 Winmarleigh Street
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Bankers

HSBC Bank Plc
11 Bridge Street
Warrington
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This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 11 December 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



J J Mackie - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Warrington Women's Aid Limited (Registered number: 07211746)**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Warrington Women's Aid Limited ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the ****ERROR - relevant professional body must be completed****, 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.



Janine Boyo FMAAT ACA BFP

Voisey & Co LLP
Chartered Accountants
8 Winmarleigh Street
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Cheshire
WA1 1JW

11 December 2023

Warrington Women's Aid Limited

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

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.3.23 Total funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		7,950	-	7,950	5,671
Charitable activities	3				
Provision of aid to women		350,504	-	350,504	349,900
Other trading activities	2	12,032	-	12,032	11,600
Total		<u>370,486</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>370,486</u>	<u>367,171</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Provision of aid to women		353,619	-	353,619	324,449
NET INCOME		16,867	-	16,867	42,722
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		371,016	-	371,016	328,294
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>387,883</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>387,883</u></u>	<u><u>371,016</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Warrington Women's Aid Limited (Registered number: 07211746)

**Balance Sheet
31 March 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.3.23 Total funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	7	122,873	-	122,873	127,481
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	8	39,431	-	39,431	3,241
Cash at bank and in hand		251,618	-	251,618	243,368
		<u>291,049</u>	-	<u>291,049</u>	<u>246,609</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(26,039)	-	(26,039)	(3,074)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>265,010</u>	-	<u>265,010</u>	<u>243,535</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>387,883</u>	-	<u>387,883</u>	<u>371,016</u>
NET ASSETS		<u><u>387,883</u></u>	-	<u><u>387,883</u></u>	<u><u>371,016</u></u>
FUNDS	11				
Unrestricted funds				<u>387,883</u>	<u>371,016</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u><u>387,883</u></u>	<u><u>371,016</u></u>

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

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

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

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

The notes form part of these financial statements

Warrington Women's Aid Limited (Registered number: 07211746)

**Balance Sheet - continued
31 March 2023**

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 11 December 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J J Mackie', written in a cursive style.

J J Mackie - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

Warrington Women's Aid Limited

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

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.

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

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

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

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows;
- the requirement of paragraph 3.17(d);
- the requirements of paragraphs 11.42, 11.44, 11.45, 11.47, 11.48(a)(iii), 11.48(a)(iv), 11.48(b) and 11.48(c);
- the requirements of paragraphs 12.26, 12.27, 12.29(a), 12.29(b) and 12.29A.

Income

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

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

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

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

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

Expenditure

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

Warrington Women's Aid Limited

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Expenditure

- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs incurred by the charity to enable it to fulfil its core operations.
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading.

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

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold Property	2% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	20% straight line

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.

Cash and cash equivalents

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

Financial instruments

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

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

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

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

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

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

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

Warrington Women's Aid Limited

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Basic financial assets

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

Other financial assets

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

Impairment of financial assets

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

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

Derecognition of financial assets

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

Employee benefits

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

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Service charges and rent	12,032	11,576
Payphone receipts	-	24
	<u>12,032</u>	<u>11,600</u>

Warrington Women's Aid Limited

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	Provision of aid to women £	Total activities £
Grants	<u>350,504</u>	<u>349,900</u>

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

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Children in Need	10,000	8,900
Warrington Borough Council	145,404	166,024
Housing Benefit	166,844	147,033
Covid 19 Grants	-	2,943
Lloyds Foundation	2,250	25,000
Counselling services	23,810	-
Christmas on call service	2,196	-
	<u>350,504</u>	<u>349,900</u>

4. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

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

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Independent examiner's fee	2,916	2,520
Depreciation - owned assets	4,608	4,608
Hire of plant and machinery	3,226	3,043
Other operating leases	<u>49,393</u>	<u>47,428</u>

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

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

Trustees' expenses

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

Warrington Women's Aid Limited

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

6. STAFF COSTS

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

	31.3.23	31.3.22
Management	1	1
Support staff	7	8
	8	9
	8	9

The charity considers its key management personnel comprise the trustees and the Chief Executive Officer. The total employment benefits including employer pension contributions of key management personnel were £44,676.

No employees had employee benefits in excess of £60,000 in this financial year or the previous financial year.

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023	230,404	48,024	278,428
	230,404	48,024	278,428
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2022	102,923	48,024	150,947
Charge for year	4,608	-	4,608
	107,531	48,024	155,555
At 31 March 2023	107,531	48,024	155,555
	107,531	48,024	155,555
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2023	122,873	-	122,873
	122,873	-	122,873
At 31 March 2022	127,481	-	127,481
	127,481	-	127,481

8. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Other debtors	451	-
Accrued income	36,006	-
Prepayments	2,974	3,241
	39,431	3,241
	39,431	3,241

Warrington Women's Aid Limited

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Social security and other taxes	11,331	35
Other creditors	436	597
Accruals and deferred income	14,272	2,442
	<u>26,039</u>	<u>3,074</u>

10. LEASING AGREEMENTS

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

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Within one year	45,152	42,576
Between one and five years	20,610	-
	<u>65,762</u>	<u>42,576</u>

