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St Gabriel's Centre Weoley Castle

Directors' and Trustees' Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 July 2024

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Reference and Administrative Details

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Chairman Emma Clare Sargeant

Treasurer Paul Moore

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Emma Clare Sargeant
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Joanne Coffey (appointed 26 October 2023)

Secretary Emma Clare Sargeant

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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 and auditors' report of the charitable company for the year ended 31 July 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in 2005 in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing document

The company is governed by the provision of the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Appointment of trustees

The trustees are responsible for the administration and management of the centre. They are Directors for the purpose of company law and trustees for the purpose of charity law.

The trustees who served during the year are set out on the charity information page at the front of these accounts and they collectively known as the Board of Directors

Members of the charitable company guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the company in the event of winding up. The total number of such guarantees at 31 July 2024 was 3

Organisation

The company recruits trustees who have an interest in the welfare of the disadvantaged in Weoley Castle and have links with St Gabriel's Church. All trustees resign annually and are reappointed at the Annual General Meeting.

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Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The company has provided charitable services to the community of the Weoley Castle area in Birmingham in accordance with its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Our objectives as a Charity are:

- To provide a centre for the benefit of the community within the parish of St Gabriel's Weoley Castle and its surrounding neighbourhoods and to maintain and manage the same; and
- To promote the benefit of inhabitants of the area of benefit from with distinction... by associating together the inhabitants and the local authority, voluntary and other organizations in a common effort to advance education; relieve poverty and disadvantage arising there from and sickness and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and other leisure time occupation with the objects of improving the conditions of life of the inhabitants of the area of benefit.

Financial review

We continue to be very successful in making funding applications for relatively small and short-term grants, although the Trustees will now need to actively seek additional grant funding to secure the ongoing activities of the charity.

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Trustees' Report

Achievements and performance

Emma Sargeant Chair's Report 2023/2024.

Annual Report for St Gabriel's Centre

Refining Our Vision and Purpose

At the start of the year, the Trustees and Paul Tucker dedicated three focused meetings to examine our Why, How, and What. Guided by Tim Evans during our first session, we explored the fundamental question of why St Gabriel's Centre exists as a charity. This process proved deeply rewarding, revealing a shared heart and vision for our work. These insights have been shared with the PCC of St Gabriel's, and we plan to continue this dialogue with them in the new year.

Strengthening Our Foundations

Paul Tucker and I have collaborated on updating job descriptions and employment contracts for our team, ensuring compliance with current employment laws. We also revised our Staff Handbook, an update that was overdue and necessary to reflect best practices.

Paul has been developing a training course for his team, which will launch in the coming year. Alongside this, we plan to introduce our Why, How, What, and updated policies and procedures to our staff team to align everyone with our vision and operational standards.

Safeguarding and Compliance

Deb Jewison and I have continued to review and enhance our safeguarding policies and practices. This year, we partnered with Thirtyone:Eight as our provider for DBS checks and safeguarding advice. This partnership is a vital step forward in ensuring that our safeguarding efforts remain robust and proactive.

Ongoing Leadership and Support

Paul and I have held regular monthly one-to-one meetings to maintain open communication and provide leadership continuity. These sessions have been invaluable in supporting Paul's work and the broader goals of the charity.

A Year of Stability and Growth

In summary, this year has been a stabilising one for St Gabriel's Centre. We have focused on strengthening our building, human resources, and safeguarding foundations and are now turning our attention to financial sustainability.

Our trustees have worked together to support Paul and his dedicated team, who consistently touch and transform lives in our community. Their ability to walk alongside people, offering time, attention, and care, is a beacon of hope in our community.

I am incredibly proud to serve as Chair of this small charity, which continues to make a profound impact in the lives of so many.

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Paul Tucker's Review 2023

Monday Youth Club

We made the decision to stop this club at the first week of February. It was no longer sustainable as so few young people were attending. A number of regulars had stopped coming for various reasons, and we felt we could not justify the resources needed to keep it going. We gave it a few more weeks in January, but there seemed to be little prospect of numbers growing. Our most regular attendees transitioned to our Tuesday Youth Club, and a few faces that we saw less often sometimes come to this club, too.

Tuesday Youth Club

This club has been going for nearly three years. It is at St Gabriel's on Tuesday evenings from 7:00-8:30pm. Over the past year, it has grown to 20 young people- aged between 12 and 17- regularly attending. It is now a roughly equal mix of boys and girls. We now have a sessional self-employed youth worker, Michelle, who has come since May. She primarily focuses on providing a weekly cooking activity. I also attend most weeks due to the growing numbers.

