

**COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 07308396**  
**CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1154840**

**Alvechurch Communities Together Ltd**  
**Company Limited by Guarantee**  
**Unaudited Financial Statements**  
**31 July 2024**

# **Alvechurch Communities Together Ltd**

## **Company Limited by Guarantee**

### **Financial Statements**

**Year ended 31 July 2024**

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# **Alvechurch Communities Together Ltd**

## **Company Limited by Guarantee**

### **Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report)**

**Year ended 31 July 2024**

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2024.

#### **Structure, governance and management**

Alvechurch Communities Together is a charity registered with the Charities Commission number 1154840.

In addition to the trustees there is a management committee that meets on a monthly basis to review progress and plan activities. This committee has general delegated powers to operate on a day to day basis.

#### **Objectives and activities**

##### **Introduction**

Alvechurch Communities Together (ACT) was established in 2011 to offer local young people a safe, calm, and stable base to meet regularly, and offer activities, to help combat some low-level antisocial behaviour within the community. This was as well as offering friendly, relaxed space to support the wider community. It operates from 'The Lounge' a light and contemporary café and community space located at the centre of the village. ACT provide inclusive and supportive services in Alvechurch, recognising needs and maximising reach, our work is delivered collaboratively and creatively across the area. This means providing support to the most vulnerable groups, and a friendly space to help all local people come together to interact and build connections.

We use our premises, skills, support, and grants to strengthen the community. The Lounge Cafe is open six days a week. Five days it operates as a community café and one day a week it opens to run a grant-funded project; Friendship Matters a senior support group that delivers friendship, bespoke activities, seated exercises and hot food and drinks.

Two evenings a week The Lounge acts as the venue to host activities for young people in the parish. Two youth sessions are run as 'youth-diner' sessions straight from school, followed by two 'youth-club' sessions - both providing a safe environment for young people to develop, try new things, have fun and socialise.

As a charity, running such a diverse and complex programme of activity in the community, we focus heavily on oversight and have strong financial management for informed decision-making and accountability.

We continue to be supported by the Alvechurch Parish Council, other organisations, charities, and businesses, for which we are very grateful. The café contributes to our running costs - and ensures that the level of support required to run community projects continues to reduce, and this helps mitigate increases in the fixed costs.

At all times the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when planning their activities.

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### Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

**Year ended 31 July 2024**

#### **Objectives and activities** *(continued)*

##### **Key Strengths**

The Four Key Strengths of ACT:

1. It builds **resilience** in young people of the village and gives them:
  - A safe venue they feel 'ownership' of
  - A communication point where they can be supported in different ways,
  - A way to be accepted within the village, and part of a group who can be responsible,
  - An enabling pathway - to become involved in village initiatives; and
  - A place where they can be happy, make friends have fun and be themselves.
2. It **prevents loneliness and isolation** in older people offering bespoke activities and support groups, such as 'Friendship Matters'.
3. It **offers local support** for everyone's mental wellbeing: offering workshops, training, events and activities for all.
4. It **creates a welcoming and comfortable place** with the Lounge café as our visible community hub and a friendly space.

##### **Governance and Management**

During the past year Trustees with the Management Group have attempted to:

- Develop The Lounge's work to encompass and reflect other diverse community organisations.
- Develop activities, especially around 'loneliness and isolation' including a weekly session for older people.
- Improve financial security and reserves. The successful complete renovation of the Kitchen and facilities, as well as new indoor and outdoor café furniture.
- While ACT finances are healthy, inflation and an uncertain external environment remain significant financial risks to the organisation.
- Develop an organisation that is renowned for good practice in terms of supporting wellbeing, which people come to see and learn from.
- Encourage those who have benefited from the project to come back and volunteer to help others.

Rachel Rollinson is the Community and Youth Co-ordinator and provides ACT with extra resource to plan, manage and deliver community work. Rachel has considerable awareness of the nature and scope of community work and safeguarding frameworks. Since her appointment she has delivered meaningful change for individuals in the community, including increasing our youth club provision to a second evening and offering holiday activity days. She has worked on several successful charity bids including securing The Coop community Fund for youth provision into 24/25, and a grant from Bromsgrove District Council, to organise a second trip for local seniors on a Heritage tour to Cadbury World. As well as community events such as Easter trails and Halloween Spooktacular family event.