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.22	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.23
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	371,016	16,867	387,883
	<u>371,016</u>	<u>16,867</u>	<u>387,883</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>371,016</u>	<u>16,867</u>	<u>387,883</u>

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

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	370,486	(353,619)	16,867
	<u>370,486</u>	<u>(353,619)</u>	<u>16,867</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>370,486</u>	<u>(353,619)</u>	<u>16,867</u>

Warrington Women's Aid Limited

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	328,294	42,722	371,016
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>328,294</u>	<u>42,722</u>	<u>371,016</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	367,171	(324,449)	42,722
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>367,171</u>	<u>(324,449)</u>	<u>42,722</u>

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

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	328,294	59,589	387,883
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>328,294</u>	<u>59,589</u>	<u>387,883</u>

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 £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	737,657	(678,068)	59,589
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>737,657</u>	<u>(678,068)</u>	<u>59,589</u>

Warrington Women's Aid Limited

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

12. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS

The charity operates a defined contribution scheme, the assets of which are held separately from the charity. During the year £3,183 (2022: £3,673) was charged to the profit and loss account. An amount of £437 was outstanding at year end which is included in other creditors.

13. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

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

Warrington Women's Aid Limited

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

	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	7,950	5,671
Other trading activities		
Service charges and rent	12,032	11,576
Payphone receipts	-	24
	12,032	11,600
Charitable activities		
Grants	350,504	349,900
Total incoming resources	370,486	367,171
 EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	178,069	184,332
Social security	10,726	11,539
Pensions	3,183	3,673
Computer costs	3,226	3,043
Other operating leases	49,393	47,428
Rates and water	1,782	2,297
Insurance	6,423	5,576
Light and heat	11,270	10,961
Telephone	5,935	6,844
Postage and stationery	582	327
Repairs and maintenance	32,256	22,873
Other motor/travel costs	587	967
Training and conferences	-	160
TV licences	272	318
Cleaning	3,167	3,132
Security	3,813	317
Welfare	441	789
Agency staff costs	2,652	6,673
Counselling services	21,750	-
Children's worker post	4,146	-
Freehold property	4,608	4,608
	344,281	315,857
Support costs		

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Warrington Women's Aid Limited

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

	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
Support costs		
Finance		
Bank charges	85	132
Governance costs		
Independent Examiners fee	2,916	2,520
Accountancy fees	483	409
Legal & professional fees	5,854	5,531
	<u>9,253</u>	<u>8,460</u>
Total resources expended	<u>353,619</u>	<u>324,449</u>
Net income	<u>16,867</u>	<u>42,722</u>

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WARRINGTON WOMEN'S AID

England & Wales - Charity number 1137038

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 07211746 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1137038

**Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022
for
Warrington Women's Aid Limited**

Warrington Women's Aid Limited

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

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Warrington Women's Aid Limited (Registered number: 07211746)

**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The objectives of the charity are to relieve the distress and suffering of women and children who have suffered or are exposed to domestic abuse by the provision of temporary accommodation and support.

The aim of the refuge is to provide safe, temporary accommodation for women and children who have had to leave their homes due to domestic abuse, intimate partner abuse, honor based violence or coercive control. The refuge aims to provide an environment where women and their children can make choices and gain control over their lives, providing specialist emotional and practical domestic abuse support for ongoing recovery.

In order to meet the objectives and aims, Warrington Women's Aid operates from two properties, one owned by Warrington Women's Aid and one leased from Warrington Borough Council. It can accommodate 13 families or single women and up to 18 children.

Public benefit

Warrington Women's Aid is a registered charity and complies with the legal responsibilities and guidance set out by the Charities Commission. Warrington Women's Aid became a company limited by guarantee on 23 July 2010 and complies with the legal responsibilities and guidance set out by Companies House. Warrington Women's Aid is run by a Board of Trustees (Directors). Additional trustees are found either through an agreed and approved targeted approach.

Volunteers

The charity, currently does not have any input from volunteers.

Warrington Women's Aid Limited (Registered number: 07211746)

**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Warrington Women's Aid operates from two properties, one owned by Warrington Women's Aid and one leased from Warrington Borough Council. It can accommodate 13 families or single women and up to 18 children. The aim of the refuge is to provide safe, temporary accommodation for women and children who have had to leave their homes due to domestic abuse, intimate partner abuse, honour based violence or coercive control. The refuge aims to provide an environment where women and their children can make choices and gain control over their lives, providing specialist emotional and practical domestic abuse support for ongoing recovery.

WBC awarded WWA a grant to set up a new counselling service for survivors of domestic abuse and this was set up at the Gateway in 2021.

WWA began a community based support group for survivors of domestic abuse and the clients have named it Butterflies.

As a result of donations during the lock down period, the clients asked for a new summerhouse to be built in the garden and this was completed in 2021.

Sally Starkey undertook training by The National Police Federation and has been delivering Domestic Abuse Matters training across Cheshire to police officers.

Warrington Women's Aid is co-delivering a recovery project with family support workers in the community and delivering both children and women's recovery programmes in the refuge.

Warrington Women's Aid is offering a drop in advice surgery twice a week at the Gateway.

The Board of Trustees remains committed to investing in staff training to improve and expand the support available to the women and children in the refuge.

