

Company registration number: 07024301

Charity registration number: 1154113

M3 Project Limited

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 30 September 2024

M3 Project Limited

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Reference and Administrative Details

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| Trustees | G Helm |
| | J Cooper |
| | C Nelson |
| | R Weinhold |
| Charity Registration Number | 1154113 |
| Company Registration Number | 07024301 |
| Registered Office | The charity is incorporated in England and Wales. |
| | Suite 2 St John's Court |
| | Bacup Road |
| | Rossendale BB4 7PA |
| Independent Examiner | Helen Binns FCA |
| | Beever and Struthers |
| | Chartered Accountants |
| | One Express |
| | 1 George Leigh Street Manchester M4 5DL |

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Trustees' Report

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

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The objectives of the charity are to provide relief to young people between the ages of 16-25 years old in East Lancashire and surrounding areas, by the provision of social housing and accommodation, including emergency supported lodgings, supported lodgings and move-on accommodation.

M3 Project supports young singles and parents who find themselves living in insecure or unsafe accommodation, moving from one place to another and 'sofa surfing'. We believe that every young person should have a safe place to call home, a place where they can thrive, and we have worked towards this aim since 2003 when a gap in service provision was identified and Supported Lodgings were set up.

Over the past 20 years the project has developed services to reflect that, and now have three distinct service areas to support young people who face homelessness.

- Supported Lodgings (ages 16-21): A service where young people have their own bedroom in someone's home and get day-to-day support from the householder along with tailored support from a M3 Support Worker. Working through a support plan, young people eventually move on into their own accommodation with the skills and knowledge to sustain a tenancy.
- Teenage Family Service (ages 16-21): A service for young mums and mums to be, who move into an assured shorthold tenancy and receive support around parenting and tenancy management to ensure a positive move-on.
- The Listening Project: A unique young person led service for 16 and 17-year olds who are experiencing difficulties in their relationships at home and may be at risk of homelessness. Using a trained peer mentor, it gives a young person space to think through options and families an opportunity to talk together and find solutions for a better way forward and prevent unplanned moves and potential sofa surfing.

As a small team of 2 full-time and 5 part-time employees, the project works with young people across East Lancashire encouraging them to develop new skills, re-engage with family and friends, access education and training or get into work. Tailored support packages enable young people to eventually move on into their own independent accommodation with the skills and knowledge to sustain a tenancy; their own safe place to call home.

The organisation continues to campaign at local and national level around the issues of homelessness and the impact it has on young people.

Public benefit

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

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Achievements and performance

In November 2023 we celebrated our 20th Anniversary with staff, Trustees, Volunteers, former Service Users and representatives from the local community. In spite of the cost of living crisis we were also pleased to reach our annual fundraising target. We have seen an increase in fundraisers organised by community groups and the amount received through committed regular donations has almost doubled. In the circumstances we have been able to offer more direct financial assistance to young people experiencing hardship, as well as material support when moving in or moving on from placements.

Registration with Ofsted under the Supported Accommodation Regulations (2023) was successfully completed on 2 January 2024, making the organization one of the very first in Lancashire to gain registration status. Charity Manager Alan Dorrington was also accepted as Registered Service Manager for both services and will lead the organization into the Ofsted Inspection window starting September 2024. Work for the organization to become inspection-ready was completed at the end of Summer 2024.

The charity successfully renewed its main contracts with Lancashire County Council over the summer of 2024. As part of a competitive tendering process, both Supported Lodgings and Teenage Family were awarded the contracts for the East Lancashire footprint, securing a further 4 and possibly 7 years funding to continue our work in these specialist accommodation services.

New contracts start in November 2024 and see an expansion in Teenage Family supported properties from 11 to 14.

Lloyds Bank Foundation continued to support the charity during this period as part of their core funding programme. LBF has consistently championed small but vital charities across the country and their blend of unrestricted funds backed up with specialist support from external partners and consultants has ensure that M3 continues to thrive and develop.