# **Alvechurch Communities Together Ltd**

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### **Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)***

**Year ended 31 July 2024**

#### **Objectives and activities *(continued)***

##### **Strategy**

###### **The ACT Mission**

"To serve as a focal point in the village of Alvechurch, providing a variety of activities and services to diverse social and generational groups: participating in community cohesion development and responsibility"

###### **The Purpose**

"Creating a happier, healthier and more connected community in Alvechurch.

###### **The Vision**

"To create a more positive village through inclusive community services".

Addressing loneliness and isolation is everybody's business, at ACT we seek to ensure no one is left behind. At the heart of our vision is the whole community - our 'eyes and ears' to identify people who might be lonely and who might be looking for meaningful connections. At a time when many parts of the country face cuts in local services, neglect, isolation, and loneliness, we want to ensure Alvechurch thrives and stays vibrant.

##### **Internal Modifications**

The café interior transformation that took place in April - May 2021 has been an enormous bonus for our operations. The refurbishment created a more welcoming, fresh, and relaxed space. Throughout the year there has been an increasing demand for all community services and more people making use of the café. This growth has sustained - and - the investment has proven to be the most important action we have taken for our café business and charity outcomes. 2023 has seen us act on our plan to upgrade the kitchen, using the designated £4,000 of funding from Alvechurch Parish Council and matched by funding from ACT to complete the transformation to the highest standards and add functionality as well as value. The front of the café also received a fresh coat of paint and new tables and chairs to replace the old and well used previous furniture.

Going forward we are considering installation of an outdoor awning to allow further seating in all weathers.

Public support and the generosity of local businesses for fundraising and community events continues to be outstanding and proves to be invaluable for us. Fundraising to support the operation of our activity has been essential, and critical community fundraising events we helped to run were Picnic in the Park, Easter Trails and Spooktacular Halloween community event.

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### **Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)***

**Year ended 31 July 2024**

#### **Objectives and activities *(continued)***

##### **The Café**

The café provides a community hub for the village, open five days a week and offering both:

- individual residents of all ages a place to make friends, buy an affordable hot drink or a cooked meal and use the Wi-Fi for free and
- community groups a venue to hold meetings and events

The Café has coped with some challenges and opportunities during the past 12 months including:

- A growing level of new customers from the community using the café. Caring and welcoming staff are vital to this. Post pandemic many residents now trust and feel safe coming to the café - staying local - for their social interactions.
- The successful refurbishment of the kitchen and new furniture has had a positive impact on trade, the community and is also popular with staff and volunteers. The coffee machine (allowing us to make barista made hot drinks) remains popular and is an essential part of our offer.
- Reduced funding from Alvechurch Parish Council towards our Youth provision.
- Exciting community events have taken place that both
  - (i) use the café as a hub, and
  - (ii) are led, sponsored by or in aid of ACT. The Lounge ran Christmas letters to Santa, Breakfast with Santa, Festive Acts of Kindness projects, an Easter Trail & Easter Egg Raffle event and a Family Halloween event. These are examples of some of the annual events we run helping to bring the community together.

As business has improved, the staffing of the café has evolved and we now employ eight members of staff and have approx. ten volunteers. Having a fresh new interior, a stable team and robust leadership has allowed us to focus on the overall project, rather than the tactical issues associated with running the café business. We consider ourselves fortunate to have such a committed volunteer team as we attempt to further increase the operating performance and align the staffing resources to the workload.

There has been ongoing competition from food and drink traders locally. Despite this we continued to get good customer numbers and deliver quality, affordable and locally sourced food, and drink, for local people. Our menu prices have not increased since May 2021, making us accessible for all.

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### **Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)***

**Year ended 31 July 2024**

#### **Objectives and activities *(continued)***

##### **Youth Activities**

The youth programme is run by our employed part-time lead youth worker, and focuses on a variety of activities, with expert planning and engagement with the young people. An additional assistant youth worker supplements the volunteers who have also made a tremendous contribution in support of our youth offer.

Our onsite provision offers a varied and interesting programme of youth activities providing advice, assistance, and opportunities for fun/activities. These sessions have also included offsite trips to do outdoor adventure activities, sports, craft, cooking, and trips to the park for games. Highlights of the year were stress boxing, Samba drumming sessions and multi-activity holiday sessions at Blackwell Adventure.

