



WIRRAL MENCAP

ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024

The trustees are pleased to present their annual report for the year ended 30th September 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and 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 published (FRS 102) (effective 1st January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Wirral Mencap is a registered charitable company working with and for people with a learning disability and their families. The organisation is based in Birkenhead but works across Wirral.

Wirral Mencap exists to advance equality for people with a learning disability and their families through campaigning, raising awareness, providing information and opportunities. It is our view that to achieve our aims we need to be person centred and work in partnership with other Charities/Organisations that support people with a learning disability.

During the financial year 2024, the charity's objectives and activities were guided by a 5-year Strategic Plan for 2020-2025 which was developed in consultation with members, beneficiaries and local professionals.

The aims for the period were:

1. To champion equality and promote independence so that people with a learning disability reach their full potential
2. To provide knowledge and build confidence to improve personal well-being, resilience and future planning
3. To connect people to their community and others to reduce social isolation and develop personal relationships.
4. To collaborate, inform and share best practice to raise awareness, increase knowledge and improve services

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

1.1 Information, Advice & Advocacy Service

The Information, Advice & Advocacy Service (IA&A) provides direct support to people with a learning disability and their families through 1:1 case work, information events and workshops as well as working strategically with the local authority and other organisations to improve services and promote inclusion.

From **1st October 2023 to September 30th 2024** the service supported **265** individuals/families through casework. **75** of these were new issues this year, the rest were ongoing from the previous year. **1009** individual actions were undertaken to support these families including providing support with meetings and forms, planning for the future, navigating and accessing local services, both statutory and voluntary, and providing information on, and support to access, a range of services such as housing, social care and planning for the future. We also received 31 requests for information regarding people who did not have a learning disability. These people were supported to access appropriate agencies for information and support.

Through a partnership with other local advice-giving organisations, officially known as *Ask Us Wirral*, **54** individuals/ families also accessed specialist welfare benefits advice. A further **64** families/ individuals were referred on to another service or organisation in this period.

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We held 2 events. Have Fun, Keep Well highlighted inclusive social and wellbeing opportunities across Wirral; Adult Social Care introduced the Care Act and new developments and processes in social care on Wirral. 150 people attended across both events

Nine workshops were delivered to a total of 54 people. Three workshops were for people with a learning disability: Learn about Voting, Advocates' Big Meet Up, and Utility Bills Help and Support. Parents and carers accessed the ever-popular Wills & Trusts workshops x 2 and Preparing for Independent Living x 2, as well as 2 opportunities to attend the new Court of Protection and Deputyship workshop.

Other highlights in this year include

- Recruited a new Project Worker to replace the previous role of Caseworker in September. Amy joined the IAA Service as a qualified and accredited advocate in October 2024.
- Event attendance increased from 60 last year to 150 this year.
- Make It Better advocates input over past two years into Wirral Council policies and strategies has culminated in strategies being approved at Health and Social Care Committee level this year. Advocates can be proud of the influence they have had on Housing, Co-production, Supported Employment, All Age Disability, and Transition Strategies.
- Work undertaken last year with parents with learning disabilities and additional needs led to further funding from Family Hubs to develop and deliver training in October and November to 80 professionals working within the Hubs. This was co-produced and delivered by Parents with Experience Trainers. The success of this pilot has led the Family Alliance to commission further delivery of the training to be offered to all Alliance partners in 2025.

We have begun work on an additional commission from the Family Alliance which is to produce an Easy Read/Accessible resource detailing Child Protection process on Wirral, for inclusion on Wirral Council and Family Toolbox web sites.

1.2 Personal Development Services

Project	Overview	Achievements
Gateway Award (Commissioned Day Service)	A personal development programme with five modules: hobbies, lifestyle, fitness, volunteering and challenge. The award has three levels; Bronze (Year 1), Silver (Year 2), Gold (Year 3 & 4). Participants attend Wirral Mencap for one day per week to complete the modules. Participants pay for this service via a personal budget/ direct payment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 32 people accessed the Gateway Award (day service model):<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 7 people completed their bronze award- 13 people completed their silver award- 0 people achieved their gold Award as this has been extended to a new 2 year programme- A new cohort of 8 people started the programme between July and September <p>I have extended the provision of Gateway to 4 years, with the addition of a volunteer-based 4th year, which I currently being trialled and going well. We will be completed lots of volunteering as well mock interviews and preparation and also a CV and about me profile for when they leave next June.</p>