Among the young people, there are a few with ADHD/ASC diagnoses and/or are experiencing various forms of disadvantage. The club provides them with a Safe Space to be themselves- somewhere they can hang out, and we can 'journey' with them.

In September, we took 10 of them to the group's first residential to The Greenhouse at Barnes Close. This proved very successful. Activities were relatively unstructured, including night walks, visits to café and farms, outdoor games, and fires. One young person had never stayed away from home before- showing the growing importance of these experiences. One parent also told me how pleased she was that her son came as he had been subject to severe bullying at school.

At the start of the year, our staff team, along with Bev and Michelle, spent four evenings with Phil Hoppner, University of Birmingham, thinking about our youth work, developing our relationships as a team, gaining an understanding of our stories and looking at what we do. This was very beneficial for enhancing our reflective practice and work. We are committed to continuing to offer training opportunities for our team.

Duck Pond Youth Sessions

We have continued doing regular outdoor/detached youth work sessions at the duck pond throughout the year.

Here is a report from Duane, our Community and Youth Worker, that covers the first half of 2024, but it reflects what we do:-

Although we have had significant interactions with over 100 young people in this period, the following insights are with young people who have become regular attendees, joining us most weeks or have been 10 + times.

In football games, it is mainly males who join in, but groups of females often hang around just outside the 'pitch' and use the equipment left out for anyone to use. (Swingball, Archery, bowls, tennis, etc)

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We are pleased to witness the area we cover becoming increasingly multicultural, having significant contact and conversations with families from many backgrounds, including - Chinese, Cambodian, African, Vietnamese, Ukrainian, Indian, Romanian & the Philippines. Some of these families are regularly seen, often bringing their wider families to join in the fun. From toddlers to Grandparents and visiting families from overseas. We have not witnessed any negativity or racial tension this year. It appears that having a strong team who know the local area and, over time, through 'spreading' positivity & building relationships with local people, has created an 'umbrella' of safety & tolerance that allows this varied and multicultural community to come together and play.

Many of these families have expressed appreciation for our positive impact locally.

Another positive change that has become increasingly apparent is the type of interactions between older teenagers and the more junior-aged young people. We have witnessed a complete turnaround in how younger children are accepted and supported during football matches. Some of which can be very competitive. These younger players are welcomed and fully included by the older lads. There has been a noticeable positive change in language (mostly) and the general way the older lads show a greater degree of responsibility towards their younger teammates.

We now often have games with players ages ranging from 6 to 18 & have not seen any incidents of negative aggression.

This is a very multicultural area with many issues & struggles faced.

We aim to spread positivity, tolerance and acceptance with the goal of creating future positive role models that can only benefit the local culture.

Our small project appears to have the desired effect backed up by the fact that one of our young people who regularly attended is now a valuable member of the paid staff and doing a fantastic job.

Duane Jennings - Project Leader.

During the summer term- for the first time- we were able to utilise Bev and Michelle on a sessional self-employed basis to provide craft activities at our Monday afternoon sessions. This was a great addition and appealed to younger children and females. It did not take long for them to have a consistent group waiting for their arrival.

In the summer holidays, we were funded by the HAF Program to provide eight afternoons of activities for children, young people and families at the duck pond. Activities included sports, crafts, boxing, breakdancing, drumming, storytelling, food prep and singing. A picnic was also provided for the first 30 children who attended. We were blessed with great weather throughout, and we think at least 200 people came to at least one session, with 30-50 regulars (of which a good number came from our family work at St Gabriel's). Other than that, people came through 'word of mouth' or by spotting that something was happening. Overall, there was a fantastic atmosphere and overwhelmingly positive feedback from the community.

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Friday Club/Breakfast Club- St Gabriel's Centre

This gives families with young children a chance to come and have some food, chat and play together. This has continued to grow, and 10-15 families come regularly. A good proportion of the children have additional needs, and the families are experiencing a number of challenges. They love the fact that Friday Club signals the end of the school week and that the children have unstructured time.

Due to the club's busyness, we have hired a new sessional worker, Puraby, to engage with the children. Inspire Sport will also provide an activities worker during the second half of the autumn term.

Out of this, we started a weekly Tuesday morning breakfast club for parents, which proved popular- especially Duane's cooked breakfast and quiz. This soon became a highlight of the week. We have had to pause it during October due to some relationship difficulties between some families, but we hope to restart it soon.

