

# **The Social Justice Network Limited**

## **Annual Report and Financial Statements**

31 December 2024

Company registered number: 08763875  
Charity number: 1159936

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## Reference and administrative information

<b>Trustees</b>	Reem Khider Timothy Woolmer The Revd Dr Jonathan Arnold Miranda Ford (resigned 18 March 2025) The Revd Carol Smith David Kemp (Resigned 24 September 2024) The Venerable William Adam Jeremy Cross
<b>Registered office</b>	Diocesan House Lady Wootton's Green Canterbury Kent CT1 1NQ
<b>Auditor</b>	Buzzacott Audit LLP 130 Wood Street London EC2V 6DL
<b>Company registration number</b>	08763875
<b>Charity registered number</b>	1159936

## **Trustees' Report** Year ended 31 December 2024

The Trustees (who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act) present their annual report together with the financial statements of The Social Justice Network for the year ended 31 December 2024. The Trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Since the charitable company qualifies as small under section 383, the strategic report required of medium and large companies under The Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Director's Report) Regulations 2013 is not required.

### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

#### **Policies and objectives**

The Social Justice Network has the following aims and objectives:

- 1.1 The relief of financial hardship, either generally or individually, through the provision of grants, goods or services, mainly but not exclusively for homeless people, refugees and asylum seekers, as well as ex-offenders leaving prison into homelessness.
- 1.2 To promote the efficiency and effectiveness of other charities/groups, mainly but not exclusively, by the provision of information, advice and support.

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to the Charity Commission published guidance on the operation of the Public Benefit requirement.

### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

#### **Trustees Report**

*Our work remains at the heart of the diocesan vision  
that we are 'changed lives changing lives',  
as we help to transform our communities through social action.*

#### **Introduction**

It has been an incredible year of change, development and growth for The Social Justice Network (SJN) as Jonathan Arnold, SJN's Executive Director describes in the report that follows.

SJN runs on a handful of paid staff and a whole heap of volunteers, without whom our projects would not be able to function – so if you are reading this and you are one of them, thank you! And if you're reading this and wondering how you could contribute some of your time, energy or resources, do please contact us through our website: <https://thesocialjusticenetwork.org/>. There is always room for more volunteers.

SJN's Board of Trustees is also looking for two new trustees so again, if this is something you might be interested in, do please let Jonathan Arnold or myself know.

## Trustees' Report Year ended 31 December 2024

The expertise of the core team will continue to work with the diverse, knowledgeable, and passionate people in our parishes and deaneries, through campaigning and community engagement, as well as encouraging, supporting, and advising on parochial and deanery projects and plans that seek to help the most vulnerable in our society. The team also continue to run a portfolio of projects working with the poor and homeless, people released from prison, refugees and asylum seekers in Kent and France, victims of trafficking and slavery, rural communities and those living with disabilities, and community initiatives of various kinds.

**Highlights in 2024** were the official launch of the newly named charity, and subsequent compilation of a database of supporters, and a new newsletter. Val Wallis, MBE, stepped down as our Chair of Trustees, and her successor is Revd Carol Smith.

**Connecting Canterbury**, one of our projects, offers signposting, support and help to those in need. There has been a huge increase in need, and where possible, we encourage people and families to come and talk to our volunteers at our 2 main hubs, The Hub (Canterbury Baptist Church) on Thursday mornings, and at All Saints Community Larder at All Saints Church on Fridays. In 2024 we gave £4,700 in 289 payments for emergency energy, this was about £1,500 less than 2023 thanks to new systems that have been put in place requiring identification and limiting the amount that people can receive. These new systems continue to be responded to favourably by both volunteers and service users, and will hopefully enable us to allow the money to stretch further. About half of these payments were to new people who had heard of our service. We were incredibly grateful for a grant received from Canterbury City Council which we have been able to use for purchasing energy vouchers, and were able to put the voucher amount up from £15 - £20 from November to February. We have also started to use different vouchers, which mean that we do not have to give 'cash out' vouchers anymore as all forms of energy payment are covered. The need for white goods/household items continued to be high in 2024, when we applied for 63 ACTS435 grants in total. Helen Netherton continued the role of team lead. There has been an increase in the number of volunteers, now with 9 working on a rota basis (2 working on the table, and 1 'floating' each week). The CCC grant also meant we were able to host a Financial First Aid training course shared with 7 other organisations in Canterbury. Helen continues to work closely with the Diocesan House team and making contact around the area. It has been an exciting year and we look forward to sharing the developments as we move on.

