

Company registration number: 07529286

Charity registration number: 1141411

Bestwood Advice Centre

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 30 June 2024

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Reference and Administrative Details

Chairman	Jay Hayes
Trustees	Brian Grocock Christopher Hooper
Senior Management Team	Susan Foster, Manager
Charity Registration Number	1141411
Company Registration Number	07529286
Registered Office	21 Gainsford Crescent Bestwood Estates Nottingham Nottinghamshire NG5 5FH
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Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 30 June 2024.

Trustees and officers

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees:

Brian Grocock
Christopher Hooper
Sophie Jennings (resigned 31 May 2024)
Ben Allen (resigned 31 May 2024)

Chairman: Jay Hayes

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and registered charity. It is operated under the rules of its memorandum and articles of association dated 14/2/11. It has no share capital and the liability of each member in the event of winding-up is limited to £10.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Trustees are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Articles of Association or through advertising, application form, observational visit and interview.

Major risks and management of those risks

Funding cuts.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

- To manage the Advice Centre efficiently and effectively in order to meet the growing and diverse needs of the communities we serve;
- To provide social welfare rights and debt advice, support and representation;
- To provide a confidential and safe environment, which supports and responds to individual needs without discrimination;
- To ensure that the advice and information given to clients is up to date, accurate and relevant to them;
- To provide clients with sufficient impartial advice and information to enable them to make informed decisions;
- To develop the Advice Centre as an independent advice agency by promoting effective use of its resources and ensuring all information displayed is accessible and responsive to local and individual needs;
- To ensure the management group, staff and volunteers receive training and support to enable them to realise the aims of the centre;
- To develop and review policies to promote equal opportunities at the Advice Centre ensuring fair and non-discriminatory practices;
- To liaise with local private, public and voluntary bodies to ensure effective and efficient delivery of a professional service.

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Trustees' Report

Objectives, strategies and activities

During the period July 2022 - June 2023 Bestwood Advice Centre (BAC) has continued to be a key provider of welfare rights and debt advice to residents from Bestwood and surrounding wards of Nottingham City. Being a key source of support and information for the most vulnerable we have adapted our services and developed new ways in working to increase service delivery.

We have taken on extra staff to meet the increased demand, 2213 new cases were opened for the period of 01 July 2022 – 30 June 2023.

We have seen an increased amount of complex cases with the majority being impacted by the increased cost of living crisis. Our advisers are trained in both debt support and welfare rights, however the demand for the service outstrips our resources.

Our approach to all our clients is to offer a holistic service; dealing not only with the issues they present to us but also any surrounding problems.

The intention is to try to prevent future problems and empower Citizens to cope better in the future whether with technology, information, or other barriers.

We are a growing charity and have developed more partnership working with organisations including the Trussell Trust, British Gas and the local PCN.

Due to the current financial climate we don't want to be too dependent on any one funder and are constantly looking for new partnership opportunities. We have started working with Nottingham Law School to develop volunteer opportunities through an adviser training program. We have roles available in advice, admin and trustee opportunities.

BAC continues to achieve high levels of outcomes for citizens.

In the financial year 2022-2023, achieved welfare benefits gains and charity support of over £1.7 million and managed debts of over £680,000. Most of the advice given is in the field of welfare rights, closely followed by debt advice and other categories such as energy issues.

Bestwood Advice Centre is a long - term, successful local charity which is now in its 39th year. It meets a wide range of needs for citizens and the staff teams' reputation as trusted, helpful, approachable, and effective in welfare rights and associated provision continues to be central to its situation on Bestwood Estate. This provision is supported through its committed trustees working alongside the paid employees to continue this provision continues.

Financial review

Bestwood Advice Centre is continuing to thrive, even under challenging circumstances.

Policy on reserves

Bestwood Advice Centres aim is to keep the total reserves between £40,000-£50,000

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Public benefit

In line with the aims of Bestwood Advice Centre we provide Social Welfare Rights and Debt advice, guidance, negotiation and representation in a confidential and safe environment, which supports and responds to individual needs without discrimination. We also give advice on housing, education, employment and consumer issues with referrals, where necessary, to specialist advice agencies.

