

COMMUNITY LINK FOUNDATION LIMITED

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

Charity registration number 1154506

Company registration number 08672447 (England and Wales)

COMMUNITY LINK FOUNDATION LIMITED

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Miss K J Snookes Mr C J Harding Mr E P Rylands Mr A J Coates Mr M J Cunningham Mrs B Howard Mrs N Kenyon
Secretary	Mr E P Rylands
Charity number (England and Wales)	1154506
Company number	08672447
Registered office	Heritage House First Floor 9b Hoghton Street Southport Merseyside PR9 0TE
Independent examiner	Champion TLL Limited 7-9 Station Road Hesketh Bank Preston Lancashire PR4 6SN

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "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)".

Objectives and activities

The Charity's objects are:

The provision of financial grants to individuals or groups in order to develop life chances from a position of adversity through the relief of those in need by reason of poverty, youth, age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage; and

The provision of financial grants to individuals or groups in order to develop life chances from a position of adversity and in so doing support the advancement of citizenship or community development.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

WE ARE HOPE STREET

Community Link Foundation awarded a grant of £460 to We Are Hope Street CIC to support their Christmas community project, providing a warm, festive, and inclusive experience for individuals and families across West Lancashire. The funding helped cover essential costs such as food and electricity for a two-day initiative that included preparing, cooking, and serving a five-course homemade Christmas dinner. On Christmas Day, Hope Street Community Café welcomed around 80 guests, including those affected by the cost-of-living crisis, those living alone, single parents, and others seeking companionship. It offered them hot drinks, a full meal, entertainment, and Christmas gifts in a warm, safe space. Volunteers also arranged doorstep deliveries for housebound individuals, ensuring no one was left out.

ASTHMA RELIEF

In February 2024, the trustees approved funding of £950 so Asthma Relief could purchase new nebulisers for use in Southport.

Asthma Relief is a charity dedicated to improving the quality of life and care of those who live with chronic respiratory related illnesses by offering a respiratory equipment donation and support service. They donate medical equipment which is not routinely available on the NHS.

They gave us a selection of quotes from people who they have donated the nebulisers to. This one is from a Ward Nurse at a Hospital: "On behalf of the Ward I would like to thank you, once again, for your generous donation of Nebulisers. These are the machines of choice right throughout our NHS Trust area and we are so grateful that you were able to provide them. As you are aware we have just moved to a brand new Ward and due to your contribution we are now fully equipped as a Respiratory Ward."

SOUTHPORT TRINITY AFC

Southport Trinity AFC applied for funding to provide sports glasses for 17 visually impaired players across their youth teams. Standard glasses pose a safety risk during football matches, and FA guidelines recommend sports-specific eyewear, which can cost around £150 per pair. The grant helped ensure all affected players can participate safely and confidently, regardless of their family's financial situation. Through this grant, Southport Trinity aims to remove barriers to participation and safeguard both their players and others on the pitch.

RAINBOW HUB

A grant of £900 was awarded to Rainbow Hub to fund weekly conductive education sessions for Kylian James Long. The application was submitted by his mother who highlighted the significant developmental benefits these sessions have had on Kylian. Thanks to the support provided by Rainbow Hub, Kylian has progressed to sitting and standing with assistance, milestones that are so meaningful to his family. The sessions form an essential part of Kylian's weekly routine, contributing to his growing confidence and physical development. Without this funding, access to these life-enhancing sessions would not have been possible.

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HOME START SOUTHPORT & FORMBY

To help address the growing demand for local mental health support, Community Link Foundation awarded £5,000 to Home-Start Southport & Formby for their specialist counselling project aimed at parents in need. The funding enabled the organisation to deliver 166 counselling sessions over a 12-month period, offering vital emotional support to those struggling with poor mental health, isolation, or day-to-day challenges.

The sessions provided a safe, confidential space where individuals could explore their difficulties, build resilience, and make meaningful changes to improve their wellbeing. Home-Start also offers childcare support, ensuring that access to these sessions is practical and inclusive for those with young children.