The Chief Officer has an office at the Gateway Centre, giving us a public profile in the town.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The financial position of Warrington Women's Aid remains strong. The charity has a robust financial policy which is reviewed annually. This policy reduces the risk of fraud. The Charity also has a clearly defined reserves policy which is reviewed annually and ensures the ability to discharge all responsibilities in the event of funding being lost from WBC.

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**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

Warrington Women's Aid is funded through a grant from Warrington Borough Council. The Chief Officer and Board of Trustees are committed to working with Warrington Borough Council to secure this contract for a further period.

Cheshire Community Fund income ceased during the previous year. However, the Charity secured Covid Grants throughout 2021.

Warrington Women's Aid also has a rental income from the 13 rooms it rents to families and seeks other ad hoc grants and donations to support activities in line with our aim and objectives.

RESERVES POLICY

Need for a reserves policy

In accordance with guidance given by the Charities Commission for England and the legal obligations of our Trustees, a formal policy on reserves was agreed at our Trustee's meeting held on 21/4/22. At this meeting, the Trustees agreed a reserves policy which requires reserves to be maintained at a level that ensures the Organisation's core activities can continue during a period of any unforeseen difficulty. Furthermore, a proportion of these reserves are required to be maintained in a readily realisable form.

Explanation to commissioners, future funders and other scrutiny authorities

The end of year accounts (March 2022) for the Charity shows that our general reserves stand at £371,016 and for accounting purposes this amount is shown as unrestricted funds. However, for cash immediately and freely available for Trustees to cover for any risks such as unforeseen expenditure or unanticipated loss of income e.g. losing our support grant (though unsuccessful tendering) or to provide a level of funding for any unexpected opportunities which may require additional capacity, or any diversification of provision the Charity may make to further the needs of the Organisation and to help guarantee continued funding from commissioners/funders, this freely available cash is £134,070. The full breakdown of General reserves is as follows:

Fixed asset the Charity owns (i.e. Refuge accommodation) £127,481

3 months operating costs (to cover unsustainable costs i.e. redundancies/creditors, etc) £109,465

Cash funds freely available for Trustees to use £134,070

General reserves total (as at 31st March 2022) £371,016

Organisation's Risks

WWA relies mainly on two sources of income to perform its key objectives and activities in accordance with its Mission Statement which are 1. Rental income (55% of total income) 2. Support grant (38% of total income) which highlights that WWA are dependent on Warrington BC for 93% of its total income. Currently, WBC has agreed our Support contract until April 2023 and this income stream is fundamental to the continuation of the current service delivery provided by WWA and as such if this funding is withdrawn after April 2023 the Organisation would have to downsize its operational activities as it would seriously impact on the scale of our service delivery, therefore, this has been identified as a primary risk.

To help mitigate this risk, WWA is the only organisation of its kind in Warrington with the expertise, skills and knowledge to provide support to women and children suffering from domestic abuse and violence. WWA is in close consultation with WBC regarding its current and future service delivery and remains optimistic of continuing to be the preferred provider for this service in the Borough in future.

The remaining 7% of the Organisation's income comes predominantly from small ad hoc grants/donations and the Trustees are confident that the loss of any or all of these incomes are low risk as we are confident that alternative funding of a similar magnitude can be found through proactive engagement, to identify alternative/similar funding streams.

As explained above, the General reserves of £371,016 could at face value, deter grant making trusts from funding the Organisation in future which is potentially a high risk for any future projects/new initiatives. However, the Trustees are confident that with the current level of reserves freely available at £134,070 (36% of total reserves) the risk of being refused funding based on this figure is small.

**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The required level of reserves for 2023

The calculation of required level of reserves is an integral part of the Organisation's planning, budget and forecast cycle. Having considered all the facts and information available, the Trustees have concluded that the Charity should hold a level of reserves sufficient to fund the Organisation in any period of unforeseen difficulties for three months which is estimated to be £109,465 for the financial year April 2022-March 2023. This is the identified amount required to pay all of the staff their required redundancy payment entitlement and also to pay our creditors, should the Charity become insolvent and therefore be brought to a cessation. Currently, the Trustees do not consider cessation to be a risk, due to the ongoing support of WBC and WWA's capacity to generate income. However, the Trustees acknowledge the need to continue to consolidate and diversify its income streams further to be sustainable over the longer term.

Monitoring and Reviewing Reserves

The Trustees recognise that the risks facing our Organisation are not constant. Our view of risk will depend on how vulnerable our income streams are and how healthy our financial forecasts are. Also, as an employer, our financial risks will change over time. The risks and therefore the level of reserves required will fluctuate. Accordingly, the Trustees have committed to review the Reserves Policy on an annual basis. The next Review will be April 2023.

In Summary

Our reserves will:

Provide a level of working capital to protect the continuation of our work for a minimum period of 3 months

Provide a level of funding for any new opportunities/initiatives which may materialise, plus any additional operational costs required to service any new projects

Provide cover for any risks such as unforeseen expenditure or unanticipated loss of income and as such we will ensure that we have the necessary reserves available to provide for any of the following:

Contingency - Unexpected expenditure in the event of an emergency e.g. loss of support grant

Cash Flow- A situation where a large bill must be paid before the money to cover it has been received

Commitment - A commitment to expenditure which cannot be covered by our normal annual income e.g. new projects, specialist staffing expertise

Closure - The Charity becomes financially unsustainable and has to be "wound up"

Going concern

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

FUTURE PLANS

The Board of Trustees are working with Warrington Borough Council on the new Domestic Abuse Strategy.