We work to the Advice Quality Standard for 'General Advice with Casework' in the areas of Welfare Rights, Benefits and Debt.

By providing sufficient advice and guidance increased knowledge and understanding enables informed decisions to be made; by improving financial capability the individual and the community benefit. The activities contribute towards a reduction in poverty and maximising income.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Achievements and performance

During the period July 2023 - June 2024 Bestwood Advice Centre (BAC) has continued to be a key provider of welfare rights and debt advice to residents from Bestwood and surrounding wards of Nottingham City. Being a key source of support and information for the most vulnerable we have adapted our services and developed new ways in working to increase service delivery. We have taken on extra staff to meet the increased demand.

2574 new cases were opened for the period of 01 July 2022 – 30 June 2023, an increase of 20% from the previous year. We have seen an increased amount of complex cases with the majority being impacted by the increased cost of living crisis. Our advisers are trained in both debt support and welfare rights, however the demand for the service outstrips our resources. Our approach to all our clients is to offer a holistic service; dealing not only with the issues they present to us but also any surrounding problems. The intention is to try to prevent future problems and empower Citizens to cope better in the future whether with technology, information, or other barriers. We are a growing charity and have developed more partnership working with organisations including the Trussell Trust, British Gas and the local PCN. Nottingham City Council have withdrawn their funding due to their financial restrictions. Due to the current financial climate we don't want to be too dependent on any one funder and are constantly looking for new partnership opportunities.

We have started our 2nd year working with Nottingham Law School to develop volunteer opportunities through an adviser training program. We have roles available in advice, admin and trustee opportunities.

We would like to thank our funders, volunteers and staff members for their support over the past 12 months, without them we wouldn't be able to help offer this much needed support to the residents of Nottingham.

BAC continues to achieve high levels of outcomes for citizens.

In the financial year 2022-2023, achieved welfare benefits gains and charity support of just under £2 million and managed debts of approx £300,000. Most of the advice given is in the field of welfare rights, closely followed by debt advice and other categories such as energy issues.

Bestwood Advice Centre is a long - term, successful local charity which is now in its 40th year. It meets a wide range of needs for citizens and the staff teams' reputation as trusted, helpful, approachable, and effective in welfare rights and associated provision continues to be central to its situation on Bestwood Estate. This provision is supported through its committed trustees working alongside the paid employees to continue this provision continues.

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Trustees' Report

The trustees (who are also the directors of Bestwood Advice Centre for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland". The report and accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

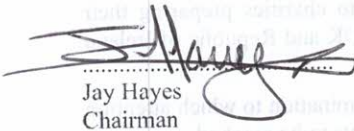
Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards, comprising FRS 102 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- 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 that can disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and 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.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 20.2.25 and signed on its behalf by:



Jay Hayes
Chairman

Small companies provision statement

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies regime under the Companies Act 2006.

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Bestwood Advice Centre ('the Company')

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Bestwood Advice Centre ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 30 June 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

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 that in any material respect:

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.



John O'Brien MSc, FAIA, FCIE, employee of Community Accounting Plus
Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners

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Date: 05/03/25

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 30 June 2024 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	42,064	-	42,064	23,954
Charitable activities	3	102	197,864	197,966	108,604
Total Income		42,166	197,864	240,030	132,558
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	5	2,339	(187,656)	(185,317)	(172,129)
Total Expenditure		2,339	(187,656)	(185,317)	(172,129)
Net income/(expenditure)		44,505	10,208	54,713	(39,571)
Transfers between funds		(3,509)	3,509	-	-
Net movement in funds		40,996	13,717	54,713	(39,571)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		20,049	26,799	46,848	86,419
Total funds carried forward	11	61,045	40,516	101,561	46,848

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for the period is shown in note 11.