At a time when statutory services are stretched and waiting lists are long, this tailored local service plays a critical role in preventing mental health crises and empowering parents to cope more confidently with daily life.

The application said: "The impact of the counselling project is that more parents will be able to cope with life's challenges, particularly at the moment with the cost of living crisis. This service will address the growing need for mental health support. Waiting lists for statutory services are lengthy and can't always be provided in locations convenient for an individual. As we can provide childcare our service is especially convenient for parents to use. Once the counselling session are completed we can also refer an individual on to our Volunteer Project. This offers ongoing befriending support where volunteers can introduce people into other sources of support in the community that can improve mental health. We know this service is needed because of the growing numbers of referrals we are already receiving."

SEFTON CHILDREN'S TRUST

A grant of £1105 was awarded to Sefton Children's Trust, a volunteer-led charity based in Merseyside, to support their annual week-long residential trip to Manor Adventure in Shropshire. This project benefits children aged 8 to 12 who face significant challenges, including bereavement, abuse, caring responsibilities, or household illness. The residential provides a structured environment where children can escape the pressures of daily life and build confidence through activities designed around 'challenge by choice.' With referrals from schools and professionals, the program helps children develop resilience, teamwork, and ambition. The funding contributed directly to the costs of accommodation, activities, meals, and support staff for 68 children and accompanying adults. The trip took place from 27th July to 3rd August.

SOUTHPORT SAVIOURS

Community Link Foundation awarded a grant to The Southport Saviours Foundation to assist with the installation of a life-saving external defibrillator on Wesley Street, Southport. With permission granted by the British Legion to mount the device outside their Community Hub, the project aims to enhance the availability of emergency medical equipment in the town centre. The funding contributes towards the cost of the defibrillator and weatherproof housing unit. Installation and first aid training will be managed by the charity, with long-term maintenance supported by the Wesley Street business community. The project ensures essential medical support is accessible to the public 24/7, with the potential to save lives in critical moments.

Richard from Southport Saviours said: "A big thank you to Community Link Foundation for their kind donation helping Wesley street hit their fundraising target to get an external defibrillator installed on the street. This unit will cover the local community and cover an area that really was lacking defib coverage before."

ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Community Link Foundation was delighted to support an initiative at St Patrick's Catholic Primary School with a grant to install outdoor exercise equipment on the school's playing field.

The idea was proposed by a Year 6 pupil on the School Council, who researched the equipment and associated costs before presenting it to staff. The equipment promotes physical health, emotional wellbeing, and outdoor activity for children of all abilities.

By creating a space that encourages movement, cooperation, and time in the fresh air, the project aims to improve pupils' overall health and wellbeing while teaching valuable life lessons such as turn-taking and self-care. The grant helped to turn the idea into a practical, long-lasting asset for the school and its students.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

SEFTON COUNCIL – THE ATKINSON

A grant was awarded to The Atkinson in Southport to support the installation of a 24-hour accessible defibrillator in the Diana Memorial Gardens, located in front of the Town Hall and The Atkinson building. This life-saving equipment will serve residents, visitors, and the wider Southport town centre community, particularly during times when other nearby defibrillators - located within businesses - are inaccessible due to limited opening hours. The project included the purchase of a fully automatic defibrillator, a lockable external cabinet, both adult and paediatric pads, and professional electrical installation. Part funding had already been pledged by Southport Strollers Running Club and Southport Saviours charity, Community Link Foundation's contribution helped bridge the gap to ensure this vital equipment could be made available.

FARNBOROUGH ROAD

Community Link Foundation was pleased to support a funding request for £1000 submitted by Adrian Antell on behalf of Matthew Davies, a pupil at Farnborough Road Junior School, Southport. The grant contributed towards the purchase of a specially adapted bicycle that allows Matthew, who uses a wheelchair and walking frame, to experience freedom of movement and inclusive play with his peers. The bicycle, recommended by his therapists, is designed to grow with him and significantly enhances his ability to participate in outdoor activities both at school and home. With match funding already secured from Rotary and local church groups, the grant enabled the final amount needed to be reached, helping to transform Matthew's everyday experiences.

