

# **BARLOW MOOR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION LIMITED**

**REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER 07476646 (ENGLAND)**  
**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1142217**

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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## BARLOW MOOR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION LIMITED

### Report of the trustees for the year ended 31<sup>ST</sup> March 2025

The trustees present their annual directors' report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and the 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).

### Reference and administrative information

Charity Name: Barlow Moor Community Association Limited

Charity Number: 1142217

Company No: 07476646

### Directors and trustees

The directors of the charitable company (the charity) are its trustees for the purpose of charity law.

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

Ms Joanna Midgley (Chair)  
 Mrs Michelle Hodges (Treasurer)  
 Ms Helen Sharples (Company Secretary)  
 Miss Clover Hudson (Vice Chair)  
 Mr George Coombs  
 Rev. Thomas Phipps

### Key Management Personnel: Trustees and Directors

Ms Joanna Midgley Chair of Trustees

Senior Managers:

Ms Rebecca Elliot, Ms Toni Toner

Miss Philomena Sales

### Registered Office

23 Merseybank Avenue, Manchester, M21 7NT

### Independent Examiners

Community Accountancy Service Limited

The Grange, Pilgrim Drive, Beswick, Manchester M11 3TQ

### Bankers

Cooperative Bank plc, 1 Balloon Street, Manchester, M60 4EP

Epworth Investment Management, 9 Bonhill Street, London, EC2A 4PE

## BARLOW MOOR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION LIMITED

### Objectives and activities

The purposes of the charity are:

- to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Barlow Moor and its environs without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinion by associating together the said inhabitants and the local authorities, voluntary or other organisations in a common effort to advance education
- to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the condition of life for the said inhabitants.
- to secure the establishment of a community centre and to maintain and manage the same whether alone or in cooperation with any local authority or other person or body in furtherance of these objects, and
- such other purposes as may be charitable according to the law of England and Wales and to relieve the poverty of the public in England by the provision of free and confidential information about charitable, voluntary, health and public services.

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives, in planning future activities, and setting the policies for the year.

**Barlow Moor Community Association (BMCA)** adopts a holistic, community-led approach to tackling poverty, recognising that deprivation is not only about a lack of income, but also a lack of opportunity, access, and choice. We support individuals and families across generations through early intervention, wraparound support, and inclusive activities that build resilience, reduce isolation, and promote long-term wellbeing.

Our charitable purpose is delivered through four interconnected strands of work:

### 1. Health and Wellbeing

We deliver a robust programme that supports both day-to-day challenges and long-term resilience:

- **Early intervention and enhanced support:** Intensive 1:1 support for individuals facing financial hardship, housing insecurity, or complex needs. This includes benefit advice, budgeting, and crisis response.
- **Cost-of-living support:** We lead the local cost-of-living partnership, coordinate anti-poverty initiatives, and influence neighbourhood-level change.
- **Food and fuel poverty relief:** Daily warm hub, community kitchen, emergency food parcels, foodbank referrals, and school uniform projects.
- **Physical and mental health:** Yoga, Tai Chi, chair-based exercise, walk & talk, and creative therapies. Social sessions include Men's Den, Music for Mindfulness, befriending, and seasonal wellbeing events like "Step into Spring" and "Winter Warmer."

### 2. Community Development

We empower local people to shape services and lead change:

- **Driving Change:** Community consultation and Community Forum, enabling residents to reinvest in their neighbourhood.
- **Social Action:** Volunteer-led delivery of our charity shop, garden, bike project, and community library. Residents also lead litter picks and youth-led social action.



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- **Community Events:** We foster cohesion through inclusive events like Merseyfest, Spookeyfest, Santa's First Stop, and Play Streets, reclaiming public space for children and families.

### 3. Advice, Education, Training & Employment

We provide a comprehensive pathway from crisis to confidence:

- **Matrix-accredited IAG:** Tailored advice on benefits, housing, and financial resilience, including in-work support and budgeting.
- **Employment support:** Job Club, CV workshops, interview prep, and quarterly job fairs.
- **Informal learning:** Courses in communication, teamwork, and positive thinking.
- **Accredited qualifications:** In-house NCFE/Cache qualifications in Support Work in Schools, Retail, Customer Service, and Volunteering. Certificates in Food Hygiene, First Aid, Safeguarding, and more.
- **Basic skills:** English Conversation Café, Everyday English and Maths, and digital skills through our Digi Drop-In.

### 4. Children and Young People

We offer whole family support for children and families:

- **Early Years:** Until 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025 a 30-place nursery for 2–4-year-olds offering 15 hours per week.
- **Play and childcare:** Free open-access play and holiday schemes for 5–12s.
- **Youth provision:** Weekly sessions for 11–14s and 13+ age groups, focusing on personal development, wellbeing, and social action.

### Wider Community Offer

Our centre is a trusted hub for the community and hosts a range of external services including Narcotics Anonymous, Citizens Advice, Credit Union, Be-Well, local councillors and MPs surgeries, and private hire for community events. We also organise excursions, residential trips, and community lunches.

### Current Financial Context

BMCA is currently facing significant financial pressure due to rising operational costs and reduced long-term funding commitments. Despite this, demand for our services continues to grow. We are actively seeking support to sustain and expand our core programmes, ensuring that local people continue to have access to the trusted, compassionate, and life-changing support they need. At the time of preparing and publishing this financial statement (for the year ended 31 March 2025), it is confirmed that the early years provision operated by the organisation has formally closed as of 18th July 2025, in line with a comprehensive business case review taken earlier in the year. The closure pertained solely to the nursery element of the organisation's operations and was undertaken due to sustainability and viability concerns outlined in the formal business case. As a result of the closure, three redundancies have taken place, affecting staff directly involved in the delivery of the nursery provision. The total cost of redundancy payments was £4,294, and this has been provided for within the financial statements for the year ending 31 March 2025.

## BARLOW MOOR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION LIMITED

### Structure, governance and management

Barlow Moor Community Association Limited is a company limited by guarantee governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2010. It is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission (dated 2nd June 2011).

### Appointment of trustees

As set out in the Articles of Association trustees are elected annually by the members of the charitable company attending the Annual General meeting. Each year one third of the trustees shall retire from office by rotation based on the longest standing and offer themselves for re-election.

### Trustee induction and training

Trustees are given information about their role and responsibilities on first being appointed. They are also given a copy of the constitution, information about staffing and management, and are shown copies of policy documents.

Once appointed to subgroups they are given further information on funding, systems etc, and are trained in relevant procedures (eg. Bank reconciliation and other Quickbooks procedures for the treasurer).

### Organisation

The board of trustees administers the charity. The board normally meet bi-monthly. A Centre Management Team are appointed by the trustees to manage the day-to-day operations of the charity.

### Related parties and co-operation with other organisations

None of our trustees receive remuneration or other benefit from their work as a trustee with the charity. Any connection between a trustee or senior manager with any service providers must be disclosed to the full board of trustees in the same way as any other contractual relationship with a related party. Payments to related parties are disclosed in Note 14 to the accounts.

### A review of our achievements and performance

The main achievements during the year are set out in the Impact Report in the Appendix.

### Financial review

The charity had ended the year with income totalling £542,600 (2024 £620,113). Expenditure increased to £576,512 from £530,754 with most of this coming from restricted funds. This left a deficit of £33,912 (2024 surplus of £89,359). Unrestricted reserves at the year end, were £131,382 down from £168,003 in 2024.

### Investment powers and policy

The trustees, having regard to the liquidity requirements of operating the charity, have kept available funds in an interest bearing deposit account.

### Reserves policy and going concern

The balance held in unrestricted reserves at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 was £131,382 of which £127,710 is free reserves, after allowing for funds tied up in tangible fixed assets. The charity has designated £14,753



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of this to support specific activities and capital items. Restricted reserves totalled £144,247 with £86,964 relating to fixed assets (spent) and £57,283 relating to revenue.

The trustees aim to establish and maintain free reserves in unrestricted funds at a level which equates to approximately four months of charitable expenditure (currently £191,000). The trustees consider that this level will provide sufficient funds to respond to applications for grants and ensure that support and governance costs are covered. Currently free reserves stand at just under 3 months running costs. Having regard to the 25/26 budget and supplemented by the general funds the trustees consider that the charity is a going concern.

Income of £309,417.00 has been confirmed for 2025/26.

### Risk management

The trustees have conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed and systems have been established to mitigate those risks. Where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers, young people, other service users and visitors.

