

EDEN GATE NEWPORT

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

The Trustees present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in Note 1 and comply with the Charity's constitution and applicable law.

Legal and administrative information

Charity registration number 1154545

Address

25 Hill Street, Newport,
South Wales NP20 1LZ

Trustees

Jayne Dando	appointed April 2025
Franz Huelle	
Andrew Lightbown	
Pamela McCarthy	
Harvey R Philpott	Vice Chair - resigned January 2025
Don Reed	Chair & Treasurer
Mary Taylor	
Alyson Thomas	appointed April 2024, appointed Vice Chair March 2025

Secretary

Mary Taylor

Patron

Ruth Jones MP appointed May 2025

Independent Examiner

Guilfoyle Sage LLP
21 Gold Tops, Newport
South Wales NP20 4PG

Bankers

Barclays Bank Plc
14 Commercial Street, Newport,
South Wales NP20 1HE

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The Charity was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) on 13 November 2013 under charity registration number 1154545. The Charity's governing document is based on a Foundation Model Constitution.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

All persons wishing to become Trustees are given a trustee role description, a trustee person description and a trustee code of conduct, following which they are required to submit an application form with a CV and a declaration as to their fitness. If the existing Trustees resolve that the applicant be appointed, (s)he must undergo induction training during which (s)he will be given (and receive help understanding) copies of:

- the governing document
- the annual report and accounts
- the current budget
- internal policy statements
- the strategic plan, business plan and/or operational plan

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT continued

Organisational Structure

During this reporting financial year we have had a full time Operations Manager, two full time Support Workers and a part time Support Worker permanently employed by the Charity. In addition, following a successful grant bid, the Charity has employed two interns who are on 12 month fixed term contracts.

The Operations Manager reports to the Chair of the Trustees. All other staff and volunteers report to the Operations Manager. There are now seven Trustees: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and four others. The Trustees have and continue to work hard to recruit more Trustees and this has been successful during 2024/25. We are grateful that a volunteer with financial experience is managing our finances with close contact with the Trustees. The majority of the Trustees do not act as Volunteers in the Charity's contacts with guests.

Related Parties

We have no formal link with any related party, but we do actively co-operate with other organisations also working to help those whom we seek to help.

Risk Management and Review

The Trustees regularly review a risk register which has identified the following risks as areas for consideration:

- Risk of abuse by staff or volunteers or of abusive behaviour from a guest directed at staff or volunteers. This is managed by ensuring good procedures are in place to mitigate the risk, such as training staff, DBS checks being in place for staff and volunteers and enacting a clear safeguarding policy. All staff and volunteers are asked to read and sign appropriate policies. We have introduced a more formalised induction process for volunteers to ensure that they are trained before working at Eden Gate. Over the last year we have increased security with additional CCTV and continue to maintain close links with the police. We also ensure our lone worker policy is adhered to at all times.
- Risk of a loss of support from our volunteering base has also been identified. We have been increasing volunteers to mitigate this risk and continue to encourage more volunteers to come forward.
- Risk of loss of income. The Trustees and Operations Manager have successfully pursued additional fund raising options most notably securing a grant in excess of £300,000 covering both 2024/25 and 2025/26 financial reporting periods.

Safeguarding

The Charity has provided services to adults deemed at risk in this financial period. All necessary DBS checks at the required level have been obtained for all staff and volunteers.

Governance review

The Trustees have decided to aim to comply with the Charity Governance Code as published by the Charity Commission. A full review revealed that most of the principles of the code were already being adhered to. Some additional formal written policies were formulated during the 2024/5 reporting period and this process will continue in the 2025/26 reporting period in order to achieve compliance with the code. The policies currently in place cover financial controls, safeguarding, financial reserves, serious incident reporting and internal risk management.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Summary of the objectives set out in the governing document

In Newport, South Wales (primarily) relief and help to people experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness or substance dependency by:

- building initial interactions with guests founded on respect and trust
- creating a safe environment to enable guests to move forward
- facilitating a range of intervention services
- looking to continuously develop our services and increase their effectiveness
- alleviation through rehabilitation and support to integrate them back into society
- working in collaboration with other organisations looking for similar outcomes
- educating the public about homelessness and substance dependence and abuse, working in partnership with other groups including Christian Churches.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES continued

As well as providing some relief to people in obvious need, our overall aim is to help people move on, as far as possible, to a point where they can sustain themselves in suitable accommodation and employment and escape from the traps of poverty and addiction. We therefore provided one to one support to those experiencing, or likely to experience, homelessness in order to help them to support themselves.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objectives