The hub for youth work has also altered, and we have trialled various locations to increase capacity, including the local Baptist church hall and the cricket club. Both alternative venues offered benefits but presented a variety of logistical challenges and did not significantly improve the youth experience. The charity has consulted with staff, volunteers and children and the decision has been taken that going forward, the Lounge café is the best place for youth work to be based, with organised off - site trips and holiday sessions, as it operates most efficiently, effectively, and safely.

The greatest asset of our youth work is that it provides - within the village - a place where young people can socialise safely and have fun. Many participants make new friends share the challenges of their lives with our staff who listen, provide reassurance and signpost where necessary. Any young person living in the area from middle school age is eligible to become a member.

Looking ahead we continue to seek additional funding to build on our current offer with a focus on addressing mental health needs with some (i) targeted group work, (ii) involvement of specialist people or activities, and (iii) further support of our hard-to-reach groups.

##### **Support for Older People**

As a parish we have a higher-than-average number of older residents, many who live alone.

During this period, we have continued to deliver the 'Friendship Matters' group for seniors/ older people on a weekly basis, as we see this as a vital community project. The project has received funding during the year, through charitable donations from the Co-op Community Fund. Funding bids have been made to Bromsgrove District Council; Small equity grant funding to run an annual trip - and we continue to bid for appropriate grants to continue running the project, further delivery is subject to fundraising requirements.

We have a qualified leader employed, delivering a range of bespoke activities to support the group, utilising The Lounge premises on a Monday. Regularly over 20 people attend, making the group at full capacity for the space.

Since Covid Friendship Matters reported increased attendance in the sessions and has offered a varied programme of activities including seated exercises, samba drumming, crafts, and musical bingo. We were successful with a bid to Bromsgrove District Council, (Equality Small Grants Scheme), to offer a day trip to Cadbury World Heritage Tour the trip had extremely positive feedback and a further funding request has been made to BDC, so we can hopefully offer another day trip in 2024 as part of our offer for the older generation living in the parish of Alvechurch.

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**Year ended 31 July 2024**

#### **Achievements and performance**

##### **In Summary**

1. We are deeply connected to our community and immensely proud of the positive contribution our charity plays.
2. As custodians of ACT and as members of this community, we seek to safely navigate tough times ahead associated with the cost-of-living increases.
3. Our next steps are about maintaining a sustainable approach to growth and continuing to be an ever-present beacon of support and warmth for the community.

##### **Financial review**

The year ended 31 July 2024 saw an increase in cafe takings from £87,460 to £90,741. This total includes the income from Mondays, when the cafe is open exclusively for Friendship Matters activities, and from the Youth Diner. Costs of running the cafe increased from £83,762 to £109,466. This includes the cost of a substantial refurbishment. Together with income from the charity's social lottery and donations and grants to help with café expenses and the youth and Friendship matters work this led to a deficit for the year of £15,911 (2023: surplus £11,800). This includes a transfer from restricted funds of £2,800 in respect of monies spent from general funds during 2023 in advance of a specific grant received during 2024.

There was a surplus brought forward of £85,231 from which the current deficit has been deducted making a balance carried forward of £69,320.

Grants and donations totalling £23,453 were received in the year towards specific projects. £20,589 was spent in the year leaving a surplus of £2,864. This was reduced by the transfer to general funds leaving a net deficit of £36. This has been deducted from the reserves brought forward of £6,901 leaving £6,865 to be spent in future years.

##### **Reserves Policy**

The formulation of a robust reserves policy remains one of the key objectives. The trustees are conscious of the constraints of grant funders and in particular that despite an apparently strong position at the balance sheet date, the reserves may have to last for several months before the next round of grants may be received.

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**Year ended 31 July 2024**

#### **Plans for future periods**

Our six priority areas for the future are:

1. Responding to the cost-of-living crisis which requires our charity to provide:

- Food, drink and community activity at a price that is affordable for all.
- Tighter systems of control on budgeting, reserves and cash flow forecasting to mitigate the inflationary environment (energy, food, supplies) of cost increases going forward.

2. Exploring fundraising opportunities - importantly our 'Friendship Matters' project to support those within our community that suffer with loneliness and isolation.

3. Focusing on the ongoing financial sustainability of the café by fundraising to deliver improvements to the interior, which keep up the offer in terms of food and drink to generate good income levels.