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.

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**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Trustees make every effort to recruit new trustees via Warrington Voluntary Action or partner agencies who are from a wide variety of backgrounds within the local community taking into consideration their skill sets which would be valuable to Warrington Women's Aid.

Organisational structure

Warrington Women's Aid is a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee. It is run by a Board of Trustees, with the day to day management delegated to the Chief Officer, Sally Starkey, who was appointed in May 2016.

The staff team consist of Chief Officer, Refuge Manger, one domestic abuse complex case worker two Specialist Domestic Abuse workers, one children's worker, one part time administrator and two part time cleaners.

The Board of Warrington Women's Aid is set up as follows Chair, Treasurer, with other roles for other trustees allocated where necessary for example fundraising.

The Trustees have overall responsibility for the financial management of Warrington Women's Aid, including staffing matters, rules and regulations but delegate the day to day management to the Chief Officer.

An up to date skills audit of Trustees is held to ensure the Board has effective diversity and trustees with a rounded skill set. The Chief Officer, who is responsible for operational delivery of the service, is also a Board Member. In addition, the Board takes advice from external advisors and from statutory and voluntary agencies where appropriate.

An Annual General Meeting is held once a year. The Board meets routinely every quarter. All issues regarding the Charity are discussed openly and decisions are taken in accordance with the Charity aims and objectives and its values and principles, as laid out in its business plan. All decisions are discussed, tracked, agreed by majority vote and recorded.

Induction and training of new trustees

Training in governance is offered to Trustees via locally run courses.

Key management remuneration

Key management are deemed by the board to be the Chief Officer, whose salary is set by the board of trustees.

Wider network

Warrington Women's Aid is committed to continued Partnership Working, with Warrington Domestic Abuse Partnership, VTSS, Early Help Partnership, Refuge Accommodation Steering Group WAFE and Warrington Homeless Forum, along with Housing Plus including a working together protocol.

Warrington Women's Aid also is co-delivering part of Responding to Domestic Abuse Training.

In addition, the Chief Officer is continuing to deliver talks and presentations to local groups and organisations

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

07211746 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1137038

Warrington Women's Aid Limited (Registered number: 07211746)

**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

Registered office

The Gateway
89 Sankey Street
Warrington
Cheshire
WA1 1SR

Trustees

Ms K Bennett
Ms E Hayes
Mrs G Miller Chair
C Waldron Chair (resigned 14.10.21)
J J Mackie Treasurer
Mrs S Arshad Debt Supervisor (resigned 10.10.22)
Ms S Brady (resigned 12.6.22)
Ms D L Duddle (appointed 7.2.22)

Independent Examiner

Voisey & Co LLP
Chartered Accountants
8 Winmarleigh Street
Warrington
Cheshire
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Advisers

Bankers

HSBC Bank Plc
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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

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

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

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 21 November 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J J Mackie', with a long, sweeping flourish extending upwards and to the right.

J J Mackie - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Warrington Women's Aid Limited (Registered number: 07211746)**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Warrington Women's Aid Limited ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of Institute of Chartered Accountants for England & 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.



Lee Warburton BA FCA
Institute of Chartered Accountants for England & Wales
Voisey & Co LLP
Chartered Accountants
8 Winmarleigh Street
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21 November 2022

Warrington Women's Aid Limited

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

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		5,671	-	5,671	10,859
Charitable activities					
Provision of aid to women		349,900	-	349,900	355,407
Other trading activities	2	11,600	-	11,600	12,392
Investment income	3	-	-	-	71
Total		367,171	-	367,171	378,729
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Provision of aid to women		324,449	-	324,449	385,530
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		42,722	-	42,722	(6,801)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		328,294	-	328,294	335,095
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		371,016	-	371,016	328,294

The notes form part of these financial statements

Warrington Women's Aid Limited (Registered number: 07211746)

**Balance Sheet
31 March 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	8	127,481	-	127,481	132,089
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	9	3,241	-	3,241	2,707
Cash at bank and in hand		243,368	-	243,368	200,857
		<u>246,609</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>246,609</u>	<u>203,564</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(3,074)	-	(3,074)	(7,359)
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>243,535</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>243,535</u>	<u>196,205</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>371,016</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>371,016</u>	<u>328,294</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u><u>371,016</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>371,016</u></u>	<u><u>328,294</u></u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds	12			<u>371,016</u>	<u>328,294</u>
TOTAL FUNDS					
				<u><u>371,016</u></u>	<u><u>328,294</u></u>

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

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

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

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

The notes form part of these financial statements

Warrington Women's Aid Limited (Registered number: 07211746)

Balance Sheet - continued
31 March 2022

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 21 November 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J J Mackie', written in a cursive style.

J J Mackie - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

Warrington Women's Aid Limited

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

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.

