

# LEIGH NEIGHBOURS PROJECT

England & Wales - Charity number 1161291

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2015-04-15

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE "THE PROMOTION FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC OF URBAN REGENERATION IN THE AREA OF LEIGH BOUNDED BY TWIST LANE, ATHERLEIGH WAY, KIRKHALL LANE AND LEIGH ROAD/MARKET STREET/KING STREET BY THE FOLLOWING MEANS:(A) THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION, TRAINING OR RETRAINING, PARTICULARLY AMONG UNEMPLOYED PEOPLE, AND PROVIDING UNEMPLOYED PEOPLE WITH WORK EXPERIENCE:(B) THE PROVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE OR BUSINESS ADVICE OR CONSULTANCY IN ORDER TO PROVIDE TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR UNEMPLOYED PEOPLE IN CASES OF FINANCIAL OR OTHER CHARITABLE NEED THROUGH HELP:(I) IN SETTING UP THEIR OWN BUSINESS, OR (II) TO EXISTING BUSINESSES:(C) THE PROVISION OF HOUSING FOR THOSE WHO ARE IN CONDITIONS OF NEED AND THE IMPROVEMENT OF HOUSING IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR OR IN CHARITABLE OWNERSHIP PROVIDED THAT SUCH POWER SHALL NOT EXTEND TO RELIEVING ANY LOCAL AUTHORITIES OR OTHER BODIES OF A STATUTORY DUTY TO PROVIDE OR IMPROVE HOUSING:(D) THE PROVISION OR ASSISTANCE IN THE PROVISION OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR THE PUBLIC AT LARGE OR THOSE WHO BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABLEMENT, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES, HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES:(E) THE PROMOTION OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND PREVENTION OF CRIME.

**Activities:** Promotion of for the benefit of the public of urban regeneration in the area of Leigh bounded by Twist Lane, Atherleigh Way, Kirkhall Lane and Leigh Road/Market Street/King Street by a wide variety of activities.

## Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Other Finance, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Wigan

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£41,256	£42,665	-	-
2024-03-31	£65,301	£75,977	-	-
2023-03-31	£124,658	£67,396	-	-
2022-03-31	£53,470	£75,037	-	-
2021-03-31	£306,393	£99,257	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andrew Sharrock		2020-04-21
CLlr Dane Kevan Anderton		2022-05-31
HELEN AHMED		2015-04-15
Nicola Jane Ratcliffe		2020-04-21

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# Accounts

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# **LEIGH NEIGHBOURS PROJECT**

Charity number 1161291

Company number CE003912

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



Greater Merseyside Community  
Accountancy Service

# **LEIGH NEIGHBOURS PROJECT**

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

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**Prepared by the Greater Merseyside Community Accountancy Service**



# **LEIGH NEIGHBOURS PROJECT**

## **Trustees' report continued**

### **Activities**

The charity undertakes a wide variety of activities in order to achieve its objectives.

Primarily these include:

- The purchase and refurbishment of residential housing
- Promoting community spirit through events and activities
- Supporting local schools
- Helping local people be active by supporting bike repair workshops and walking initiatives
- Helping improve community health through mindfulness workshops

### **Public benefit**

The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake. As described briefly earlier, Trustees have delivered a range of events and activities which deliver a public benefit for the specific area of Leigh where the charity operates. These have included:

- The continued development of a community garden on Gordon Street. This is a green community space which provides a haven for local residents. The garden is managed by local resident volunteers. It is used for community events and activities.
- Financial support for primary age children to attend the Sacred Heart Summer School - a learning week for local children during the summer holidays designed to minimise the effects of the 'Summer Dip'. Twenty children from the area who wouldn't ordinarily qualify for the scheme are sponsored and enjoy the educational and social benefits of the scheme.
- The distribution of funds for local projects. These have included environmental improvements, the refurbishment of the Kingsleigh Community Centre and Christmas donations for those in need to local schools

### **Achievements and performance**

The charity has completed the delivery of the 2022 – 2024 Community Plan. This has a focus on physical and mental health for both adults and children.

