

# **West Yorkshire Destitute Asylum Network CIO**

Charity number 1158052

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



# **West Yorkshire Destitute Asylum Network CIO**

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

<b>Contents</b>	<b>Page</b>
Trustees' report	2 to 4
Examiner's report	5
Receipts and payments account	6
Statement of assets and liabilities	7
Notes to the accounts	8 to 10

**Prepared by West Yorkshire Community Accountancy Service CIO**

# **West Yorkshire Destitute Asylum Network CIO**

## **Trustees' report for the year ended 31 March 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>	<b>Dates</b>
Edward Britton	Chair	
Andrew Laycock	Treasurer	Appointed 21 May 2025
Andrew Rathbone		Resigned 8 May 2024
Donald Mollison		
Jean Livesey		
Timothy Bean		
Amanda Church-Mcfarlane		
Susan Bean		
Eve McCallam		Appointed 7 October 2025

  

<b>Charity number</b>	1158052	Registered in England and Wales
-----------------------	---------	---------------------------------

<b>Registered and principal address</b>	<b>Bankers</b>
c/o Gipton Methodist Church	Unity Trust Bank
Oak Tree Place	Nine Brindley Place
Leeds	Birmingham
LS9 6SX	B1 2HB

### **Independent examiner**

Katy Sargeant ACA

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

Stringer House  
34 Lupton Street  
Leeds  
LS10 2QW

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

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) association formed on 30 July 2014.

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

The trustees of the charity are appointed by the members at the AGM. The trustees also have the power to co-opt additional trustees subject to them being re-appointed at the next AGM.

# **West Yorkshire Destitute Asylum Network CIO**

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

### **Objectives and activities**

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

1. To advance the education of the public in general about the issues relating to destitute asylum seekers.
2. To relieve the needs of destitute asylum seekers and their families by any such charitable means as the trustees shall think fit.
3. To preserve and protect the physical and mental health of destitute asylum seekers and their families.

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

The charity's main activities has been to provide accommodation and other direct support to destitute asylum seekers in the Leeds area. These are people who have no recourse to claim benefits from public funds and are not permitted to work; without our support, they would be at risk of becoming or remaining street homeless.

#### **Public benefit statement**

In setting the organisation's objectives and planning its activities, the Trustees take account of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, in particular the relief of poverty.

#### **Achievements and performance**

2024-2025 has been a year of continued stabilisation and improvement of our service provision.

This was our third season of successfully operating our 10-bed static Winter Night Shelter in premises owned by the Methodist Church, with whom we have strengthened our relationship by entering into a Memorandum of Agreement which gives WYDAN enhanced security of tenure. The Night Shelter again operated for the seven coldest months of the year, October 2024 to April 2025, providing accommodation and support to 41 separate individuals, 22 of whom achieved positive move on. The Shelter has again opened its doors for the similar 7 months of the 2025-2026 winter.

Having made necessary but quite basic building adaptations to enable the first winter's operation of the static Night Shelter, we were delighted to obtain capital funding to enable us to complete the transformation of the building within the 2023-2024 financial year, enhancing the comfort and dignity of our guests by creating fully enclosed single rooms and improving the building environment and energy efficiency by upgrading lighting, replacement of all the windows and improved insulation. In 2024-2025 the work to transform the accommodation was completed, including a complete upgrade of the bedroom provision with new beds, furniture, blinds and bedding.

We have continued to employ an experienced part time project manager, together with an experienced part time administrator. The Shelter is staffed entirely by volunteers during opening hours – recruiting and retaining sufficient volunteers is an ongoing challenge but the body of volunteers has been strengthened by a number of former Night Shelter guests bringing with them their various languages, cultural understandings and lived experience.

We began the financial year holding the tenancies of 3 properties (2 houses and a flat), which enabled us to provide supported accommodation for up to 10 destitute asylum seekers who would otherwise be homeless. (8 men and 2 women – each of whom have their own room). However, in December 2024, for various logistical reasons trustees terminated the tenancy of one of the houses. For each of the houses and the flat, we have also provided other support to the guests, particularly by providing food and a weekly subsistence allowance. In total, over 3,000 nights (and days) of accommodation were provided in this supported accommodation.

Recognising the level of growth and positive change that WYDAN has experienced post-Covid, trustees identified an urgent need to review and update our organisational structures and strategy in order to ensure the future sustainability of the work we do. In 2024 we were successful in an application to Lloyds Bank Foundation for assistance from their Organisational Support Programme; this work is proving beneficial, and work is ongoing to develop a 'Strategy' for 2026 through to 2029.