Our **'Break the Cycle'** project aims to end the cycle of re-offending caused by releasing people from prison into street homelessness, by means of a partnership project to provide supported housing and community support and to evaluate the effect this support has on re-offending rates. This project is led by The Social Justice Network, in partnership with the Diocese of Canterbury, CampaignKent, and others. A diocesan property has been made available to the project. A key element of this project is integrating house residents into the local community to build their self-confidence and improve their mental health and well-being. In 2024 two residents moved successfully into local authority accommodation. We updated our criteria and referral pack and expanded our search for referrals to a national level (previously locally focussed within East Kent). Residents of Break the Cycle's home were keen to establish more links with the local community, to break down stigma, build relationships and improve mental health and wellbeing for both those in the project and in the local area, by volunteering at the local community centre and food pantry twice per week; a weekly community Curry Club was attended by those in the project, to establish local connections; funding was secured from local councillor for 'Grub & Games' night, to be hosted by the house residents in the games room, for their neighbours and men from Curry Club.

## Trustees' Report Year ended 31 December 2024

Our ***Kent Refugee Programmes*** successfully raised £90,000 with the Benefact Trust to support and extend our work for 3 years. Casework brought an increased workload of supporting asylum seeking families with school placements, Benefit System, Referral to Citizens' Advice Bureau and other agencies. Accommodation was secured for 3 male refugees and 1 refugee family. We undertook interfaith work in Greece at a 'World of Neighbours' Summit, with a team of practitioners from across Europe.

There was an interactive ***exhibition in Canterbury Cathedral Chapter House during Refugee Week***, organised and devised by the Refugee Project Board including Kent Refugee Action Network, the Social Justice Network of the Diocese and Cathedral, and focussing on the plight of refugees. Visitors were invited to explore what 'home' means to them and to those who have had to leave their own homes because of war, violence, oppression and climate change; to experience how they have come to create a new home here in Canterbury, and the cultural richness that they have brought with them. The week also focussed on safe and legal routes advocacy and strategic work to implement migration policies oriented towards global resettlement needs. Our refugee manager also advocated for Community Sponsorship and Devolved Integration Support to churches, managed a part time Ukraine Link Officer and a team of 8 Volunteers.

In 2024 The Social Justice Network also provided a ***Chaplaincy service at the Kent County Show and 'Fruit Focus' at the Kent County Showground***. Next year we plan a Sunday service at the Kent Show and to use a small marquee with the Farming Community Network. We also built partnerships with the Action on Poverty Working Group, working with multiple agencies across the Canterbury District to share ideas, resources, signposting, ensuring coverage, and supporting different community groups. We are also partnered with Margate Explorer Sea Scouts in volunteer opportunities, Folkestone Rainbow Centre, and national organisations, such as Safe Families for Children.

Revd Prof Jonathan Arnold, SJN Executive Director; Revd Carol Smith, Chair of Trustees

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

### **Results for the year**

Total income increased from £182,515 in 2023 to £223,760 in 2024. Total expenditure increased from £192,248 in 2023 to £219,214 in 2024.

### **RESERVES POLICY**

The level of reserves as at 31 December 2024 is sufficient to meet short term planned expenditure. At the end of 2024 the unrestricted (free) reserves were negative £2,075. Restricted reserves were £136,321. The reserves policy is to hold sufficient reserves (including restricted reserves) to meet three months expenditure and allow projects to be run-down in a smooth manner if future income is unlikely. The level of reserves is in line with the policy for restricted funds. The level of unrestricted funds had fallen below the required level due to delay in receiving £50,000 of unrestricted funds but had been received in early 2025.