### Trustees responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

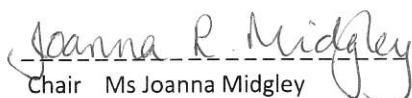
The charity trustees (who are also the directors of Barlow Moor Community Association Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each 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 the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting principles and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures that must be disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is appropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity 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 charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

By order of the board of trustees

  
Chair Ms Joanna Midgley

Date: 11/09/2025

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BARLOW MOOR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION LIMITED

I report on the accounts of the company for the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025, which are set out on pages 7 to 20.

### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity is required by company law to prepare accrued accounts and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act ;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, except as shown below, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006, ; and
  - with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date: 11<sup>th</sup> September 2025

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**  
(including income and expenditure account)

		Unrestricted Funds 2025	Restricted Funds 2025	Year Ended 31 March 2025	Year Ended 31 March 2024
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>INCOME FROM</b>					
Donations & Legacies	2	735	10,132	10,867	2,584
Donation In Kind		-	24,000	24,000	24,000
Charitable activities	3	91,949	385,922	477,871	560,527
Other Trading Activities	4	23,281	5	23,286	27,927
Investment Income		6,576	-	6,576	5,075
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>122,541</b>	<b>420,059</b>	<b>542,600</b>	<b>620,113</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>					
Costs of Raising Funds	6	12,474	-	12,474	11,506
Grants Made	6	-	2,130	2,130	6,370
Charitable Activities	6	146,347	415,561	561,908	512,878
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>158,821</b>	<b>417,691</b>	<b>576,512</b>	<b>530,754</b>
<b>NET INCOME (EXPENDITURE) &amp; NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>(36,280)</b>	<b>2,368</b>	<b>(33,912)</b>	<b>89,359</b>
Gross Transfer between funds	16	(341)	341	-	-
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD	16	168,003	141,538	309,541	220,182
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>131,382</b>	<b>144,247</b>	<b>275,629</b>	<b>309,541</b>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 10 to 20 form part of these accounts.



## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible Fixed Assets	10	90,636	96,135
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	11	21,821	19,360
Cash at Bank and in Hand		259,499	258,172
		<u>281,320</u>	<u>277,532</u>
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>(96,327)</u>	<u>(64,126)</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		184,993	213,406
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u>275,629</u>	<u>309,541</u>
<b>THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY</b>			
Restricted Income Funds	16	144,247	141,538
Unrestricted Income Funds	16	131,382	168,003
<b>TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS</b>		<u>275,629</u>	<u>309,541</u>

For the year in question the company was entitled to the exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

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

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

Approved on behalf of the Company's Board of Trustees:

Trustee

*Joanna R. Midgley*

Ms Joanna Midgley

Trustee

*Michelle Hodges*

Mrs Michelle Hodges

Date: 11/09/2025

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# STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>RECONCILIATION OF NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Net movement in funds	(33,912)	89,359
Add back depreciation	12,976	11,684
Deduct investment income	(6,576)	(5,075)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	(2,461)	(4,173)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	32,201	(28,855)
<b>Net cash used in operating activities</b>	<b>2,228</b>	<b>62,940</b>
<b>Cash flows from investment activities:</b>		
Interest	6,576	5,075
Purchase of fixed assets	(7,477)	(28,802)
<b>Net cash provided by investing activities</b>	<b>(901)</b>	<b>(23,727)</b>
 Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents during the year	 1,327	 39,213
 Cash and cash equivalents brought forward	 258,172	 218,959
<b>Cash and cash equivalents carried forward</b>	<b>259,499</b>	<b>258,172</b>

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**(a) Basis of preparation and assessment of going concern**

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) effective 1st January 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and The Companies Act 2006.. The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

**(b) Funds structure**

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor or trust deed. There are 36 restricted funds at the year end. Unrestricted income funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects. Unrestricted funds include designated funds where the trustees, at their discretion have created a fund for a specific purpose. Further details of each fund are disclosed in note 16.

**(c) Income recognition**

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable 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. 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. Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

**(d) Expenditure Recognition**

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 settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses including support costs and governance costs are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings. For more information on this attribution refer to note (g) below.

**(e) Irrecoverable VAT**

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the expenditure heading for which it was incurred.

**(f) Allocation of support and governance costs**

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support costs. Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to independent examination and legal fees together with an apportionment of overhead and support costs. Governance costs and support costs relating to charitable activities have been apportioned based on staff time and facilities used in each activity. The allocation of support and governance costs is analysed in note 7.

**(g) Charitable Activities**

Costs of charitable activities include governance costs and an apportionment of support costs as shown in Note 6.



## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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**(h) Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

Fixed assets are included in the accounts at net book value. Additions of a single item or a group of similar assets exceeding £500, are capitalised at cost (valuation for donated assets).

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost less the estimated residual value of tangible fixed assets over their estimated useful lives as follows:-

Computer Equipment	33.33% on cost
Furniture & Equipment	25% on cost
Leasehold Improvements	over 22 years from January 2014

**(i) Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

**(j) Creditors and Provisions**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

**(k) Taxation**

The organisation is exempt from income tax by reason of its charitable status. Income tax suffered on investment income is reclaimed in full. The Charity is not registered for VAT.

**(l) Pensions**

The charity operates an auto enrolment defined contribution pension scheme for its employees. The charity has no liability beyond making its contributions and paying across the deductions for the employee contributions.

**(m) Contingent liabilities**

A contingent liability is identified and disclosed for those transactions resulting from a possible obligation which will only be confirmed by the occurrence of one or more uncertain future events not wholly within the trustees' control.

**(n) Commitments Under Operating Leases**

Rentals are charged to income and expenditure as they fall due.

2 INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND LEGACIES	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025
	£	£	£
Donations	735	10,132	10,867
	<u>735</u>	<u>10,132</u>	<u>10,867</u>
Previous Year	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024
	£	£	£
Donations	2,084	500	2,584
	<u>2,084</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>2,584</u>

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

## 3 INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025
	£	£	£
Grants:			
Our Manchester VCS	-	86,719	86,719
MCC - Cost of Living	-	30,000	30,000
MCC NIF - Various	-	2,450	2,450
HAF	-	21,205	21,205
Garfield Weston Foundation	12,500	-	12,500
MCC - Young People	-	78,735	78,735
The Henry Smith Charity	-	31,533	31,533
Trusthouse	-	18,623	18,623
Good Things Foundation	8,400	-	8,400
MCC Work & Skills	-	9,000	9,000
Southway - Learning Hub	-	19,992	19,992
Southway - Youth Elevate	8,766	-	8,766
Southway - Merseyfest	-	2,000	2,000
Merseyfest - Various	-	4,861	4,861
Big Life	2,500	-	2,500
Big Lottery Reaching Communities	-	47,867	47,867
Revision	-	12,000	12,000
Nursery Free Entitlement & EYPP	51,776	-	51,776
Mcr Active	-	5,000	5,000
Other Social Contracts	2,000	-	2,000
Other Small Grants	5,930	14,146	20,076
<b>Total Grants</b>	<b>91,872</b>	<b>384,131</b>	<b>476,003</b>
Group Contributions etc	47	1,791	1,838
Other Income	30	-	30
	<b>77</b>	<b>1,791</b>	<b>1,868</b>
	<b>91,949</b>	<b>385,922</b>	<b>477,871</b>



## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

## 3. Cont....

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024
Previous Year			£
Grants:	£	£	£
Our Manchester VCS	-	86,719	86,719
MCC NIF - Various	-	3,829	3,829
HAF	-	16,873	16,873
Garfield Weston Foundation	25,000	-	25,000
MCC - Hate Crime	-	1,500	1,500
MCC - Young People	-	65,288	65,288
The Henry Smith Charity	-	31,133	31,133
Trusthouse	-	21,696	21,696
Good Things Foundation	10,600	-	10,600
MCC Work & Skills	-	10,000	10,000
Southway - Learning Hub	-	19,992	19,992
Southway - Beautiful South	-	1,500	1,500
Southway - Breakfast Support	-	1,750	1,750
Merseyfest - Various	-	5,716	5,716
Diabetes Project	-	7,000	7,000
Big Life	2,500	-	2,500
Big Lottery Reaching Communities	-	71,212	71,212
Big Lottery - Cost of Living	-	62,567	62,567
Big Lottery - Million Hours	-	9,487	9,487
Nursery Free Entitlement & EYPP	33,710	-	33,710
Nursery - Welfare Grant	-	105	105
Nursery SEN	-	2,151	2,151
Youth Investment Fund	-	18,288	18,288
TFGM Bike Project	-	11,656	11,656
Sport England	-	10,399	10,399
Other Social Contracts	9,000	-	9,000
Other Small Grants	7,210	6,096	13,306
Total Grants	88,020	464,957	552,977
Group Contributions etc	116	4,183	4,299
Other Income	727	2,524	3,251
	88,863	471,664	560,527