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		Activities included, Taekwondo, drama, photography, boxing, gym sessions, artist study course, drumming, yoga, music sessions, cookery and various sports activities such as football, cricket and boccia.
Summer Club	Summer Club runs in the six weeks school holiday. During Summer Club, participants access a range of activities in the community. It is run by Gateway Award staff and participants pay for the serviced via a personal budget/direct payment	This year we ran summer club for two days, a total of 11 sessions with 15 attendees. This is included, a canal trip, British music experience, bowling, drama sessions and more.
Open-access services	Below are our services open to anyone with a learning disability for free. Some people take up our services and some people just come in for some guidance and signposting. For details of each programme see below.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 42 new PDPs were completed for Wirral Mencap Personal Development or social/activity services, 6 were for people already known to us who wanted more information about activities.(people who have completed the day service Gateway Award or go to Crossbow or Lunch Club) • Only 14 appear to be accessing activities - Gateway, Crossbow, Lunch Club, Pub Night, course, workshops . Some people just want information; others are on waiting lists for courses. Courses and activities are not always suitable or on a convenient day. Social care and transport are increasingly barriers limiting access to activities. • 86 informal PDPs were undertaken for people who continue to engage with us. • 4 people attended the Voting workshop
Gateway Award (Independent)	A free version of the awards programme outlined above for people who do not have funding to access the 'Day Service' model. Participants complete the award independently with the support of family/ support staff and our part-time Personal Development Mentor.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are currently 22 people signed up to the Independent Gateway Award, 28 in the middle of the year. • 2 people are working towards their Bronze Award, 9 towards their Silver and 11 towards Gold. Another 2 have either paid or completed all the requirements but are not currently active. Experience suggests that some of the people who have disengaged may return in the future. • 5 people completed their Bronze Award • 7 people completed their Silver Award

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activities include volunteering in shops and cafes, walking, swimming, going to the gym, boccia, cycling, arts and crafts, photography, a signing choir, 18 outcomes recorded for achievements most reported improved skills, more engagement in their community, increased independence and confidence, and that they are socialising more and feel less lonely.
Volunteering for All	A service that supports people with a learning disability to find meaningful volunteering opportunities in their community, either independently, with their support staff/carers or with a volunteer buddy (see below).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 people referred to the Support to Employment panel, no successful placements yet. 20 people are interested in working with Seetec to look for paid work.
Buddy Scheme	This programme matches people with a learning disability with trained volunteer buddies. The aims of the project are to reduce isolation and improve access to community opportunities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I have been trying to encourage buddy friendships, so far 3 pairs seem to be successful. One new non-LD buddy completed her DBS and is available to support.
Social Clubs/ Drop in	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crossbow Social Club (at Liberty Centre Birkenhead). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crossbow has a regular 8-10 week timetable with both staple activities and special events including physical activities such as Drumming and Taekwondo lead by an outsourced activity provider, and "in House" cost-free events such as bingo, karaoke and film nights. There is usually a seasonal themed party IE Valentines Day/Halloween. The Social Club Lead now manages Crossbow and Lunch Club which run weekly & dedicated team of 5 Wirral Mencap volunteers support the running of this service, along with support from the Liberty Centre venue volunteers also, who provide technical support (karaoke/film projection, live music) operate a tuckshops/coffee shop and who occasionally provide crafts Attendees pay £2 per entry to this service On average around 35 attendees with learning disabilities access this service weekly

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday Lunch Club (Bloom Building, 3 Abbey Cl, Birkenhead). Monthly social pub nights Walk and Talk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This service has been accessed 1272 times during 2024 Lunch Club now runs to an extended time of 1.30pm (1.5hrs) Attendees pay £2 per entry to help cover venue hire cost Lunch Club also offers a monthly music quiz which has proved a popular change and engages a wider audience than Bingo alone Lunch Club is occasionally supported by a Volunteer or temporary work experience intern Specialty Nurses visit on a semi regular basis, who provide casual information, noninvasive health checks (BP, etc) and signposting to attendees, further improving the offer at Lunch Club Lunch Club hosts approx. 15-20 attendees each week This service has been accessed 670 times in 2024 A monthly Pub Night was launched at Scrap Yard Liscard early in the year, providing an opportunity for a group of people with a Learning Disability to have more intimate, relaxed night out in the community in a safe, supported setting The pub night supports individuals' social development, networking opportunities and confidence, with no dedicated activity but some facilitation and prompting on social networking between attendees, and also acts as an outreach for new potential WM members to learn about other services Due to complications with venue, the Pub Night is temporarily suspended until a suitable new venue is identified. This service hosted on average 5 attendees each time.
Courses	Accessible personal development courses delivered to meet the identified learning needs of people with a learning disability and those who support them.	<p>Total number of course hours delivered: 192</p> <p>Total number of people who have completed a course and demonstrated good attendance: 176</p> <p>Courses are delivered by volunteers, external providers and Wirral Mencap staff.</p> <p>Courses delivered this financial year and total number who accessed our courses (241):</p>

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		<p>Walking Football – 22 (two courses)</p> <p>Boccia – 26 (two courses)</p> <p>Photography Course One – 15 (two courses)</p> <p>Cookery – 17 (three courses)</p> <p>Badminton & Mini Tennis – 22 (two courses)</p> <p>The Great Friendship Course – 30 (four courses)</p> <p>Computer Skills – 6</p> <p>Artists and their Art – 15 (two courses)</p> <p>Ukulele – 6</p> <p>Eco Course – 10</p> <p>Visit to Recycling Centre – 7</p> <p>Lunch Club Walking Group – 21</p> <p>Cycling – 12 (three courses)</p> <p>Fun Team Sports – 11</p> <p>Photography Course Two – 8</p> <p>Christmas Crafts – 5</p> <p>Visit to New Brighton RNLI - 8</p> <p>Popular courses such as The Great Friendship Course, Cookery, Cycling, Photography, Boccia and Walking Football were delivered at least twice during this financial year. We are developing new courses in Cookery (Cookery Course Two), Photography (Photography Course Two), and Money Skills for the new financial year.</p>
Health Club	<p>Health Club (renamed Health Awareness Sessions from Jan 24)</p> <p>Monthly session focusing on various health related topics.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health Club / Health Awareness Sessions. The sessions were moved from Bloom to Wirral Mencap and people were asked to book on to sessions they would like to attend. We discussed the changes with attendees in January 2024 and received feedback on subjects attendees would like to learn more about. Subjects covered: Stress & anxiety Your questions about cancer What is blood pressure? Needle phobia workshop Ways to get healthy and feel great Learn about diabetes and the diabetic screening programme
Walk & Talk	<p>Tuesdays 10.30-12 at Birkenhead Park</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On average four people attended Walk and Talk regularly in Birkenhead Park. The group is led by one of our experienced volunteers who is also a buddy to someone with a learning disability.

