

Sale West Community Urban Trust



Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Sale West Community Urban Trust

for the year ended 31 December 2024

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1137438

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1. OBJECT & PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

The object of the Trust is to relieve the needs of children, their families and carers in such ways as the trustees think fit with a view to developing their physical, mental, emotional, economic, spiritual and intellectual capabilities, and that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society, and that their conditions of life may be improved.

2. REVIEW OF THE YEAR

This 14th full year of the Sale West Community Urban Trust has seen Carol Dodgson take on the dual role of Families and Children's worker and Community Engagement Officer. Becca Kerfoot works part-time to support Carol in her role.

2.1 DEVELOPMENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

ROC Mentoring

Carol has seen one family engage with ROC Mentoring, and they have been allocated mentors. The formal ROC mentoring programme is being wound up as other initiatives are reaching a wider audience.

Keep Calm and Craft and The Oddballs

Keep Calm and Craft and The Oddballs crochet group are going well. Both groups are aimed at the vulnerable and socially isolated and seek to provide a community of people to help people.

All the mentors that Carol has recruited are Sale and Sale West residents who are experienced and well-connected.

Carol has started an additional new craft group meeting weekly at Sale West Community Centre.

Firs School

Carol and Becca run a weekly pre-school group for children who struggle to settle in school. It has been well received by the school and it is hoped that the relationship will develop further and allow the start of a Transforming Life Together (TLG) programme with the school.

Men's Group

Carol has recruited Joel White, a trained counsellor, to head up a men's group that can meet to play board games, do garden projects, support one another and build social skills.

Healing Hearts Project

Healing Hearts is a bereavement group that continues to meet once a month. It is a partnership project between the social prescribers, St Mary's church, St Martin's church and SWCUT. The project is well established and valued by the folk who come along.

2.2 CHURCH WORK WITH CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Junior Church

Junior Church has begun to thrive again – there are on average 15 children each Sunday.

Houseparty

In May there was a weekend away for children, young people and their families, many of whom would not have a holiday in the course of a year. There were 22 adults and 14 children present, most of whom were contacts from the weekly Sale West craft group.

3. PARTNERSHIPS

We work alongside a number of local partners: the Sale Health Visitor team, Silk Elephant, Trafford's Place Based Integration Service, Firs Primary School, Sale West Community Church, Butterflies Pre-school Group, the Foodbank, Social Services, Trafford Parent and Young People Partnership, Trafford Social Care, St Martin's church and Delamere School. Local doctors & social partners refer people to the Keep Calm & Craft group. We continue to have strong links with Transforming Lives Together in Chester Diocese.

4. INDUCTION AND TRAINING

Carol and Becca are both up to date with safeguarding training.

5. GRANTS RECEIVED

We gratefully acknowledge grants from the National Lottery Community Fund RC North West Region programme, the Belfrey Seed Grant and St Mary Magdalene Church Ashton on Mersey which have supported our work this year. Restricted income is held in restricted funds and has enabled our work in the community listed in section 2.1. Unrestricted income funds most of our church work plus some salary costs for our work in the community.

6. RESERVES

We hold net assets of £4,354 of which £66 relates to unrestricted funds and £4,288 relates to restricted funds.

SWCUT seeks to maintain 6 months of regular expenditure in our reserves, which we use for working capital to balance our income and expenditure streams. At the end of 2024 we held reserves of 1.3 months. This is significantly less than our target so we are actively seeking additional grants in 2025 and have already received two.

We expect further grant payments from the National Lottery Community Fund (£20,000 a year for 3 years starting in September 2023) and St Mary Magdalene church (£9,500 a year), and continually seek new grants to finance our work. We only spend resources according to the grants received, and have been able to successfully obtain grants since our formation in 2011.

This is the fourteenth year of operation and the trustees are confident that there are sufficient reserves to support ongoing commitments for the next twelve months.

6. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

The governing document is the constitution adopted by the Committee of five Trustees at the inaugural meeting held at 44 Moss Lane, Sale, Cheshire M33 6GD on 25 July 2010. The charity was registered on 11 August 2010. The Charity did not become active until 1 January 2011.

Trustees are appointed or reappointed annually at the Annual General Meeting held in June. All trustees give their time voluntarily and received no remuneration or other benefits.

7. TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS

The following are Trustees:

Revd Stephen Rankin, Chair
Revd Anees Gill, Secretary
Kathryn Kirby
Brian Macfaden, Treasurer
Sue Mullock
Bella Okpalugo

8. STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

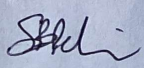
Under charity law, the trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees Annual Report and the financial statements for each financial year which properly present the state of affairs of the charity and of the excess of income over expenditure for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, generally accepted accounting practice entails that the trustees:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements comply with the trust deed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue its activities.

The trustees are required to act in accordance with the trust deed of the charity, within the framework of trust law. They are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, sufficient to disclose at any time, with reasonable accuracy, the financial position of the charity at that time, and to enable the trustees to ensure that, where any statements of accounts are prepared by them under section 132(1) of the Charities Act 2011, as amended by the Charities Act 2022, those statements of accounts comply with the requirements of regulations under that provision. They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the charity and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the Trust



Revd. Stephen Rankin
Chair

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
SALE WEST COMMUNITY URBAN TRUST**

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024 set out on pages 6 to 11.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT.

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

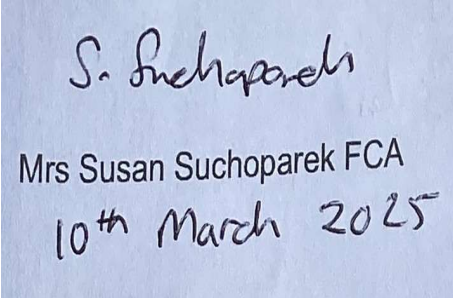
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act: or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.



S. Suchoparek
Mrs Susan Suchoparek FCA
10th March 2025

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
For the year ended 31 December 2024

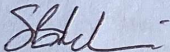
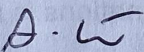
	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	TOTAL 2024 £	TOTAL 2023 £
INCOMING RESOURCES	2				
Voluntary income (direct giving)		-	269	269	722
Other voluntary income		10,600	21,700	32,300	30,367
Fund raising events		309	-	309	824
Income from charitable activities		-	630	630	920
Other income		-	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		£10,909	£22,599	£33,508	£32,833
RESOURCES USED	3				
Cost of generating funds		-	-	-	-
Charitable activities		13,320	25,140	38,460	30,489
Other resources used		811	1,209	2,020	1,918
TOTAL RESOURCES USED		£14,131	£26,349	£40,480	£32,407
Net incoming resources		-3,222	-3,750	-6,972	426
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		-3,222	-3,750	-6,972	426
Balances brought forward at 1 January		3,288	8,038	11,326	10,900
Balances carried forward at 31 December		£66	£4,288	£4,354	£11,326

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BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

		Note	2024 £	2023 £
CURRENT ASSETS				
	Debtors	6	2,061	-
	Short term deposits at bank		1,877	11,099
	Cash in hand		416	227
			<u>£4,354</u>	<u>£11,326</u>
LIABILITIES				
	Amounts falling due within one year	7	-	-
NET ASSETS		5	<u>£4,354</u>	<u>£11,326</u>
FUNDS				
	Unrestricted	8	66	3,288
	Restricted	9	4,288	8,038
			<u>£4,354</u>	<u>£11,326</u>

Approved by the Trustees on 3rd March 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Revd Stephen Rankin (Chair)	Revd Anees Gill (Secretary and Trustee)
	

The notes on pages 8 to 11 form part of these accounts.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2024

NOTE 1 - ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP(FRS102).

The charity first became active from 1 January 2011.

Funds

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of the Sale West Community Urban Trust (SWCUT) that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the SWCUT. These include funds designated for a particular purpose by the SWCUT.