## 4 INCOME FROM OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds 2025	Restricted Funds 2025	2025	Unrestricted Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Room Hire	12,521	-	12,521	12,020	-	12,020
Project Management	4,030	-	4,030	9,045	-	9,045
Fundraising	2,153	5	2,158	2,097	49	2,146
Shop Income	4,577	-	4,577	4,716	-	4,716
	23,281	5	23,286	27,878	49	27,927

## 5 NET INCOMING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
The net incoming (outgoing) resources are stated after charging:		
Depreciation (owned assets)	12,976	11,684
Independent Examination	1,200	1,200
Other Financial Services	6,329	6,026
Trustees (Directors) Remuneration (see note 14)	-	-

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

## 6 EXPENDITURE

	Basis of allocation	Centre	Activity Zones	Total 2025
		£	£	£
<b>Expenditure on Generating Funds</b>				
Employment Costs	Staff Time	9,643	-	9,643
Premises Costs		1,244	-	1,244
Shop Costs		1,587	-	1,587
		<u>12,474</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,474</u>
<b>Grants Made</b>				
Household, Welfare & Food Support		-	2,130	2,130
<b>Expenditure on Charitable Activities</b>				
		£	£	£
Employment Costs	Staff Time	181,611	153,449	335,060
Other Staff Expenses	Activity	380	-	380
DBS Checks	Activity	352	-	352
Premises Costs	Activity	13,082	8,075	21,157
Volunteer Expenses	Activity	41	-	41
Staff Travel	Activity	166	-	166
Staff Training	Activity	94	-	94
Centre Activities	Activity	18,272	20,393	38,665
Partner Payments	Activity	5,000	21,649	26,649
Beneficiary Training	Activity	-	5,211	5,211
Subscriptions	Activity	1,374	1,450	2,824
Publicity & Website	Activity	2,785	-	2,785
Support Costs		92,941	21,717	114,658
Governance Costs		13,711	155	13,866
		<u>329,809</u>	<u>232,099</u>	<u>561,908</u>
				£
Restricted Funds				417,691
Unrestricted Funds				<u>158,821</u>
				<u>576,512</u>
<b>Previous Year:</b>				
	Basis of allocation	Centre	Activity Zones	Total 2024
		£	£	£
<b>Expenditure on Generating Funds</b>				
Employment Costs	Staff Time	9,171	-	9,171
Premises Costs		1,809	-	1,809
Shop Costs		526	-	526
		<u>11,506</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,506</u>
<b>Grants Made</b>				
Household & Food Support		-	6,370	6,370
<b>Expenditure on Charitable Activities</b>				
		£	£	£
Employment Costs	Staff Time	187,401	107,597	294,998
Other Staff Expenses	Activity	141	18	159
DBS Checks	Activity	270	-	270
Premises Costs	Activity	18,945	11,813	30,758
Volunteer Expenses	Activity	94	-	94
Staff Travel	Activity	147	-	147
Staff Training	Activity	90	-	90
Centre Activities	Activity	11,776	33,840	45,616
Partner Payments	Activity	-	7,179	7,179
Beneficiary Training	Activity	4,800	-	4,800
Subscriptions	Activity	398	142	540
Publicity & Website	Activity	2,716	-	2,716
Support Costs		105,705	4,300	110,005
Governance Costs		15,506	-	15,506
		<u>347,989</u>	<u>164,889</u>	<u>512,878</u>
				£
Restricted Funds				462,012
Unrestricted Funds				<u>68,742</u>
				<u>530,754</u>

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

## 7 ALLOCATION OF GOVERNANCE AND SUPPORT COSTS

		General Support	Governance	Total 2025	Total 2024
		£	£	£	£
Employment Costs	Staff Time	23,331		23,331	25,722
Premises Costs	Activity	2,489		2,489	3,619
Donation In Kind - premises	Activity	24,000		24,000	24,000
Insurance	Activity	4,615		4,615	3,562
Cleaning	Activity	23,458		23,458	21,161
Equipment Leasing	Activity	1,308		1,308	1,189
Repairs & Renewals	Activity	7,714		7,714	4,457
Computer Maintenance	Activity	3,960		3,960	3,785
Minor Equipment & Software	Activity	3,452		3,452	795
Telephone & Internet	Activity	2,060		2,060	4,252
Post, Printing & Stationery	Activity	2,137		2,137	2,715
Subscriptions	Activity	444		444	-
Sundries	Activity	105		105	303
Payroll Services	Activity	2,609		2,609	2,666
Depreciation	Activity	12,976		12,976	11,684
Interest Paid	Activity	-		-	95
Trustee Meetings & Expenses	Governance		182	182	416
Accountancy	Governance		4,920	4,920	4,560
Consultancy	Governance		3,168	3,168	3,432
Legal Fees	Governance		420	420	1,954
Professional Fees - HR	Governance		5,176	5,176	5,144
		114,658	13,866	128,524	125,511

## 8 STAFF NUMBERS AND COSTS

Staff costs were as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Salaries and wages	339,758	309,334
Social security costs	18,082	14,891
Redundancy Costs	4,294	-
Pensions	5,900	5,666
	368,034	329,891

The charity employed 30 people during the year. The average number of employees during the year, was 24 and calculated on the basis of full time equivalents was as follows:

	Number	Number
Management & Administration	2	2
Services	10	9
	12	11

Along with the trustees the key management personnel are the joint CEO's and Operations manager

The total employment benefits, including employer pension contributions of the key management personnel were £121,110 (2024 £119,893). No employee has benefits in excess of £60,000.

## 9 AMOUNTS DUE UNDER OPERATING LEASE ARRANGEMENTS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Due within one year	-	-
	-	-

A lease of £3,800 per annum for use of the premises exists but to date the lessor has donated use in kind. The use in kind has been valued at £24,000 per annum.



## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

10 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	Leasehold Improvements	Furniture & Equipment	Computer Equipment	Total
<b>COST</b>	£	£	£	£
At 1 April 2024	145,161	34,283	12,301	191,745
Additions	1,262	5,601	614	7,477
Disposals	-	(8,339)	-	(8,339)
At 31 March 2025	146,423	31,545	12,915	190,883
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>				
At 1 April 2024	58,512	26,953	10,145	95,610
Charge for Period	7,782	3,489	1,705	12,976
Disposals	-	(8,339)	-	(8,339)
At 31 March 2025	66,294	22,103	11,850	100,247
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>				
At 31 March 2025	80,129	9,442	1,065	90,636
At 31 March 2024	86,649	7,330	2,156	96,135

Kitchen equipment was donated by Nando's. It has not been possible to put a value on this.

11 DEBTORS	2025 £	2024 £
Other Debtors	20,809	17,079
Prepayments	1,012	2,281
	<u>21,821</u>	<u>19,360</u>

In 2025 £15,557 relates to restricted funds (2024 £4,257).

12 LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	2025 £	2024 £
Other Creditors	29,558	13,802
Other Taxes and Social Security Costs	4,372	3,810
Deferred Income	38,619	16,393
Accruals	23,778	30,121
	<u>96,327</u>	<u>64,126</u>

In 2025 £69,578 is restricted funds (2024 £35,339).

13 DEFERRED INCOME	2025 £	2024 £
Deferred income comprises grants paid in advance (restricted income).		
Balance as at 1st April	16,393	47,978
Amount released to income earned from charitable activities	(16,393)	(47,978)
Amount deferred in the year	38,619	16,393
Balance as at 31st March	<u>38,619</u>	<u>16,393</u>

## 14 TRUSTEE REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

Except as disclosed below no remuneration has been paid or is due to be paid to any of the trustees in respect of the period. No reimbursement of expenses has been made or is due to be made to any of the trustees in respect of the period.

Payment of £1,920 was made to Clover Hudson for running yoga classes. Under Article 4 of the current rules trustees cannot sell services to the charity. The charity proposed amendments to these Articles of Association voted on at the last AGM were insufficient to cover such related party transactions so a further amendment will be proposed at the next AGM, to allow payments in a limited number of circumstances for services that do not relate to the acting as a trustee.