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

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

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

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows;
- the requirement of paragraph 3.17(d);
- the requirements of paragraphs 11.42, 11.44, 11.45, 11.47, 11.48(a)(iii), 11.48(a)(iv), 11.48(b) and 11.48(c);
- the requirements of paragraphs 12.26, 12.27, 12.29(a), 12.29(b) and 12.29A.

Income

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

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

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

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

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

Expenditure

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

Warrington Women's Aid Limited

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Expenditure

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

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

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

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold Property	2% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	20% straight line

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.

Cash and cash equivalents

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

Financial instruments

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

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

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

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

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

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

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

Warrington Women's Aid Limited

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Basic financial assets

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

Other financial assets

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

Impairment of financial assets

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

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

Derecognition of financial assets

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

Employee benefits

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

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2022	2021
	£	£
Service charges and rent	11,576	10,041
Payphone receipts	24	2,351
	<u>11,600</u>	<u>12,392</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2022	2021
	£	£
Deposit account interest	-	71
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2022	2021
	Provision of aid to women £	Total activities £
Grants	349,900	355,407
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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

	2022	2021
	£	£
Children in Need	8,900	-
Warrington Borough Council	166,024	124,345
Housing Benefit	147,033	125,755
Covid 19 Grants	2,943	105,307
Lloyds Foundation	25,000	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	349,900	355,407
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

5. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

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

	2022	2021
	£	£
Independent examiner's fee	2,520	1,550
Depreciation - owned assets	4,608	4,608
Hire of plant and machinery	3,043	11,000
Other operating leases	47,428	50,585
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

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

Trustees' expenses

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

Warrington Women's Aid Limited
Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

7. STAFF COSTS

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

	2022	2021
Management	1	1
Support staff	8	9
	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>

The charity considers its key management personnel comprise the trustees and the Chief Executive Officer. The total employment benefits including employer pension contributions of key management personnel were £42,013.

No employees had employee benefits in excess of £60,000 in this financial year or the previous financial year.

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022	230,404	48,024	278,428
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2021	98,315	48,024	146,339
Charge for year	4,608	-	4,608
At 31 March 2022	102,923	48,024	150,947
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2022	<u>127,481</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>127,481</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>132,089</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>132,089</u>

9. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022	2021
	£	£
Prepayments	<u>3,241</u>	<u>2,707</u>

Warrington Women's Aid Limited

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022	2021
	£	£
Social security and other taxes	35	3,990
Other creditors	597	722
Accruals and deferred income	2,442	2,647
	3,074	7,359
	3,074	7,359

11. LEASING AGREEMENTS

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

	2022	2021
	£	£
Within one year	42,576	45,245
Between one and five years	-	2,623
	42,576	47,868
	42,576	47,868

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.21	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.22
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	328,294	42,722	371,016
	328,294	42,722	371,016
TOTAL FUNDS	328,294	42,722	371,016

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

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	367,171	(324,449)	42,722
	367,171	(324,449)	42,722
TOTAL FUNDS	367,171	(324,449)	42,722

Warrington Women's Aid Limited

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	335,095	(6,801)	328,294
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>335,095</u>	<u>(6,801)</u>	<u>328,294</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	378,729	(385,530)	(6,801)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>378,729</u>	<u>(385,530)</u>	<u>(6,801)</u>

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

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	335,095	35,921	371,016
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>335,095</u>	<u>35,921</u>	<u>371,016</u>

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 £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	745,900	(709,979)	35,921
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>745,900</u>	<u>(709,979)</u>	<u>35,921</u>

Warrington Women's Aid Limited

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

13. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS

The charity operates a defined contribution scheme, the assets of which are held separately from the charity. During the year £3,673 (2021: £3,780) was charged to the profit and loss account. An amount of £596 was outstanding at year end which is included in other creditors.

14. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

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

Warrington Women's Aid Limited
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	5,671	10,859
Other trading activities		
Service charges and rent	11,576	10,041
Payphone receipts	24	2,351
	11,600	12,392
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	-	71
Charitable activities		
Grants	349,900	355,407
	367,171	378,729
Total incoming resources		
 EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	184,332	203,965
Social security	11,539	12,512
Pensions	3,673	3,780
Computer costs	3,043	11,000
Other operating leases	47,428	50,585
Rates and water	2,297	1,713
Insurance	5,576	5,023
Light and heat	10,961	11,964
Telephone	6,844	5,942
Postage and stationery	327	890
Repairs and maintenance	22,873	55,249
Other motor/travel costs	967	746
Training and conferences	160	39
TV licences	318	316
Cleaning	3,132	3,973
Security	317	312
Welfare	789	2,279
Agency staff costs	6,673	919
Freehold property	4,608	4,608
	315,857	375,815
Support costs		

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Warrington Women's Aid Limited

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

	2022 £	2021 £
Support costs		
Finance		
Bank charges	132	189
Governance costs		
Independent Examiners fee	2,520	1,550
Accountancy fees	409	1,822
Legal & professional fees	5,531	6,154
	<u>8,460</u>	<u>9,526</u>
Total resources expended	<u>324,449</u>	<u>385,530</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	<u>42,722</u>	<u>(6,801)</u>

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WARRINGTON WOMEN'S AID

England & Wales - Charity number 1137038

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 07211746 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1137038

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2021
for
Warrington Women's Aid Limited

Warrington Women's Aid Limited

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Warrington Women's Aid Limited (Registered number: 07211746)

**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The objectives of the charity are to relieve the distress and suffering of women and children who have suffered or are exposed to domestic abuse by the provision of temporary accommodation and support.

