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Champness Hall Trust

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UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/12/2024

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/12/2024**

**TRUSTEES**

Miss Alison Barrow (resigned 14/01/2025)  
Mr Stephen Duckworth (resigned 14/01/2025)  
Mr Barry Worrail  
Mr Callum Jones  
Mrs Gemma Johnson (appointed 11/07/2024)  
Mr Michael Johnson (appointed 11/07/2024)

**SECRETARY**

Mr Stephen Duckworth

**REGISTERED OFFICE**

Champness Hall  
Drake Street  
Rochdale  
Lancashire  
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**COMPANY NUMBER**

09364801

**CHARITY NUMBER**

1160953

**ACCOUNTANTS**

Gibsons Accountants Ltd  
Chartered Accountants  
226 Oldham Road  
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ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/12/2024

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/12/2024

TRUSTEES' REPORT

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31/12/2024

**PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES**

The principal activity of the charity in the year under review was the use of Champness Hall for the benefit of the residents of Rochdale and the surrounding area.

**STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

*Structure:-*

The Charity is a company limited by guarantee and is registered as a charity with the Charities Commission.

***Organisational Structure :-***

The Charity is run by the Trustees who are also directors of the Charity for the purpose of company law.

The Trustees make all decisions affecting the strategy, finance and management of the Trust, during the period the Trustees were:

Miss Alison Barrow (resigned 14/01/2025)

Mr Stephen Duckworth (resigned 14/01/2025)

Mr Barry Worrall

Mr Callum Jones

Mrs Gemma Johnson (appointed 11/07/2024)

Mr Michael Johnson (appointed 11/07/2024)

The Registered office and principal address is :-

Champness Hall, Drake Street, Rochdale, OL16 1PB.

***Business advisors***

Bankers:-

Royal Bank of Scotland

Solicitors:-

Molesworth Bright Clegg

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/12/2024

TRUSTEES' REPORT

***Trustee Recruitment & Training:-***

Trustees are recruited from individuals already familiar with the charities work, they are invited to meetings and encouraged to attend training sessions covering the obligations and responsibilities of Trustees.

***Risk Review:-***

The trustees have conducted a financial risk assessment of the major risks to which the Charity is exposed and systems have been established to minimise those risks.

***Aims and Objectives: -***

The Charities principal objective as set out in the Memorandum of Association are to further or benefit the residents of Rochdale and the surrounding area by providing facilities i.e. Champness Hall for the common effort of advancing education, social welfare and improving the conditions of life for the residents of Rochdale and the surrounding areas.

The Trustees consider this to fall within the guidance on the public benefit requirements under the Charities Act 2011.

***Strategies: -***

The Trustees are looking to promote the building, its history and to make Champness Hall a hub for the community and its residents, they are looking to use the facilities for music and social events for the Rochdale community.

***Achievements and performance: -***

The trusts funding has come from rent and services charges to the tenants of Champness Hall, whom are mainly charitable organisations.

The aim of the trust is to build up the charities reserves so that it will be able to maintain the building and improve the facilities and further its objectives.

The Charity had a net surplus during the year of £2,227 (surplus 2023 £ 3,031) which has been added to reserves.

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/12/2024

TRUSTEES' REPORT

*Trustees' responsibility for the accounts*

The trustees (who are directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors 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 charity and the income and expenditure for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- \*Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently; ' Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- \* Prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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

In accordance with company law, as the company's directors, we confirm that:

The report was prepared in accordance with the special provisions within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 15/09/2025.



Mr Stephen Duckworth  
Company Secretary

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/12/2024**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF CHAMPNESS HALL TRUST**

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31/12/2024.

**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 trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to an audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS STATEMENT**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commissioners.

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 and unusual items or disclosure in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the directors concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS STATEMENT**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

-(2) to which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

  
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Date: 15/09/2025

David Gibson A.C.A.  
Gibsons Accountants Ltd  
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Statement of Financial Activities  
for the year ended 31/12/2024

				2024	2023
	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Total
		£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>					
Income from generated funds					
Grants		-	13,965	13,965	-
Income from charitable activities		69,969	-	69,969	70,253
<b>Total Income and endowments</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>69,969</b>	<b>13,965</b>	<b>83,934</b>	<b>70,253</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Costs of generating funds					
Expenditure on Charitable activities	12	67,742	13,965	81,707	67,222
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>67,742</b>	<b>13,965</b>	<b>81,707</b>	<b>67,222</b>
<b>Net gains on investments</b>		-	-	-	-
<b>Net Income</b>		<b>2,227</b>	-	<b>2,227</b>	<b>3,031</b>
<b>Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets</b>		-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds:</b>					
<b>Net income for the year</b>		<b>2,227</b>	-	<b>2,227</b>	<b>3,031</b>
Total funds brought forward		875,610	-	875,610	872,579
<b>Net funds carried forward</b>		<b>877,837</b>	-	<b>877,837</b>	<b>875,610</b>

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



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BALANCE SHEET AT 31/12/2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	3	800,194	800,259
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors (amounts falling due within one year)	4	413	-
Cash at bank and in hand		113,886	82,881
		114,299	82,881
<b>CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	5	36,656	7,530
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		77,643	75,351
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		877,837	875,610
<b>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>			
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	7		
General fund		855,102	839,015
Designated funds		22,735	36,595
		877,837	875,610

For the year ending 31/12/2024 the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

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.

