

**Company Number. 08002099 (England and Wales)**

**Registered Charity Number. 1156917**

**ROMERO COMMUNITIES**

**REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**

**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**  
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**LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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**Full name:** Romero Communities

**Registered Company number:** 08002099

**Registered Charity Number:** 1156917

**Registered office & principal address:** 23 Queens Road  
Barnsley  
South Yorkshire  
S71 1AN

**Trustees & Directors:** L J Crofts  
L S Hanrahan  
A Jones  
K G Moore  
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L Shepherd

**Chairperson:** L S Hanrahan

**Company Secretary:** M Phillips

**Treasurer:** K Moore

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The trustees present their report and financial statements for the period 01 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.

**Structure, governance and management**

Romero Communities is a registered charity with the Charity Commission and a company limited by guarantee, governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association, dated March 2012, most recently amended February 2014. The company has no share capital and the liability of each member in the event of winding-up is limited to a sum not exceeding £1. The affairs of the charity are managed on a day-to-day basis by the trustees who have control of the charity and its property and funds.

**Appointment of trustees**

The trustees are also directors of the company for the purpose of company law. The trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting. Every trustee must sign a declaration of willingness to act as a charity trustee before being eligible to vote at the meetings.

The trustees who served during the year are listed on page 3 of this report.

**Charitable aims and objectives**

The objectives of the charity are:

To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society.

For the purpose of this clause 'socially excluded' means being excluded from society, or parts of society, as a result of one or more of the following factors: unemployment; financial hardship; youth or old age; ill health (physical or mental); substance abuse or dependency including alcohol and drugs; discrimination on the grounds of sex, race, disability, ethnic origin, religion, belief, creed, sexual orientation or gender re-assignment; poor educational or skills attainment; relationship and family breakdown; poor housing (that is housing that does not meet basic habitable standards); crime (either as a victim of crime or as an offender rehabilitating into society).

**Risk Management**

The trustees have ultimate responsibility for identifying and managing risk. The main risk to the organisation is the loss of funding to continue the essential services. The financial position and level of reserves is reviewed at each trustee meeting and funding applications are ongoing. For other areas, the charity has risk management policies and procedures in place which are reviewed regularly by the trustees.

**Public Benefit Statement**

In shaping the objectives for the year the trustees have paid due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

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**Report of the Trustees on activities undertaken and achievements during the period.**

Our Romero Communities Board of Trustees and team of sessional workers would like to share what's been happening in the year April 2024 to March 2025.

**WHO IS INVOLVED IN DELIVERING OUR WORK**

We are led by our Board of Trustees. As a Charity we are fortunate to have trustees who are committed to our work and our meetings are well attended.

**Romero Support and Guidance Board of Trustees**

Our Chairperson, **Linda**, brings her experience of working for Citizens Advice Barnsley. She Chairs our meetings by ensuring all Board members are informed and actively involved in decision making.

**Keith**, our Finance trustee, his knowledge and experience is invaluable when managing our many strands of funding. He keeps copious records of our income and spend. To ensure the other Board members can make informed decisions, he provides regular updates, supported by spreadsheets which are considered at every meeting.

**Maria**, her dedicated work as Secretary and providing invaluable administrative support.

**Lorraine, Lynn, Alan and Louise** give their unwavering support for the Charity. They will not only act in their role in support of the work but will act as critical friends, asking questions and shaping decisions.

Our Board of Trustees are 'hands on' and are involved in our day-to-day work with residents. Having their own experiences contributes to their understanding of the needs of our customers. This in turn supports decision making at Board level.

*A very big thank you to all Board members who give a great deal of voluntary time to ensure the Charity operates within Charity Commission and Companies House regulations.*

**Our Support and Guidance Team**

Thanks to our sessional support workers, **Paula R, Pete J, Wayne B and Emily P**, who deliver our Support and Guidance service. They are a great 'team' and deliver our sessions with great humility, kindness and efficiency, supported by their extensive knowledge and skills. They have embraced new opportunities to meet the needs of residents. We have added value to the service by introducing focussed support. This has meant that we have applied for and received some additional funding over and above our Lottery funded work. The team have developed partnerships with many other services. A collaborative approach is adopted when needed to ensure complex problems can be addressed holistically.