The aim of the refuge is to provide safe, temporary accommodation for women and children who have had to leave their homes due to domestic abuse, intimate partner abuse, honor based violence or coercive control. The refuge aims to provide an environment where women and their children can make choices and gain control over their lives, providing specialist emotional and practical domestic abuse support for ongoing recovery.

In order to meet the objectives and aims, Warrington Women's Aid operates from two properties, one owned by Warrington Women's Aid and one leased from Warrington Borough Council. It can accommodate 13 families or single women and up to 18 children.

Public benefit

Warrington Women's Aid is a registered charity and complies with the legal responsibilities and guidance set out by the Charities Commission. Warrington Women's Aid became a company limited by guarantee on 23 July 2010 and complies with the legal responsibilities and guidance set out by Companies House. Warrington Women's Aid is run by a Board of Trustees (Directors). Additional trustees are found either through an agreed and approved targeted approach.

Volunteers

The charity, currently does not have any input from volunteers.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Warrington Women's Aid operates from two properties, one owned by Warrington Women's Aid and one leased from Warrington Borough Council. It can accommodate 13 families or single women and up to 18 children. The aim of the refuge is to provide safe, temporary accommodation for women and children who have had to leave their homes due to domestic abuse, intimate partner abuse, honour based violence or coercive control. The refuge aims to provide an environment where women and their children can make choices and gain control over their lives, providing specialist emotional and practical domestic abuse support for ongoing recovery.

Warrington Women's Aid is co-delivering a recovery project with family support workers in the community and delivering both children and women's recovery programmes in the refuge.

Warrington Women's Aid is offering a drop in advice surgery twice a week at the Gateway.

The Board of Trustees remains committed to investing in staff training to improve and expand the support available to the women and children in the refuge.

The Chief Officer has an office at the Gateway Centre, giving us a public profile in the town.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The financial position of Warrington Women's Aid remains strong. The charity has a robust financial policy which is reviewed annually. This policy reduces the risk of fraud. The Charity also has a clearly defined reserves policy which is reviewed annually and ensures the ability to discharge all responsibilities in the event of funding being lost from WBC.

**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

Warrington Women's Aid is funded through a grant from Warrington Borough Council. The Chief Officer and Board of Trustees are committed to working with Warrington Borough Council to secure this contract for a further period.

Children in Need income ceased during the previous year. However, the Charity secured Covid Grants throughout 2021.

Warrington Women's Aid also has a rental income from the 13 rooms it rents to families and seeks other ad hoc grants and donations to support activities in line with our aim and objectives.

Reserves policy

Need for a reserves policy

In accordance with guidance given by the Charities Commission for England and the legal obligations of our Trustees, a formal policy on reserves was agreed at our Trustees meeting June 2017

At this meeting, the Trustees set a reserves policy which requires reserves to be maintained at a level that ensures that the organisation's core activity could continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty. Furthermore, a proportion of these reserves are required to be maintained in a readily realisable form.

Our Risks

Warrington Women's Aid is funded primarily by Warrington Borough Council (WBC). The WBC contract is fundamental to the continuation of the service delivered by Warrington Women's Aid and as such, the potential loss of this contract has been identified as one of our primary risks. However, Warrington Women's Aid owns one of the refuges, and this mitigates against the loss of any future contract. Thus the loss of the WBC contract would impact on the scale of service delivery but would not necessarily cause the charity to cease trading. Furthermore, Warrington Women's Aid is the only organisation of its kind, with the experience, skills and knowledge to provide service support to women and children suffering from domestic abuse and violence. Warrington Women's Aid is in close consultation with WBC on the service review and future service provision and remains confident of being the preferred provider of any future contract.

In addition to the core income from WBC, funding is also generated from housing benefit, service charge to service users and a small number of annual and ad hoc grants. Each of the grants are reviewed annually. There is a greater risk that these smaller grants will not be renewed in the next financial year. The Trustees have concluded however that the risks associated with the loss of these smaller grants are low, since they are confident that alternative funding of a similar magnitude could be found, through proactive engagement to identify potential alternative funding streams.

In addition to potential shortfall in income, there is also the risk of expenditure being in excess of budget because of unforeseen circumstances. This is monitored by the Trustees at regular Board meetings so that, where possible, steps can be taken to mitigate the impact of this. Whether or not this will impact on reserves will depend on the forecast results for the year.

As of 31 March 2021, we have a reported deficit of £6,801 for financial year.

We will continue to monitor the finances on a regular (not less than quarterly) basis and act accordingly.

General reserves held at the 31 March 2021 are £328,294, however, as fixed assets are held at that date, with a written down value of £132,089, the freely available cash is £196,205. It may be possible for the Trustees to use some of the reserves on important refurbishment work, but only if it is highly likely that income will be generated within a 3 month period to replenish the required level of reserves which has been agreed as 3 months operating costs, being approximately £104,252.

Going concern

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

**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

FUTURE PLANS

The Board of Trustees has committed improve the ensuite bathroom facilities in House 24 Salisbury Street, as well as upgrading kitchens and bathrooms in our two flats in House 24.