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1.3 Other schemes of work

Relationships and Sexuality

We continue to seek specific funding for Relationships and Sexuality work. While at the individual level the need for education and support remains high, we will continue to offer a free version of the Relationships and Sexuality course - Great Friendships – for people with learning disabilities. We have been offering this course on a quarterly basis funded from unrestricted income. In the new financial year, we are planning an event to showcase our expertise in this area and raise awareness of the need amongst parents and carers and supported living providers.

Oliver McGowan Mandatory Learning Disability and Autism Training

Working in partnership with Be Well Training, we have been involved in the delivery of Oliver McGowan Mandatory Learning Disability and Autism Training for health professionals under a contract from the local ICB. We have supported people with a learning disability through the Train the Trainer and roll out of sessions for the Tier 1 and Tier 2 Oliver McGowan Learning Disability and Autism Mandatory Training programme. We now have 7 Learning Disability Trainers (LDTs), employed and paid by Wirral Mencap, who are fully trained and can be called upon to deliver the training across the Northwest. It is anticipated that over the next financial year demand for their services will increase.

Parents with Learning Disabilities

Our work in this area has expanded. We received a grant from the Family Toolbox alliance to explore with experts by experience what a good practice model for supporting parents with learning disabilities would look like. The report of the findings and recommendations was presented by the experts themselves in March 2024. One of the key recommendations was for staff training. The group went on to co-produce and co-deliver a series of workshops for the recently recruited Family Hubs staff teams. Feedback to date has been extremely positive and the impact for the individuals now employed by Wirral Mencap has been life changing.

1.4 Strategic/ partnership work

Our fourth Strategic Objective is:

To collaborate, inform and share best practice to raise awareness, increase knowledge and improve services

We have continued to work towards this strategic aim through building relationships with external organisations, seeking/ responding to opportunities to collaborate and work with them, and people with lived experience, to improve their services and accessibility for people with learning disabilities.

1.4.1 influencing and self-advocacy

An important part of this work is valuing the contribution made by people with lived experience. The Information, Advice & Advocacy Service has extended the LDT role and trained and employed 3 parents with learning disabilities to co design and deliver workshops, as lived experience experts.

A further 44 people with lived experience, including parents and carers, continue to contribute to our strategic/ partnership work in a voluntary capacity. Their role is mainly self-advocacy and we have formalised the role of Learning Disability Advocates (LDAs).

The Make It Better (MIB) group come together once a quarter for advocacy training and to discuss what issues they would like to work on. They have been involved in a wide range of campaigns, consultations and coproduction work, many participating and engaging heavily and some joining intermittently to have their say on issues of particular concern to them.

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Wirral Mencap Learning Disability Advocates, and Steering Group have input into a number of strategies under development by the local authority.

This year they have worked on

- Learning Disability and Autism Housing Strategy
- All Age Disability Strategy
- All Age Disability Review Implementation (includes Social Care Transition Protocol and story from our Steering Group member
- Coproduction Strategy and Charter

1.4.2 influencing and community partners.

The team engage with several local organisations and service providers through attending and working with a variety of forums, networks and collaborations. Some meet as regularly as once a week, others once a quarter.

The overall aim is to ensure that a learning disability perspective is included in discussions and decision making, that Wirral Mencap is well placed to take up opportunities for collaboration and influencing and that people with lived experience are included in that process too, from an early stage.

Forum	What is their purpose	What is our role
CVFSE Forum	Third sector community response forum. To support meaningful working together opportunities and to prevent duplication or unhelpful competition.	Highlight needs of LD community. Information on up-to-date support available. Form relationships to co deliver support
Supported Living Providers Forum	Forum for provider discussion and for local authority to cascade information to providers	Build connections with providers - find out what their challenges are - identify opportunities to work together
Residential providers forum	Forum for provider discussion and for local authority to cascade information to providers	Build connections with providers - find out what their challenges are - identify opportunities to work together
BRIDGE Forum	Multi Agency Networking and Information group	Maintain connections across all sectors
Parent Carer Participation Wirral	Parent Carer Forum/voice for SEND on Wirral. To provide challenge to local authority where necessary on SEND for 0-25.	To support aims and to ensure we have regular links with parent carers of those still in education. To promote our service and to work in partnership on key issues e.g. transition policies
Koala/Family Toolbox	Networking/info sharing for 3rd Sector organisations working with families and children under 25	Networking/maintaining a presence in organisations working with families, children and young people
Community of Practice	To network and cascade information through the Third Sector	Networking and information sharing.