The notes on pages 10 to 18 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 30 June 2024 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

These are the figures for the previous accounting period and are included for comparative purposes

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	2	23,954	-	23,954
Charitable activities	3	-	108,604	108,604
Total income		23,954	108,604	132,558
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	5	(31,058)	(141,071)	(172,129)
Total expenditure		(31,058)	(141,071)	(172,129)
Net expenditure		(7,104)	(32,467)	(39,571)
Net movement in funds		(7,104)	(32,467)	(39,571)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		22,336	64,083	86,419
Total funds carried forward	11	15,232	31,616	46,848

The notes on pages 10 to 18 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	7	1,024	-
Current assets			
Debtors	8	1,375	-
Cash at bank and in hand		101,181	48,788
		102,556	48,788
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	9	(2,019)	(1,940)
Net current assets		100,537	46,848
Net assets		101,561	46,848
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds	11	40,516	26,799
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		61,045	20,049
Total funds	11	101,561	46,848

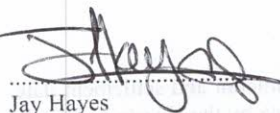
For the financial year ending 30 June 2024 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements on pages 7 to 18 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on and signed on their behalf by:



Jay Hayes
Chairman

The notes on pages 10 to 18 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2024

1 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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)) (issued in October 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of preparation

Bestwood Advice Centre meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

Under the exemption available to smaller charities the Board of Trustees has chosen not to include a Statement of Cash Flows within the financial statements.

Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

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 by the charity 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 these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

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Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Government grants

Government grants are recognised based on the accrual model and are measured at the fair value of the asset received or receivable. Grants are classified as relating either to revenue or to assets. Grants relating to revenue are recognised in income over the period in which the related costs are recognised. Grants relating to assets are recognised over the expected useful life of the asset. Where part of a grant relating to an asset is deferred, it is recognised as deferred income.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £500 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Computer equipment	33.3% straight line

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

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Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those grants for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Pensions and other post retirement obligations

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity. Pension costs charges in the Statement of Financial Activities represent the contributions payable by the charity during the year.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from individuals	-	-	1,184
Other income from donations & legacies	4,120	4,120	-
Grants, including capital grants;			
Government grants	-	-	15,980
Grants from other charities	792	792	6,790
Grants from companies	37,152	37,152	-
	<u>42,064</u>	<u>42,064</u>	<u>23,954</u>

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Grants and donations	-	197,864	197,864	108,604
Sundry receipts	102	-	102	-
	<u>102</u>	<u>197,864</u>	<u>197,966</u>	<u>108,604</u>

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4 Grants & donations

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Bestwood and Bulwell Foodbank	-	28,478	28,478
St Anns Advice Group	280	23,495	23,775
Nottingham Law Centre 2	22,570	-	22,570
Bestwood Directions	3,000	-	3,000
Nottingham & District CAB	-	66,100	66,100
National Grid	-	6,600	6,600
The National Lottery	-	32,734	32,734
Severn Trent water	11,582	-	11,582
Nottingham City GPP (SPLW)	512	35,880	36,392
Hope Nottingham	-	4,577	4,577
Sundry Donations	4,120	-	4,120
	<u>42,064</u>	<u>197,864</u>	<u>239,928</u>

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Building costs	112	330	442	282
Business costs	717	14,809	15,526	18,884
Education expenses	16	-	16	103
Salaries, NI & Pensions	1,134	160,609	161,743	152,207
Volunteer expenses	128	-	128	29
Training	1,522	25	1,547	100
Staff expenses	118	32	150	260
Sundry expenses	206	-	206	54
Depreciation	512	-	512	-
Payroll Service	106	948	1,054	-
Overheads	(1,203)	1,203	-	-
Publicity	494	-	494	210
Travel & Accommodation	32	167	199	-
Activity resources	-	3,300	3,300	-
Other expenses	(6,233)	6,233	-	-
	<u>(2,339)</u>	<u>187,656</u>	<u>185,317</u>	<u>172,129</u>

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6 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	143,789	143,357
Social security costs	9,939	4,817
Pension costs	8,015	4,033
	<u>161,743</u>	<u>152,207</u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	2024 No	2023 No
Average number of employees	<u>8</u>	<u>11</u>

6 (2023 - 5) of the above employees participated in the Defined Contribution Pension Schemes.