### **Active Travel**

- The charity has held a number of Dr Bike workshops. These provide free bike safety and repair workshops where people of all ages have their bikes repaired and receive safety advice, lights and other safety equipment. These have been held for a number of years now and continue to prove popular.
- The charity has worked with local schools to encourage them to deliver the 'Daily Mile' on a half termly basis. This is one of the most joyous of the events that the charity supports, with hundreds of children chattering and laughing.
- The charity continues to lobby the local authority to make improvements to active travel infrastructure in the local area.

### **Housing**

- The two terraced houses that the charity owns have been leased to Wigan Council via the Wigan Ethical Lettings Agency. The houses provide affordable accommodation to two local families.
- The charity works in partnership with the local authority to identify suitable houses to purchase and refurbish and lease to local families

### **Physical and Mental Health**

- The maintenance of the community garden has been taken on by a team of local volunteers
- Planting workshops were delivered for residents and for local schools. These gave over 100 children an out of classroom learning experience.
- Funded the delivery of a series of Mindfulness workshops for local people who aren't 'okay' but who don't need medical interventions.

# LEIGH NEIGHBOURS PROJECT

## Trustees' report continued

### Young People and Education

- Financial support has been provided so that local pupils could attend the Sacred Heart Primary Summer School
- Held school holiday art and craft clubs
- Provided funding to enable local schools to engage Play Therapist and Sensory Workers.

### Partnerships which are strong and productive

- The charity has continued to work with a range of statutory and voluntary sector partners, including Princes Trust, the Turnpike Gallery, Gearing Up, Wigan Council, local schools and Atherton & Leigh Foodbank.

### External Funding

- The charity has continued to explore alternative grant funding for charity projects and events.

### Marketing and Publicity

- The charity has maintained a permanent web presence through a website
- The charity promotes its own events and activities, as well as those of other local organisations, through Facebook posts.

### Future Plans

The charity has drafted a Business plan which is being reviewed before being formally signed off. Trustees will continue to focus on delivery on the plan, which includes the following priorities:

- **Housing** – continuing working with the Council and others to raise the standard of housing in the area. Our properties in Selwyn Street properties, leased to the Wigan Council via Wigan Ethical Lettings Agency, provides affordable housing for local resident families.
- **Physical and Mental Health** – working with partner organisations, including local schools and other organisations to support the physical and mental health of residents.
- **Young People and Education** – to provide support for young people both in formal education settings and as residents. This includes funding for specialist support workers in local primary schools
- **Active Travel** – encouraging local people to walk and cycle more as one part of the mental and physical health wellbeing jigsaw. Engagement with the Local Authority around active travel and the introduction of an Active Travel Neighbourhood
- **Partnerships which are strong and productive** – working with the many partners that the project has now to support local residents, to improve relations and to make the area a better place to live
- **External funding** – sourcing external grants and sponsorship which will help deliver the project outcomes through the project activities

# **LEIGH NEIGHBOURS PROJECT**

## **Trustees' report continued**

### **Financial Review**

**Overview** The charity had a surplus, before transfers, on unrestricted funds of £10,721 for the year, as the charity continues to be able to add to its unrestricted funds to ensure that there are funds available to enable it to operate beyond the life of the current funding regime.

**Reserves** Because of the nature of the lottery grant funding which the charity receives it doesn't have a formal reserves' policy - because unspent monies at the end of a funding cycle have to be returned. The charity has established a 'Legacy Fund' which contains funds which have been generated. This fund will be used once the lottery grant fund has been exhausted.

**Free reserves**, unrestricted funds not invested in fixed assets or otherwise designated, stood at £129,361 at the year end.

**Going concern** The trustees have no concerns about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern as it continues to enjoy the benefit of the lottery funding and has established the Legacy Fund.

### **Structure Governance and Management**

**Members of the charity** The only members of the charity are its trustees.

**Appointment of trustees** The trustees are appointed by resolution of the trustees for a term of four years.

**Trustee induction and training** The charity has an established process whereby prospective members are screened and make a formal written application to join. A secret ballot is held and those successful applicants receive an induction pack which includes documents such as the Code of Conduct and Values

**Organisation** The charity meets on a quarterly basis and deals with a range of strategic and operational matters at these meetings. It contracts officers to help deliver the Community Plan and to provide professional expertise and advice with regard the management of funds and the delivery of a Communications and PR strategy. Scrutiny of applications for funding.