# **West Yorkshire Destitute Asylum Network CIO**

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

### **Achievements and performance continued**

We have continued to work closely with, and are indebted to, our referral agency partners, British Red Cross and PAFRAS. Locally, we have built on our links with other asylum seeker accommodation providers and agencies who are also working to support asylum seekers and refugees. Nationally, through our membership of Housing Justice and NACCOM, we have continued to learn from other organisations working in the same field and to add our voice to others advocating for refugees and asylum seekers.

We believe that our work has a significant impact on some of the most marginalised people in our society, who would otherwise at best be living in a precarious situation and at worst be street homeless, providing them with some stability and security in a warm, safe and welcoming environment.

The trustees are very grateful to all those who have supported WYDAN during the course of the year, in particular the many volunteers who have provided practical support, the funders who have provided grants, and the many people who have made generous financial contributions which have been vital in enabling us to continue our work.

### **Financial review**

The net receipts for the year were £12,583, including net receipts of £27,156 on unrestricted funds and net payments of £14,573 on restricted funds.

### **Reserves policy**

The charity's free reserves, at the year end were £54,888.

The trustees aim to maintain sufficient reserves to cover between 3 and 6 months operating expenditure, which based on the projected expenditure for 2025/26 would be between £23,300 and £50,700.

Approved by the board of trustees on 12/1/26

E Britton (Trustee)

# **West Yorkshire Destitute Asylum Network CIO**

## **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of West Yorkshire Destitute Asylum Network CIO**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 6 to 10.

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

As the charity trustees of the CIO you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the CIO's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

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

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Charities Act;
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Katy Sargeant ACA

19/1/2026

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

Stringer House  
34 Lupton Street  
Leeds  
LS10 2QW

**West Yorkshire Destitute Asylum Network CIO**  
**Receipts and payments account**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2025**

	Notes	2025	2025	2025	2024
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		funds	funds	funds	funds
		£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>					
Grants	(2)	2,000	92,100	94,100	151,193
Donations		34,235	-	34,235	30,919
Bank interest		1,797	-	1,797	429
Other income		-	-	-	70
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>38,032</b>	<b>92,100</b>	<b>130,132</b>	<b>182,611</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Salaries, NI and pensions		2,375	14,758	17,133	20,747
Freelance workers		-	8,890	8,890	10,464
Travel costs		-	-	-	600
Beneficiary support		3,943	21,626	25,569	26,701
Rent and rates		69	28,653	28,722	28,290
Utilities		1,884	15,542	17,426	17,083
Shelter and provision expenses		49	4,919	4,968	1,834
Insurance		-	2,025	2,025	1,928
Premises repairs and maintenance		760	8,031	8,791	50,045
Phone and internet		-	130	130	617
Computers and IT		75	-	75	888
Printing, postage and office supplies		-	-	-	194
Volunteers expenses		20	2,099	2,119	2,239
Bank charges		127	-	127	149
Miscellaneous expenses		399	-	399	20
Subscriptions and licenses		515	-	515	1,220
Independent examination		660	-	660	630
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>10,876</b>	<b>106,673</b>	<b>117,549</b>	<b>163,649</b>
<b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>		<b>27,156</b>	<b>(14,573)</b>	<b>12,583</b>	<b>18,962</b>
<b>Fund balances brought forward</b>		<b>27,732</b>	<b>29,631</b>	<b>57,363</b>	<b>38,401</b>
<b>Fund balances carried forward</b>	(3)	<b>54,888</b>	<b>15,058</b>	<b>69,946</b>	<b>57,363</b>

**West Yorkshire Destitute Asylum Network CIO**  
**Statement of assets and liabilities**  
**as at 31 March 2025**

	2025	2025	2025	2024
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
<b>Cash funds</b>				
Cash at bank	55,581	15,058	70,639	63,539
Cash in hand	(693)	-	(693)	(6,176)
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<u>54,888</u>	<u>15,058</u>	<u>69,946</u>	<u>57,363</u>

**Debtors and prepayments**

	2025
	£
Debtors	1,250
Prepayments	<u>1,687</u>
	<u>2,937</u>

**Liabilities**

	2025
	£
Accruals	<u>1,378</u>
	<u>1,378</u>

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 12/1/26

E Britton (Trustee)



# **West Yorkshire Destitute Asylum Network CIO**

## **Notes to the accounts**

### **for the year ended 31 March 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.

**West Yorkshire Destitute Asylum Network CIO**  
**Notes to the accounts continued**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2025**