4. Focusing on delivering a substantial and diverse volume of work - requiring additional volunteers/skills from within the community to bolster our team and ensure the sustainability of our human resources.

5. Continuing to develop a programme of projects for younger people, older people and other general wellbeing projects that could be implemented safely long term. Current items in consideration include dealing with Dementia and Alzheimer's.

6. Focusing on the development and recognition of our people. Our amazing team of staff and volunteers have been hugely resilient during a very busy year and we seek to provide them with appropriate salaries, training, and development to enhance their skills and enhance the charity's capabilities.

# **Alvechurch Communities Together Ltd**

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### **Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)***

**Year ended 31 July 2024**

#### **Reference and administrative details**

**Registered charity name** Alvechurch Communities Together Ltd  
**Charity registration number** 1154840  
**Company registration number** 07308396  
**Principal office and registered office** 22 The Square  
Alvechurch  
B48 7LA

#### **The trustees**

R Bestwick  
L Evans  
M Newberry

#### **Trustees at date of signing the Report**

The trustees in place at the date of signing the report were:


- R Bestwick
- L Evans
- M Newberry

**Independent examiner** David Seeley FCA  
Accuo Accounting Limited  
Chartered Accountants  
Alvechurch  
Birmingham  
B48 7JX

#### **Small company provisions**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 27 April 2025 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

  
M Newberry  
Trustee

# **Alvechurch Communities Together Ltd**

## **Company Limited by Guarantee**

### **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Alvechurch Communities Together Ltd**

**Year ended 31 July 2024**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Alvechurch Communities Together Ltd ('the charity') for the year ended 31 July 2024.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the company (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 ('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 the 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**

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 the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
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 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 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 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.



David Seeley FCA  
Independent Examiner

Accuo Accounting Limited  
Chartered Accountants  
Alvechurch  
Birmingham  
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27 April 2025

# Alvechurch Communities Together Ltd

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account)

Year ended 31 July 2024

		2024	2023		
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	Note	£	£	£	£
<b>Income and endowments</b>					
Donations and legacies	5	4,948	23,453	28,401	18,968
Charitable activities	6	90,883	—	90,883	87,460
Other trading activities	7	13,757	—	13,757	6,596
Investment income	8	192	—	192	90
<b>Total income</b>		<u>109,780</u>	<u>23,453</u>	<u>133,233</u>	<u>113,114</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Expenditure on raising funds:					
Costs of raising donations and legacies	9	400	—	400	—
Costs of other trading activities	10	111,497	—	111,497	85,663
Expenditure on charitable activities	11,12	16,694	20,589	37,283	39,296
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>128,591</u>	<u>20,589</u>	<u>149,180</u>	<u>124,959</u>
<b>Net expenditure</b>		<u>(18,811)</u>	<u>2,864</u>	<u>(15,947)</u>	<u>(11,845)</u>
Transfers between funds					
		2,900	(2,900)	—	—
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>(15,911)</u>	<u>(36)</u>	<u>(15,947)</u>	<u>(11,845)</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		85,231	6,901	92,132	103,977
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>69,320</u>	<u>6,865</u>	<u>76,185</u>	<u>92,132</u>

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

The notes on pages 12 to 20 form part of these financial statements.

# Alvechurch Communities Together Ltd

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### Statement of Financial Position

31 July 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	18	1,925	1,925
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>77,957</u>	<u>93,207</u>
		<b>79,882</b>	<b>95,132</b>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	19	<u>3,697</u>	<u>3,000</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<b>76,185</b>	<b>92,132</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u><b>76,185</b></u>	<u><b>92,132</b></u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u><b>76,185</b></u>	<u><b>92,132</b></u>
<b>Funds of the charity</b>			
Restricted funds		<b>6,865</b>	6,901
Unrestricted funds		<u><b>69,320</b></u>	<u>85,231</u>
<b>Total charity funds</b>	21	<u><b>76,185</b></u>	<u><b>92,132</b></u>

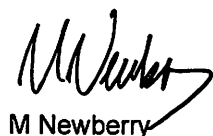
For the year ending 31 July 2024 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

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

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 27 April 2025, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

  
M Newberry  
Trustee

The notes on pages 12 to 20 form part of these financial statements.

# **Alvechurch Communities Together Ltd**

## **Company Limited by Guarantee**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

**Year ended 31 July 2024**

#### **1. General information**

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales and a registered charity in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is 22 The Square, Alvechurch, B48 7LA.