Approved by the board of trustees on 15/09/2025 and signed on their behalf by:

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Mr Barry Worrell  
Trustee

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/12/2024

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**1a. Basis of Accounting**

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with FRS102 - The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland and the Companies Act 2006 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

**1b. Incoming Resources**

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Donations are included at cost or valuation.

**1c. Resources Expended**

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

**1d. Allocation And Apportionment Of Costs**

All costs relate to the single activity of the charitable company and are recognised accordingly.

**1e. Fund Accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Designated funds are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for the specific future purposes or projects.

**1f. Depreciation**

Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets over their estimated useful lives.

Land & Buildings	0%
Equipment	25% reducing balance

### 1g. Revenue Recognition

Income represents the invoiced value of rents and services supplied by the company.

### 2. EMPLOYEES

	2024	2023
	No.	No.
Average number of employees	-	-

None of the Trustees have received any remuneration or any benefits from the charity.

Trustee expenses are detailed in note 9

### 3. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Land And Buildings £	Equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>			
At 01/01/2024	800,000	462	800,462
At 31/12/2024	800,000	462	800,462
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 01/01/2024	-	203	203
For the year	-	65	65
At 31/12/2024	-	268	268
<b>Net Book Amounts</b>			
At 31/12/2024	800,000	194	800,194
At 31/12/2023	800,000	259	800,259

Land and Buildings : No depreciation is charged as the trustees consider the carrying value is a fair value for the land and buildings, given its current condition.

### 4. DEBTORS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	413	-
	413	-

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## 5. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other creditors – accruals & deferred income	36,656	7,530
	<u>36,656</u>	<u>7,530</u>

## 6. LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

The company is limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. Each member gives a guarantee to contribute a sum not exceeding £1, to the company should it be wound up. At 31/12/2024 there were 4 members.

## 7. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	Brought forward	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£
General fund	839,015	69,969	(53,882)	-	855,102
Building Fund	36,595	-	(13,860)	-	22,735
	<u>875,610</u>	<u>69,969</u>	<u>(67,742)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>877,837</u>

### Building Fund

The building fund is a designated fund for the improvement of the facilities and amenities.

## 8. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Brought forward	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£
RMBC - Heritage Action Zone	-	13,965	(13,965)	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>13,965</u>	<u>(13,965)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

### RMBC - Heritage Action Zone

This fund provides funding for the renovation works on Champness Hall.

### National Lottery Communities Fund

This fund provides funding for staff salaries.

## 9. TRUSTEES EXPENSES

During the year the trustees received travel expenses as follows: -

	2024	2023
Mr Steven Duckworth	£-	£247
Mr Barry Worrall	£74	£-

## 10. INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

The independent examiner received fees of £1,500 (2023 £1,410) for the preparation and examination of the accounts.

## 11. ANALYSIS OF INCOMING RESOURCES

	2024	2024	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
Incoming resources from generated funds- Grants				
RMBC Heritage Action Zone	-	13,965	13,965	-
Incoming resources from charitable activities				
Rents & service Charges	68,019	-	68,019	70,253
Events	1,950	-	1,950	-
	69,969	13,965	83,934	71,253

12. ANALYSIS OF RESOURCES EXPENDED

	2024	2024	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
<b>Costs of Charitable Activities</b>				
Advertising & sponsorship	259	-	259	442
Rates	1,422	-	1,422	320
Insurance	7,299	-	7,299	5,751
Water rates	1,930	-	1,930	1,851
Heat & light	22,501	-	22,501	14,342
Cleaning	3,800	-	3,800	4,359
Repairs & renewals	15,552	13,965	29,517	34,607
Casual wages	1,040	-	1,040	-
Training	-	-	-	390
Website costs	205	-	205	42
Trustees travel expenses	74	-	74	247
Postage	26	-	26	-
Consultancy fees	9,348	-	9,348	-
Telephone	2,559	-	2,559	2,774
Depreciation of equipment	65	-	65	87
Sundry expenses	64	-	64	363
	66,144	13,965	80,109	65,575

	2024	2024	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
<b>Governance Costs</b>				
Independent examiners fee	300	-	300	270
Accountancy fee	1,200	-	1,200	1,140
Annual return fee	64	-	64	40
Stationery & office costs	34	-	34	178
AGM & Meeting costs	-	-	-	19
	1,598	-	1,598	1,647

Total Expenditure	67,222	13,965	81,707	67,222
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