## 15 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

	2025 £	2024 £
At 31 March	<u>nil</u>	<u>nil</u>

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

16 ANALYSIS OF CHARITABLE FUNDS	At 1st April 2024	Incoming Resources	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31st March 2025
<i>Analysis of Movement in Restricted Funds</i>	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Centre</b>					
Our Manchester VCS	-	86,719	(86,719)		-
Henry Smith Charity	1,144	31,533	(31,600)		1,077
Big Lottery	-	47,867	(48,200)	333	-
Big Lottery - Cost of Living	-	-	-		-
Big Lottery - Million Hours	2,921	-	(2,921)		-
Trusthouse	1,387	18,623	(19,895)		115
Kitchen Fund Donations & Grants	-	16,187	(2,063)	(3,467)	10,657
Merseyfest	1,374	11,736	(9,313)		3,797
Donation in Kind - premises costs	-	24,000	(24,000)		-
NIF - Others	2,346	2,450	(1,998)		2,798
MCC Cost of Living	-	30,000	(13,165)		16,835
Restricted Donation - service user welfare	-	750	(750)		-
<b>Learning Hub</b>					
Southways - Learning Hub	-	19,992	(19,992)		-
MCC - Work & Skills	548	9,000	(9,548)		-
Revision	-	12,000	(12,000)		-
<b>Young People &amp; Playschemes</b>					
HAF	-	21,205	(21,205)		-
MCC YPP Play Day	-	250	(250)		-
MCC YPP	7,435	77,485	(83,578)		1,342
TFGM - Bike Project	5,460	1,656	(2,126)	(1,101)	3,889
Sport England	6,905	-	(5,649)	(1,256)	-
MCC - Hate Crime	38	-	(46)	8	-
CYP Core	4,098	-	(2,700)		1,398
<b>Older People &amp; Wellbeing</b>					
Aris	2,000	-	(2,003)	3	-
MCC Mcr Wellbeing Fund	1,233	-	-		1,233
Cost of Living Grants & Donations	3,500	-	-		3,500
Duchy of Lancaster	563	-	(564)	1	-
Illuminate	704	-	-		704
Skipton Building Society	-	1,000	(254)		746
Greater Manchester Sports Partnership	-	100	(100)		-
Manchester Univ. NHS Foundation Trust	-	3,000	(300)		2,700
Climate Action Project	-	510	-		510
White House	1,640	-	(275)		1,365
Southway - Uniforms	1,755	-	(285)		1,470
Southway - Music for Mindfulness	775	-	(399)		376
NIF	2,578	-	-		2,578
Over 60's Contributions	1,752	-	-		1,752
Donations	2,419	-	(710)	(4)	1,705
Southway Housing	71	-	-		71
Diabetes Project	3,330	-	(1,909)		1,421
South Neighbourhood Team - NIF - "The Den"	565	-	(173)		392
Small Grants	-	-	-		-
<b>Nursery</b>					
Nursery & Out of School Club Contributions	-	1,791	(1,791)		-
DLA	-	1,820	(1,820)		-
Welfare	-	385	(385)		-
<i>Continued over ....</i>	<b>56,541</b>	<b>420,059</b>	<b>(408,686)</b>	<b>(5,483)</b>	<b>62,431</b>



## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

16 cont ...

	At 1st April 2024 £	Incoming Resources £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31st March 2025 £
<b>Restricted Funds from previous page</b>	56,541	420,059	(408,686)	(5,483)	62,431
<b>Capital Funds</b>					
Veolia	28,924	-	(2,718)	-	26,206
Wates	10,001	-	(909)	-	9,092
MCC- S Mcr Regeneration	6,005	-	(545)	-	5,460
Early Years - Playground	12,270	-	(1,123)	-	11,147
Southway Donation in Kind	2,370	-	(463)	-	1,907
Opens	121	-	(121)	-	-
NIF - TV	1,778	-	(596)	-	1,182
Young Manchester	862	-	(288)	-	574
NIF - SEN	236	-	(140)	-	96
TFGM - Bike Project	5,719	-	(697)	1,101	6,123
Sport England	-	-	-	1,256	1,256
Kitchen Fund Donations	-	-	-	3,467	3,467
Youth Investment Fund - Music Room	16,711	-	(1,405)	-	15,306
<b>Total Capital Funds</b>	<b>84,997</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(9,005)</b>	<b>5,824</b>	<b>81,816</b>
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>	<b>141,538</b>	<b>420,059</b>	<b>(417,691)</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>144,247</b>
<b>Analysis of Movement in Unrestricted Funds:</b>					
Designated Capital	3,672		(400)	5,994	9,266
Designated Funds					
Good Things Foundation - Learning Hub	13,003	8,400	(18,691)	-	2,712
Big Life - Learning Hub	3,946	2,500	(3,671)	-	2,775
	20,621	10,900	(22,762)	5,994	14,753
<b>General Funds</b>	<b>147,382</b>	<b>111,641</b>	<b>(136,059)</b>	<b>(6,335)</b>	<b>116,629</b>
<b>Total Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>168,003</b>	<b>122,541</b>	<b>(158,821)</b>	<b>(341)</b>	<b>131,382</b>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>309,541</b>	<b>542,600</b>	<b>(576,512)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>275,629</b>

**Third Party Grants**

BMCA received third party grants of 24,100 during the year. As BMCA were merely acting as a conduit for these funds and not accountable for them, the figures have not been reflected in income or expenditure.

Other grants administered for third parties are shown on the previous page.

At 31st March 2025 BMCA held £26,271 on behalf of other groups..

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

16 (cont...) Previous Year

ANALYSIS OF CHARITABLE FUNDS	At 1st April 2023	Incoming Resources	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31st March 2024
<i>Analysis of Movement in Restricted Funds</i>	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Centre</b>					
Our Manchester VCS	-	86,719	(86,719)		-
Henry Smith Charity	-	31,133	(29,989)		1,144
Big Lottery	1,710	71,212	(72,929)	7	-
Big Lottery - Cost of Living	-	62,567	(62,571)	4	-
Big Lottery - Million Hours	-	9,487	(6,566)		2,921
Trusthouse	-	21,696	(20,309)		1,387
Forever Manchester	-	100	(100)		-
Merseyfest	2,152	6,716	(7,494)		1,374
Donation in Kind - premises costs	-	24,000	(24,000)		-
NIF - Others	3,729	500	(1,883)		2,346
Beautiful South	154	1,500	(1,654)		-
High Sheriff	-	-	-		-
Learning Hub	-	-	-		-
Southways - Learning Hub	-	19,992	(19,992)		-
MCC - Work & Skills	1,500	10,000	(10,952)		548
Other	-	150	(150)		-
Young People & Playschemes	-	-	-		-
HAF	-	16,873	(16,873)		-
MCC YPP	-	65,288	(57,853)		7,435
TFGM -Bike Project	-	11,656	(477)	(5,719)	5,460
Sport England	1,032	10,399	(4,526)		6,905
MCC - Hate Crime	-	1,500	(1,462)		38
CYP Core	4,535	1,220	(1,657)		4,098
Older People & Wellbeing	-	-	-		-
Aris	2,000	-	-		2,000
MCC Mcr Wellbeing Fund	1,276	-	(43)		1,233
Cost of Living Grants & Donations	5,661	3,721	(5,882)		3,500
<b>Duchy of Lancaster</b>	1,900	-	(1,337)		563
Illuminate	1,280	-	(576)		704
MCC- Hate Crime	47	-	(47)		-
White House	-	2,500	(860)		1,640
Southway - Uniforms	1,900	-	(145)		1,755
Southway - Music for Mindfulness	1,227	-	(452)		775
NIF	-	3,829	(1,251)		2,578
Manchester Airport	593	-	(593)		-
Manchester Relief in Need	2,250	-	(2,250)		-
Over 60's Contributions	1,717	35	-		1,752
Donations	2,401	18	-		2,419
Southway Housing	195	-	(124)		71
Diabetes Project	-	7,000	(3,670)		3,330
South Neighbourhood Team - NIF - "The Den"	738	-	(173)		565
<b>Small Grants</b>	60	1,675	(1,735)		-
Nursery	-	-	-		-
SEN	-	2,151	(1,915)	(236)	-
Nursery Fees & Contributions	-	2,523	(2,523)		-
Out of School Club	-	1,660	(1,660)		-
Welfare	-	105	(105)		-
Continued over ....	38,057	477,925	(453,497)	(5,944)	56,541