**Related parties** There are no related party transactions that are required to be disclosed.

**Co-operation with other organisations/charities** The charity works closely with other organisations in the area such as the foodbank and local residents' groups.

# **LEIGH NEIGHBOURS PROJECT**

## **Trustees' report continued**

### **TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Charity 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 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 (FRS 102) (second edition – October 2019);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that 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 Charities Act 2011. 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.

### **APPROVAL**

Approved by the Trustees and signed on its behalf by:

*Helen Ahmed*

Helen Ahmed  
Trustee

29th January 2026

# **LEIGH NEIGHBOURS PROJECT**

## **Independent examiner's report on the accounts of LEIGH NEIGHBOURS PROJECT for the year ending 31 March 2025**

I report on the accounts of the charity set out on pages 8 to 14.

### **Respective responsibilities of the trustees and the examiner**

As the charity's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and 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**

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

*Jane Williams*

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**Greater Merseyside Community Accountancy Service**  
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29th January 2026

# LEIGH NEIGHBOURS PROJECT

## Statement of Financial Activities for the year ending 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025	2025	2025	2024
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		funds	funds	funds	funds
		£	£	£	£
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b>					
Grants and donations	(2)	95	-	95	80
Charitable activities	(3)	9,867	28,187	38,054	63,228
Investment income - bank interest		3,107	-	3,107	1,993
<b>Total receipts</b>		<u>13,069</u>	<u>28,187</u>	<u>41,256</u>	<u>65,301</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Expenditure on charitable activities		2,348	40,317	42,665	75,977
<b>Total payments</b>		<u>2,348</u>	<u>40,317</u>	<u>42,665</u>	<u>75,977</u>
<b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>		<u>10,721</u>	<u>(12,130)</u>	<u>(1,409)</u>	<u>(10,676)</u>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>		-	-	-	-
<b>Cash fund balances brought forward</b>		<u>318,976</u>	<u>45,826</u>	<u>364,802</u>	<u>375,478</u>
<b>Cash fund balances carried forward</b>		<u>329,697</u>	<u>33,696</u>	<u>363,393</u>	<u>364,802</u>

# LEIGH NEIGHBOURS PROJECT

## Balance sheet

as at 31 March 2025

	2025 Unrestricted £	2025 Restricted £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>				
Tangible Assets	200,336	-	200,336	200,336
<b>Total fixed assets</b>	<u>200,336</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>200,336</u>	<u>200,336</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Debtors and prepayments	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	130,111	33,696	163,807	175,644
<b>Total current assets</b>	<u>130,111</u>	<u>33,696</u>	<u>163,807</u>	<u>175,644</u>
<b>Current liabilities:</b>				
<b>amounts falling due within one year</b>				
Creditors and accruals	750	-	750	11,179
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<u>750</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>750</u>	<u>11,179</u>
<b>Net current assets / (liabilities)</b>	<u>129,361</u>	<u>33,696</u>	<u>163,057</u>	<u>164,465</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	<u>329,697</u>	<u>33,696</u>	<u>363,393</u>	<u>364,801</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after one year</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net assets</b>	<u>329,697</u>	<u>33,696</u>	<u>363,393</u>	<u>364,801</u>
<b>Funds</b>				
Restricted Funds		33,696	33,696	45,826
Unrestricted funds	329,697		329,697	318,976
<b>Total Funds</b>	<u>329,697</u>	<u>33,696</u>	<u>363,393</u>	<u>364,802</u>

The financial statements were approved at a meeting of the trustees held on 29th January 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

*Helen Ahmed*

Helen Ahmed  
Trustee

# LEIGH NEIGHBOURS PROJECT

## Notes to the accounts

### for the year ending 31 March 2025

#### 1 Accounting Policies

##### Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared: under the historic cost convention; in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) effective January 1 2019 (second edition – October 2019); FRS102; and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a ‘true and fair’ view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a ‘true and fair view’. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

The accounts are prepared in £ sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity.

##### Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

##### Income recognition

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably. The following applies to particular types of income:

**Grants**, whether of a capital or revenue nature, are recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions have been met and it is probable that the income will be received.

**Donations** from individuals and other bodies (not being of the nature of a grant) are recognised when receivable.

##### Deferred income

Income is only deferred and included in creditors when:

- The income relates to a future accounting period
- A sales invoice has been raised ahead of the work being carried out and there is no contractual entitlement to the income until the work has been done
- Not all the terms and conditions of the grant have been met, including the incurring of expenditure and the grant conditions are such that unspent grant must be refunded

# **LEIGH NEIGHBOURS PROJECT**

## **Notes to the accounts**

### **for the year ending 31 March 2025**

#### **Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT**

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

Costs of raising funds including those associated with fundraising activities, managing investments and commercial trading by the subsidiary company.

Charitable activities costs of undertaking the work of the charity.

The charity is not registered for VAT and cannot recover any input tax charged. Costs are stated inclusive of VAT were charged.

#### **Allocation of support costs**

Support costs are those functions which assist the work of the charity either by supporting the delivery of charitable activities or by supporting the generation of funds. The basis of allocations is set out in note 5.

#### **Grants**

As part of the Big Local funding the charity makes grants to local residents for any purpose that meets the community plan. As part of the Big Local Funding the charity makes grants to local organisations to improve the environment and community facilities and to relieve hardship and poverty.

**Grant commitments are recognised when the grant is awarded.**

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation Individual fixed assets costing more than £1,000 are capitalised at cost and are depreciated over their estimated useful lives. The charity does not currently have any fixed assets.

#### **Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due and prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

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

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

#### **Creditors and provisions**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity 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.

#### **Financial instruments**

The charity has only basic financial instruments which are initially recorded at cost, subsequently measured at their settlement value.

# LEIGH NEIGHBOURS PROJECT

## Notes to the accounts continued

### for the year ending 31 March 2025

<b>2 Donations</b>	2025 Unrestricted funds £	2025 Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £	
Donations	95	-	95	80	
	<u>95</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>80</u>	
<b>3 Income from Charitable Activities</b>	2025 Unrestricted funds £	2025 Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £	
Big Local	-	28,187	28,187	51,408	
Other Income	-	-	-	220	
Wigan MBC	-	-	-	2,000	
Rent and Room Hire	9,867	-	9,867	9,600	
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	
	<u>9,867</u>	<u>28,187</u>	<u>38,054</u>	<u>63,228</u>	
<b>4 Charitable Expenditure</b>	2025 Unrestricted funds £	2025 Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £	
<b>Grants</b>					
Individuals	-	423	423	2,310	
Institutions	-	18,307	18,307	2,500	
	<u>-</u>	<u>18,730</u>	<u>18,730</u>	<u>4,810</u>	
Consultancy Fees	-	9,799	9,799	21,386	
Project Expenses	-	4,868	4,868	36,954	
Newsletter & Communications	-	-	-	78	
Support Costs	2,348	6,920	9,268	12,749	
	<u>2,348</u>	<u>21,587</u>	<u>23,935</u>	<u>71,167</u>	
<b>Total Charitable Expenditure</b>	<u>2,348</u>	<u>40,317</u>	<u>42,665</u>	<u>75,977</u>	
<b>4a Movements of restricted and general funds</b>	Opening Balance 01/04/2024	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Closing Balance 31/03/2025
<b>General Fund</b>	<u>318,976</u>	<u>13,069</u>	<u>2,348</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>329,697</u>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
Big Local	44,273	28,187	40,317	-	32,143
Wigan MBC - Active Travel	1,553	-	-	-	1,553
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Restricted fund totals</b>	<u>45,826</u>	<u>28,187</u>	<u>40,317</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33,696</u>

It is intended that the restricted fund balances will be expended in 2025/26.