At the start of the summer holidays, we were able to take 8 of our families away for the weekend to The Greenhouse at Barnes Close. A great time was had by all, and for the vast majority of the families, this was their only time away from home during the holidays. The children spent most of the time outdoors playing on the grounds, and the adults bonded by playing cards in the evenings.

Love Weoley Castle

We have had termly gatherings which bring people together to plan community events and share positive ideas for our neighbourhood. We have continued to hold these in the evenings to give residents the chance to take part and not be overrun by people representing organisations. The hope is that, increasingly, we are enabling local people to see their own ideas come to fruition.

A great example of this is our regular community events. We supported Weoley Earth Day again in April - which was an idea from a resident. Hundreds of people turned out to engage in a variety of activities on the Square and at the Ruins.

Earlier this year, an opportunity arose to be a part of a local collective called 'Weoley Weoley Fun' to organise local events from Oct 2024 to May 2025. I am the convener of this group- Stonehouse Gang, Birmingham Boxing Community Project, Break Mission, Moneicha Dance Academy and us- which enables great partnership working. Funding for this has come through an application made by Break Mission, and we are hopeful this can continue in the future.

One particular highlight this year was our involvement in a Community Treasure Tour (facilitated by Thrive Together), whereby a group of community activists/organisers/workers from around the city came to hear about and experience who we are and what we do. Joanne (our trustee) and Nathan (sessional worker) got to tell their story of why they are involved in our community and the positive difference it has made. We even took the group by coach to the duck pond to experience it for themselves. I still hear from the people who came how much they learned from the visit about developing community work over a long period of time.

Funding

In this calendar year, we have been successful in obtaining these grants

- Warm Welcome BCC (for our Warm Welcome spaces) £6000
- Grantham Yorke (youth work) £5000
- Treasure Tour (community work) £2000
- Middlemore (youth work) £2000
- Westhill Endowment (Paul's LWC community role) £10000- split between 2024 and 2025

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- HAF (summer holiday activities) £4500
- Inunity (summer holiday activities) £800

Applications for next year's duck pond sessions, as well as additional youth activities, are awaiting outcomes.

Overall- it's amazing what we've been able to do for such a small charity in 2024!

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The trustees (who are also the directors of St Gabriel's Centre Weoley Castle 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".

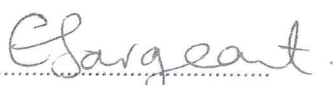
Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources 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.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 20 January 2025 and signed on its behalf by:


.....
Emma Clare Sargeant
Chairman and Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of St Gabriel's Centre Weoley Castle ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 July 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of St Gabriel's Centre Weoley Castle (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 St Gabriel's Centre Weoley Castle 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.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the accounts. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently I express no opinion as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

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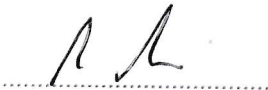
Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of St Gabriel's Centre Weoley Castle ('the Company')

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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of St Gabriel's Centre Weoley Castle 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.



Chartered Management Accountant
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20 January 2025

St Gabriel's Centre Weoley Castle

(Registration number: 07717026)
Balance Sheet as at 31 July 2024

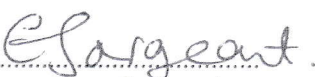
	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Current assets			
Debtors		-	1,985
Bank Accounts		52,221	27,094
		<u>52,221</u>	<u>29,079</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted		46,399	25,551
Unrestricted		<u>5,822</u>	<u>3,528</u>
Total funds	8	<u>52,221</u>	<u>29,079</u>

For the financial year ending 31 July 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.

The financial statements on pages 11 to 17 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 20 January 2025 and signed on their behalf by:


.....
Emma Clare Sargeant
Chairman and Trustee

The notes on pages 13 to 17 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 July 2024 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Incoming Resources					
Donations and legacies	5	1,750	66,264	68,014	42,535
Charitable activities	2	40	-	40	64
Other trading activities	6	11,380	-	11,380	12,116
Total income		<u>13,170</u>	<u>66,264</u>	<u>79,434</u>	<u>54,715</u>
Resources expended					
Cost of generating funds		-	-	-	(2)
Charitable activities	7	(10,037)	(45,415)	(55,452)	(56,305)
Governance costs	3	(840)	-	(840)	(840)
Total expenditure		<u>(10,877)</u>	<u>(45,415)</u>	<u>(56,292)</u>	<u>(57,147)</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		<u>2,293</u>	<u>20,849</u>	<u>23,142</u>	<u>(2,432)</u>
Net movement in funds		2,293	20,849	23,142	(2,432)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>3,529</u>	<u>25,550</u>	<u>29,079</u>	<u>31,511</u>
Total funds carried forward	8	<u>5,822</u>	<u>46,399</u>	<u>52,221</u>	<u>29,079</u>

Details of Incoming resources and expenditure are given in the notes to the financial statements

The notes on pages 13 to 17 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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

1 Accounting policies

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value and in accordance with Companies Act 2006 and the Statement of Recommended Practice : Accounting and Reporting by Charities issued in March 2005.

Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund as set out in the notes to the financial statements.

2 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
	40	40
Income - After School Club 2024	40	40
Income - After School Club 2023	64	64

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

3 Analysis of governance and support costs

Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Independent examiner fees		
Examination of the financial statements	840	840
Total for 2024	<u>840</u>	<u>840</u>
Total for 2023	<u>840</u>	<u>840</u>

4 Related party transactions

5 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Grants, including capital grants;			
All Grants	1,750	66,264	68,014
Total for 2024	<u>1,750</u>	<u>66,264</u>	<u>68,014</u>
Total for 2023	<u>11,960</u>	<u>30,575</u>	<u>42,535</u>

6 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Trading income;		
Hall hire	11,380	11,380
Total for 2024	<u>11,380</u>	<u>11,380</u>
Total for 2023	<u>12,116</u>	<u>12,116</u>

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7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Youth Work	6,808	6,527
Community Work	10,246	4,848
Community Work	204	206
Salaries	27,120	20,211
Salaries	520	4,548
Staff Expenses & Training	1,241	-
Staff Expenses & Training	272	-
General Admin costs	1,315	1,235
Heat and Light	1,818	3,830
Hall equipment	-	401
Insurance	2,129	2,083
Repairs and maintenance	3,685	12,416
Bank charges	94	-
	<u>55,452</u>	<u>56,305</u>

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

8 Funds

	Balance at 1 August 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 July 2024 £
Unrestricted				
General				
General Funds A	3,529	13,076	(10,783)	5,822
Restricted				
Thrive Together Birmingham - Salary Contract	-	2,000	-	2,000
Grant Commonwealth Games Fund	-	1,500	-	1,500
Grant Grantham Yorke	-	5,000	-	5,000
Grant Westhill Endowment	-	5,000	-	5,000
Grant Beyond Birmingham	-	7,000	-	7,000
Grant E&D Cadbury Trust	-	3,150	-	3,150
Grant Eveson Trust	-	3,880	-	3,880
Grant GE Gee Trust	-	1,000	-	1,000
Grant Lord Austin Trust	-	1,000	-	1,000
Grant LoopyLugs	-	6,225	-	6,225
Grant Measures Trust	-	1,500	-	1,500
Grant NNS Northfield	-	5,409	-	5,409
Grant Pamela Barlow Trust	-	3,000	-	3,000
Grant Postcode Lottery	-	15,000	-	15,000
Grant Streetgames UK	-	3,600	-	3,600
Grant Warm Welcome	-	2,000	-	2,000
Youth Work	-	-	(6,808)	(6,808)
Community Work	-	-	(10,246)	(10,246)
Salaries	-	-	(27,120)	(27,120)
Staff Expenses & Training	-	-	(1,241)	(1,241)
Funds - Balance B/fwd (U)	-	-	25,550	25,550
	-	66,264	(19,865)	46,399
Total funds	<u>3,529</u>	<u>79,340</u>	<u>(30,648)</u>	<u>52,221</u>

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	Balance at 1 August 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 July 2023 £
Unrestricted				
General				
General Funds A	4,949	24,140	(25,561)	3,528
Restricted				
Awards for All Grants	-	10,000	-	10,000
Grant Asda Foundation	-	1,250	-	1,250
Grant BCC Small Grants Programme	-	2,000	-	2,000
Grant Grantham Yorke	-	5,000	-	5,000
Grant NAC Small Grant	-	2,000	-	2,000
Grant Sir John Middlemore	-	2,000	-	2,000
Grant Sport England	-	2,500	-	2,500
Grant Warm Spaces	-	800	-	800
Grant Westhill Endowment	-	5,000	-	5,000
Grant Youth	-	25	-	25
Youth Work	-	-	(6,527)	(6,527)
Community Work	-	-	(4,848)	(4,848)
Salaries	-	-	(20,211)	(20,211)
Funds - Balance B/fwd (U)	-	-	26,562	26,562
	-	30,575	(5,024)	25,551
Total funds	<u>4,949</u>	<u>54,715</u>	<u>(30,585)</u>	<u>29,079</u>