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

16 cont ...	At 1st April 2023	Incoming Resources	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31st March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Restricted Funds from previous page</b>	38,057	477,925	(453,497)	(5,944)	56,541
<b>Capital Funds</b>					
Veolia	31,642	-	(2,718)		28,924
Wates	10,910	-	(909)		10,001
MCC- S Mcr Regeneration	6,550	-	(545)		6,005
Early Years - Playground	13,393	-	(1,123)		12,270
Southway Donation in Kind	2,833	-	(463)		2,370
Opens	243	-	(122)		121
NIF - The Den	174	-	(174)		-
NIF - TV	2,374	-	(596)		1,778
Young Manchester	1,150	-	(288)		862
SEN	-	-	-	236	236
TFGM - Bike Project	-	-	-	5,719	5,719
Youth Investment Fund - Music Room	-	18,288	(1,577)		16,711
Total Capital Funds	69,269	18,288	(8,515)	5,955	84,997
Total Restricted Funds	107,326	496,213	(462,012)	11	141,538
<b>Analysis of Movement in Unrestricted Funds:</b>					
Designated Capital	3,133		(783)	1,322	3,672
Designated Funds					
Good Things Foundation - Learning Hub	4,741	10,600	(2,338)	-	13,003
Big Life - Learning Hub	1,446	2,500	-	-	3,946
	9,320	13,100	(3,121)	1,322	20,621
General Funds	103,536	110,800	(65,621)	(1,333)	147,382
Total Unrestricted Funds	112,856	123,900	(68,742)	(11)	168,003
Total Funds	220,182	620,113	(530,754)	-	309,541

## 17 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025
	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets	3,672	86,964	90,636
Net Current Assets	127,710	57,283	184,993
	131,382	144,247	275,629
Previous Year	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024
	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets	3,133	93,002	96,135
Net Current Assets	164,870	48,536	213,406
	168,003	141,538	309,541

## 18 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised on a transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at an amortised cost using the effective interest method.

## 19 GOING CONCERN

The company's main source of income is grant funding and rental income. The trustees consider that it is appropriate to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis and, consequently, the accounts do not include any adjustments that would be necessary if the funding income should cease. With regard to the securing of income for 2025/26 and the continuing support of funders trustees are confident that the Centre remains a going concern.

## 20 POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

The trustees consider that there are no significant post balance sheet events that impact on the financial statements as presented. Provision has been made for redundancy due to the closure of the nursery.

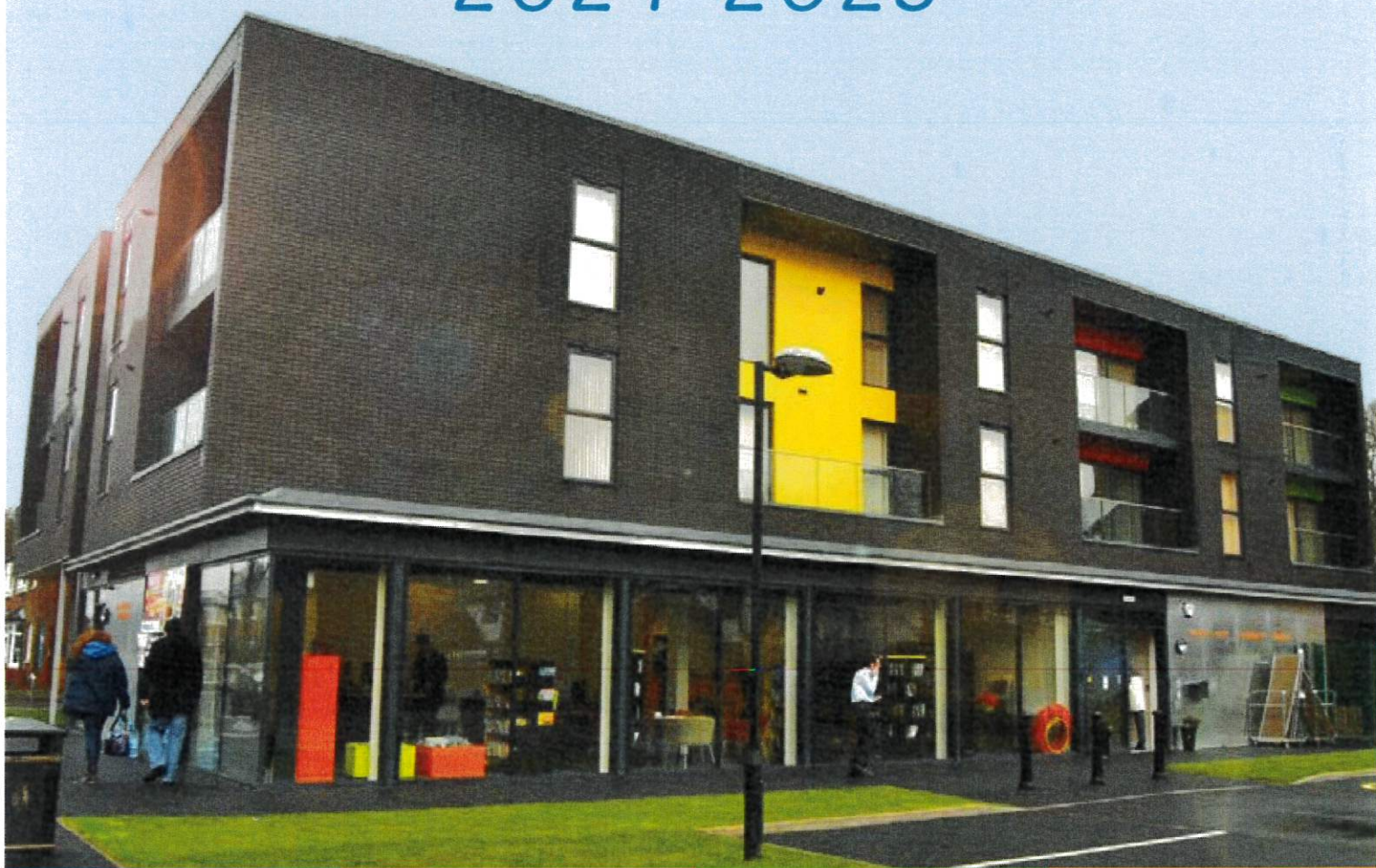
## 21 CONTROL OF THE COMPANY

Control of the company lies with the volunteer trustees named on Page 1.





# IMPACT REPORT 2024-2025





# BMCA CHAIR'S REPORT

## *Hello and welcome to the Impact Report for Barlow Moor Community Association 2024/2025.*



**I know I say this at the start of every report but I'm proud of everything we've achieved this year! BMCA continues to be a place where people feel safe, supported, and part of a caring community. We've helped families, children and young people, and older residents through services like childcare, youth clubs, food support, training, trips out and a wide variety of social activities and events.**

Reducing the impact of poverty is central to our work. We've helped people with emergency food, helped getting access to benefits and housing advice, and offered free courses to build confidence and skills. We know poverty affects every part of life and we're working hard to make sure people have the support they need to move forward and get their confidence back.

We're also tackling loneliness, especially among older residents and those facing difficult circumstances. Through social groups, community meals, and friendly drop-ins, we've helped people feel more connected and less alone.

This year, we were excited to open our smart and shiny new kitchen. It has already helped us run more community meals, cooking sessions, and social events bringing people together and creating a warm, welcoming space for everyone.

We've also seen the power of creative expression in our community. Through poetry workshops and creative writing, people have found new ways to

share their experiences and connect with others. Look out for the poem in the report written by a talented local resident that beautifully captures the spirit of BMCA and the strength of our community.

Our volunteers are at the heart of everything we do. They give their time and energy every week running activities, supporting events, and simply being there for others. Their kindness and commitment make a real difference, and BMCA couldn't do what it does without them.

Looking ahead, we want to grow our services, make sure we're financially secure, and involve more local voices in shaping what we do. Times continue to be tough for voluntary organisations, but our goal is to keep BMCA strong, welcoming, and ready to meet the needs of our community.

On a personal note, my favourite thing about BMCA is walking through the door and knowing that there will be a warm and friendly welcome, smiling faces and something interesting going on. It's a very special place to be involved with.

Together, we can build a stronger BMCA for the future one that continues to support, inspire, and bring people together.

Thank you to our brilliant staff, volunteers, Board members, funders, and partners. Your support makes all of this possible.

Warm wishes,

**Joanna Midgley**

**Chair, Barlow Moor Community Association**

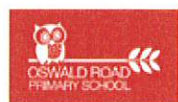


# DRIVING CHANGE

## *BMCA actively works to influence positive change at both local and sector levels, building strong partnerships and empowering community voices.*

Our Cost-of-Living Partnership stands as a powerful example of collective impact. Collaborating with over 40 local organisations, we continued to provide crucial support to individuals and families, especially during the challenging Christmas period.