The Trustees have asked for a structural report for house 24, with a view to improve maintenance and repairs.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

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

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Trustees make every effort to recruit new trustees via Warrington Voluntary Action or partner agencies who are from a wide variety of backgrounds within the local community taking into consideration their skill sets which would be valuable to Warrington Women's Aid.

Organisational structure

Warrington Women's Aid is a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee. It is run by a Board of Trustees, with the day to day management delegated to the Chief Officer, Sally Starkey, who was appointed in May 2016.

The staff team consist of Chief Officer, one senior family support worker, one domestic abuse complex case worker two family support workers, one children's worker, one part time administrator and two part time cleaners.

The Board of Warrington Women's Aid is set up as follows Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, with other roles for other trustees allocated where necessary for example fundraising and volunteer management.

The Trustees have overall responsibility for the financial management of Warrington Women's Aid, including staffing matters, rules and regulations but delegate the day to day management to the Chief Officer.

An up to date skills audit of Trustees is held to ensure the Board has effective diversity and trustees with a rounded skill set. The Chief Officer, who is responsible for operational delivery of the service, is also a Board Member. In addition, the Board takes advice from external advisors and from statutory and voluntary agencies where appropriate.

An Annual General Meeting is held once a year. The Board meets routinely every quarter. All issues regarding the Charity are discussed openly and decisions are taken in accordance with the Charity aims and objectives and its values and principles, as laid out in its business plan. All decisions are discussed, tracked, agreed by majority vote and recorded.

Induction and training of new trustees

Training in governance is offered to Trustees via locally run courses.

Key management remuneration

Key management are deemed by the board to be the Chief Officer, whose salary is set by the board of trustees.

Wider network

Warrington Women's Aid is committed to continued Partnership Working, with Warrington Domestic Abuse Partnership, VTSS, Early Help Partnership, Refuge Accommodation Steering Group WAFE and Warrington Homeless Forum, along with Housing Plus including a working together protocol.

Warrington Women's Aid also is co-delivering part of Responding to Domestic Abuse Training.

In addition, the Chief Officer is continuing to deliver talks and presentations to local groups and organisations

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

07211746 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1137038

**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

Registered office

The Gateway
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Trustees

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Ms E Hayes
Mrs G Miller
C Waldron Chairperson (resigned 14.10.21)
J Davidson
J J Mackie Treasurer
Mrs S Arshad

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Voisey & Co LLP
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WA1 1JW

Advisers

Bankers

HSBC Bank Plc
11 Bridge Street
Warrington
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WA1 2EY

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 13 December 2021 and signed on its behalf by:



J J Mackie - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Warrington Women's Aid Limited (Registered number: 07211746)**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Warrington Women's Aid Limited ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of Institute of Chartered Accountants for England & 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.

Lee Warburton BA FCA
Institute of Chartered Accountants for England & Wales
Voisey & Co LLP
Chartered Accountants
8 Winmarleigh Street
Warrington
Cheshire
WA1 1JW

13 December 2021

Warrington Women's Aid Limited

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

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.3.21 Total funds £	31.3.20 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		10,859	-	10,859	3,421
Charitable activities					
Provision of aid to women	4	355,407	-	355,407	333,323
Other trading activities	2	12,392	-	12,392	11,501
Investment income	3	71	-	71	348
Total		378,729	-	378,729	348,593
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Provision of aid to women		385,530	-	385,530	332,598
Other		-	-	-	8,515
Total		385,530	-	385,530	341,113
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(6,801)	-	(6,801)	7,480
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		335,095	-	335,095	327,615
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		328,294	-	328,294	335,095

The notes form part of these financial statements

Warrington Women's Aid Limited (Registered number: 07211746)

**Balance Sheet
31 March 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.3.21 Total funds £	31.3.20 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	8	132,089	-	132,089	136,697
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	9	2,707	-	2,707	3,081
Cash at bank and in hand		200,857	-	200,857	200,745
		203,564	-	203,564	203,826
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(7,359)	-	(7,359)	(5,428)
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		196,205	-	196,205	198,398
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		328,294	-	328,294	335,095
NET ASSETS					
		328,294	-	328,294	335,095
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds	12			328,294	335,095
TOTAL FUNDS					
				328,294	335,095

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

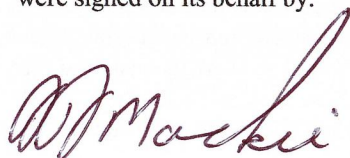
The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

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

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 13 December 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:



J J Mackie - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

Warrington Women's Aid Limited

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

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.

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

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

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

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows;
- the requirement of paragraph 3.17(d);
- the requirements of paragraphs 11.42, 11.44, 11.45, 11.47, 11.48(a)(iii), 11.48(a)(iv), 11.48(b) and 11.48(c);
- the requirements of paragraphs 12.26, 12.27, 12.29(a), 12.29(b) and 12.29A.

Income

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

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

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

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

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

Expenditure

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

Warrington Women's Aid Limited

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Expenditure

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

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

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

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold Property	2% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	20% straight line

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.