QUEENSCOURT HOSPICE

A grant of £826 was awarded to Queenscourt Hospice to support their ongoing work providing compassionate care for patients with serious illnesses and those at the end of life. Queenscourt plays a vital role in the local community, offering specialist medical care and emotional support to patients and their families, both in the hospice and at home. This grant contributes to sustaining the high-quality services that Queenscourt is known for, helping to improve quality of life for those facing challenging health circumstances.

THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

A grant of £250 was given to The Community Church, a registered charity based at The Family Life Centre in Southport, to support the purchase and installation of a public access defibrillator. Located in a central area where the nearest defibrillator is over four minutes away, this project aims to significantly reduce emergency response times during cardiac events - a time-critical factor for survival. The funding covered the cost of the defibrillator, secure housing unit, installation, and associated electrical work. The defibrillator serves the PR8 6JH community and surrounding area, offering vital, potentially life-saving support.

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

Community Link Foundation gave a grant of £1000 to Practice Makes Perfect, a long-established voluntary group based in Southport. They promote sign language, fingerspelling, lipreading, and deaf awareness for people of all ages and abilities. The funding supported the replication of 1,000 professionally subtitled DVDs to accompany their sign language resources, making them more accessible to individuals experiencing hearing loss. In addition to DVD production, the grant also contributed to printing costs for workbooks and handouts that supplement the learning materials, as well as distribution expenses. This project particularly benefits individuals who have recently lost their hearing due to illness, accident, or age-related conditions, offering them vital tools to aid communication and rebuild confidence.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

Financial review

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have considered the Charity's requirement for reserves which takes account of its ability to continue to operate should there be a reduction in income such that day-to-day costs, apart from those directly required for raising funds, need to be paid for out of reserves held.

The long-term aim is to make sufficient surplus from the 600 Club lottery to cover the admin / support costs which total approximately £5,000 per year. In the meantime it is prudent to retain twelve month's future support / admin costs in reserves, which equates to approximately £12,000. This amount has been designated within the funds, leaving free funds for distribution of £29,149. This amount will be paid out as grants during the coming year in response to applications received.

Review of year

The Statement of Financial Activity for the year is shown on page 8. The Balance Sheet is on page 9 of the statutory accounts and the Notes to the Financial Statements on pages 10 to 15.

The total income in the year 2024 was £28,393 (2023: £31,052). Total expenditure was £36,996 (2023: £24,789) leaving a deficit of £8,603.

Given the nature of the Charity's activities and intention to pay out funds held as soon as possible by way of grants (whilst retaining sufficient amounts as described in the reserves policy) it is not prudent to tie-up monies in long-term investment. The trustees will endeavour to obtain the best interest rates available on a short-term basis with bank deposit accounts however.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is controlled by its governing document, the Memorandum of Articles of Association, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Miss K J Snookes

Mr D Duffy

(Resigned 30 June 2024)

Mr C J Harding

Mr E P Rylands

Mr A J Coates

Mr M J Cunningham

(Resigned 1 February 2025)

Mr J Thompson

Mrs B Howard

Mrs N Kenyon

The Board is responsible for the recruitment and appointment of new Trustees. New trustees are sought based on any skills shortages on the Board. There is an application process for Trustees, and induction information including Charity Commission publications regarding Trustee roles and responsibilities, and background information on the Charity.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

The company's current policy concerning the payment of trade creditors is to follow the CBI's Prompt Payers Code (copies are available from the CBI, Centre Point, 103 New Oxford Street, London WC1A 1DU).

The company's current policy concerning the payment of trade creditors is to:

- settle the terms of payment with suppliers when agreeing the terms of each transaction;
- ensure that suppliers are made aware of the terms of payment by inclusion of the relevant terms in contracts; and
- pay in accordance with the company's contractual and other legal obligations.