#### **2. Statement of compliance**

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

#### **3. Accounting policies**

##### **Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis.

##### **Going concern**

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

##### **Disclosure exemptions**

The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined in FRS 102.

The entity satisfies the criteria of being a qualifying entity as defined in FRS 102 by reason of being small. As such, advantage has been taken of the following disclosure exemptions available under the Charities SORP (FRS 102):

- No cash flow statement has been presented for the company.
- Disclosures in respect of financial instruments have not been presented.

# **Alvechurch Communities Together Ltd**

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### **Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)***

**Year ended 31 July 2024**

#### **3. Accounting policies *(continued)***

##### **Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

##### **Significant judgements**

The judgements (apart from those involving estimations) that management has made in the process of applying the entity's accounting policies and that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements are as follows:

- Sufficient resources will continue to be found to fund the operation of both café and youth work, and
- There will continue to be a need for the services offered by the charity.

##### **Key sources of estimation uncertainty**

Accounting estimates and assumptions are made concerning the future and, by their nature, will rarely equal the related actual outcome. The trustees however do not believe there are any key assumptions or other sources of estimation uncertainty that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

##### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the purposes of the charity.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor.

##### **Incoming resources**

##### **Income**

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income, any performance related conditions attached have been met or are fully within the control of the charity, the income is considered probable and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Donations and legacy income is received by way of donations, legacies, grants and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.
- Income from charitable trading activity is accounted for when earned.
- Income from grants, where related to performance and specific deliverables, are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

# Alvechurch Communities Together Ltd

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### Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 July 2024

#### 3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

##### Resources expended

##### Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes VAT as this cannot be recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates:

- Costs of raising funds comprise the costs associated with attracting donations, grants and legacies and the costs of trading for fundraising purposes.
- 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.
- Other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.
- All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SOFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis, as estimated by the directors.

##### Operating leases

Lease payments are recognised as an expense over the lease term on a straight-line basis. The aggregate benefit of lease incentives is recognised as a reduction to expense over the lease term, on a straight-line basis.

#### 4. Limited by guarantee

The charitable company is limited by guarantee and consequently has no share capital. In the event of the charity being wound up the liability of each member or a member who ceased within one year of the winding up is limited to £1.

#### 5. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
<b>Donations</b>			
Other donations	4,948	2,500	7,448
<b>Grants</b>			
Grants	—	20,953	20,953
	<u>4,948</u>	<u>23,453</u>	<u>28,401</u>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>Donations</b>			
Other donations	12,067	—	12,067

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### Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 July 2024

#### 5. Donations and legacies *(continued)*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>Grants</b>			
Grants	—	6,901	6,901
	<u>12,067</u>	<u>6,901</u>	<u>18,968</u>

#### 6. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Cafe income	<u>90,883</u>	<u>90,883</u>	<u>87,460</u>	<u>87,460</u>

#### 7. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Fundraising events	1,549	1,549	—	—
Friendship Matters income	1,633	1,633	1,220	1,220
Youth income	6,090	6,090	819	819
Social lotteries	<u>4,485</u>	<u>4,485</u>	<u>4,557</u>	<u>4,557</u>
	<u>13,757</u>	<u>13,757</u>	<u>6,596</u>	<u>6,596</u>

#### 8. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Bank interest receivable	<u>192</u>	<u>192</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>90</u>

#### 9. Costs of raising donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Costs of generating other fundraising income	<u>400</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>

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#### 10. Costs of other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Fundraising trading - Cafe costs	109,466	109,466	83,762	83,762
Costs of other trading activities - Membership schemes and social lotteries	2,031	2,031	1,901	1,901
	<u>111,497</u>	<u>111,497</u>	<u>85,663</u>	<u>85,663</u>

#### 11. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Youth Work	14,052	7,028	21,080
Friendship Matters	1,652	13,561	15,213
Support costs	990	—	990
	<u>16,694</u>	<u>20,589</u>	<u>37,283</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Youth Work	4,000	15,694	19,694
Friendship Matters	3,822	14,620	18,442
Support costs	928	232	1,160
	<u>8,750</u>	<u>30,546</u>	<u>39,296</u>