Thanks to **L** who provides counselling sessions, as a volunteer, for our clients. It is important that when people are going through difficult times they can access this type of person-centred counselling support, without the need to join a long waiting list.

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## ADDED VALUE

### **Home Visits**

We continue to offer our face-to-face Drop-in Support and Guidance service. We have long been concerned that many of our existing and potential customers have barriers to accessing our service if they do not have access to telephones and e-mail. In addition, loneliness, isolation, physical conditions and poor mental health have restricted or prevented some residents accessing our help. In addition to the Home Visits, we aim to support and encourage these customers to access other help, services and activities, including Romero services and activities. The long-term aim is that these residents experience an improved way of life, a general improvement in their overall wellbeing and improved connections with family, friends and more involvement in their immediate locality. We are seeking continued funding to meet the growing needs for this service.

Over the year 07/07/24 to 07/07/25 we carried out 24 Home Visits which supported individuals for an average of 2.5 hours of face to face, personalised help with 44 different problems. Of this group there were 15 females and 9 males living across 10 areas of Barnsley. This period has proved difficult as we have experienced funding shortages and have had to reduce the hours we spend on the visits. As a further example we have recorded data over a longer period, April 2022 to July 2025 which averaged out at 43.6 visits per year. During this period we had secured funding to develop this service.

### Customer feedback from people who have received Home Visits

G *"I contacted Romero via my housing officer as I needed to update DLA of the changes to my son's health; I've also got health problems. Peter came to see me at my home, and as we talked, we managed to narrow down a plan to move forward. My circumstances are as such that I cannot disclose my story and the task wasn't easy. I didn't have a car at the time and couldn't really leave the house for safety reasons; the home visit therefore was essential to do this work. After 2 x visits, we managed to complete the DLA update for my son and managed to complete a successful appeal for my personal independence payments which I had previously been turned down for. The benefit of having Peter come to my home was great as without this, I would be stuffed".*

L: *"When I got in touch with Romero Communities I was in a state. I hadn't had any heating for a long time, and my house was cold and damp. I stopped work in 2020 and had fallen into mortgage arrears. I met with Paula, and she put a plan together. Initially she got me some money to buy a washer as the one I had was broken. I benefitted from a lot of home visits as there was a lot of repairs to be done. With the help from Romero, Paula and Pete, I managed to sell my house and move into St Edwins where I am today. I don't have the stress that I had at the time when I was in debt and living in a home that wasn't nice. It took a lot of sorting to get turned around, but because I stuck to a plan, things are certainly better today".*

### **Outreach sessions**

We were approached by a local councillor, BMBC, to deliver a weekly 2-hour session for people living in another area of Barnsley. This has been funded as a pilot to continue into the new financial year. This is being well received but unfortunately can only be supported by on-going funding.

### **Acts 435**

We continue to refer to this charity. In addition to referrals there is substantial work required to manage the grants. We work with customers to identify need, source items and pay for them, connect with partner organisations, ensure the items requested are received and follow up to offer on-going support. We also are required to provide documentation to the charity following all successful applications. We do not receive any monies for this service.

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**Household Support Fund**

As a trusted partner of Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council, we manage 2 grants. This fund does not include any core funding so the team administer this as part of their working day.

To ensure that we could get the grant out to the people who met the criteria of the fund we 'designed' a model to address the needs of families with babies and young children and to support people moving into a tenancy, providing essential items such as cots, toddler beds and essential household items. We presented our model to the 0-19 team of Health Visitors and take referrals from them. The outcome is improved joint working practice and increased awareness for families about our work. We have plans to extend the offer to other teams who work with the target groups. This will require core funding going forwards into 2025/2026. The target group is aimed at families who are working on low income.

**Migration from Employment and Support Allowance onto Universal Credit**

The migration from ESA to UC has been rolled out with very little support put in place to help people move across from one benefit to the other. We have bridged the gap for claimants and supported other services and organisations to do the same.

The need for the claimant to own a smart phone, have the literacy skills needed to complete journals, read and reply to messages and make any changes to their circumstances can be a very stressful experience for people. Before an account can be set up every person needs an e-mail address, access to Wi-Fi or data allowance. They are required to provide personal identification such as birth certificates, a passport, a driving licence and bank account. As an organisation we are supporting individuals to provide these essential documents. This is a long and complicated process which creates high levels of anxiety and stress.