# LEIGH NEIGHBOURS PROJECT

## Notes to the accounts continued

### for the year ended 31 March 2025

#### 4b Grants awarded

Individuals: As part of the Big Local funding the charity makes grants to local residents for any purpose that meets the community plan. During the year it made 2 grants (2024 - 3)

#### Grants to Institutions

As part of the Big Local funding the charity makes grants to local organisations to improve the environment and community facilities, to relieve hardship and poverty, and fund a play therapist. Grants are analysed as follows:

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	£	£
Community Garden	423	271
Leigh Central Primary School	7,331	999
Leigh St Mary's Primary School	4,415	500
Sacred Heart Catholic Church	6,561	2,700
St John CE Infant School	-	340
	<u>18,730</u>	<u>4,810</u>

#### 5 Support & Governance Costs

			<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>Governance</b>	<b>Other Support Costs</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
	£	£	£	£
Finance Services	-	5,989	5,989	10,065
Accountancy	750	-	750	1,200
Insurance	479	1,008	1,487	436
Premises Costs	-	-	-	275
Office costs & Other costs	-	1,042	1,042	773
	<u>1,229</u>	<u>8,039</u>	<u>9,268</u>	<u>12,749</u>

Costs that can be wholly attributed to either support or governance are allocated directly to those functions, and other costs are allocated either on the basis of the estimation of time spent (staff costs) or consumption of resources (office costs).

#### 6 Trustee remuneration and expenses

	£	£
Total amount paid	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

No trustees received any expenses during the period. (2024: None)

#### 7 Staff Information

The charity does not have any employees.

The key management personnel comprises the trustees and the freelance project manager.

# LEIGH NEIGHBOURS PROJECT

## Notes to the accounts continued for the year ended 31 March 2025

<b>8 Tangible Fixed Assets</b>	<b>Land &amp;</b>	<b>Total</b>	
<b>Cost</b>	<b>Buildings</b>	<b>£</b>	
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	
As at April 1 2024	200,336	200,336	
Additions	-	-	
As at March 31 2025	<u>200,336</u>	<u>200,336</u>	
<b>Depreciation</b>			
As at April 1 2024	-	-	
Additions	-	-	
As at March 31 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	
<b>Net Book Value</b>			
As at March 31 2025	<u>200,336</u>	<u>200,336</u>	
As at March 31 2024	<u>200,336</u>	<u>200,336</u>	
<b>9 Debtors</b>			
Income receivable	-	-	
Prepayments & other debtors	-	-	
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	
<b>10 Creditors falling due within one year</b>			
Trade creditors	-	7,765	
Accruals	750	3,414	
	<u>750</u>	<u>11,179</u>	
<b>11 Analysis of Company Net Assets between funds</b>			
Fund balances at March 31 2025 are represented by:-	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>£</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Fixed assets	200,336	-	200,336
Net Current assets	130,111	33,696	163,807
	<u>330,447</u>	<u>33,696</u>	<u>364,143</u>
<b>Fund balances at March 31 2024 are represented by:-</b>			
Fixed assets	200,336	-	200,336
Net Current assets	118,640	45,826	164,466
	<u>318,976</u>	<u>45,826</u>	<u>364,802</u>

### 12 Taxation

The Company is a registered charity and is entitled to claim annual exemption from UK corporation tax.

### 13 Capital Commitments

At March 2025 the charity had capital commitments (authorised and contracted for)

### 14 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions that required to be disclosed in this or the previous year.

**LEIGH NEIGHBOURS PROJECT**

England & Wales - Charity number 1161291

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# Accounts

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**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR**  
**THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31 2024**

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31 2024**

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**LEIGH NEIGHBOURS PROJECT  
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31 2024**

The trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended March 31 2024.

**REPORTING FRAMEWORK**

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the foundation document, and 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) (effective 1 January 2019), referred to as the Charities SORP (FRS 102) (second edition – October 2019).

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Charitable objects**

The charitable objectives are:

The promotion, for the benefit, of the public, of urban regeneration in the area of Leigh bounded by Twist lane, Atherleigh Way, Kirkall Lane and Leigh Road/Market Street/King Street by the following means:

- (a) The advancement of education, training or retraining, particularly among unemployed people, and providing unemployed people with work experience:
- (b) The provision of financial assistance, technical assistance or business advice or consultancy in order to provide training and employment opportunities for unemployed people in cases of financial or other charitable need, through help:
  - (i) in setting up their own business, or
  - (ii) to existing businesses:
- (c) The provision of housing for those who are in conditions of need and the improvement of housing in the public sector or in charitable ownership provided that such power shall not extend to relieving any local authorities or other bodies of a statutory duty to provide or improve housing:
- (d) The provision or assistance in the provision of recreational facilities for the public at large or those who by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial; hardship or social and economic circumstances, have need of such facilities;
- (e) The promotion of public safety and the prevention of crime.