For restricted funds incoming resources which are received in an accounting period prior to the time in which the expenditure can take place are accounted for as deferred income and recognised as a liability until the accounting period in which the expenditure takes place.

The purpose of any restricted funds is noted in the accounts. Those funds are only spent in accordance with the terms and conditions of each one.

The accounts include transactions, assets and liabilities for which the SWCUT can be held responsible.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary income and capital sources

Donations are recognised when received.

Income tax recoverable on gift aid donations is recognised when claimable.

Grants to the SWCUT are released to income as soon as the terms and conditions relating to the grant have been met or as soon as the specific activity has commenced.

Funds raised by events are accounted for gross as received.

Current assets

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit at the bank.

NOTE 2 - INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2024 £	TOTAL 2023 £
2(a) Voluntary income (direct giving)				
Planned giving	-	-	-	-
Donations		269	269	722
Income tax recovered on Gift Aid	-	-	-	-
	-	269	269	722
2(b) Other voluntary income - Grants				
St Marys PCC	10,600	-	10,600	7,000
National Lottery Community Fund	-	20,000	20,000	10,000
Belfrey Seed Grant	-	1,700	1,700	-
Willats Trust	-	-	-	2,667
The Charity Service	-	-	-	3,000
Asda Local Community Grant	-	-	-	500
Duchy of Lancaster Benevolent Fund	-	-	-	700
Skipton Building Society	-	-	-	3,000
The Edwards Gostling Foundation	-	-	-	3,500
	10,600	21,700	32,300	30,367
2(c) Activities for generating funds				
Fund Raising Events	309	-	309	824
2(d) Receipts from charitable activities				
Fees for Administration Services				-
Income from Activities	-	630	630	920
	-	630	630	920
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	£10,909	£22,599	£33,508	£32,833

NOTE 3 - RESOURCES USED

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2024 £	TOTAL 2023 £
3(a) Cost of generating funds				
Advertising/Publicity	-	-	-	-
3(b) Charitable Activities				
Salaries	11,099	19,730	30,829	20,585
Pensions	190	313	503	368
Working expenses	-	-	-	126
Events running costs & resources	2,031	5,097	7,128	9,410
	13,320	25,140	38,460	30,489
3(c) Other Resources Used				
Insurance	386	971	1,357	1,213
Administration	425	238	663	705
Professional Fees	-	-	-	-
	811	1,209	2,020	1,918
TOTAL RESOURCES USED	£14,131	£26,349	£40,480	£32,407

NOTE 4 - STAFF COSTS

	2024 £	2023 £
Salaries and National Insurance	30,829	20,585
Pension contributions	503	368
Total Staff Costs	£31,332	£20,952

During the year the Trust paid the salaries of one full time and one part time staff, none of whom earned £60,000 p.a. or more. No trustee or related party to the trustees was paid any remuneration.

Procedures set out in our Conflict of Interest Policy have been followed in any matter involving a related party to a trustee.

NOTE 5 - ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £
Current assets – Fund balance	£66	£4,288	£4,354

NOTE 6 - DEBTORS

	2024 £	2023 £
Debtors	£2,061	-

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NOTE 7 - LIABILITIES

	2024 £	2023 £
Accrued Income	-	-

NOTE 8 - UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	2024 £	2023 £
Balance brought forward at 1 January		
Unrestricted Funds	3,288	15,647
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Surplus (Deficit) in year	-3,222	-12,359
Balance carried forward at 31 December	£66	£3,288

NOTE 9 - RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Balance at 1/1/2024 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Balance at 31/12/2024 £
ASDA Local Community Grant	284	-	57	227
Belfrey Seed Grant	-	1,700	675	1,025
Edward Gosling Foundation	510	-	510	-
Mentoring Programme	77	899	976	-
National Lottery Community Fund	5,808	20,000	22,772	3,036
Skipton Building Society	1,359	-	1,359	-
	£8,038	£22,599	£26,349	£4,288