### **GOING CONCERN**

The Trustees have assessed whether the use of the going concern assumption is appropriate in preparing these financial statements. The Trustees have made this assessment in respect to a period of one year from the date of approval of these financial statements.

The Trustees have concluded that there are no material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charitable company to continue as a going concern. In view of negative unrestricted reserves at year end, the Trustees had sought assurance from the parent charity that there will be further support provided should there be further delays in receiving unrestricted funds. This assurance has now been given. Therefore, the Trustees are of the opinion that the charitable company will have sufficient resources to meet its liabilities as they fall due and for this reason the Trustees continue to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Constitution**

The company is constituted under a Memorandum of Association dated 6 November 2013 and is a registered charity, number 1159936. The company is limited by guarantee and is registered in England and Wales (Company Registration Number 8763875).

Until 26 January 2021, Together Kent was a Joint Venture between Canterbury Diocesan Board of Finance, through its Communities and Partnerships Framework, and the Church Urban Fund. From that date the joint venture with the Church Urban Fund ceased to exist and the charitable company became a wholly owned subsidiary of Canterbury Diocesan Board of Finance. We are grateful to the Church Urban Fund for the funding received from them which has enabled us to establish The Social Justice Network.

### **Method of appointment or election of trustees**

The management of the charitable company is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Articles of Association.

### **Policies adopted for the induction and training of trustees**

At the first meeting of the Board, time was set aside for the induction of Board members. Training for new Trustees is provided when they join the Board. Further training is available if requested and time is set aside at each Board meeting to update Trustees on their responsibilities and any changes in legislation.

### **Organisational structure and decision making**

The Board is organised so that the Trustees meet regularly to shape and monitor the work of The Social Justice Network. During meetings, the Trustees work with the Partnership development workers to form and shape the strategy of the charity and the work that they undertake.

### **Risk management**

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charitable company is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the charitable company and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate the charity's exposure to major risks. The key risks facing the charitable company relate to the provision of grant funding and loss of key employees.



**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT** (continued)

**Trustees' responsibility statement**

The Trustees (who are also directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- ◆ select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- ◆ observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- ◆ make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- ◆ prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In preparing this report, the Trustees have taken advantage of the small companies' exemptions provided by section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the Trustees on <sup>25<sup>th</sup></sup> September 2025 signed on their behalf by:



**Revd Carol Smith**

Chair

## Independent auditor's report to the members of The Social Justice Network Limited

### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Social Justice Network Limited (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 December 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the principal accounting policies and the notes to the financial statements. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- ◆ give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2024 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- ◆ have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- ◆ have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and the provisions available for small entities, in the circumstances set out in the financial statements and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

**Other information**

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, including the trustees' report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

**Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- ♦ the information given in the trustees' report, which is also the directors' report for the purposes of company law for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- ♦ the trustees' report, which is also the directors' report for the purposes of company law has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report. We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- ♦ adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- ♦ the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- ♦ certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- ♦ we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- ♦ the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 7, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below.

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- ◆ the audit partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- ◆ we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the company through discussions with management and from our knowledge and experience;
- ◆ we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the company, including the Charities Act 2011, Companies Act 2006.
- ◆ we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management; and
- ◆ identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the charitable company's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

**Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements (continued)**

- ◆ making enquiries of management and those charged with governance as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- ◆ considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- ◆ tested journal entries to identify unusual financial transactions;
- ◆ tested the authorisation of expenditure as part of our substantive testing;
- ◆ investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual financial transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- ◆ agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- ◆ reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- ◆ enquiring of management and those charged with governance as to actual and potential litigation and claims.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the trustees and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

*Buzzacott Audit LLP*

Catherine Biscoe (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
For and on behalf of Buzzacott Audit LLP, Statutory Auditor  
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London EC2V 6DL