Quality of Service reviews are now carried out on a regular basis providing feedback from young people that informs our practice. The feedback we have received has been overwhelmingly positive and constructive. Some examples which evidence our successes are as follows:

"M3 has contributed to my growth and development. I am now more confident, respectful and healthier. I have a better outlook on life with a better understanding of life skills such as cooking and laundry. Without the support from M3 and my Host I would not be where I am today."

"Due to being in a settled home with M3 I was able to focus more on me and what I wanted. I was able to go back to college which was a big step. My confidence has gone up and I am now able to cook and clean up for myself. I am learning to drive and have a test coming up. I have also learnt to paint, decorate and do some gardening."

"I am grateful to not only have a home for me and my daughter but to have a lovely support worker supporting me while I'm here. I have learned to manage a household and organise bills. It's given me the space to better myself and live comfortably with my girl."

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Numbers in Services

Over the last year, 7 single young people and 14 young Mums with 18 children have maintained a stay in our accommodation services for over 12 months. There have been 5 successful move ons with young people taking up accommodation of their own in order to live independently.

Our unique Listening Project mentored and supported 22 young people with mental health issues, isolation, wellbeing issues or who were at risk of homelessness. Many referrals to this service have come from mental health services based in local schools and we continue to see an ongoing need for young person led one-to-one support and mentoring that is not available elsewhere in the area.

Challenges

Move on accommodation

One of the biggest challenges facing both the charity and the individual young people is a severely restricted supply of move-on accommodation. Private rented accommodation is only affordable for young people who are working in reasonably well-remunerated jobs, as rent payable through benefits continue to fall well behind rapidly increasing private rents.

Social housing is now under extreme pressure in all the areas we work in, and young people who are ready to move are bidding for many months without success to secure their own social property. This is leading to stagnation for young people who have worked hard to build their confidence and skills to live independently but are unable to find their own accommodation to move on to. We are working to find solutions to this issue, with LCC Commissioners and other local partners.

Higher needs young people

In common with many partner organisations, we are seeing larger numbers of referrals for young people with higher support needs. These young people are often coming from a care-experienced background and have multiple issues for support based around their lived experience and adverse childhood experiences. In many cases we are unable to responsibly meet those support needs within our two accommodation services, a situation that has been underpinned by Ofsted recommendations that young people with higher, complex or care needs should not be placed in regulated services. Sadly, these young people are not always receiving the support and advice that they need.

Support and advice was delivered in both accommodation services around the following issues:

- Benefits or money
- Education or training
- General issues
- Housing options
- Independent Living Skills
- Mental Health
- Parenting skills
- Physical health
- Placement issues
- Relationships at home incl domestic abuse
- Self harm
- Work and employment

The Trustees would like to thank all staff and Host volunteers across the charity for all their hard work and commitment in delivering high quality services to vulnerable young people in our local areas.

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Financial review

The charity's income for the year was £381,496 (2023: £354,881) and expenditure of £357,007 (2023: £344,541) leaving surplus funds of £24,489 (2023: £10,340).

Policy on reserves

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operation for the foreseeable future.

The Charity maintains a reserves policy in order to promote sustainability and growth. This policy aims to reserve 6 months operating costs alongside funds allocated to running costs, staff training and charity growth. Current free reserves held by M3 Project are sufficient to cover 6 months operating costs, in addition to protected reserves available for redundancy costs for all staff. M3 Project is continuing to make good progress toward a mixed and sustainable funding scenario based on grant funding, charitable giving and contracts for service delivery. Grant application activity is planned and monitored on a quarterly basis.

The total funds at 30 September 2024 was £161,153 (2023: £136,664) of which all are unrestricted funds. Free reserves are £160,225 (2023: £135,426) after allowing for funds tied up in fixed assets.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

M3 Project Limited is a company limited by guarantee and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 20 September 2009, as amended on 6 March 2021.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association. The Trustees as charity trustees have control of the Charity.

Major risks and management of those risks

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

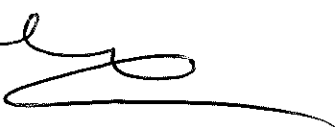
The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the charity, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks. Significant consideration has been given in regards to Ofsted compliance and there are active plans around implementation of the new supported accommodation regulations.