This coordinated effort included delivering Christmas Dinner in a Bag, supporting Mission Christmas toy distribution, and providing emergency food parcels and Christmas Eve surplus food. By working in partnership, we've minimized duplication, ensuring that support reaches a wider network of those in need.

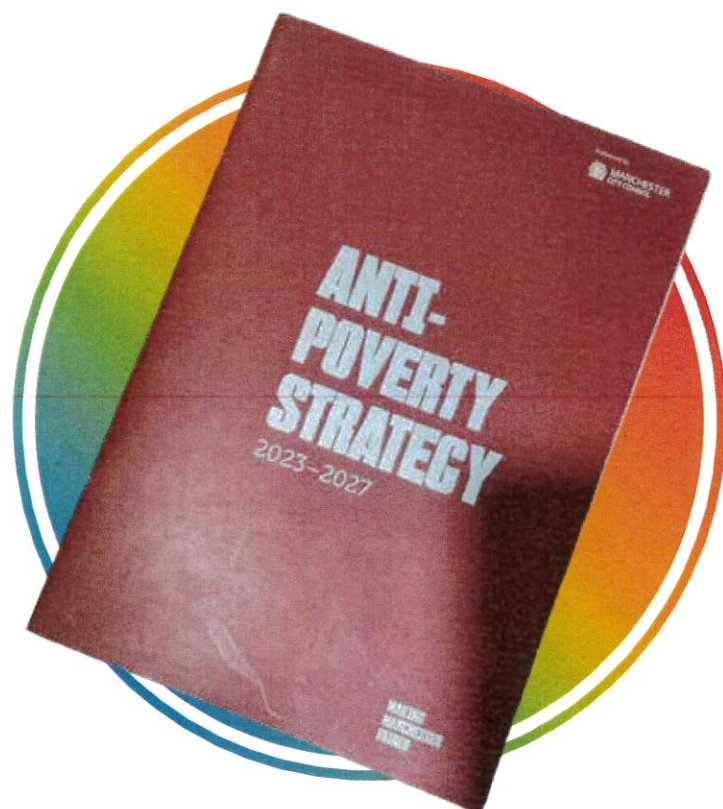


Our reputation as a trusted community hub is further evidenced by the 100 individuals referred to BMCA from external partners, highlighting the essential role we play within the broader support network.

Our newly enhanced newsletter is also a key tool in driving change, effectively promoting our wide range of services and events to a broader audience through social media, our website, and direct distribution.

In addition to our cost of living and anti-poverty work we are also working with **Something To Aim For** to facilitate **Manchester City Councils Anti-Poverty Insight Group**.

## *Providing a critical friend to the city's response to tackling poverty.*





# REDUCING THE IMPACT OF POVERTY

*Alleviating the burden of poverty remains a core focus for BMCA, and our comprehensive support services have made a tangible difference in the lives of many.*

Our **hot food provision** has grown significantly, with approximately **2,741** meals served over the past year, made up of **2,676** community lunches, **45** community Christmas dinners and **20** Christmas Day meals.

This service provides vital, nutritious meals to individuals experiencing financial hardship, combating food insecurity and reducing isolation.

Our **school uniform support** proved invaluable, assisting **42** families with access to essential school uniform and shoes, often covering costs that can exceed **£300** for a secondary school uniform.

We distributed a remarkable **£2,415 in supermarket vouchers (874 vouchers)** and provided **164** support packs/emergency food parcels.

Furthermore, we issued **426 food bank vouchers**, connecting individuals to essential resources.

The **"Let's Cook"** program expanded to include slow cooker and air fryer recipes, empowering service users with skills for cost-effective and healthy meal preparation.

*"I really enjoy learning how to cook different meals, and I am then also able to have it for my tea, it's a double win for me."*



*Overall, our comprehensive Cost of Living support directly assisted 256 individuals without duplication across various Christmas and winter initiatives.*



# REDUCING THE IMPACT OF POVERTY



**A landmark achievement this year was the development of our new, fully functional commercial kitchen, made possible through strong partnerships with Siemens and Nando's.**

Their generous support has transformed our facilities, enabling us to significantly increase our capacity to provide meals and create new opportunities for skills development and training in the hospitality sector.



Our **Winter Warmer** event, in partnership with Groundwork and Citizen's Advice, distributed **60 winter warmer packs**, helping attendees keep their homes warm and access tailored information on energy usage and available support services.



Our **Christmas Day Dinner**, delivered by dedicated volunteers, served a three-course hot meal to **20** individuals who would otherwise have spent the day alone, significantly reducing loneliness and isolation.



The annual **Mission Christmas campaign** was a resounding success, providing toys to **176** children. This initiative significantly eased the financial and emotional strain for families during Christmas, ensuring no child wakes up on Christmas morning without a toy.



*"Thank you so much this was well needed, you don't understand how much I was struggling and needed it."*

*"Thank you so much for the gifts, it really will make a big difference to my children"*





## SOCIAL ACTION

**Our 78 dedicated volunteers are the backbone of our social action efforts, contributing countless hours to support our mission.**

*We believe in empowering individuals and groups to actively participate in shaping a better community and a healthier environment.*

**Our commitment to environmental sustainability and climate action was clearly demonstrated through the "Keep Manchester Tidy" initiative.**

A special highlight was a community litter pick organised with a newly registered volunteer from the Kurdish community, which brought together **25 participants**. This initiative not only improved the local area but also fostered a strong sense of pride and ownership. As one local person observed,

*"walking home today there was a noticeable difference after the litter pick."*



The newly launched **BMCA Bike Library**, in partnership with Transport for Greater Manchester (TFGM), has been a significant success. Offering free access to a range of bikes for both children and adults, it breaks down financial barriers to cycling, promoting sustainable travel and enhancing physical and mental wellbeing. We've invested in new cycling infrastructure, including bike racks and secure storage, and provide essential accessories like helmets, locks, and lights, ensuring safe and convenient use. Our free bike maintenance station also empowers local people to keep their bikes in good condition.



# UNIVERSAL SERVICES

*BMCA provides a wide array of accessible services designed to enhance wellbeing, foster lifelong learning, and build stronger community connections for all ages.*

Our **Reception team**, supported by **4** dedicated volunteers, is the welcoming heart of BMCA. They pride themselves on offering a warm, professional, and empathetic first point of contact. Through Initial Advice and Guidance (IAG), they actively listen and assess needs, effectively signposting individuals to the right support. This approach fosters trust, with many service users gaining the confidence to engage further with our services, often starting with a simple chat or coffee.



The **BMCA Library** continues to be a highly valued community space, recording **3174** visits between April 1, 2024, and March 31, 2025.

It offers a quiet space for reading, studying, computer access, and meetings, supporting learning, connection, and personal development for all age groups.

## NURSERY SERVICES

**Our Nursery has welcomed 25 children over the year, fostering a love of learning.**

We've strengthened our provision through partnerships with CAHMS, Quality Assurance, Health Visitors, and local schools.

Our commitment to staff development saw 5 staff members completing training and 3 gaining qualifications, including **two** Level 3 NVQs in Early Education and one in Early Years SENCO training. Parents consistently highlight the positive impact:

*"My child has settled well into Nursery. His speech has developed so much in a few weeks. The staff have made him feel so welcome and comfortable."*



A CAHMS observer noted **"lovely interactions between staff and children,"** praising the team's engagement and conflict resolution skills.

The Nursery also supported families by managing **32 MCC School Holiday Food Vouchers**, holding **13** TAF (Team Around the Family) Meetings, and completing **4** EHA's (Early Help Assessments).



# UNIVERSAL SERVICES

## YOUTH & PLAY SERVICES

The Youth & Play (Y&P) Team had a successful year, increasing participation among children and young people.

Despite staffing challenges, they maintained and improved the quality of their diverse activities, which included academic support, sports programs, and exciting trips like **Go Karting** and **Ice Skating** with **44 attendees** and a **Christmas Pantomime** which saw **52 children** and their families attending.

They also led themed projects for **Black History Month** and **Hate Crime Awareness** with **74 children** and young people taking part.

**Easter and Summer Playschemes** welcomed **67 individual children**.

The team focused on holistic wellbeing and developing life skills, with a budgeting project being particularly useful for young people. Their dedication to building a "tightly-knit and supportive community" is evident, with young people gaining empowerment through participation in planning.



The development of 8 young volunteers, including a **Youth Buzz Award** finalist, and the provision of **Bleedkit** training for **10 young people**, highlight their commitment to fostering leadership and crucial life skills.