#### 12. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	Total funds 2024 £	Total fund 2023 £
Youth Work	21,080	—	21,080	19,694
Friendship Matters	15,213	—	15,213	18,442
Governance costs	—	990	990	1,160
	<u>36,293</u>	<u>990</u>	<u>37,283</u>	<u>39,296</u>

#### 13. Analysis of support costs

	Support costs Community Work £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Governance costs	990	990	1,160

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#### 14. Net expenditure

Net expenditure is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024	2023
	£	£
Operating lease rentals	<u>9,000</u>	<u>9,000</u>

#### 15. Independent examination fees

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fees payable to the independent examiner for:		
Independent examination of the financial statements	360	400
Other financial services	<u>600</u>	<u>760</u>
	<u>960</u>	<u>1,160</u>

#### 16. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	67,727	67,334
Employer contributions to pension plans	<u>967</u>	<u>567</u>
	<u>68,694</u>	<u>67,901</u>

The average head count of employees during the year was 8 (2023: 9). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2024	2023
	No.	No.
Management	1	1
Community work	2	1
Cafe staff	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>
	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2023: Nil).

#### Key Management Personnel

The key management personnel, other than the trustees, are the café manager and senior community workers. Their combined remuneration in the year was £28,244 (2023: £24,055).

#### 17. Trustee remuneration and expenses

- no remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were received by the trustees
- no expenses were paid to or disclaimed by the trustees.

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#### 18. Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>1,925</u>	<u>1,925</u>

#### 19. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	<u>1,697</u>	<u>1,000</u>
Accruals and deferred income	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
	<u>3,697</u>	<u>3,000</u>

#### 20. Pensions and other post retirement benefits

##### Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £967 (2023: £567).

#### 21. Analysis of charitable funds

##### Unrestricted funds

	At 1 August 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 July 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
General Funds	<u>85,231</u>	<u>109,780</u>	<u>(128,591)</u>	<u>2,900</u>	<u>69,320</u>

	At 1 August 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 July 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General Funds	<u>73,431</u>	<u>106,213</u>	<u>(94,413)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>85,231</u>

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#### 21. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

##### Restricted funds

	At 1 August 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 July 2024 £
Alvechurch Parish Council	4,000	3,000	(4,000)	—	3,000
Bromsgrove Mental Health Cornerstone	—	—	—	—	—
Bromsgrove District Council	901	5,800	(3,801)	(2,900)	—
Bernard Piggott Trust	2,000	2,500	(2,000)	—	2,500
Green Flag	—	—	—	—	—
Barnt Green Donations Lottery Community Fund	—	—	—	—	—
	—	9,760	(9,760)	—	—
Coop Community Fund	—	1,028	(1,028)	—	—
Alvechurch Parish Council-Men in Sheds	—	500	—	—	500
Bromsgrove DC-Equalities	—	865	—	—	865
	<u>6,901</u>	<u>23,453</u>	<u>(20,589)</u>	<u>(2,900)</u>	<u>6,865</u>

	At 1 August 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 July 2023 £
Alvechurch Parish Council	5,000	4,000	(5,000)	—	4,000
Bromsgrove Mental Health Cornerstone	1,200	—	(1,200)	—	—
Bromsgrove District Council	7,150	—	(7,150)	—	—
Bernard Piggott Trust	866	901	(866)	—	901
Green Flag	2,000	2,000	(2,000)	—	2,000
Barnt Green Donations Lottery Community Fund	3,125	—	(3,125)	—	—
	1,235	—	(1,235)	—	—
Coop Community Fund	9,970	—	(9,970)	—	—
Alvechurch Parish Council-Men in Sheds	—	—	—	—	—
Bromsgrove DC-Equalities	—	—	—	—	—
	<u>30,546</u>	<u>6,901</u>	<u>(30,546)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>6,901</u>

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#### 22. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	2024 £
Current assets	73,017	6,865	<b>79,882</b>
Creditors less than 1 year	(3,697)	—	<b>(3,697)</b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<u>69,320</u>	<u>6,865</u>	<u><b>76,185</b></u>

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	2023 £
Current assets	88,231	6,901	95,132
Creditors less than 1 year	(3,000)	—	(3,000)
<b>Net assets</b>	<u>85,231</u>	<u>6,901</u>	<u>92,132</u>

#### 23. Operating lease commitments

The total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Not later than 1 year	<b>2,250</b>	—
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	—	11,950
	<u><b>2,250</b></u>	<u>11,950</u>