Small companies provision statement

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

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 17/3/2025 and signed on its behalf by:

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G Helm
Trustee



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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of M3 Project Limited 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".

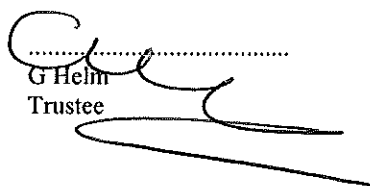
Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources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

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 17/3/2025 and signed on its behalf by:


G Helm
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of M3 Project Limited ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 September 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

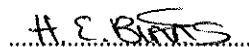
Independent examiner's statement

Since the Company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

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 M3 Project Limited 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.


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Helen Binns FCA
Beever and Struthers
Chartered Accountants
One Express
1 George Leigh Street
Manchester
M4 5DL

Date: 17/03/25

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

| | Note | Unrestricted funds £ | Restricted funds £ | Total 2024 £ | Total 2023 £ |
|------------------------------------|------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Income and Endowments from: | | | | | |
| Donations and legacies | 3 | 46,831 | 9,938 | 56,769 | 55,500 |
| Charitable activities | 4 | 322,260 | - | 322,260 | 298,693 |
| Investment income | 5 | <u>1,520</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>1,520</u> | <u>688</u> |
| Total income | | <u>370,611</u> | <u>9,938</u> | <u>380,549</u> | <u>354,881</u> |
| Expenditure on: | | | | | |
| Raising funds | 6 | (812) | - | (812) | (712) |
| Charitable activities | 7 | <u>(345,309)</u> | <u>(9,938)</u> | <u>(355,247)</u> | <u>(343,829)</u> |
| Total expenditure | | <u>(346,121)</u> | <u>(9,938)</u> | <u>(356,059)</u> | <u>(344,541)</u> |
| Net income | | <u>24,490</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>24,490</u> | <u>10,340</u> |
| Net movement in funds | | 24,490 | - | 24,490 | 10,340 |
| Reconciliation of funds | | | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | | <u>136,664</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>136,664</u> | <u>126,324</u> |
| Total funds carried forward | 18 | <u><u>161,154</u></u> | <u><u>-</u></u> | <u><u>161,154</u></u> | <u><u>136,664</u></u> |

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

The funds breakdown for 2023 is shown in note 18.

The notes on pages 10 to 19 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Balance Sheet as at 30 September 2024


| | Note | 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
|---|------|----------------|----------------|
| Fixed assets | | | |
| Tangible assets | 14 | 928 | 1,238 |
| Current assets | | | |
| Debtors | 15 | 14,933 | 16,508 |
| Cash at bank and in hand | 16 | <u>152,828</u> | <u>126,884</u> |
| | | 167,761 | 143,392 |
| Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year | 17 | <u>(7,535)</u> | <u>(7,966)</u> |
| Net current assets | | <u>160,226</u> | <u>135,426</u> |
| Net assets | | <u>161,154</u> | <u>136,664</u> |
| Funds of the charity: | | | |
| Unrestricted income funds | | | |
| Unrestricted funds | | <u>161,154</u> | <u>136,664</u> |
| Total funds | 18 | <u>161,154</u> | <u>136,664</u> |

For the financial year ending 30 September 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 8 to 19 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 17/3/2025 and signed on their behalf by:


G. Helm
Trustee

The notes on pages 10 to 19 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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

1 Charity status

The charity is limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales, and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

The address of its registered office is:

Suite 2 St John's Court
Bacup Road
Rossendale
BB4 7PA

2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

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

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)) (issued in October 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of preparation

M3 Project Limited meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

The charity opted to early adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

Income and endowments

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 the income receivable can be measured reliably.

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Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Grants receivable

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

Investment income

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

Expenditure

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

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities

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

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Government grants

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

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Taxation

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

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortisation

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

| Asset class | Depreciation method and rate |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Furniture and Equipment | 25% Reducing balance |

Trade debtors

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

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

Cash and cash equivalents

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

Fund structure

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

Pensions and other post retirement obligations

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

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Financial instruments

Classification

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the charity after deducting all of its liabilities.