**800**  
ATTENDED  
MERSEYFEST



**50+**  
ATTENDED  
SPOOKYFEST



**127**  
PARTICIPANTS BROUGHT  
TOGETHER THROUGH  
SANTA DASH



# UNIVERSAL SERVICES

## LEARNING HUB

**The Learning Hub (accessed by 120 individuals) achieved significant success, undergoing a full Matrix Assessment in December 2024.**

The assessor's overwhelmingly positive feedback praised the "positive, welcoming and supportive working culture" and the effectiveness of our Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG) services in enabling "meaningful progression opportunities."



Many staff, like our Chef David and our Receptionist Toni, began their journey as BMCA service users and have since transitioned into employment within the centre.



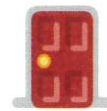
**76**

INDIVIDUALS MOVING  
CLOSER TO THE JOB  
MARKET



**119**

QUALIFICATIONS  
WERE ACHIEVED



**25**

JOB  
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**353**

ADULTS ACCESSED  
PROVISION



**143**

INDIVIDUALS  
ACCESSED HEALTH AND  
WELLBEING SERVICES



**135**

INDIVIDUALS REACHED  
FOR 1-TO-1 FIAG  
SUPPORT



**2**

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY  
PLACEMENTS

## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

**Our Cake & Conversation group continues to thrive, with around 12 older individuals attending weekly, planning their activities and fostering strong social connections.**

Social Afternoons have also seen increased engagement, providing vital opportunities for social interaction through activities like bingo, Play Your Cards Right, and creative workshops. Participants expressed their enjoyment, with one noting:

*"I really enjoy the social afternoons, particularly the bingo."*



**3**

SCHOOL WORK  
EXPERIENCE  
PLACEMENTS



# VIBRANT COMMUNITIES

*BMCA is dedicated to fostering a lively and interconnected community through engaging events and shared experiences.*

Our annual **upcycling event** and weekly **sewing group** (in partnership with Men in Sheds) promote creative and practical ways to reduce waste, teaching participants how to repair, redesign, and upcycle clothing, thereby fostering sustainable fashion and developing new skills.



The **intergenerational trip to Llandudno** was a highlight, taking **over 100 individuals** from Adult Services and Children and Young People departments on a memorable shared experience, strengthening community bonds across generations.



## POSITIVE CHANGE

*The collective efforts across all our services lead to profound positive changes in the lives of individuals and the strength of our community.*

### STAYING CONNECTED

We helped **161 people** stay connected through the distribution of **66** SIM cards, **6** My 5's, and **89** instances of digital support, bridging digital divides and combating isolation.

### ACTIVE LIFESTYLES

**58 individuals** stayed active through a range of sessions including **yoga, walk and talk, chair-based exercises, and chair yoga**, promoting physical and mental wellbeing.



## CREATIVE WRITING

Our Creative Writing sessions, led by a passionate volunteer, have been a "resounding success."



Attended by **8-10 regular participants** monthly, these sessions provided an invaluable creative outlet, building confidence and fostering connection.

*"Absolutely loved it,"*

*"When is the next one I have so many ideas to write about,"*

*"That was great, we read out some of our work and it was amazing."*

*Our Barlow Moor is friendships hard as iron, days buzzing with belonging, knowing you're cared for. It's what do you need right now? Tea milky the way you like, toast at crochet sessions, real butter dribbling down your chin.*

*It's a 93-year-old living for music every Friday, where the magic happens. It's a Greek bouzouki, a tin whistle, people of all ages, all capabilities. It's teaching someone two chords and they're away.*

*It's the bike library, spooky fest and men's den, harmonising yin and yang energy in tai chi, yoga keeping us healthy even when we wobble, it's eight hundred people coming to Merseyfest. It's the tireless work of the staff, keeping people alive, how well they take a joke, welcome young and old.*

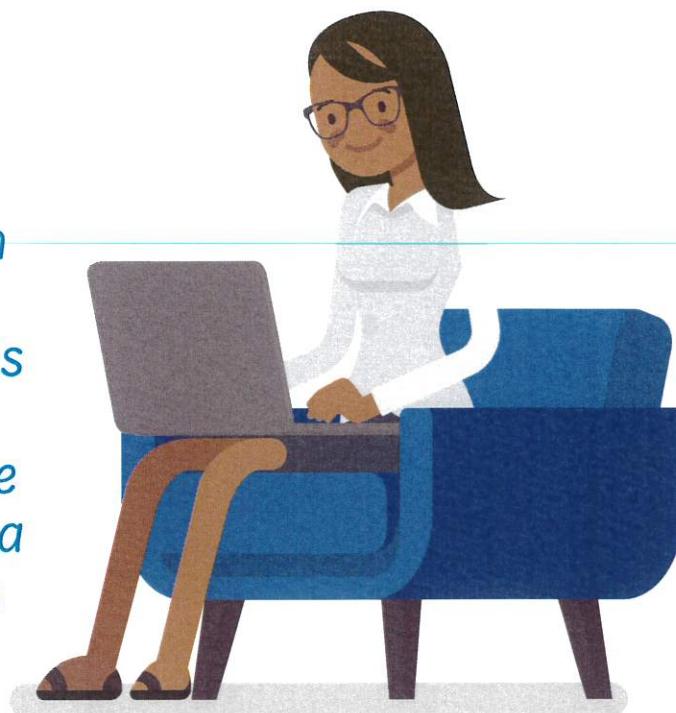
*It's the volunteers, all the kindness we need today, it's every time you come in, another precious memory.*

*Our Barlow Moor is Santa's first first stop, nobody alone at Christmas, it's like a big fluffy arm around you, the friends you gain, the heart and soul. It's being lifted after loss, a life-line. It's come on in, it's just walk through the door.*



# MY JOURNEY

*“As a mature woman I came to know about BMCA through the job centre when moving from tax credits to universal credits. Due to this I needed to start to look for work and as a stay-at-home mum for 25 years this was a big task, and I asked my job coach for help.*



**The job centre then mentioned BMCA and suggested that I asked about courses and help towards looking for work.**

I contacted the centre about the support they offer and was invited in to discuss how they could support me more.

When I first came, I spent time going over what they could help me with, and they also spoke to me about volunteer work that was available at the centre and I also had a tour of the centre.

I initially joined the digital support session to develop my digital skills which would then help me to carry out job searches and complete applications. Whilst at the centre I was told about a level 1 preparing to work in schools' course that was starting, I was keen to complete this so put my name down.

During the course I regularly meet with my tutor who shared information and knowledge with me providing me with the support and feedback to complete the written evidence needed for the course. Whilst doing the course we often spoke about work experience, and this then led me to discuss volunteering at the nursery within the centre.

I was really pleased when I meet the nursery manager who asked me about my experiences and the days I would like to volunteer, she also spoke to me about the need to have a DBS which the centre would help me with.

As soon as I received my DBS I had a full induction into the centre and also the nursery I was apprehensive as I had not been working for such a long time. I was put at ease and welcomed by the nursery staff and children. I gained experience of working with children from diverse backgrounds and children with special needs. I was supported fully by the staff supervising the children inside and outside, I offered comfort to the children and kept them safe, I learnt how to adapt my communication to develop relationships with the children.

I am still I volunteer at the centre in the nursery and after gaining my level 1 preparing to work in schools' qualification I am currently on the level 2 preparing to work in schools' course with a group of people who are also looking for work.

My main goal is to acquire professional level experience and as much as possible and have qualifications that will better enhance me getting into employment.

Everyone who I have come into contact with at BMCA have helped and supported me to reach my goals which I am very grateful for.”



# CEO STATEMENT

*Every year, our impact report gives us a moment to pause, reflect, and celebrate the journey we've taken together.*

At Barlow Moor Community Association (BMCA), we believe in the power of community to create positive change, and 2024 has been a remarkable chapter in that story.

This year, we've continued to stir the ingredients of our community recipe blending compassion, resilience, and innovation to meet the evolving needs of our community (now this only makes sense if you read last years Impact Report so if not head to our website and take a look). From alleviating the immediate pressures of poverty to fostering lifelong learning and building vibrant connections, our work reflects a holistic approach to community wellbeing.

So, let's return to our metaphorical kitchen for a moment. If last year was about baking the cake, this year has been about refining the recipe, making sure every ingredient is balanced, every flavour is felt, and every slice reaches those who need it most.

## Our 2024/25 Ingredients...



### Universal Services

These remain the foundation of our daily delivery. Our children and young peoples work, job club, training programmes, wellbeing activities, and social afternoons continue to provide stability and opportunity for all ages.



### Social Action

The richness of our community spirit shines through our forums, volunteering pathways, charity shop, and bike library. These projects empower individuals to give back, connect, and lead change.