We hold a small amount of money which has been donated to our Charity for the sole purpose of providing some financial support to pay for emergency help. As an example we utilised this to pay for a smart phone for a severely disabled adult, gave him 'lessons' in how to use it and how to manage his UC account. He also needed our support for him to contact rents to ensure his rent would continue to be paid. When he came to us he had already accrued rent arrears because he had been unable to complete the task of migration.

**Food Banks**

We continue to work alongside Barnsley Food Bank. Our referrals are made as part of visits to our Drop In, or referrals from partner organisations. We are in a privileged position to work with people to address the causes of the need. This can lead to us providing additional help with the aim of eradicating the need in the future. This can relate to, money management, issue with the payments of benefit or pay from employment. We can also respond directly to anyone who visits after the weekly Food Bank delivery day as trusted partners. There can be bags of food which do not get collected, we then work with the Food Bank to redistribute to those who would otherwise be without food.

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### ADAPTING TO CHANGE

Our delivery, as always, focuses on finding alternative ways of working to best meet the needs of our customers. This help is enhanced by our Home Visiting service. Positive links with the library has led to new sharing and/or opportunities for our customers or referrals into our service. We have adjusted our roles within the team of sessional workers. Two workers are focussing on funding applications and alternative ways of raising funds.

### FOR OUR FUTURE

- We will continue to open 3 days per week.
- We will deliver the 3 days Drop in
- We will carry out follow up work on behalf of our customers.
- We will maintain and further develop our methods of contacting and supporting our customers using technology.

Our future moving forward is dependent on grant funding, we have made several applications to funders for funding after February 2025. We will require funding to maintain our current service and to also develop and improve. We need to extend our hours, but this will depend on future funding. The Drop In will continue to be the 'chosen method of contact' by those people who face barriers to accessing support using technology and who choose to seek help to address their issues by visiting our face-to-face Drop In.

### OUR CHALLENGES

The work of Romero Communities is a 'team' effort. We still have ambitions for the future to secure long-term funding. We continue to explore ways of raising income, so we do not rely fully on external funds. We realise this will be difficult and will be a long-term goal. Romero Communities is built on partnerships with other voluntary and statutory organisations and this will continue into our future. By working in this way, we hope to continue to bring the best and most appropriate services together to help our customers resolve their problems.

Following the end of our Lottery grant, we face huge challenges to secure core funding for Romero Communities Support and Guidance.

### OUR VISION AND LONG-TERM AIMS

We hold a long-term aim to develop social opportunities to encourage peer support, reduce loneliness and isolation and support people into learning and job opportunities.

The empowerment of individuals is at the forefront of our work, sharing knowledge, encouraging self-help, confidence, self-esteem and skills which will put people back in control of their own lives. We will continue to resist having to restrict the time we spend with people to help them reach a solution rather than spending less time and resorting to a 'sticking plaster' approach. We are keen to increase the times of opening in the future.

We need to secure funding which will support designated time for networking and liaising/co-working with partner organisations when supporting clients with complex problems. Follow up work takes up approximately 50% of our time.

Our biggest challenge as a small Charity is the financial sustainability of this type of work. This is at the forefront of our planning for 2025/2026 and beyond.



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### **Related parties**

The trustees consider that there are no related parties to the charity.

### **The charity's policy on reserves**

As a small charity, reliant on public and charitable funding and susceptible to factors beyond the control of the organisation, the trustees recognise the need to keep reserves at a level that will give the organisation stability to enable it to continue to operate in the future and meet all statutory and service delivery obligations. The trustees aim to accumulate reserves equivalent to 3 months' annual expenditure on core charitable activities, which equates to a sum of £21,697 in the current financial year. At the year-end, the unrestricted reserve stands at £13,188 (2024: £17,037). The trustees are aware of the need to generate further unrestricted funds to bring reserves to the desired level and this is being addressed in the implementation of the business plans.

### **Statement of trustees' responsibilities**

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity at the end of the year and of the surplus or deficiency for the year then ended. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to: select suitable accounting policies and then apply them on a consistent basis, making judgements and estimates that are prudent and reasonable. The trustees must also prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the charity, and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities.