- Our drop-in services are a place where those who are experiencing homelessness can access local services as well as humanitarian support.
- We provide hot drinks and toast and signpost people to relevant services such as housing or drug/alcohol support.
- Other services such as the NHS, chiropodists and barbers also attend some of the drop-in sessions to help our guests engage with them.
- The 'Shoulder to Shoulder' initiative enables our guests to voluntarily participate in various projects run to reinforce/ teach reading and maths skills, to learn new skills including art, gardening and music as well as volunteer work placements. These all improve their health and well being as well as adding skillsets to be able to support themselves.
- In furtherance of our education aims, we have visited several local schools and spent time with the children explaining what Eden Gate does and sharing with them experiences of homelessness.

Wider involvement

- Eden Gate has benefitted from funding from Newport City Council via the Shared Property Fund programme.
- Work has been ongoing to strengthen links with the Local Council and business organisations such as Business in the Community.
- We try to establish connections with other UK organisations of similar ethos so that we can improve our offering to our guests and increase the effectiveness of our programmes.

Main activities undertaken for the public benefit

In all their decisions as to the work of the charity the Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

Volunteers

Eden Gate is extremely grateful for the huge contribution made by our volunteers without whom we simply could not run our services. We have welcomed several new volunteers over the past year, which was fantastic particularly as some volunteers did not return after the Pandemic. We now have about 40 active volunteers but intend to continue to recruit more.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

We have continued to pursue the objects of the charity. We continue to be seen as a place of safety and help for rough sleepers and others experiencing or at risk of homelessness, without the perceived barriers which sometimes prevent those affected engaging with the Council or other official bodies. However, our close links with those bodies means that we can help to ensure that our guests access other services as required. We have seen real benefits with people moving into housing as a result of the work of Eden Gate or being supported to remain in housing or find employment or enter rehabilitation.

We have engaged with the business community who have been a valuable source of support, advice and encouragement.

We continue to provide a means whereby volunteers and churches can contribute to helping the people experiencing homelessness, or who are at risk of homelessness, through our activities.

The 'Shoulder to Shoulder' project has expanded our work by increasing training and skills for guests, as has visiting local schools to educate them about our work.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW continued

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The total funds carried forward at the year end were £280,028 (2024: £150,901). This comprised a total of unrestricted funds of £226,279 which includes the net book value of the vehicle £44,076, (2024: £126,341) and restricted funds of £13,749, (2024: £24,560).

The Trustees elected to continue the development of the proactive Shoulder to Shoulder rehabilitative programme for guests and pursue funding opportunities in support thereof. The award of the Shared Prosperity Funding and existing financial reserves have enabled the Trustees to continue to pursue the objects of the Charity.

The Trustees are extremely grateful to those organisations who have stepped in to financially support the Shoulder to Shoulder programmes during this reporting period.

Our donations from churches, individuals and others has been sufficient to meet our needs, for which we are extremely grateful. They have allowed the Charity to continue its services for our guests.

The Charity's principal sources of funding during the last financial year have been as follows:

- 2% given by individuals (2024: 29%)
- 1% given by Churches (2024: 4%)
- 19% given by other donor bodies (2024: 40%)
- 1% gift aid tax reclaim (2024: 6%)
- 76% grants (2024: 20%)
- 1% other (2024: 1%)

Additional Funding declarations for the year ended 31st March 2025

- The single highest value donation from a corporate donor was £6,500, (2024: £20,000)
- The single highest value donation from an individual was £18,484, (2024: £18,086)
- No donations were received from related parties or from outside the UK (2024: Nil)

Of our expenditure on charitable activities, 76% was spent on staff costs (2024: 68%) and 9% on rent and other expenses of our premises (2024: 15%). The paid staff provide co-ordination of volunteers, support and mentoring for beneficiaries, general administration and management and they contribute to the development and planning of our services. The premises enable us to provide drop-in facilities for beneficiaries, office functions and a centre from which to operate.

Apart from a small petty cash fund, all our funds are held at Barclay's Bank and, from time to time, in our PayPal account.