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Patient Experience Strategy PROMISE groups	Following consultation 5 workstreams exist to progress improvements for patients of the local hospital. To develop the criteria for "what good looks like" and evaluate performance.	To ensure representation of LD views across 5 workstreams.
All Age Disability Partnership Board	To work systematically to improve policy and procedure within Social Care, Health and across all ages and disabilities. To eradicate gaps and make services seamless and fit for purpose	To highlight all gaps and systemic issues that affect the LD community and to work with the partnership to effect improvements
Support to Employment Strategy Group and Panel	To bring together people in Wirral working within the lifelong learning and supported employment arena to improve opportunities by maximising opportunities, support and preventing duplication.	To ensure that the people we support are represented and opportunities meet their needs.
RMS Network Partners I&A Forum	Networking/ info sharing for regional and national Mencap groups	To collaborate and share ideas and resources. Maintaining up to date information in I&A
Co Production Working Group	To co-produce the Co production strategy for Health & Adult Social Care	To ensure the strategy is fully co-produced and represents the needs and views of the LD community

1.5 Volunteering

Without funding for the post, we do not have anyone in the team with specific responsibilities for volunteer recruitment, training and management.

Despite this we continued to be supported by long standing active volunteers at Crossbow Club, Walk and Talk, and in the Wirral Mencap office. We recruited one new regular volunteer for Crossbow and one for Fundraising. Depending on work available we have office volunteers who support with data entry.

In addition, we benefit from the time and expertise of our Learning Disability Advocates who volunteer on our IA&A Steering Group and have been involved in a range of consultation opportunities through Make it Better. Similarly, some from the Members' Committee have supported our recruitment and our community fundraising efforts.

1.6 Fundraising

With a new fundraising team starting at the beginning of the financial year, there has been a focus on rebuilding corporate links, restarting community fundraising and expanding grant applications. Wirral Mencap had 9 features in the Wirral Globe and 3 features on BBC Radio Merseyside over the last financial year.

We received a total of £16,482 in gifts and donations, donated largely by individual fundraisers, our members with membership renewal, and local rotary / round table groups.

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External sponsorship events proved to be successful this year with £2,973 raised in sponsorship via the Leasowe Lighthouse Abseil and £1,743.32 raised at the annual Seaside Walk.

We introduced a new Bollywood Night this year which was met with a lot of interest and raised a total net income of £4,127.64. Our second most successful event was the Comedy Night which raised a net income of £3,272.42. Both of these events were done in collaboration with others, showing the benefits of partnering up for events.

We were grateful for in memoriam and legacy donations of £75,232.

Attendance at both BNI and Networx 4 Business meetings has continued to prove worthwhile. Members of Networx took part in the Comedy Night, donated raffle prizes and participated in fundraising events. BNI contributed towards the Big Give and donated gifts. Both groups took part in fundraising challenges.

1.6.1 Grant Fundraising

Over the last financial year, Wirral Mencap has been active in securing grant funding to support our work. We submitted 48 applications, requesting a total of £729,236. Of these, 15 applications were successful, resulting in £173,371 in grant funding, as well as a fully funded defibrillator. This equates to a 31.25% success rate in applications and 19.28% of the total funding amount requested.

The grants awarded have supported a range of activities, including our social clubs, courses, and personal development programmes, as well as contributing to our core costs. Despite our efforts, we have observed a significant increase in the demand and competition for grant funding, which has presented challenges in achieving our fundraising goals.

To enhance our grant-making skills and practices, we undertook reviews with three local grant funding experts during the year. These reviews provided valuable insights and guidance, enabling us to refine our approach and improve future applications.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total income in the year was £351,036 (2023: £389,804) of which £173,371 (2023: £288,762), related to funding for projects upon which restrictions are placed.

Total expenditure in the year was £379,526 (2023: £335,325), leaving a deficit for the year of £28,490 (2023: surplus £54,479).

At 30th September 2024 the charitable company's reserves stood at £227,880 (2023: £256,370) of which £75,426 (2023: £135,506) represent restricted funds.

Risk Management

The committee examines the major risks that the charitable company faces each year and has developed and continues to develop systems to monitor and control these risks to mitigate any impact that they may have on the charity both now and in the future.

This year the committee completed a full review of the Strategic Risk Register. When complete the board decided to review the Risk Register on an ongoing basis. Different sections of the register are standing agenda items at the 6 weekly board meetings.

The main risk to the organisation is financial. Staff changes has meant generating unrestricted income through community fundraising continues to be challenging. It will take time to grow the supporter base and to build up community activity to previous levels.

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Given the level of risk and following a review of our approach to income generation we decided to recruit a part time Grants Fundraiser and a full time Fundraiser with a focus on community fundraising.

This proved easier to recruit and has had a positive impact on our approach to fundraising. We have become more proactive with our grants fundraising and have created a much bigger pipeline of opportunities and applications.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the charitable company to maintain unrestricted funds, which are free reserves; at a level which will allow the charity to cover redundancy costs and continue its activities for six to twelve months should no further funding be received.