Recognition and measurement

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs), except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially measured at fair value (which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs), unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. If an arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, the financial asset or financial liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are only offset in the statement of financial position when, and only when there exists a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and the charity intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Financial assets are derecognised when and only when a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or are settled, b) the charity transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, or c) the charity, despite having retained some, but not all, significant risks and rewards of ownership, has transferred control of the asset to another party.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

3 Income from donations and legacies

| | Unrestricted funds General £ | Restricted funds £ | Total 2024 £ | Total 2023 £ |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Donations and legacies; | | | | |
| Donations from individuals | 20,190 | - | 20,190 | 19,991 |
| Gift aid reclaimed | 1,641 | - | 1,641 | 1,259 |
| Grants, including capital grants; | | | | |
| Government grants | - | 9,938 | 9,938 | - |
| Grants from companies | 25,000 | - | 25,000 | 34,250 |
| | 46,831 | 9,938 | 56,769 | 55,500 |

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4 Income from charitable activities

| | Unrestricted funds General £ | Total 2024 £ | Total 2023 £ |
|---|---------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Grants received regarding accomoation and support | 182,185 | 182,185 | 171,727 |
| Housing | 140,075 | 140,075 | 126,966 |
| | <u>322,260</u> | <u>322,260</u> | <u>298,693</u> |

5 Investment income

| | Unrestricted funds General £ | Total 2024 £ | Total 2023 £ |
|---|---------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Interest receivable and similar income; | | | |
| Interest receivable on bank deposits | <u>1,520</u> | <u>1,520</u> | <u>688</u> |

6 Expenditure on raising funds

a) Costs of generating donations and legacies

| | Note | Unrestricted funds General £ | Total 2024 £ | Total 2023 £ |
|-------------------|------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Fundraising costs | | <u>812</u> | <u>812</u> | <u>712</u> |

7 Expenditure on charitable activities

| | Note | Unrestricted funds General £ | Restricted funds £ | Total 2024 £ | Total 2023 £ |
|-------------------------|------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Housing costs | | 117,343 | - | 117,343 | 118,143 |
| Staff travel | | 5,058 | - | 5,058 | 4,232 |
| Depreciation | | 310 | - | 310 | 413 |
| Staff costs | | 180,417 | - | 180,417 | 172,120 |
| Allocated support costs | 8 | 37,606 | 4,438 | 42,044 | 44,105 |
| Governance costs | 8 | 4,575 | 5,500 | 10,075 | 4,816 |
| | | <u>345,309</u> | <u>9,938</u> | <u>355,247</u> | <u>343,829</u> |

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8 Analysis of governance and support costs

Support costs allocated to charitable activities

| | Total 2024 £ | Total 2023 £ |
|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Premises costs | 16,521 | 18,472 |
| Insurance | 4,052 | 3,489 |
| Telephone | 10,679 | 8,641 |
| Computer and IT costs | 2,544 | 2,699 |
| Bank charges | 104 | 100 |
| Office admin costs | 1,097 | 1,673 |
| Sundry costs | 5,345 | 6,974 |
| Legal and professional | 1,785 | 2,057 |
| | <u>42,127</u> | <u>44,105</u> |

Governance costs

| | Restricted funds £ | Total 2024 £ | Total 2023 £ |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Independent examiner fees | | | |
| Examination of the financial statements | - | 2,340 | 2,340 |
| Other fees paid to examiners | - | 2,235 | 2,476 |
| Other governance costs | 5,500 | 5,500 | - |
| | <u>5,500</u> | <u>10,075</u> | <u>4,816</u> |

9 Net incoming/outgoing resources

Net incoming resources for the year include:

| | 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
|------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Depreciation of fixed assets | <u>310</u> | <u>413</u> |

10 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

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

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11 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

| | 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| Staff costs during the year were: | | |
| Wages and salaries | 166,641 | 158,541 |
| Social security costs | 8,791 | 8,244 |
| Pension costs | 4,985 | 5,335 |
| | <u>180,417</u> | <u>172,120</u> |

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

| | 2024 No | 2023 No |
|----------------------|------------|------------|
| Head count | <u>7</u> | <u>7</u> |
| Full-time equivalent | <u>5</u> | <u>5</u> |

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

The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £44,083 (2023 - £39,549).