Trade creditors of the company at the year end were equivalent to XX day's purchases, based on the average daily amount invoiced by suppliers during the year.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Mr E P Rylands
Trustee

Date: 22/5/25

COMMUNITY LINK FOUNDATION LIMITED

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY LINK FOUNDATION LIMITED

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Community Link Foundation Limited (the charity) for the year ended 30 September 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the Companies Act 2006.
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a true and fair view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- 4 the financial statements 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 financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.



Champion TLL Limited

Peter Buck FCA, DChA

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Date:

24/5/2025

COMMUNITY LINK FOUNDATION LIMITED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	2	18,360	20,500
Other trading activities	3	10,033	11,002
Total income		<u>28,393</u>	<u>31,502</u>
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	4	14,650	6,808
Charitable activities	5	22,346	18,071
Total expenditure		<u>36,996</u>	<u>24,879</u>
Net income/(expenditure) and movement in funds		(8,603)	6,623
Reconciliation of funds:			
Fund balances at 1 October 2023		43,752	37,129
Fund balances at 30 September 2024		<u>35,149</u>	<u>43,752</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		36,241		44,823	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>1,092</u>		<u>1,071</u>	
Net current assets			<u>35,149</u>		<u>43,752</u>
The funds of the charity					
Unrestricted funds - general			29,149		37,752
Unrestricted funds - designated fund			<u>6,000</u>		<u>6,000</u>
			<u>35,149</u>		<u>43,752</u>

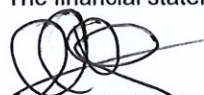
The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 30 September 2024.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

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

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 22/5/25



Mr E P Rylands
Trustee

Company registration number 08672447 (England and Wales)

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Community Link Foundation Limited is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Heritage House, First Floor, 9b Hoghton Street, Southport, Merseyside, PR9 0TE.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

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

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

1.6 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. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

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 payments 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.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

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

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £
Donations and gifts	16,360	500
Sponsorship	2,000	20,000
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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3 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Sponsorships and social lotteries	10,033	11,002

4 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £
<u>Fundraising and publicity</u>		
Lottery prizes	4,715	5,112
Fundraising and marketing fees	9,935	1,696
	<u>14,650</u>	<u>6,808</u>
Fundraising and publicity	14,650	6,808
	<u>14,650</u>	<u>6,808</u>

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Direct costs		
Grant funding of activities (see note 6)	18,194	15,967
Share of support and governance costs (see note 7)		
Support	3,060	1,033
Governance	1,092	1,071
	<u>22,346</u>	<u>18,071</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds - general	22,346	18,071

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6 Grants payable

	2024 £	2024 £
Grants to institutions:		
We Are Hope	460	1,200
Asthma relief	950	1,140
Soutport Trinity	-	1,500
Rainbow Hub	900	-
Theraplay	-	4,778
Sefton Childrens trust	1,105	1,000
Southport Saving	-	500
St Patricks	-	500
Formby CVS	1,100	-
Southport Learning Trust	3,000	-
Sefton CVS	730	-
Practice Makes Perfect	1,000	-
Farmborough Road Junior School	1,000	-
Queenscourt Hospice	826	-
The Community Church	250	-
Other	1,070	-
	<u>12,391</u>	<u>10,618</u>
Grants to individuals	<u>5,803</u>	<u>5,349</u>
	<u><u>18,194</u></u>	<u><u>15,967</u></u>

7 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2024 £	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2023 £
Insurance	289	-	289	289	-	289
Postage and stationery	147	-	147	-	-	-
Sundries	284	-	284	35	-	35
Computer and website	2,340	-	2,340	709	-	709
Independent examiner fees	-	1,092	1,092	-	1,071	1,071
	<u>3,060</u>	<u>1,092</u>	<u>4,152</u>	<u>1,033</u>	<u>1,071</u>	<u>2,104</u>
Analysed between Charitable activities	<u><u>3,060</u></u>	<u><u>1,092</u></u>	<u><u>4,152</u></u>	<u><u>1,033</u></u>	<u><u>1,071</u></u>	<u><u>2,104</u></u>