The level of reserves is intended to provide continuation and security for the organisation in light of:

- Existing commitments to deliver the Gateway Programme.
- High levels of competition in the grant funding market
- Uncertain future plans and costs for future premises and premises maintenance.

At the end of the financial year the unrestricted funds totalled £152,379 (2023: £120,864) net of fixed assets. The charitable company's policy reserves require £27,983 for redundancy provision, £6,157 lease commitment and running costs between £73,038 to £146,075, totalling £107,178 to £180,215.

PLANS FOR FUTURE

We will continue to work to advance the health and wellbeing and education of people with a learning disability, their families and carers.

In the next 12 months we are looking forward to developing and expanding the services we provide including

- an additional day service offer similar to the existing Gateway Award Programme.
- recruitment of additional Learning Disability Trainers to expand the role out of Oliver McGowan training.
- resumption of Relationships and Sexuality work
- providing Information Advice and Advocacy support for autistic adults and families of autistic children
- continued development of appropriate support model for parents with learning disabilities
- supporting experts with lived experience to inform and train professionals and in turn improve accessibility of service delivery for people with learning disabilities.

We have plans to review the purpose and composition of the Members' Committee in the next financial year. The intention is to recruit new people and to refresh the approach taken by the group.

Financial year 2024-25 is the last year of our current 5-year strategy. We have already started the process of consulting with members and other stakeholders on the focus of a new strategy for the next five years. We have plans to increase consultation work in the second quarter of the next financial year and to let that inform the strategic direction of the organisation.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 29th August 2013 (Company number 08668735) and registered as a charity on 9th September 2013 (Charity number 1153742).

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The Governing Instruments under which the charitable company operates comprise the Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 1st October 2009 and revised by special resolution on 18th February 2016 developed by the Royal Mencap society.

Members' Liability

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital. Every member of the Association undertakes to contribute the assets of the Society, in the event of it being wound up while he or she is a member or within one year of ceasing to be a member for debts and liabilities of the Society contracted before he or she ceases to be a member such amount as may be required not exceeding £1.

The board of Trustees, who are also the Directors, are appointed by the members in accordance with procedures set out in the Memorandum and Articles.

Trustees are appointed by the membership at the annual general meeting. The board may from time to time co-opt a person (who may or may not be a member) to the board either to fill a vacancy or as an addition member of the board. Co-opted members must not form more than one-third of the board in number, and the total number must not exceed twelve.

The trustees develop the strategy for the organisation and oversee its management. They ensure that decisions are taken in the best interests of the beneficiaries.

The day-to-day decision-making is delegated to the Chief Executive with any significant decisions being taken to the Committee at board meetings. The board of Trustees meet 12 times a year to make key decisions regarding the organisations present and future activity, and to offer guidance and support to the staff team

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Name Wirral Mencap
Company Number 08668735
Charity Number 1153742
Registered Office 42-44 Market Street
Birkenhead
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Trustees The trustees, who are also the company directors, that served during the year were as follows:

T Beck	(Resigned 22 nd February 2024)
K Blair	
D C Jamieson	(Appointed 22 nd February 2024)
D P Mearns	(Appointed 22 nd February 2024)
C Newton	
K Ward	(Appointed 13 th August 2024)

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Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees

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C Newton - Trustee

Date:25/2/25.....

WIRRAL MENCAP STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

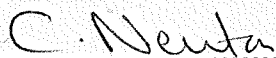
Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees should follow best practice and

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principle in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue as a going concern;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departure disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company 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 charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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By the Order of the board,



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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF WIRRAL MENCAP

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

I report on the accounts of the charitable company for the year ended 30th September 2024, which are set out on pages 17 to 29.

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.

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(5)(b) of the 2011 Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

Independent examiner's statement

(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 and 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 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.

Name: **Ying Huang**

Relevant professional qualification or body: **ACCA**

Address: **c/o LCVS 151, Dale Street, Liverpool, L2 2AH**

Dated:04/03/2025.



WIRRAL MENCAP**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
		£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	3a	91,482	-	91,482	10,925
Charitable activities	3b	67,301	173,371	240,672	358,402
Other trading activities	3c	15,218	-	15,218	18,900
Investments	3d	3,664	-	3,664	1,577
Total income		177,665	173,371	351,036	389,804
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds		43,456	-	43,456	18,123
Charitable activities	4	102,619	233,451	336,070	317,202
Total expenditure		146,075	233,451	379,526	335,325
Net (expenditure)/income, net movement in funds		31,590	(60,080)	(28,490)	54,479
Total funds brought forward	9,10	120,864	135,506	256,370	201,891
Total funds carried forward	8-10	152,454	75,426	227,880	256,370

The notes on pages 19 to 29 form part of these accounts.

All the above amounts relate to continuing activities of the charitable company.

WIRRAL MENCAP
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024

Company Number: 08668735

	Notes	30 th September 2024 £	30 th September 2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	5	4,199	5,598
Current assets			
Debtors	6	842	1,903
Cash at bank and in hand		225,000	253,842
		225,842	255,745
Current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(2,161)	(4,973)
Net current assets		223,681	250,772
Total assets less current liabilities		227,880	256,370
Funds:			
Unrestricted funds	8, 9	152,454	120,864
Restricted funds	8, 10	75,426	135,506
		227,880	256,370

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102).