### **Financial Position**

The financial statements are set out in pages 11 to 16. The Statement of Financial Activities shows a deficit for the year of £24,234 (2024: a surplus of £19,884). The total funds at the year-end stand at £38,145 (2024: £62,379). Total funds include balances remaining on restricted grants of £24,957 and the general reserve of £13,188.


### **Small company provisions:**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

### **Exemptions**

The trustees have taken advantage of the exemptions available to small companies, including the audit exemption.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.  
Signed on behalf of the trustees:

Signed: 

Date: 15 September 2025

**K Moore, Trustee/ Director**

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**  
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I report on the accounts of the charity, which are set out on pages 11 to 16.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

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

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

I have no concerns and I 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.

Signed: *A Hayes*

Date: 15 September 2025

Angela Hayes, FMAAT  
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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (Incorporating an Income & Expenditure Account)

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
<b>Income</b>							
Gifts & donations		165	-	165	12,669	-	12,669
Grants received	2	-	69,117	69,117	-	90,699	90,699
Other income		150	-	150	-	-	-
<b>Total income</b>		<b>315</b>	<b>69,117</b>	<b>69,432</b>	<b>12,669</b>	<b>90,699</b>	<b>103,368</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>							
Sessional workers		4,164	66,679	70,843	2,872	60,327	63,199
Rent & office costs		-	7,368	7,368	-	7,368	7,368
Insurance		-	626	626	-	605	605
Printing, stationery & admin expenses		-	722	722	-	1,965	1,965
Telephone, computer & internet costs		-	4,230	4,230	-	5,686	5,686
Volunteer expenses		-	775	775	-	1,050	1,050
Accountancy		-	750	750	-	750	750
Website		-	1,418	1,418	-	998	998
Gardening project expenditure		-	-	-	-	458	458
Household support grants		-	6,876	6,876	-	1,363	1,363
Other expenditure		-	58	58	-	42	42
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>4,164</b>	<b>89,502</b>	<b>93,666</b>	<b>2,872</b>	<b>80,612</b>	<b>83,484</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>(3,849)</b>	<b>(20,385)</b>	<b>(24,234)</b>	<b>9,797</b>	<b>10,087</b>	<b>19,884</b>
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	(7,500)	7,500	-
Total funds brought forward		17,037	45,342	62,379	14,740	27,755	42,495
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	9/10	<b>13,188</b>	<b>24,957</b>	<b>38,145</b>	<b>17,037</b>	<b>45,342</b>	<b>62,379</b>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All the activities of the charitable company are classed as continuing.

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## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	£	2025 £	£	2024 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets		-		-	
Total fixed assets			-		-
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors & prepayments	3	296		278	
Cash at bank and in hand		63,159		82,649	
Total current assets		63,455		82,927	
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Creditors & accruals amounts falling due within one year	4	(25,310)		(20,548)	
Net current assets			38,145		62,379
<b>Net assets</b>			<b>38,145</b>		<b>62,379</b>
<b>Funds of the charity</b>	9				
Unrestricted funds			13,188		17,037
Restricted funds			24,957		45,342
<b>Total funds</b>			<b>38,145</b>		<b>62,379</b>

### Exemption from audit

For the period ending 31 March 2025 the company 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 accounts 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 accounts.

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

The trustees declare that they have approved the accounts above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed: 

Dated: 15 September 2025

**K Moore, Trustee/Director**

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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## **1. Accounting policies**

### **Basis of the preparation of the accounts**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities - Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) – (Charities SORP (FRS102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

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

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value, unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Income and expenditure has been analysed in the accounts using natural classification, in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.6, SORP 2019 (smaller charities). The charity also meets the requirements for exemption for preparing a statement of cash flows.

### **Going concern note**

The trustees regularly review the financial position of the charity and its reserves. The grant from the National Lottery Community Fund ended in January 2025 and the charity is currently working to secure funding for the future of its services, with a number of funding applications in progress.