**Activities**

The charity undertakes a wide variety of activities in order to achieve its objectives. Primarily these include:

- Developing community facilities
- Promoting community spirit by way of the big Lunch events and activities, summer arts projects, and residents' fund bids;
- Improving crime and community safety including a 'Be Seen, Be safe' campaign and 'Stop and Lock' community safety campaign run in partnership with Greater Manchester police; and
- Providing education, employment and training assistance through an apprenticeship scheme.

**Public benefit**

The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake. As described briefly earlier, Trustees have delivered a range of events and activities which deliver a public benefit for the specific area of Leigh where the charity operates. These have included:

- the establishment of a community allotment on public land on Railway Road. This is a space where herbs, vegetables and fruit are grown for public consumption by Trustees with the help and support of local resident volunteer.
- the continued development of a community garden on Gordon Street. This is a green community space which provides a haven for local residents. The garden is managed a Trustee and her husband and is supported by local children who have formed themselves into a 'Gardening Gang'.
- Financial support for primary age children to attend the Sacred Heart Summer School - a learning week for local children during the summer holidays designed to minimise the effects of the 'Summer Dip'. Twenty children from the area who wouldn't ordinarily qualify for the scheme are sponsored and enjoy the educational and social benefits of the scheme.
- The distribution of funds for local projects which serve to provide improvements to the area, such as the environmental improvements to the Selwyn Street backs or the refurbishment of the Klingsleigh Community Centre.

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**ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

The charity has continued with the delivery of the 2022 – 2024 Community Plan. This has a focus on physical and mental health for both adults and children.

**Active Travel**

- The Bike Library was wound down when the local authority decided to use the idea to deliver their own bike library for residents across Leigh and the surrounding area. The council bike library is based at Leigh Sports Village and has proved successful.
- The charity has held a number of Dr Bike workshops. These provide free bike safety and repair workshops where people of all ages have their bikes repaired and receive safety advice, lights and other safety equipment. These have been held for a number of years now and continue to prove popular.
- The charity has worked with local schools to encourage them to deliver the Daily Mile on a half termly basis. This is one of the most joyous of the events that the charity supports, with hundreds of children chattering and laughing as they walk the local pavements.

**Housing**

- The two terraced houses that the charity owns have been let to Wigan Council via the Wigan Ethical Lettings Agency. The houses provide affordable accommodation to two local families.

**Physical and Mental Health**

- The maintenance of the community garden has been taken on by a team of local volunteers
- Hanging Basket workshops were delivered for residents and for local schools. These gave over 100 children an out of classroom learning experience.
- Provided financial support for local schools at Christmas

**Young People and Education**

- Financial support has been provided so that local pupils could attend the Sacred Heart Primary Summer School
- Held school holiday art and craft clubs
- Provided funding to enable local schools to engage Play Therapist and Sensory Workers.

**Partnerships which are strong and productive**

- The charity has continued to work with a range of statutory and voluntary sector partners, including Princes Trust, the Turnpike Gallery, Gearing Up, Wigan Council, local schools and Atherton & Leigh Foodbank.

**External Funding**

- The charity has continued to explore alternative grant funding for charity projects and events.

**Marketing and Publicity**

- The charity has maintained a permanent web presence through a website
- The charity promotes its own events and activities, as well as those of other local organisations, through Facebook and Twitter (X) posts.