**Statement of financial activities** Year to 31 December 2024

		Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
<b>Income and expenditure</b>	Notes						
<b>Income from:</b>							
Donations and grants	1	122,728	72,487	195,215	86,255	63,949	150,204
Charitable activities	2	—	28,387	28,387	—	32,311	32,311
Other income	1	158	—	158	—	—	—
<b>Total income</b>		<b>122,886</b>	<b>100,874</b>	<b>223,760</b>	<b>86,255</b>	<b>96,260</b>	<b>182,515</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>							
Charitable activities	3	140,437	78,777	219,214	90,909	101,339	192,248
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>140,437</b>	<b>78,777</b>	<b>219,214</b>	<b>90,909</b>	<b>101,339</b>	<b>192,248</b>
<b>Net (expenditure)/income for the year and net movement in funds</b>		<b>(17,551)</b>	<b>22,097</b>	<b>4,546</b>	<b>(4,654)</b>	<b>(5,079)</b>	<b>(9,733)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>							
Total funds brought forward		15,476	114,224	129,700	20,130	119,303	139,433
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	8	<b>(2,075)</b>	<b>136,321</b>	<b>134,246</b>	<b>15,476</b>	<b>114,224</b>	<b>129,700</b>

All activities relate to continuing operations.

The notes on pages 16 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

## Balance sheet 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	6	5,485	7,722
Cash at bank and in hand		148,457	144,530
Total current assets		153,942	152,252
<b>Creditors</b> amounts falling due within one year	7	(19,696)	(22,552)
<b>Net current assets</b>		134,246	129,700
<b>Net assets</b>		134,246	129,700
<b>Charity funds</b>			
Unrestricted funds	8	(2,075)	15,476
Restricted funds	8	136,321	114,224
<b>Total funds</b>	9	134,246	129,700

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at 31 December 2024 and of its net income for the year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 of the Act and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and in accordance with FRS102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Revd Carol Smith

The notes on pages 16 to 18 form part of these financial statements

Company Registration No: 08763875

## **Principal accounting policies 31 December 2024**

### **Basis of preparation**

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 (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The Social Justice Network 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.

In accordance with Section 7 of FRS 102, the charity is exempt from having to present cashflow statement.

The financial statements are presented in sterling and rounded to the nearest pound.

### **Company status**

The charitable company is a company limited by guarantee, which is registered in England and Wales, with the company number 8763875. The company's registered office is Diocesan House, Lady Wootton's Green, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 1NQ. The members of the company are the Trustees named on page 1. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the company.

### **Critical estimates and judgements**

Preparation of the financial statements has not required the Trustees and management to make significant judgements and estimates.

### **Income**

All income is recognised once the charitable company has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

### **Expenditure**

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accrual basis. All expenses including support costs and governance costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure headings.

### **Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and in hand represents such accounts that are available on demand.



## **Principal accounting policies 31 December 2024**

### **Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount.

### **Creditors**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charitable company has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount.

### **Fund Accounting**

Unrestricted funds comprise those monies which may be used towards meeting the charitable objectives of the charity and may be applied at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted funds are monies raised for, and their use restricted to, a specific purpose, or donations subject to donor-imposed conditions.

### **Going Concern**

The Trustees have assessed whether the use of the going concern assumption is appropriate in preparing these financial statements. The Trustees have made this assessment in respect to a period of one year from the date of approval of these financial statements.

The Trustees have concluded that there are no material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charitable company to continue as a going concern. The Trustees are of the opinion that the charitable company will have sufficient resources to meet its liabilities as they fall due and for this reason the Trustees continue to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.

Although the level of unrestricted funds had fallen below the required level at the end of 2024, the trustees are confident that additional funds will be obtained to improve this position in 2025.

## 1 Income from donations and grants

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Grants	12,500	49,210	61,710	42,500	31,440	73,940
Donations	110,228	23,277	133,505	43,755	32,509	76,264
Other income	158	—	158	—	—	—
	<b>122,886</b>	<b>72,487</b>	<b>195,373</b>	<b>86,255</b>	<b>63,949</b>	<b>150,204</b>

## 2 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Housing rents	—	28,387	28,387	—	32,311	32,311
	<b>—</b>	<b>28,387</b>	<b>28,387</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>32,311</b>	<b>32,311</b>