Cash and cash equivalents

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

Financial instruments

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

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

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

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

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

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

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

Warrington Women's Aid Limited

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Basic financial assets

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

Other financial assets

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

Impairment of financial assets

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

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

Derecognition of financial assets

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

Employee benefits

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

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Service charges and rent	10,041	11,501
Payphone receipts	2,351	-
	<u>12,392</u>	<u>11,501</u>

Warrington Women's Aid Limited

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

3. INVESTMENT INCOME		
	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>71</u>	<u>348</u>
4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES		
	31.3.21	31.3.20
	Provision	Total
	of aid to	activities
	women	£
	£	£
Grants	<u>355,407</u>	<u>333,323</u>
Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:		
	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Children in Need	-	10,918
Warrington Borough Council	124,345	152,756
Housing Benefit	125,755	169,649
Covid 19 Grants	<u>105,307</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>355,407</u>	<u>333,323</u>
5. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		
Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):		
	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Independent examiner's fee	1,550	1,550
Depreciation - owned assets	4,608	4,684
Hire of plant and machinery	11,000	2,295
Other operating leases	<u>50,585</u>	<u>49,356</u>

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

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

Trustees' expenses

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

Warrington Women's Aid Limited

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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7. STAFF COSTS

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

	31.3.21	31.3.20
Management	1	1
Support staff	9	7
	<u>10</u>	<u>8</u>

The charity considers its key management personnel comprise the trustees and the Chief Executive Officer. The total employment benefits including employer pension contributions of key management personnel were £40,734.

No employees had employee benefits in excess of £60,000 in this financial year or the previous financial year.

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021	230,404	48,024	278,428
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2020	93,707	48,024	141,731
Charge for year	4,608	-	4,608
At 31 March 2021	98,315	48,024	146,339
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2021	<u>132,089</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>132,089</u>
At 31 March 2020	<u>136,697</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>136,697</u>

9. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Prepayments	2,707	3,081
	<u>2,707</u>	<u>3,081</u>

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10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Social security and other taxes	3,990	570
Other creditors	722	655
Accruals and deferred income	2,647	4,203
	<u>7,359</u>	<u>5,428</u>

11. LEASING AGREEMENTS

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

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Within one year	45,245	45,245
Between one and five years	2,623	7,868
	<u>47,868</u>	<u>53,113</u>

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.20	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.21
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	335,095	(6,801)	328,294
	<u>335,095</u>	<u>(6,801)</u>	<u>328,294</u>

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

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	378,729	(385,530)	(6,801)
	<u>378,729</u>	<u>(385,530)</u>	<u>(6,801)</u>

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12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.19 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.20 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	321,604	11,613	1,878	335,095
Restricted funds				
BBC Children in Need	6,011	(4,133)	(1,878)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>327,615</u>	<u>7,480</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>335,095</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	337,675	(326,062)	11,613
Restricted funds			
BBC Children in Need	10,918	(15,051)	(4,133)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>348,593</u>	<u>(341,113)</u>	<u>7,480</u>

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

	At 1.4.19 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	321,604	4,812	1,878	328,294
Restricted funds				
BBC Children in Need	6,011	(4,133)	(1,878)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>327,615</u>	<u>679</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>328,294</u>

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12. 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 £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	716,404	(711,592)	4,812
Restricted funds			
BBC Children in Need	10,918	(15,051)	(4,133)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>727,322</u>	<u>(726,643)</u>	<u>679</u>

13. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS

The charity operates a defined contribution scheme, the assets of which are held separately from the charity. During the year £3,780 (2020: £2,928) was charged to the profit and loss account. An amount of £722 was outstanding at year end which is included in other creditors.

14. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2021.

15. RESTRICTED FUND

BBC Children in Need

The restricted fund related to a grant received to provide a Children's Support Worker, covering salary costs. The grant is received quarterly, with the last payment being received in August 2019 covering the quarter to 30 November 2019.

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**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
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	31.3.21 £	31.3.20 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	10,859	3,421
Other trading activities		
Service charges and rent	10,041	11,501
Payphone receipts	2,351	-
	12,392	11,501
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	71	348
Charitable activities		
Grants	355,407	333,323
Total incoming resources	378,729	348,593
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	203,965	157,628
Social security	12,512	9,519
Pensions	3,780	2,928
Computer costs	11,000	2,295
Other operating leases	50,585	49,356
Rates and water	1,713	3,349
Insurance	5,023	4,135
Light and heat	11,964	13,266
Telephone	5,942	5,515
Postage and stationery	890	978
Advertising	-	1,794
Sundries	-	32
Repairs and maintenance	55,249	40,885
Other motor/travel costs	746	1,407
Training and conferences	39	1,656
TV licences	316	313
Cleaning	3,973	3,258
Security	312	570
Welfare	2,279	2,518
Agency staff costs	919	26,512
Freehold property	4,608	4,608
Fixtures and fittings	-	76
	375,815	332,598
Support costs		
Finance		
Bank charges	189	224

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	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Finance		
Governance costs		
Independent Examiners fee	1,550	1,550
Accountancy fees	1,822	1,599
Legal & professional fees	6,154	5,142
	<u>9,526</u>	<u>8,291</u>
Total resources expended	<u>385,530</u>	<u>341,113</u>
Net (expenditure)/income	<u>(6,801)</u>	<u>7,480</u>

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