Reserves Policy

Our policy is to keep a reserve of 50% of current annual staff costs and rent. The purpose is to ensure that we can meet our obligations to employees and our landlord if disaster strikes.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by :

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Don Reed

Chair of Trustees

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Date

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Dr. Alyson Thomas

Trustee

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Date

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF EDEN GATE NEWPORT

We report on the accounts for the year to 31st March 2025 set out on pages 6 to 10.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for the year under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011, (the 2011 Act), and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act and
- state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

- 1 which gives us reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act;
and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply
with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act;have not been met; or
- 2 to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Guilfoyle Sage LLP, Chartered Accountants,
21 Gold Tops, Newport, South Wales NP20 4PG

Dated

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 Unrest- ricted Funds £	2025 Restric- ted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £	2024 Unrest- ricted Funds £	2024 Restric- ted Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
INCOMING RESOURCES							
Income from donations & legacies	2	330,807	6,450	337,257	73,531	30,398	103,929
Income from charitable activities	3	7,574	-	7,574	28,615	-	28,615
Investments - bank interest		1,531	-	1,531	1,228	-	1,228
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		<u>339,912</u>	<u>6,450</u>	<u>£ 346,362</u>	<u>103,374</u>	<u>30,398</u>	<u>£ 133,772</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED							
Costs of raising funds		216	-	216	239	-	239
NET INCOMING RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES		<u>339,696</u>	<u>6,450</u>	<u>£ 346,146</u>	<u>103,135</u>	<u>30,398</u>	<u>£ 133,533</u>
Charitable activities	4	200,864	7,261	208,125	125,007	19,466	144,473
Other costs	5	8,894	-	8,894	1,080	-	1,080
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		<u>209,758</u>	<u>7,261</u>	<u>£ 217,019</u>	<u>126,087</u>	<u>19,466</u>	<u>£ 145,553</u>
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR		129,938	(811)	129,127	(22,952)	10,932	(12,020)
Transfers between funds	8	10,000	(10,000)	-	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		139,938	(10,811)	129,127	(22,952)	10,932	(12,020)
Balance brought forward 1st April 2024		126,341	24,560	150,901	149,293	13,628	162,921
Balance carried forward 31st March 2025	8 & 9	<u>266,279</u>	<u>13,749</u>	<u>£ 280,028</u>	<u>126,341</u>	<u>24,560</u>	<u>£ 150,901</u>
STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES							
Assets retained for charity use	10	44,076	-	44,076	-	-	-
Barclays Bank current account		117,139	13,749	130,888	22,634	24,560	47,194
Barclays Bank deposit account		104,738	-	104,738	103,207	-	103,207
PayPal account		295	-	295	449	-	449
Petty cash		31	-	31	51	-	51
		<u>266,279</u>	<u>13,749</u>	<u>£ 280,028</u>	<u>126,341</u>	<u>24,560</u>	<u>£ 150,901</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis under the historical cost convention, in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice) 2019 (FRS 102) and applicable accounting standards.

Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are received.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on a payments basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible Fixed Assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Motor Vehicles	- 20% on reducing balance basis from month of purchase
IT equipment	- 33% on cost

Profits and losses on disposal of assets are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year of disposal.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the Charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

2. INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2025 Unrest- ricted Funds £	2025 Restric- ted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £	2024 Unrest- ricted Funds £	2024 Restric- ted Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
Donations						
Church organisations	6,423	-	6,423	4,816	-	4,816
Individuals	26,566	-	26,566	25,388	-	25,388
Other organisations	280,735	6,450	287,185	23,686	30,398	54,084
Gift aid tax reclaimed	6,973	-	6,973	7,826	-	7,826
PayPal account	10,110	-	10,110	11,815	-	11,815
	<u>330,807</u>	<u>6,450</u>	<u>£ 337,257</u>	<u>73,531</u>	<u>30,398</u>	<u>£ 103,929</u>

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3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2025 Unrest- ricted Funds £	2025 Restric- ted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £	2024 Unrest- ricted Funds £	2024 Restric- ted Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
Newport City Council Supporting People/other	-	-	-	27,366	-	27,366
Big Issue Sales	574	-	574	622	-	622
Surplus on sale of vehicle	7,000	-	7,000	-	-	-
Other receipts	-	-	-	627	-	627
	<u>7,574</u>	<u>- £</u>	<u>7,574</u>	<u>28,615</u>	<u>- £</u>	<u>28,615</u>

4. EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2025 Unrest- ricted Funds £	2025 Restric- ted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £	2024 Unrest- ricted Funds £	2024 Restric- ted Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
Premises costs	15,350	3,018	18,368	14,912	6,883	21,795
Guest expenses	6,521	4,243	10,764	7,789	708	8,497
Staff costs (note 7)	162,116	-	162,116	87,357	11,583	98,940
Equipment expenses	2,872	-	2,872	1,589	-	1,589
Motor & travelling expenses	3,997	-	3,997	4,360	-	4,360
Office costs, promotion and sundry	10,008	-	10,008	9,000	292	9,292
	<u>200,864</u>	<u>7,261 £</u>	<u>208,125</u>	<u>125,007</u>	<u>19,466 £</u>	<u>144,473</u>