**2 Grants**

	2025 Unrestricted funds £	2025 Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
Bentley ALC	-	500	500	500
Dept for Level'g Up, Housing and C'ties (DLUHC)	-	33,000	33,000	106,993
Evan Cornish Foundation	-	7,500	7,500	-
Forum Central (FC)	-	10,000	10,000	10,000
Leeds Christian Community Trust (LCCT)	-	2,000	2,000	-
Leeds City Council (LCC)	-	12,500	12,500	12,500
Leeds Community Foundation (LCF)	-	3,000	3,000	-
Leeds N&E Methodist Circuit	-	2,000	2,000	-
Postcode Neighbourhood Trust	-	15,000	15,000	-
Screwfix Foundation	-	3,600	3,600	-
Sir George Martin Trust	-	3,000	3,000	-
Tilehouse Trust	2,000	-	2,000	-
Hilden Charitable Fund	-	-	-	7,000
The Brelms Trust	-	-	-	5,000
The Masonic Charitable Foundation	-	-	-	3,600
The Methodist Church	-	-	-	2,000
West Riding Masons	-	-	-	3,600
	<u>2,000</u>	<u>92,100</u>	<u>94,100</u>	<u>151,193</u>

**3 Restricted funds**

	Balance b/f £	Incoming £	Outgoing £	Transfers £	Balance c/f £
Leeds City Council	1,300	-	1,300	-	-
Forum Central	1,000	-	1,000	-	-
B&Q Foundation	1,336	-	1,336	-	-
DLUHC NSTF 1 (Revenue)	2,272	33,000	35,272	-	-
DLUHC NSTF 2 (Capital)	5,884	-	5,884	-	-
Bentley ALC	131	500	559	-	72
West Riding Freemasons	3,600	-	3,600	-	-
Leeds City Council	12,500	12,500	25,000	-	-
Forum Central Household Suppo	1,608	-	1,608	-	-
Leeds N&E Methodist Circuit	-	2,000	1,944	-	56
Postcode Neighbourhood Trust	-	15,000	7,669	-	7,331
Evan Cornish Foundation	-	7,500	4,753	-	2,747
Forum Central HSF 2	-	5,000	5,000	-	-
Forum Central HSF 3	-	5,000	5,000	-	-
Household Support Fund (LCCT)	-	2,000	2,000	-	-
Sir George Martin Trust	-	3,000	1,748	-	1,252
Screwfix Foundation	-	3,600	-	-	3,600
Leeds Community Foundation	-	3,000	3,000	-	-
	<u>29,631</u>	<u>92,100</u>	<u>106,673</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,058</u>

# West Yorkshire Destitute Asylum Network CIO

## Notes to the accounts continued

### for the year ended 31 March 2025

#### 3 Restricted funds continued

<b>Fund name</b>	<b>Purpose of restriction</b>
Leeds City Council (22/23)	Towards food, household essentials and energy costs.
Forum Central	Towards utility and food costs at both the houses and flat and the night shelter, and project management costs.
B&Q Foundation	Towards the costs of renovation and improvement work at the night shelter.
DLUHC NSTF 1 (Revenue)	Towards the costs of operating the night shelter from 1/4/23.
DLUHC NSTF 2 (Capital)	Towards the capital costs of improvements to the Night Shelter building.
Bentley ALC	Towards the costs of providing wi-fi at our houses.
West Riding Freemasons	Towards the cost of providing replacement beds and bedding.
Leeds City Council	Towards the costs of WYDAN's provision of accommodation and support to destitute asylum seekers.
Forum Central Household Support	Towards food, household essentials and utility costs.
Leeds N&E Methodist Circuit	To support WYDAN's provision of accommodation and support to destitute asylum seekers.
Postcode Neighbourhood Trust	Towards the costs of the WYDAN Destitute Asylum Seekers Project.
Evan Cornish Foundation	Towards the costs of the WYDAN Destitute Asylum Seekers Project.
Forum Central HSF 2	Towards food, household essentials and utility costs.
Forum Central HSF 3	Towards food, household essentials and utility costs.
Household Support Fund (LCCT)	Towards food, household essentials and utility costs.
Sir George Martin Trust	Towards the cost of employing an Administrator.
Screwfix Foundation	Towards the cost of improvements at the Gipton Night Shelter.
Stay Well This Winter 24 (LCF)	Towards the costs of the Night Shelter in the winter of 2024/2025.

#### 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.

##### Other related party transactions

There were no other related party transactions in this or the previous financial year.