

# **Community Unity (Leeds) CIO**

Charity number 1157737

## **Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2025**



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# **Community Unity (Leeds) CIO**

## **Trustees' report for the year ended 31 July 2025**

### **Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors**

The trustees during the financial year and up to and including the date the report was approved were:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>
Karl Footitt	Chair/Treasurer
Mary Brennan	
Ann Lamprell	
Joanne Thewlis	

**Charity number** 1157737 Registered in England and Wales

<b>Registered and principal address</b>	<b>Bankers</b>
36 Westway	Co-op Bank
Garforth	PO Box 250 Delf House
Leeds	Southway
LS25 1DB	Skelmersdale
	WN8 6WT

### **Accountants**

#### **West Yorkshire Community Accountancy Service CIO**

Stringer House  
34 Lupton Street  
Leeds  
LS10 2QW

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

The charity is a CIO governed by an Association constitution adopted on 7 July 2014 and as amended 5 January 2019 and 16 October 2019.

### **Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees**

The trustees of the charity are appointed by the members at the AGM.

# **Community Unity (Leeds) CIO**

## **Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 July 2025**

### **Objectives and activities**

#### **The charity's objects**

1. To develop the capacity and skills of the members of the community of Richmond Hill, Cross Green and East End Park in the ward of Burmantofts and Richmond Hill in the Metropolitan District of Leeds in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet their needs and to participate more fully in society.
2. 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.
3. The prevention or relief of poverty by providing items and services to individuals in need through:
  - a) The provision of recreational and leisure time activities provided in the interest of social welfare, designed to improve their conditions of life;
  - b) Providing support and activities which develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals.

#### **The charity's main activities**

Community Unity (Leeds) CIO's main activities are community family parties, support for local people, weekly meals and Christmas hampers and toy deliveries.

#### **Public benefit statement**

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our Trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular the prevention or relief of poverty.

#### **Achievements and performance**

This year Community Unity trustees and volunteers continued running our weekly Wednesday Meals and community outreach, providing practical help and support to local people, this included Christmas food and toy hampers to local individuals and families as well as a Christmas day meal. Wednesday meals continues to be very well attended. With financial support from the Household Support fund from Leeds Christian Community Trust via the Burmantofts & Richmond Hill Community Anchor Network (BRH CAN) we also have continued our practical support for local individuals and families including food parcels and energy financial support.

In partnership with St Hilda's Church and Project Hope Leeds, and with support from the BRH CAN, we ran several well attended family community events during summer, Halloween and Christmas.

We also supported the running of the annual Lark in the Park summer event.

#### **Financial review**

The net receipts for the year were £8,200, including net receipts of £447 on unrestricted funds and net receipts of £7,753 on restricted funds after transfers.

#### **Reserves policy**

The charity's free reserves, at the year end were £7,690.

The trustees have not adopted a formal reserves policy. The Trustees recognise the need to regularly review the finances, budgets and spend against budget together as part of the effective stewardship of the CIO. The charity has not or will not in the near future employ any persons or lease or rent property therefore the Trustees recognise that future reserves need only be kept to a minimum amount to cover its activities for the public benefit and fluctuations in cash flow as well as orderly winding up should the charity need to close.

Approved by the board of trustees on 12/11/2025

Mary Brennan (Trustee)

**Community Unity (Leeds) CIO**  
**Receipts and payments account**  
**for the year ended 31 July 2025**

	Notes	2025 Unrestricted funds £	2025 Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
<b>Receipts</b>					
Grants and donations	(2)	90	17,432	17,522	12,941
Sales and fees		4,032	-	4,032	2,045
<b>Total receipts</b>		<u>4,122</u>	<u>17,432</u>	<u>21,554</u>	<u>14,986</u>
<b>Payments</b>					
Christmas hampers		1,006	1,335	2,341	2,019
Community events		196	-	196	407
Insurance		-	131	131	131
Wednesday meals		90	2,433	2,523	3,266
Accounts preparation		-	300	300	253
Community support		2,379	5,460	7,839	6,210
Lark in the park event		-	-	-	97
AGM and meeting costs		4	20	24	93
<b>Total payments</b>		<u>3,675</u>	<u>9,679</u>	<u>13,354</u>	<u>12,476</u>
<b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>		447	7,753	8,200	2,510
<b>Fund balances brought forward</b>		<u>7,243</u>	<u>3,250</u>	<u>10,493</u>	<u>7,983</u>
<b>Fund balances carried forward</b>	(3)	<u>7,690</u>	<u>11,003</u>	<u>18,693</u>	<u>10,493</u>

**Community Unity (Leeds) CIO**  
**Statement of assets and liabilities**  
**as at 31 July 2025**

	2025	2025	2025	2024
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
<b>Cash funds</b>				
Cash at bank	7,667	11,003	18,670	10,476
Cash in hand	23	-	23	17
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<u>7,690</u>	<u>11,003</u>	<u>18,693</u>	<u>10,493</u>

<b>Debtors and prepayments</b>	2025
	£
Accrued income	<u>1,500</u>
	<u>1,500</u>

<b>Liabilities</b>	2025
	£
Accruals	<u>300</u>
	<u>300</u>

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 12/11/2025

Mary Brennan (Trustee)

# **Community Unity (Leeds) CIO**

## **Notes to the accounts**

### **for the year ended 31 July 2025**

#### **1 Accounting policies**

##### **Basis of accounting**

The trustees have taken advantage of section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and have prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.

No changes have been made to the accounts for previous years.

##### **Taxation**

As a charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

##### **Fund accounting**

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

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

# Community Unity (Leeds) CIO

## Notes to the accounts continued

### for the year ended 31 July 2025

2 Grants and donations	2025 Unrestricted funds £	2025 Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
Jimbo's fund	-	2,667	2,667	-
Leeds Christian Community Trust (LCCT)	-	4,400	4,400	5,150
Leeds Community Foundation (LCF)	-	433	433	1,816
NLCF Awards for All	-	8,932	8,932	-
Give a Gift	-	-	-	1,500
LEDA Ltd	-	-	-	40
St Hilda's Church	-	-	-	2,035
Veolia	-	-	-	1,500
Other donations	90	1,000	1,090	900
	<u>90</u>	<u>17,432</u>	<u>17,522</u>	<u>12,941</u>

3 Restricted funds	Balance b/f £	Incoming £	Outgoing £	Transfers £	Balance c/f £
LCCT Household Support Fund	1,843	4,400	5,642	-	601
LCF Lunch Clubs	1,407	433	1,840	-	-
Veolia	-	-	336	-	(336)
NLCF Awards for All	-	8,932	684	-	8,248
Jimbo's fund	-	2,667	177	-	2,490
Donations for hampers	-	1,000	1,000	-	-
	<u>3,250</u>	<u>17,432</u>	<u>9,679</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,003</u>

Fund name	Purpose of restriction
LCCT Household Support Fund	For emergency support and practical help for local people Apr 2024 to Sep 2024.
LCF Lunch Clubs	To support the running of Wednesday Meals and community outreach.
Veolia	To support the running of Wednesday Meals and community outreach. The negative balance is due to the funding being paid in arrears.
NLCF Awards for All	To support the running of Wednesday Meals and community outreach.
Jimbo's fund	To support the running of Wednesday Meals and community outreach.
Donations for hampers	Individual donations towards Christmas hamper purchases.

## 4 Related party transactions

### Trustee expenses

No trustee received any expenses during this year or the previous year.

### Trustee remuneration and benefits

No trustee received any remuneration or benefit during this or the previous year.