## 3 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Connecting Canterbury	—	7,319	7,319	—	11,079	11,079
Refugee Fund	39,752	12,746	52,498	41,362	23,983	65,345
Break the Cycle	—	44,456	44,456	—	52,285	52,285
Acts 435	—	14,256	14,256	—	13,992	13,992
Support costs	93,985	—	93,985	45,447	—	45,447
Governance costs (see note 4)	6,700	—	6,700	4,100	—	4,100
	<b>140,437</b>	<b>78,777</b>	<b>219,214</b>	<b>90,909</b>	<b>101,339</b>	<b>192,248</b>

## 4 Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Auditor's remuneration	<b>6,700</b>	<b>4,100</b>

## 5 Trustees' remuneration

No Trustees received any remuneration or benefits in kind during the year (2023 - £nil).

Jonathan Arnold received £2,495 of reimbursed expenses during 2024 (2023 - £3,236).

Karen Adams did not act as a trustee during 2024 (2023 - £596.50).

Jeremy Cross received £34.40 of reimbursed expenses during 2024 (2023 - £nil).

Notes to the accounts 31 December 2024

**6 Debtors**

	2024 £	2023 £
Prepayments	841	441
Gift Aid recoverable	4,644	6,822
CDBF intercompany	—	459
	<b>5,485</b>	<b>7,722</b>

**7 Creditors**

	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Amounts falling due within one year</b>		
Amount due to parent charity (note 11)	13,086	17,097
Accruals and deferred income	6,610	5,455
	<b>19,696</b>	<b>22,552</b>

**8 Statement of funds**

2024	Brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Carried forward £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General funds	15,476	122,886	(140,437)	(2,075)
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Connecting Canterbury	12,051	11,385	(7,319)	16,117
Refugee Fund	28,472	37,749	(12,746)	53,474
Break the Cycle	70,921	37,700	(44,456)	64,165
Acts 435	2,780	14,040	(14,256)	2,564
<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>114,224</b>	<b>100,874</b>	<b>(78,777)</b>	<b>136,321</b>
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>129,700</b>	<b>223,760</b>	<b>(219,214)</b>	<b>134,246</b>

2023	Brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Carried forward £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General funds	20,130	86,255	(90,909)	15,476
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Connecting Canterbury	12,550	10,580	(11,079)	12,051
Refugee Fund	23,891	28,564	(23,983)	28,472
Break the Cycle	80,645	42,561	(52,285)	70,921
Acts 435	2,217	14,555	(13,992)	2,780
<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>119,303</b>	<b>96,260</b>	<b>(101,339)</b>	<b>114,224</b>
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>139,433</b>	<b>182,515</b>	<b>(192,248)</b>	<b>129,700</b>

### Restricted Funds

- a) Connecting Canterbury - this fund offers signposting, support and help to those in need.
- b) Refugee Fund – this fund helps refugees adapt to a new life in the UK.
- c) Break the Cycle - this fund offers supported housing to those released from prison who are trapped in a cycle of homelessness and re-offending.
- d) Acts 435 -This fund receives direct funding for specifically identified needs as part of the national Acts 435 network.

### 9 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Current assets	15,111	138,831	153,942
Creditors due within one year	(17,186)	(2,510)	(19,696)
	<u>(2,075)</u>	<u>136,321</u>	<u>134,246</u>

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Current assets	35,165	117,087	152,252
Creditors due within one year	(19,689)	(2,863)	(22,552)
	<u>15,476</u>	<u>114,224</u>	<u>129,700</u>

### 10 Related party transactions

The financial statements do not include disclosure of transactions between the company and entities which are part of the Canterbury Diocesan Board of Finance group. This is because as a subsidiary whose shares are wholly owned within the group, it is exempt from the requirements to disclose such transactions under FRS 102 Section 33.1A.

### 11 Ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party

The company's ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party is Canterbury Diocesan Board of Finance, a registered charity (Charity Registration Number: 249972) and a company limited by guarantee (Company Registration Number: 00145650 (England and Wales)).

The company's financial statements are consolidated with those of Canterbury Diocesan Board of Finance. Copies of these consolidated financial statements may be obtained from:

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