12 Independent examiner's remuneration

| | 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| Examination of the financial statements | <u>2,340</u> | <u>2,340</u> |
| Other fees to examiners | | |
| All other services | <u>2,235</u> | <u>2,476</u> |

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13 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

14 Tangible fixed assets

| | Furniture and equipment £ | Total £ |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|------------|
| Cost | | |
| At 1 October 2023 | 16,720 | 16,720 |
| At 30 September 2024 | 16,720 | 16,720 |
| Depreciation | | |
| At 1 October 2023 | 15,482 | 15,482 |
| Charge for the year | 310 | 310 |
| At 30 September 2024 | 15,792 | 15,792 |
| Net book value | | |
| At 30 September 2024 | 928 | 928 |
| At 30 September 2023 | 1,238 | 1,238 |

15 Debtors

| | 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|
| Trade debtors | 14,256 | 10,415 |
| Prepayments | 677 | 6,093 |
| | 14,933 | 16,508 |

16 Cash and cash equivalents

| | 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|
| Cash on hand | 138 | 54 |
| Cash at bank | 152,690 | 126,830 |
| | 152,828 | 126,884 |

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17 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

| | 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Other taxation and social security | 2,633 | 2,865 |
| Other creditors | 1,063 | 1,261 |
| Accruals | 3,839 | 3,840 |
| | <u>7,535</u> | <u>7,966</u> |

18 Funds

| | Balance at 1 October 2023 £ | Incoming resources £ | Resources expended £ | Balance at 30 September 2024 £ |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| Unrestricted funds | | | | |
| <i>General</i> | | | | |
| General Funds | 136,664 | 370,611 | (346,121) | 161,154 |
| Restricted funds | | | | |
| Lancashire County Council | - | 9,938 | (9,938) | - |
| Total funds | <u>136,664</u> | <u>380,549</u> | <u>(356,059)</u> | <u>161,154</u> |
| | Balance at 1 October 2022 £ | Incoming resources £ | Resources expended £ | Balance at 30 September 2023 £ |
| Unrestricted funds | | | | |
| <i>General</i> | | | | |
| General Funds | <u>126,324</u> | <u>354,881</u> | <u>(344,541)</u> | <u>136,664</u> |

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

Lancashire County Council - to fund Ofsted registration fees and training costs.

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19 Analysis of net assets between funds

| | Unrestricted funds General £ | Total funds at 30 September 2024 £ |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Tangible fixed assets | 928 | 928 |
| Current assets | 167,761 | 167,761 |
| Current liabilities | <u>(7,535)</u> | <u>(7,535)</u> |
| Total net assets | <u>161,154</u> | <u>161,154</u> |
| | Unrestricted funds General £ | Total funds at 30 September 2023 £ |
| Tangible fixed assets | 1,238 | 1,238 |
| Current assets | 143,392 | 143,392 |
| Current liabilities | <u>(7,966)</u> | <u>(7,966)</u> |
| Total net assets | <u>136,664</u> | <u>136,664</u> |

20 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.

21 Prior year Statement of Financial Activities

| | Unrestricted funds £ | Total 2023 £ |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Income and Endowments from: | | |
| Donations and legacies | 55,500 | 55,500 |
| Charitable activities | 298,693 | 298,693 |
| Investment income | <u>688</u> | <u>688</u> |
| Total income | <u>354,881</u> | <u>354,881</u> |
| Expenditure on: | | |
| Raising funds | (712) | (712) |
| Charitable activities | <u>(343,829)</u> | <u>(343,829)</u> |
| Total expenditure | <u>(344,541)</u> | <u>(344,541)</u> |
| Net income | <u>10,340</u> | <u>10,340</u> |
| Net movement in funds | 10,340 | 10,340 |
| Reconciliation of funds | | |
| Total funds brought forward | <u>126,324</u> | <u>126,324</u> |
| Total funds carried forward | <u>136,664</u> | <u>136,664</u> |