### Reducing Poverty

Our work tackling poverty, from emergency food support to cost-of-living partnerships, ensures that no one is left behind. It's the glue that holds our mission together.



### Driving Change

This year, our partnerships have grown stronger and more impactful. Collaborations with Manchester Central Foodbank, Something To Aim For, and the University of Manchester have amplified our voice and extended our reach, helping us influence change at both local and city-wide levels.

As you read through this report, you'll see the stories, statistics, and smiles that show just how far we've come.

We are immensely proud of what we've achieved together. But we know the journey doesn't end here. The challenges facing our community are evolving, and so too must our response. With a new 5-year business plan in motion and a team of passionate staff, volunteers, and partners, we're ready to rise to the occasion once again.

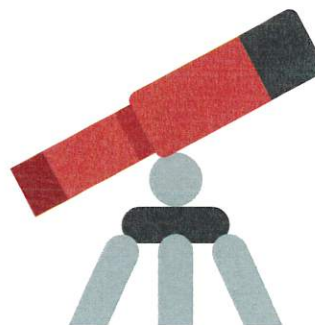
*Here's to 2025/26 – let's keep baking, building, and believing.*

**Becky & Toni**





# LOOKING AHEAD



## Our Focus for 2025/26

*Building on the successes and lessons of the past year, BMCA is committed to further deepening its impact in 2025. Our key areas of focus will include:*

### Expanding Reach and Deeper Impact in Poverty Reduction

We will leverage our new commercial kitchen to significantly increase our hot meal provision and explore new partnerships to further expand our food and financial support, ensuring that no one in our community is left behind in the face of rising costs. We aim to reach even more families with essential support like school uniforms and winter warmers.

### Empowering Through Skills and Opportunity

We will build on the success of our Learning Hub. Our focus will be on developing more tailored skills-based training, utilising our new kitchen for hospitality training, and strengthening pathways to employment and volunteering within and beyond BMCA.

### Enhancing Digital Inclusion and Connection

Recognising the vital role of digital access, we will seek to expand our digital support initiatives, providing more devices, connectivity solutions, and digital literacy training to ensure everyone can stay connected and access essential online resources.

### Nurturing Future Generations

We will continue to invest in our Children & Young People services, further developing programs that promote holistic wellbeing, life skills, and safe, engaging spaces. This includes exploring new ways to empower young volunteers and expand their leadership opportunities.

### Strengthening Community Resilience and Wellbeing

We will continue to foster vibrant community spaces and activities, exploring new intergenerational programs and environmental initiatives that bring people together, reduce isolation, and promote sustainable living. We'll actively listen to community feedback to ensure our offerings remain relevant and impactful.







## JOIN US IN MAKING A DIFFERENCE

*The achievements outlined in this report are only possible through the generosity and commitment of our community. As we look to the future, your support is more vital than ever.*

**Here's how you can continue to make a tangible difference:**

### **Donate**

Your financial contribution directly fuels our programs, providing meals, supporting families, and creating opportunities. Every pound makes a real impact.

### **Volunteer**

Lend your time and skills to any of our diverse services, from helping in the kitchen or library to supporting youth activities. Your dedication is invaluable.

### **Spread the Word**

Share this Impact Report with your networks. Help us raise awareness about the critical work happening at BMCA and inspire others to get involved.

### **Partner With Us:**

If you are an organisation, business, or community group interested in collaborating, we welcome the opportunity to work together to strengthen our community.

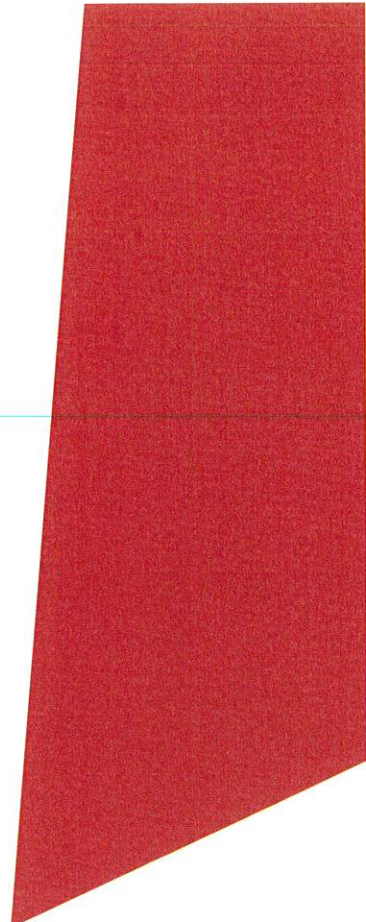
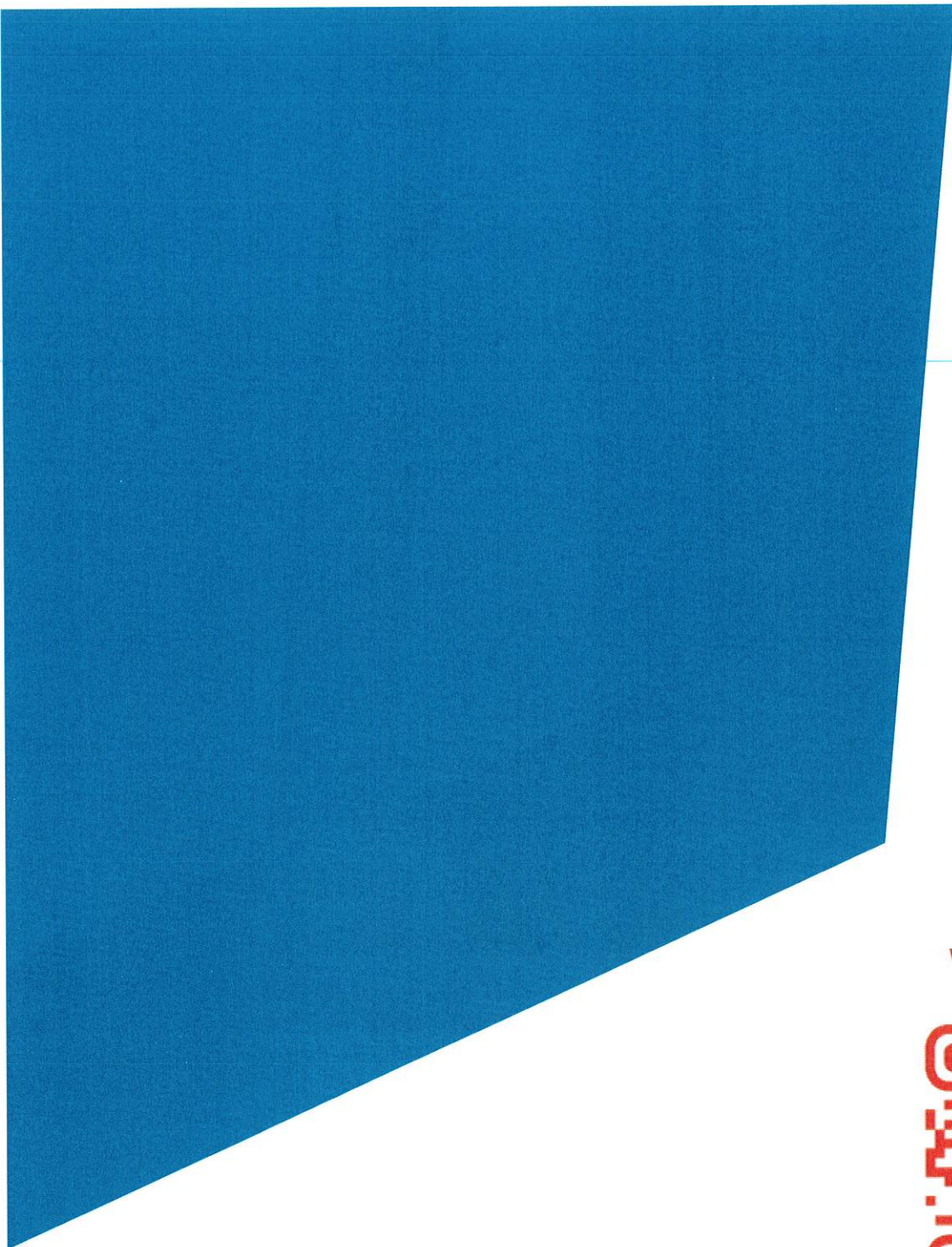
### **Stay Connected**

Follow us on social media and subscribe to our revitalised newsletter to stay updated on our progress and upcoming events.

Together, we can continue to build a community where everyone thrives, feels valued, and has the opportunity to reach their full potential.

**Thank you for being a part of the Barlow Moor Community Association family.**





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