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8	Net movement in funds	2024	2023
		£	£

The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):

Fees payable for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	1,092	1,071
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

9 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

10 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024	2023
	Number	Number
Total	-	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

11 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	1,092	1,071
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13 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 October 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 30 September 2024
	£	£	£	£
Designated funds	6,000	-	-	6,000
General funds	37,752	28,393	(36,996)	29,149
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	43,752	28,393	(36,996)	35,149
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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13 Unrestricted funds (Continued)

Previous year:	At 1 October 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 30 September 2023
	£	£	£	£
Designated funds	6,000	-	-	6,000
General funds	31,129	31,502	(24,879)	37,752
	<u>37,129</u>	<u>31,502</u>	<u>(24,879)</u>	<u>43,752</u>

14 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2023 - none).

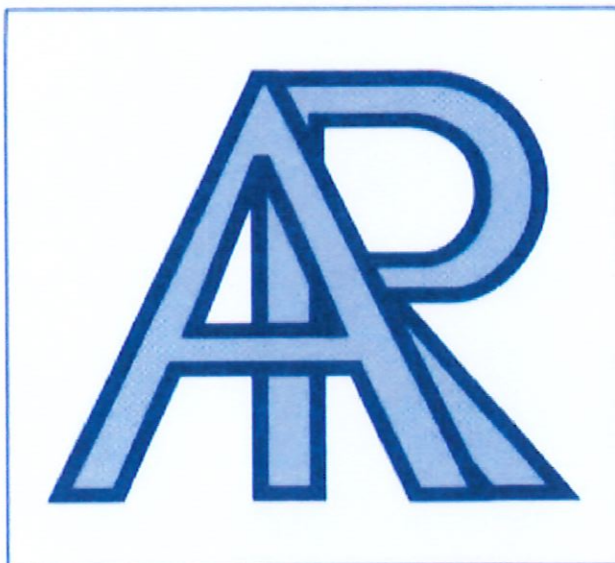
WE ARE HOPE STREET

Community Link Foundation awarded a grant of £460 to We Are Hope Street CIC to support their Christmas community project, providing a warm, festive, and inclusive experience for individuals and families across West Lancashire. The funding helped cover essential costs such as food and electricity for a two-day initiative that included preparing, cooking, and serving a five-course homemade Christmas dinner. On Christmas Day, Hope Street Community Café welcomed around 80 guests, including those affected by the cost-of-living crisis, those living alone, single parents, and others seeking companionship. It offered them hot drinks, a full meal, entertainment, and Christmas gifts in a warm, safe space. Volunteers also arranged doorstep deliveries for housebound individuals, ensuring no one was left out.

ASTHMA RELIEF

In February 2024, the trustees approved funding of £950 so Asthma Relief could purchase new nebulisers for use in Southport.

Asthma Relief is a charity dedicated to improving the quality of life and care of those who live with chronic respiratory related illnesses by offering a respiratory equipment donation and support service. They donate medical equipment which is not routinely available on the NHS.



They gave us a selection of quotes from people who they have donated the nebulisers to. This one is from a Ward Nurse at a Hospital: "On behalf of the Ward I would like to thank you, once again, for your generous donation of Nebulisers. These are the machines of choice right throughout our NHS Trust area and we are so grateful that you were able to provide them. As you are aware we have just moved to a brand new Ward and due to your contribution we are now fully equipped as a Respiratory Ward."

SOUTHPORT TRINITY AFC

Southport Trinity AFC applied for funding to provide sports glasses for 17 visually impaired players across their youth teams. Standard glasses pose a safety risk during football matches, and FA guidelines recommend sports-specific eyewear, which can cost around £150 per pair. The grant helped ensure all affected players can participate safely and confidently, regardless of their family's financial situation. Through this grant, Southport Trinity aims to remove barriers to participation and safeguard both their players and others on the pitch.