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

For the period covered by these accounts the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

No members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees, who are the directors of the company, acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees on25/2/25.....

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C Newton - Trustee

WIRRAL MENCAP

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024

1. Limited Liability

The charity is a company limited by guarantee. Each member's liability is limited to £1.

2. Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and 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 published (FRS 102) effective 1st January 2019.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The charitable company has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for Charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

Going Concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charitable company has adequate reserves to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The Trustees are confident that the levels of liquidity and free reserves will not affect the charity's operations. Thus, the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

Funds Accounting

Unrestricted funds are the charity's free reserves available for the trustees to distribute in accordance with the charitable company's charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific restrictive conditions imposed by the donor. All restricted funds are accounted for as restricted income and expenditure for the purposes is charged to the fund.

Income recognition

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, there is sufficient certainty of receipt and so it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies comprise of donations and general grants which are recognised in the accounts when received, with the exception of known legacies which are accounted for when their receipt is certain.

Income from charitable activities is recognised on an accrual's basis except for grants receivable, which are recognised on the date on which their unconditional payment is confirmed by the donor.

Income from other trading activities relates to fundraising events and is recognised when the amount is certain.

Income from investment relates to bank interest received and is recognised when the amount is certain.

Expenditure recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charitable company to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

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All expenditure is accounted for on an accrual basis. All expenses, including support costs and governance costs, are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings in the Statement of Financial Activities. Support and governance costs are applied to unrestricted funds unless specifically included in the restrictions, as specified by the donor.

Expenditure on raising funds relates to costs incurred in fundraising events including a fundraiser salary and other costs.

Expenditure on charitable activities relate to the operation of the charity comprising of direct charitable expenditure to meet the objectives of the charitable company. Support and governance costs relate to the management and operation of the organisation and also compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements in producing the annual report. These are dealt with in the Statement of Financial Activities when payment has been approved by the charitable company.

Fixed Assets

Capital expenditure of £500 and above is stated in the balance sheet at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life as below:

Leasehold Improvements	25% per annum straight line basis
Motor Vehicle	25% per annum reducing balance basis
Fixtures & Fittings	25% per annum reducing balance basis

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts.

Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024

Taxation

Income and gains are exempt from taxation as they are received and applied for charitable purposes only. The charitable company benefits from various exemptions from taxation afforded by tax legislation and is not liable to corporation tax on income or gains falling within those exemptions.

Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an on-going basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3. Income and endowments from

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
a. Donations and legacies				
Donations	16,250	-	16,250	10,925
Legacies	75,232	-	75,232	-
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	91,482	-	91,482	10,925
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Income from donations and legacies for 2023 related wholly to unrestricted funds.

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	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
b. Charitable activities				
Ann Duchess Westminster Fund	-	5,000	5,000	-
Baily Thomas Charitable Fund	-	-	-	10,000
Club activities income	61,277	-	61,277	59,815
Contract income	3,300	-	3,300	6,030
Family Toolbox Alliance	-	8,333	8,333	15,000
Forbes Charitable Foundation	-	3,000	3,000	-
Garfield Weston Foundation	-	-	-	20,000
Hemby Charitable Trust	-	-	-	2,500
Kickstart and Access to Work	1,115	-	1,115	1,066
Member's Subs	1,109	-	1,109	1,155
National Lottery Awards for All	-	19,182	19,182	-
National Lottery Community Fund	-	101,509	101,509	98,874
Postcode Neighbourhood Fund	-	-	-	25,000
Room hire	-	-	-	15
Skelton Charity	-	2,500	2,500	-
Sport England	-	5,147	5,147	-
Steve Morgan Foundation	-	-	-	8,667
Steve Morgan Foundation (DCMS)	-	-	-	14,471
Training income	500	-	500	1,559
Wirral Borough Council	-	28,700	28,700	94,250
	67,301	173,371	240,672	358,402
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Income from charitable activities in 2023 comprised £69,640 unrestricted funds and restated £288,762 related to restricted funds.

	£	£	£	£
c. Other trading activities				
Fundraising events income	15,218	-	15,218	18,900
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Income from other trading activities for 2023 related wholly to unrestricted funds.

	£	£	£	£
d. Investments				
Bank interest	3,664	-	3,664	1,577
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Income from investments for 2023 related wholly to unrestricted funds.

