

Sale West Community Urban Trust



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

for the year ended 31 December 2025

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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 15th full year of the Sale West Community Urban Trust has seen Carol Dodgson continue with the dual role of Families and Children's worker and Community Engagement Officer. Becca Kerfoot works part-time as Community Engagement Assistant to support Carol in her role. Courtney Doyle has recently joined the team as Church Engagement Assistant.

2.1 DEVELOPMENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

Firs Primary School

Sale West Community Urban Trust works with Firs Primary School to support children who find starting the school day difficult. Through creative activities such as crochet and pom-pom making on Thursdays and Fridays, and an after-school crochet club on Wednesdays, children are supported to build confidence, feel calm and engage positively with school. A certificate scheme celebrates their progress and achievements, with awards presented in assembly to encourage a sense of achievement and self-belief.

During the year we worked with 52 children.

TLG

TLG coaching provides one-to-one support for young people who are at risk of disengaging from education. Through regular sessions, trained volunteer coaches offer consistent encouragement, helping pupils to build confidence, resilience and positive relationships, which supports both their well-being and academic progress.

During the year, we trained 5 coaches to come alongside 5 children identified by Firs Primary School as children who would benefit from this type of additional support.

Craft Groups

Sale West Community Urban Trust offers a range of welcoming creative groups that bring people together and support well-being through shared, hands-on activities. Our Craft Club on Mondays provides a friendly space for arts and crafts, where participants can explore a variety of creative projects or learn new skills, from sewing to painting. On Wednesdays our Wool Clubs invite people to knit, crochet and make woollen creations, whether they are experienced makers or complete beginners. These groups not only foster creativity but also build connection, confidence and a sense of community.

71 people took part in these craft groups during the year. In addition to this, we ran holiday and family craft sessions where a further 174 people benefited.

Men's Group

Carol now facilitates the men's group following some changes in circumstances. The group continues meeting to play board games, do garden projects, support one another and build social skills.

Healing Hearts Project

Healing Hearts is a monthly bereavement group run in partnership with social prescribers, St Mary's Church, and St Martin's Church. It is a well-established project that offers ongoing support and is deeply valued by those who attend.

2.2 CHURCH WORK WITH CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Sunday Funday

Junior Church has on average 15 children each Sunday. Trafford Youth for Christ are now helping develop Sunday for youth.

Houseparty

In June there was a weekend away for children, young people and their families, many of whom would otherwise not have a holiday in the course of a year. There were around 60 adults and children present, most of whom were contacts from Firs Primary school and the weekly Sale West craft group.

3. PARTNERSHIPS

We work closely with a wide range of local partners across health, education, faith, and social care. These include the Sale Health Visitor Team, Trafford's Place-Based Integration Service, local schools and churches, the Foodbank, and Trafford Social Care.

Local GPs and social care partners actively refer people to our Keep Calm & Craft group, and we maintain strong links with Transforming Lives Together in the Chester Diocese.

4. INDUCTION AND TRAINING

Carol, Becca and Courtney are up to date with safeguarding training.

5. GRANTS RECEIVED

We gratefully acknowledge grants from ASDA Local Community Grant, Belfrey Seed Grant, Benefact Trust, Irwell Valley, National Lottery Community Fund, Our Sale West, 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 our church work plus some salary costs for our work in the community.

6. RESERVES

We hold net assets of £12,773 (£4,354 in 2024) of which £3,676 relates to unrestricted funds and £9,097 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. Including both unrestricted and restricted funds, at the end of 2025 we held reserves of 3.2 months (1.3 months at the end of 2024). This is significantly less than our target so we are actively seeking additional grants in 2026.

We expect further grant payments from the Belfrey Seed Fund (£15,000), Benefact Trust (£1,600), National Lottery Community Fund (£10,000 final payment) and St Mary Magdalene church (£15,150 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.

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This is the fifteenth 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

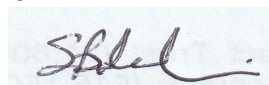
Under charity law, the trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees Annual Report and the financial statements for each financial year which properly present the state of affairs of the charity and of the excess of income over expenditure for that period.

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 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025 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"), as amended by the Charities Act 2022.

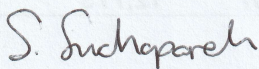
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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.



Mrs Susan Suchoparek FCA
10th March 2026

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31 December 2025

We implemented a new finance package in 2025 which changed the categories for incoming resources and resources used. The 2024 results have been restated using the new categories.