5. EXPENDITURE ON OTHER COSTS

	2025 Unrest- ricted Funds £	2025 Restric- ted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £	2024 Unrest- ricted Funds £	2024 Restric- ted Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
Independent examiner fees	1,116	-	1,116	1,080	-	1,080
Depreciation	7,778	-	7,778	-	-	-
	<u>8,894</u>	<u>- £</u>	<u>8,894</u>	<u>1,080</u>	<u>- £</u>	<u>1,080</u>

6. TRUSTEE REMUNERATION AND RELATED PARTY COSTS

No Trustee received remuneration in their capacity as a trustee.

No Trustee received payment for any costs other than legitimate reimbursements of expenditure on behalf of the Charity.

There were no other related party costs

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7. STAFF COSTS

Staff costs were as follows:

	2025 Unrest- ricted Funds £	2025 Restric- ted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £	2024 Unrest- ricted Funds £	2024 Restric- ted Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
Wages, salaries, pension & social security costs	160,890	-	160,890	85,683	11,583	97,266
Training, uniforms & other costs	1,226	-	1,226	1,674	-	1,674
	<u>162,116</u>	<u>- £</u>	<u>162,116</u>	<u>87,357</u>	<u>11,583</u>	<u>£ 98,940</u>

No employee earned in excess of £60,000 per annum in either this or the previous year.

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	Balance at 1st April 2024 £	In £	Out £	Transfers £	Balance at 31st March 2025 £	Balance at 31st March 2024 £
Unrestricted Funds	<u>126,341</u>	<u>339,912</u>	<u>(209,974)</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>266,279</u>	<u>121,391</u>
2024	149,293	103,374	(126,326)			126,341
Restricted funds						
Shoulder to Shoulder (S2S) garden project	14,560	750	(3,018)	-	12,292	14,560
Motor vehicle	10,000	-	-	(10,000)	-	10,000
B Clear S2S general	-	500	(479)	-	21	-
NCC S2S Dynamic	-	5,000	(3,741)	-	1,259	-
Tillot S2S Art2	-	200	(23)	-	177	-
Total Restricted Funds	<u>24,560</u>	<u>6,450</u>	<u>(7,261)</u>	<u>(10,000)</u>	<u>13,749</u>	<u>24,560</u>
2024						
Night Shelter	300	-	(300)	-	-	-
Monmouth Diocese	1,810	-	(1,810)	-	-	-
NCC Homelessness Prevention Fund	11,518	-	(11,518)	-	-	-
Shoulder to Shoulder garden project	-	16,566	(2,006)	-	-	14,560
Shoulder to Shoulder art project	-	500	(500)	-	-	-
Roof repair	-	2,832	(2,832)	-	-	-
TV & food	-	500	(500)	-	-	-
Motor vehicle	-	10,000	-	-	-	10,000
Total Restricted Funds	<u>13,628</u>	<u>30,398</u>	<u>(19,466)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,560</u>
2024						
Total Funds	<u>150,901</u>	<u>346,362</u>	<u>(217,235)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>280,028</u>	<u>150,901</u>
2024	162,921	133,772	(145,792)	-		150,901

EDEN GATE NEWPORT**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025 cont.****Nature and purpose of each restricted fund****Shoulder to Shoulder Fund**

These are grants and donations given to develop and sustain the new programmes that enable our guests to voluntarily participate in various projects reinforcing and teaching reading and maths skills, to learn new skills including art, gardening and music, as well as volunteer work placements. These all improve their health and wellbeing as well as adding skillsets to be able to support themselves.

9. GENERAL UNRESTRICTED FUND

	2025 General Fund £	2025 Total Fund £	2024 General Fund £	2024 Total Fund £
Unrestricted Funds	266,279	266,279	121,391	121,391

10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - (unrestricted fund)

	Motor Vehicles £	Computers & equipment £	Total £
Cost			
Balance at 1st April 2024	13,162	3,883	17,045
Additions	51,854	-	51,854
Disposals	(13,162)	-	(13,162)
Balance at 31 March 2025	51,854	3,883	55,737
Accumulated Depreciation			
Balance at 1st April 2024	13,162	3,883	17,045
Charge for year	7,778	-	7,778
Eliminated on Disposal	(13,162)	-	(13,162)
Balance at 31 March 2025	7,778	3,883	11,661
Net Book Value			
At 31st March 2025	44,076	-	44,076
At 31st March 2024	-	-	-