WIRRAL MENCAP**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024****4. Expenditure on charitable activities**

	Direct Charitable Expenditure £	Support & Governance Costs £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Relief of people with learning disabilities, to provide help and support and provide facilities for recreation and leisure time	207,952	128,118	336,070	317,202
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a. Analysed as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
<i>Direct charitable expenditure:</i>		
Staff salary costs	143,570	135,275
Pension	2,422	2,177
Minibus expenses	4,267	3,912
Building running costs	22,397	18,245
Activities and events costs	23,536	22,783
Equipment	405	392
Training	2,195	2,088
Travel expenses	1,202	1,032
Volunteer expenses	999	300
Recruitment and DBS fees	5,585	2,389
Depreciation	1,374	1,833
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	207,952	190,426
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	2024	2023
	£	£
<i>Support & Governance costs:</i>		
Staff salary costs	95,604	103,062
Pension	2,114	2,134
Office costs	10,253	5,861
Consumables	2,698	3,156
Insurance	4,379	2,236
Marketing	4,265	4,085
Registrations and subscriptions	6,308	3,992
Bank and credit card charges	346	199
Payroll fees	861	818
Accountancy fees	1,265	1,200
Depreciation	25	33
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	128,118	126,776
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Total expenditure on charitable activities	336,070	317,202
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£233,451 (2023: £202,767) of the above expenditure relates to restricted funding.

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b. Staff Costs	2024	2023
	£	£
Gross wages and salaries	263,484	241,345
Social security costs	13,665	12,899
Pension	4,536	4,311
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	281,685	258,555
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Total staff costs of £281,685 includes £37,975 (2023: £15,907) related to staff costs related to fundraising activities.

c. Particulars of employees:

Average number of employees during the year, calculated on the basis of full-time equivalents, was as follows:

	2024	2023
Charitable activities	13.4	10
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No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

The Trustees are not remunerated for their services and are not included in the above number of employees.

No out-of-pocket expenses were reimbursed to trustees in the year (2023: £nil).

5. Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold Improvements	Motor Vehicle	Fixtures & Fittings	Total
Cost:	£	£	£	£
Balance at 1 st October 2023	13,800	39,052	7,256	60,108
Additions	-	-	-	-
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Balance at 30 th September 2024	13,800	39,052	7,256	60,108
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Depreciation:				
Balance at 1 st October 2023	13,800	35,143	5,567	54,510
Charge for the year	-	977	422	1,399
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Balance at 30 th September 2024	13,800	36,120	5,989	55,909
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Net Book Value:				
Balance at 30 th September 2024	-	2,932	1,267	4,199
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Balance at 30 th September 2023	-	3,909	1,689	5,598
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6. Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Debtors	340	938
Prepayments	502	965
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	842	1,903
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7. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals	2,161	4,973
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8. Analysis of net assets between funds

2024	Tangible Fixed Assets	Net Current Assets	Total
	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds			
General Fund	75	152,379	152,454
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Restricted Funds			
Department of Transport	2,932	-	2,932
Family Toolbox Alliance	-	8,333	8,333
Forbes Charitable Foundation	-	3,000	3,000
Henry Smith Charity	1,192	-	1,192
National Lottery Awards for All	-	15,755	15,755
National Lottery Community Fund	-	2,855	2,855
Postcode Neighbourhood Fund	-	11,844	11,844
Screwfix Foundation	-	1,443	1,443
Skelton Charity	-	2,500	2,500
Sport England	-	2,597	2,597
Tesco Bags for Help	-	128	128
Wirral Borough Council	-	22,847	22,847
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	4,124	71,302	75,426
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Totals	4,199	223,681	227,880
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024

2023	Tangible Fixed Assets	Net Current Assets	Total
	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds			
General Fund	99	120,765	120,864
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Restricted Funds			
Baily Thomas Charitable Fund	-	8,783	8,783
Department of Transport	3,910	-	3,910
Family Toolbox Alliance	-	14,895	14,895
Garfield Weston Foundation	-	6,638	6,638
Henry Smith Charity	1,589	-	1,589
National Lottery Community Fund	-	1,806	1,806
National Lottery Community Fund (Advice and Advocacy)	-	775	775
Postcode Neighbourhood Fund	-	25,000	25,000
Price Parry for Crossbow	-	2,052	2,052
Royal Mencap Society	-	3,444	3,444
Screwfix Foundation	-	5,000	5,000
St James Place Charitable Fund	-	2,320	2,320
Tesco Bags for Help	-	269	269
Wirral Borough Council	-	59,025	59,025
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	5,499	130,007	135,506
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Totals	5,598	250,772	256,370
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9. Unrestricted Funds

2024	Reserves at Beginning of year	Movements in the Year		Reserves at End of Year
		Income	Expenditure	
	£	£	£	£
General Fund	120,864	177,665	(146,075)	152,454
	=====	=====	=====	=====
2023	Reserves at Beginning of year	Movements in the Year		Reserves at End of Year
		Income	Expenditure	
	£	£	£	£
General Fund	152,380	101,042	(132,558)	120,864
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General Fund is used to finance the charitable company's general activities as outlined in the Trustees' Report.