The charity is currently able to meet all liabilities as they fall due and the trustees have reasonable expectation that the charity will have adequate resources to continue in operation for the twelve-month period following the signing of these accounts. It is therefore deemed appropriate to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

### **Incoming resources**

All material incoming resources have been included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to the income, when any performance conditions attached are met, when it is probable that the income will be received and when the amount can be measured reliably.

### **Resources expended**

Resources expended have been analysed using natural classification.

All expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognised as a liability is incurred. The charity is not registered for VAT and accordingly resources expended are shown gross of irrecoverable VAT.

### **Donated goods and services**

Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts at the amount the charity would pay in the open market for a service equivalent to that being donated, when the charity would otherwise have purchased them and the value can be measured reliably.

Donated goods for the charity's own use are recognised as income, at their fair value.

The contribution of general volunteers is not recognised as income in the charity accounts

### **Taxation**

Romero Communities is a registered charity and is exempt from UK corporation tax on income from its charitable activities.

**ROMERO COMMUNITIES****NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS continued****YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025****Depreciation**

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost or valuation less estimated residual value of all tangible fixed assets, with an individual cost exceeding £1,000, over their expected useful lives.

There were no individual assets with a value exceeding £1,000 in the current year.

**Funds Structure**

The charity maintains a general unrestricted fund which represents funds which are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity.

Restricted funds have been provided to the charity for particular purposes and may only be spent for the purposes for which they were given. Any balance remaining outstanding on a restricted fund at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on the fund, unless permission has been given by the funder to remove the restriction on the balance outstanding.

**2. Restricted grants received**

	2025	2024
	£	£
The National Lottery Community Fund	38,387	60,287
BMBC Pride of Place	19,578	-
The Tudor Trust	-	20,000
BMBC - Household Support Grant	10,000	8,976
BMBC AP	1,152	-
BMBC - Gardening Project	-	1,436
	<b>69,117</b>	<b>90,699</b>

**3. Debtors**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Insurance prepaid	296	278
	<b>296</b>	<b>278</b>

**4. Creditors**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accountancy fee	750	750
Room rent	24,560	17,192
Other creditors	-	2,606
	<b>25,310</b>	<b>20,548</b>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS continued

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### 5. Independent examination and accountancy services

During the period, the cost of the independent examination and accountancy service was £750 (2024: £750).

### 6. Trustees' remuneration, benefits and expenses

A sum of £750 was paid to Keith Moore, for expenses in relation to grant monitoring and bookkeeping services. (2024: £1,150). Other than reimbursement of items purchased on behalf of the charity, there were no further payments, remuneration or benefits made to trustees in the accounting period.

### 7. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions.

### 8. Funds held on behalf of third party groups

During the year, the charity received funds from the ACTS 435 charity, to pay over to named individuals. The income is held on behalf of ACTS 435 and is therefore not recognised in the accounts of Romero Communities. A balance of £150 was held in the bank account of Romero Communities on behalf of ACTS 435 at the year end.

### 9. Movement in funds

	Opening balance £	Incoming resources £	(Resources expended) £	Fund Transfers £	Closing balance £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General Fund	17,037	315	(4,164)	-	13,188
	<b>17,037</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>(4,164)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,188</b>
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
The National Lottery Community Fund	10,171	38,387	(48,558)	-	-
BMBC Pride of Place	-	19,578	(19,578)	-	-
BMBC AP	-	1,152	(1,152)	-	-
The Tudor Trust	26,580	-	(13,338)	-	13,242
Household Support Grant	7,613	10,000	(6,876)	-	10,737
Gardening Project	978	-	-	-	978
	<b>45,342</b>	<b>69,117</b>	<b>(89,502)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24,957</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>62,379</b>	<b>69,432</b>	<b>(93,666)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>38,145</b>

## 10. Restricted Funds

- The National Lottery Community Fund– a five-year Community Fund grant to fund the Support & Guidance service.
- BMBC Pride of Place – a grant to fund Sessional Workers and associated overheads for the Support & Guidance service.
- Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council – Practical Support Grant from the North Area Council to fund a drop-in worker.
- The Tudor Trust – a grant to help support people living with complex issues.
- Gardening Project – a grant from Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council to support this project
- Household Support Grants - Government funding to help people who have been financially impacted by the cost of living crisis. To provide Individual grants to help with food, energy costs and other household essentials.