Contributions to the employee pension schemes for the year totalled £8,015 (2023 - £4,033).

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £30,876 (2023 - £38,601).

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2024

7 Tangible fixed assets

	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 July 2023	2,070	2,070
Additions	1,536	1,536
At 30 June 2024	<u>3,606</u>	<u>3,606</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 July 2023	2,070	2,070
Charge for the year	512	512
At 30 June 2024	<u>2,582</u>	<u>2,582</u>
Net book value		
At 30 June 2024	<u>1,024</u>	<u>1,024</u>
At 30 June 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
8 Debtors		
	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	<u>1,375</u>	<u>-</u>

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Other taxation and social security	-	130
Other creditors	<u>2,019</u>	<u>1,810</u>
	<u>2,019</u>	<u>1,940</u>

10 Charity status

The charity is a charity limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2024

11 Funds

	Balance at 1 July 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 30 June 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
<i>General</i>					
General	20,049	42,166	2,339	(3,509)	61,045
Restricted funds					
Welfare Rights (NCAB)	21,758	71,038	(88,875)	-	3,921
Fuel Poverty	5,041	23,494	(23,757)	-	4,778
Foodbank	-	4,577	(8,086)	3,509	-
National Grid	-	6,600	(6,600)	-	-
National Lottery	-	32,734	(32,734)	-	-
PCN1 (SPLW)	-	35,880	(26,089)	-	9,791
HSG4	-	7,132	(1,412)	-	5,720
Public Health England	-	16,409	(103)	-	16,306
Total restricted funds	26,799	197,864	(187,656)	3,509	40,516
Total funds	46,848	240,030	(185,317)	-	101,561

	Balance at 1 July 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 30 June 2023 £
Unrestricted funds				
<i>General</i>				
General	22,336	23,954	(26,241)	20,049
Restricted				
Welfare Rights (NCAB)	28,676	71,945	(78,863)	21,758
Fuel Poverty	14,354	14,126	(23,439)	5,041
Salaries	4,474	1,955	(6,429)	-
Covid isolation recovery	9,149	-	(9,149)	-
Foodbank	5,928	20,578	(26,506)	-
Interns	1,502	-	(1,502)	-
Total restricted funds	64,083	108,604	(145,888)	26,799
Total funds	86,419	132,558	(172,129)	46,848

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The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

Welfare Rights (NCAB)

Provides advice and support to local residents around their welfare rights. This is the main source of income.

Fuel Poverty

Supporting families and the community through training.

Salaries

A contribution towards additional advice workers.

Foodbank

To provide food parcels to local residents in need.

Covid Isolation Recovery

To support those who were vulnerable during Covid to regain confidence and access local facilities.

Interns

Support students on placement.

	2023	2024
Designated funds	£	£
Unrestricted funds	£	£
Total funds at 30 June	£	£
Designated funds	£	£
Unrestricted funds	£	£
Total funds at 30 June	£	£

During the period, the fees payable (excluding VAT) to the charity, independent examiner Community Accounting (this amount) and as follows:

	2023	2024
Independent examination	£	£
Charity services	£	£
Other (audit) services	£	£
Total	£	£

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2024

12 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds Other £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 30 June 2024 £
Fixed asset investments	1,024	-	1,024
Current assets	62,040	40,516	102,556
Current liabilities	(2,019)	-	(2,019)
Total net assets	61,045	40,516	101,561
	Unrestricted funds Designated £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 30 June 2023 £
Current assets	20,049	28,739	48,788
Current liabilities	-	(1,940)	(1,940)
Total net assets	20,049	26,799	46,848

13 Fees payable to independent examiner

During the period, the fees payable (excluding VAT) to the charity's independent examiner Community Accounting Plus are analysed as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Independent examination	980	770
Payroll services	748	-
Other financial services	666	1,387
	2,394	2,157

14 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

15 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees have received any other benefits from the charity during the year.

16 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.