RAINBOW HUB



A grant of £900 was awarded to Rainbow Hub to fund weekly conductive education sessions for Kylian James Long. The application was submitted by his mother who highlighted the significant developmental benefits these sessions have had on Kylian. Thanks to the support provided by Rainbow Hub, Kylian has progressed to sitting and standing with assistance, milestones that are so meaningful to his family. The sessions form an essential part of Kylian's weekly routine, contributing to his growing confidence and physical development. Without this funding, access to these life-enhancing sessions would not have been possible.

HOME START SOUTHPORT & FORMBY

To help address the growing demand for local mental health support, Community Link Foundation awarded £5,000 to Home-Start Southport & Formby for their specialist counselling project aimed at parents in need. The funding enabled the organisation to deliver 166 counselling sessions over a 12-month period, offering vital emotional support to those struggling with poor mental health, isolation, or day-to-day challenges.

The sessions provided a safe, confidential space where individuals could explore their difficulties, build resilience, and make meaningful changes to improve their wellbeing. Home-Start also offers childcare support, ensuring that access to these sessions is practical and inclusive for those with young children.

At a time when statutory services are stretched and waiting lists are long, this tailored local service plays a critical role in preventing mental health crises and empowering parents to cope more confidently with daily life.

The application said: "The impact of the counselling project is that more parents will be able to cope with life's challenges, particularly at the moment with the cost of living crisis. This service will address the growing need for mental health support. Waiting lists for statutory services are lengthy and can't always be provided in locations convenient for an individual. As we can provide childcare our service is especially convenient for parents to use. Once the counselling session are completed we can also refer an individual on to our Volunteer Project. This offers ongoing befriending support where volunteers can introduce people into other sources of support in the community that can improve mental health. We know this service is needed because of the growing numbers of referrals we are already receiving."

SEFTON CHILDREN'S TRUST

A grant of £1105 was awarded to Sefton Children's Trust, a volunteer-led charity based in Merseyside, to support their annual week-long residential trip to Manor Adventure in Shropshire. This project benefits children aged 8 to 12 who face significant challenges, including bereavement, abuse, caring responsibilities, or household illness. The residential provides a structured environment where children can escape the pressures of daily life and build confidence through activities designed around 'challenge by choice.' With referrals from schools and professionals, the program helps children develop resilience, teamwork, and ambition. The funding contributed directly to the costs of accommodation, activities, meals, and support staff for 68 children and accompanying adults. The trip took place from 27th July to 3rd August.



SOUTHPORT SAVIOURS

Community Link Foundation awarded a grant to The Southport Saviours Foundation to assist with the installation of a life-saving external defibrillator on Wesley Street, Southport. With permission granted by the British Legion to mount the device outside their Community Hub, the project aims to enhance the availability of emergency medical equipment in the town centre. The funding contributes towards the cost of the defibrillator and weatherproof housing unit. Installation and first aid training will be managed by the charity, with long-term maintenance supported by the Wesley Street business community. The project

ensures essential medical support is accessible to the public 24/7, with the potential to save lives in critical moments.



Richard from Southport Saviours said: "A big thank you to Community Link Foundation for their kind donation helping Wesley street hit their fundraising target to get an external defibrillator installed on the street. This unit will cover the local community and cover an area that really was lacking defib coverage before."

ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Community Link Foundation was delighted to support an initiative at St Patrick's Catholic Primary School with a grant to install outdoor exercise equipment on the school's playing field.

The idea was proposed by a Year 6 pupil on the School Council, who researched the equipment and associated costs before presenting it to staff. The equipment promotes physical health, emotional wellbeing, and outdoor activity for children of all abilities.

By creating a space that encourages movement, cooperation, and time in the fresh air, the project aims to improve pupils' overall health and wellbeing while teaching valuable life lessons such as turn-taking and self-care. The grant helped to turn the idea into a practical, long-lasting asset for the school and its students.