WIRRAL MENCAP**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024****10. Restricted funds**

2024	<u>Movements in the Year</u>			Reserves at End of Year £
	Reserves at Beginning of year £	Income £	Expenditure £	
Ann Duchess Westminster Fund	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
Baily Thomas Charitable Fund	8,783	-	(8,783)	-
Department of Transport	3,910	-	(978)	2,932
Family Toolbox Alliance	14,895	8,333	(14,895)	8,333
Forbes Charitable Foundation	-	3,000	-	3,000
Garfield Weston Foundation	6,638	-	(6,638)	-
Hemby Charitable Trust	-	-	-	-
Henry Smith Charity	1,589	-	(397)	1,192
Mencap for Treat me Well	-	-	-	-
National Lottery Awards for All	1,806	19,182	(5,233)	15,755
National Lottery Community Fund	775	101,509	(99,429)	2,855
Postcode Neighbourhood Fund	25,000	-	(13,156)	11,844
Price Parry for Crossbow	2,052	-	(2,052)	-
Royal Mencap Society	3,444	-	(3,444)	-
Screwfix Foundation	5,000	-	(3,557)	1,443
Skelton Charity	-	2,500	-	2,500
Sport England	-	5,147	(2,550)	2,597
St James Place Charitable Fund	2,320	-	(2,320)	-
Steve Morgan Foundation	-	-	-	-
Steve Morgan Foundation (DCMS)	-	-	-	-
Tesco Bags for Help	269	-	(141)	128
Wirral Borough Council	59,025	28,700	(64,878)	22,847
	<u>135,506</u>	<u>173,371</u>	<u>(233,451)</u>	<u>75,426</u>
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WIRRAL MENCAP

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024

2023	Reserves at Beginning of year £	Movements in the Year		Reserves at End of Year £
		Income £	Expenditure £	
Baily Thomas Charitable Fund	-	10,000	(1,217)	8,783
Department of Transport	5,213	-	(1,303)	3,910
Family Toolbox Alliance	-	15,000	(105)	14,895
Garfield Weston Foundation	-	20,000	(13,362)	6,638
Hemby Charitable Trust	-	2,500	(2,500)	-
Henry Smith Charity	2,118	-	(529)	1,589
Mencap for Treat me Well	824	-	(824)	-
National Lottery Community Fund	9,903	-	(8,097)	1,806
National Lottery Community Fund (Advice and Advocacy)	7,174	98,874	(105,273)	775
Postcode Neighbourhood Fund	-	25,000	(-)	25,000
Price Parry for Crossbow	5,000	-	(2,948)	2,052
Royal Mencap Society	3,967	-	(523)	3,444
Screwfix Foundation	5,000	-	(-)	5,000
St James Place Charitable Fund	2,500	-	(180)	2,320
Steve Morgan Foundation	5,019	8,667	(13,686)	-
Steve Morgan Foundation (DCMS)	1,793	14,471	(16,264)	-
Tesco Bags for Help	1,000	-	(731)	269
Wirral Borough Council	-	94,250	(35,225)	59,025
	49,511	288,762	(202,767)	135,506

Description of Funds

These are monies given to the charitable company to be spent at the discretion of the Board of Trustees for specific charitable purposes, as follows:

Amy Duchess Westminster Fund- Contribution towards the salary of the programmes Co-ordinator.

Baily Thomas Charitable Fund – Contribution towards Gateway award.

Department of Transport – For the purchase of a new minibus, to be used in the delivery of Wirral Mencap Services as well as lending to third party organisations at the discretion of the Trustees and subject to licensing and insurance conditions.

Family Toolbox Alliance – Contribution towards family support group.

Forbes Charitable Foundation- Contribution towards set up costs for the adult social clubs

Garfield Weston Foundation – Contribution towards general running costs.

Hemby Charitable Trust – Contribution towards Gateway award.

Henry Smith Charity – Contribution towards activities, personal development and running costs.

Mencap for Treat me Well – Funding for treat me well group activity and support in 2021.

National Lottery Awards for All – Contribution towards salary costs of the information and advice manager.

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National Lottery Community Fund – To support adults with learning difficulties by providing provision of information, support, and advocacy services.

Postcode Neighbourhood Fund – Contribution towards general running costs.

Price Parry for crossbow – To pay for the cost of running Crossbow in a new venue and with a new member of staff.

Royal Mencap Society – To deliver 'Let's get digital' programme of digital skills training for people with a learning disability.

Screwfix Foundation – To part fund the installation of a Changing Places toilet

Skelton Charity – Contribution towards life skills courses for people with learning disabilities

Sport England- Contribution towards the project, sports for adults with learning disabilities in Wirral

St James Place Charitable Fund – Contribution towards gateway holiday treats

Steve Morgan Foundation – Contribution towards CEO salary

Steve Morgan Foundation- DCMS – Community match funding from DCMS for Covid recovery plan.

Tesco Bags for Help – Contribution towards running costs.

Wirral Borough Council – Contribution towards cost of living support.

11. Operating Lease Commitments

Financial commitments under non-cancellable operating leases relating to the lease of 42-44 Market Street. Plus, one photocopier over five years. This will result in the following payments falling due at 30th September 2024. There was a 1 year extension signed after 2024 year end, relating to the lease of 42-44 Market Street for £10,000, the below figures do not include this.

		2024 £	2023 £
Premises	Within one year	-	10,000
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		-	10,000
Photocopiers		-	-
	Within one year	1,841	2,653
	Due 1 to 2 years	1,570	1,841
	Due 2- 5 years	2,747	4,316
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	Total	6,157	18,810
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12. Related Party Transactions

There were no material related party transactions during the year which require disclosure (2023: none).

13. Guarantees

As at 30th September 2024, 208 members had given a guarantee of £1 each in the event of the company winding-up, total: £208 (2023: 235 members £235).