	Note	Unrestricted 2025 £	Restricted 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Incoming Resources	2				
Donations & Legacies		17,112	38,630	55,742	32,569
Charitable Activities		383	0	383	939
Investments		0	0	0	0
Trading Activities		0	0	0	0
Other		0	0	0	0
Total incoming resources		17,495	38,630	56,125	33,508
Resources Used	3				
Charitable Activities		13,885	33,821	47,706	40,480
Raising Funds		0	0	0	0
Governance Costs		0	0	0	0
Support		0	0	0	0
Other		0	0	0	0
Total resources used		13,885	33,821	47,706	40,480
Net incoming resources		3,610	4,809	8,419	-6,972
Net Movement of Funds		3,610	4,809	8,419	-6,972
Total Funds Brought Forward		66	4,288	4,354	11,326
Total Funds Carried Forward		3,676	9,097	12,773	4,354

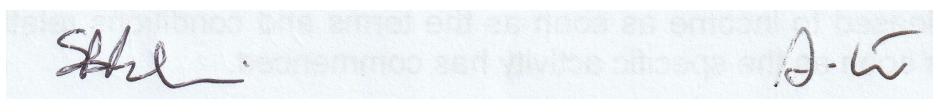
BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Unrestricted 2025 £	Restricted 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Current Assets				
Cash	2,580	13,313	15,893	2,293
Accounts Receivable	1,132	0	1,132	2,061
Prepayments	0	0	0	0
Total	3,712	13,313	17,025	4,354
Current Liabilities				
Accounts Payable	36	916	952	0
Deferred Income	0	3,300	3,300	0
Total	36	4,216	4,252	0
Net Assets	3,676	9,097	12,773	4,354
Funds				
Unrestricted (see note 5)			3,676	66
Restricted (see note 6)			9,097	4,288
Total			12,773	4,354

Approved by the Trustees on 2nd March 2026 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 2025

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 2025 £	Restricted 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Donations & Legacies				
Donations	8,244	0	8,244	269
Gift Aid Claim	417	0	417	0
Grants (see notes 5 and 6)	8,451	38,630	47,081	32,300
	17,112	38,630	55,742	32,569
Charitable Activities				
Event Income	0	0	0	630
Fund Raising	383	0	383	309
	383	0	383	939
Investments				
Bank Interest	0	0	0	0
Trading Activities				
Rental Income	0	0	0	0
Sales	0	0	0	0
Other				
Other Income	0	0	0	0
Total incoming resources	17,495	38,630	56,125	33,508

NOTE 3 – RESOURCES USED

	Unrestricted 2025 £	Restricted 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Resources Used				
Charitable Activities				
Activities	3,246	5,630	8,876	7,128
Administration	450	0	450	663
Advertising	0	0	0	0
Depreciation	0	0	0	0
Event Costs	0	0	0	0
Gifts Given	0	0	0	0
Insurance	623	0	623	1,357
Other Expenditure	0	0	0	0
Staff Costs	9,566	28,191	37,757	31,332
	13,885	33,821	47,706	40,480
Governance Costs				
Governance Costs	0	0	0	0
Total resources used	13,885	33,821	47,706	40,480

NOTE 4 - STAFF COSTS

	2025 £	2024 £
Salaries, National Insurance and Pensions	37,757	31,332

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 - UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Closing Balance
General (Unrestricted)	66	17,495	13,885	3,676

Income includes a £8,233 regular grant from St Mary Magdalene Church, £5,300 from a legacy and £2,945 donations from individuals.

NOTE 6 - RESTRICTED FUNDS

Fund	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Closing Balance
ASDA Local Community Grant	228	600	416	412
Belfrey Seed Grant	0	15,000	8,570	6,430
Benefact Trust	0	1,600	1,600	0
Irwell Valley	0	1,070	1,070	0
National Lottery Community Fund	3,036	20,000	20,905	2,131
Our Sale West	0	360	360	0
Transforming Lives for Good	1,025	0	900	125
Total	4,289	38,630	33,821	9,098

Restricted grants received during the year can be seen in the Income column:

- ASDA Local Community Grant was for craft materials.
- Belfrey Seed Grant was from St Michael le Belfrey, York towards salary costs.
- Benefact Trust grant was towards the Outreach Worker's salary.
- Irwell Valley Foundation grant was to run a holiday club during the Easter holidays.
- National Lottery Community Fund was £60,000 over 3 years from August 2023 to August 2026, paid as £10K every 6 months, to support individuals and families in Sale West.
- Our Sale West grant was for summer craft activities.
- Transforming Lives for Good grant was from the Sequoia Seed Fund, St Michael le Belfrey, York, towards running TLG.

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