SEFTON COUNCIL – THE ATKINSON

A grant was awarded to The Atkinson in Southport to support the installation of a 24-hour accessible defibrillator in the Diana Memorial Gardens, located in front of the Town Hall and The Atkinson building. This life-saving equipment will serve residents, visitors, and the wider Southport town centre community, particularly during times when other nearby defibrillators - located within businesses - are inaccessible due to limited opening hours. The project included the purchase of a fully automatic defibrillator, a lockable external cabinet, both adult and

paediatric pads, and professional electrical installation. Part funding had already been pledged by Southport Strollers Running Club and Southport Saviours charity, Community Link Foundation's contribution helped bridge the gap to ensure this vital equipment could be made available.

FARNBOROUGH ROAD



Community Link Foundation was pleased to support a funding request for £1000 submitted by Adrian Antell on behalf of Matthew Davies, a pupil at Farnborough Road Junior School, Southport. The grant contributed towards the purchase of a specially adapted bicycle that allows Matthew, who uses a wheelchair and walking frame, to experience freedom of movement and inclusive play with his peers. The bicycle, recommended by his therapists, is designed to grow with him and significantly enhances his ability to participate in outdoor activities both at school and home. With match funding already secured from Rotary and local church groups, the grant enabled the final amount needed to be reached, helping to transform Matthew's everyday experiences.

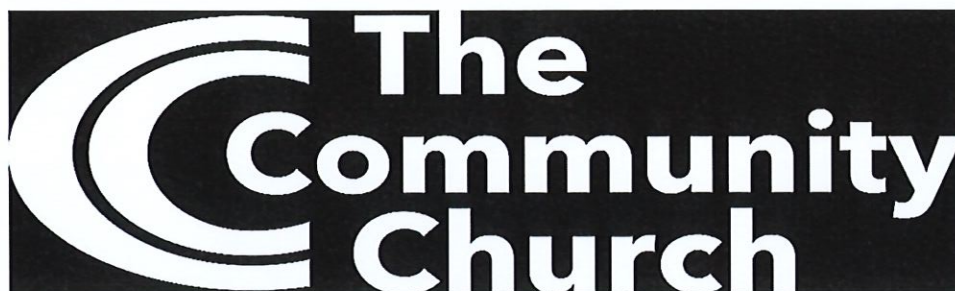
QUEENSCOURT HOSPICE

A grant of £826 was awarded to Queenscourt Hospice to support their ongoing work providing compassionate care for patients with serious illnesses and those at the end of life. Queenscourt plays a vital role in the local community, offering specialist medical care and emotional support to patients and their families, both in the hospice and at home. This grant contributes to sustaining the high-quality services that Queenscourt is known for, helping to improve quality of life for those facing challenging health circumstances.

THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

A grant of £250 was given to The Community Church, a registered charity based at The Family Life Centre in Southport, to support the purchase and installation of a public access defibrillator. Located in a central area where the nearest defibrillator is over four minutes away, this project aims to significantly reduce

emergency response times during cardiac events - a time-critical factor for survival. The funding covered the cost of the defibrillator, secure housing unit, installation, and associated electrical work. The defibrillator serves the PR8 6JH community and surrounding area, offering vital, potentially life-saving support.



PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

Community Link Foundation gave a grant of £1000 to Practice Makes Perfect, a long-established voluntary group based in Southport. They promote sign language, fingerspelling, lipreading, and deaf awareness for people of all ages and abilities. The funding supported the replication of 1,000 professionally subtitled DVDs to accompany their sign language resources, making them more accessible to individuals experiencing hearing loss. In addition to DVD production, the grant also contributed to printing costs for workbooks and handouts that supplement the learning materials, as well as distribution expenses. This project particularly benefits individuals who have recently lost their hearing due to illness, accident, or age-related conditions, offering them vital tools to aid communication and rebuild confidence.