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**FUTURE PLANS**

The current two-year Big Local Plan was formally approved in April 2023. Trustees will continue to focus on delivery on the plan, which includes the following priorities:

- **Housing** – continuing working with the Council and others to raise the standard of housing in the area. Our properties in Selwyn Street properties, leased to the Wigan Council via Wigan Ethical Lettings Agency, provides affordable housing for local resident families.
- **Physical and Mental Health** – working with partner organisations, including local schools and Andy's Man Club, to support the physical and mental health of residents. Delivery of a Mental Health Pilot Project. Ongoing support of local walking groups. Provision of First Aid Courses for local residents.
- **Young People and Education** – to provide support for young people both in formal education settings and as residents including funding for specialist support workers in local primary schools
- **Active Travel** – encouraging local people to walk and cycle more as one part of the mental and physical health wellbeing jigsaw. Engagement with the Local Authority around active travel and the introduction of an Active Travel Neighbourhood
- **Partnerships which are strong and productive** – working with the many partners that the project has now to support local residents, to improve relations and to make the area a better place to live
- **External funding** – sourcing external grants and sponsorship which will help deliver the project outcomes through the project activities

Trustees are also working on sustainability plans for after the end of Big Local Funding

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Overview**

The charity had a surplus, before transfers, on unrestricted funds of £14,026 for the year, as the charity continues to be able to add to its unrestricted funds to ensure that there are funds available to enable it to operate beyond the life of the current funding regime.

**Reserves**

Because of the nature of the lottery grant funding which the charity receives it doesn't have a formal reserves' policy - because unspent monies at the end of a funding cycle have to be returned. The charity has established a 'Legacy Fund' which contains funds which have been generated. This fund will be used once the lottery grant fund has been exhausted.

Free reserves, unrestricted funds not invested in fixed assets or otherwise designated, stood at £118,640 at the year end.

**Going concern**

The trustees have no concerns about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern as it continues to enjoy the benefit of the lottery funding and has established the legacy fund.

**STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, registered with the Charity Commission, governed by its foundation model constitution dated April 15 2015, as amended on April 30 2020.

**Members of the charity**

The only members of the charity are its trustees

**Appointment of trustees**

The trustees are appointed by resolution of the trustees for a term of four years.

**Trustee induction and training**

The charity has an established process whereby prospective members are screened and make a formal written application to join. A secret ballot is held and those successful applicants receive an induction pack which includes documents such as the Code of Conduct and Values.

**Organisation**

The charity meets on a monthly basis and deals with a range of strategic and operational matters at these meetings. It contracts officers to help deliver the Community Plan and to provide professional expertise and advice with regard the management of funds

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and the delivery of a Communications and PR strategy. Scrutiny of applications for funding, the accounts and financial management generally is delegated to a Finance Committee, which meets on a monthly basis. All delegated decisions are approved by the full Trustee Board.

**Related parties**

There are no related party transactions that are required to be disclosed.

**Co-operation with other organisations/charities**

The charity works closely with other organisations in the area such as the foodbank and local residents' groups.

**TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Charity 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 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 (FRS 102) (second edition – October 2019);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that 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 Charities Act 2011. 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.

**APPROVAL**

Approved by the Trustees and signed on its behalf by:

– trustee

Helen Ahmed

Date:

22/1/25

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT  
TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE LEIGH NEIGHBOURS PROJECT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31 2024**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended March 31 2024 which are set out on pages 7 to 15.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and 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**

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.



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Date: 29/01/2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (including the income and expenditure account)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds:</b>					
Donations	2	80	-	80	109
Charitable activities	3	13,518	49,710	63,228	124,142
Investment income - bank interest		1,993	-	1,993	406
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<u>15,591</u>	<u>49,710</u>	<u>65,301</u>	<u>124,657</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>					
Expenditure on charitable activities	4	1,565	74,412	75,977	67,396
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<u>1,565</u>	<u>74,412</u>	<u>75,977</u>	<u>67,396</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) BEFORE TRANSFERS</b>					
		14,026	(24,702)	(10,676)	57,261
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>	6	14,026	(24,702)	(10,676)	57,261
<b>TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD</b>	11	<u>304,950</u>	<u>70,528</u>	<u>375,478</u>	<u>318,217</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	11	<u>318,976</u>	<u>45,826</u>	<u>364,802</u>	<u>375,478</u>

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT MARCH 31 2024**

	Notes	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible fixed assets	8		<b>200,336</b>		200,336
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	9		-		-
Cash at Bank and in Hand		<u>175,644</u>		<u>185,165</u>	
		<b>175,644</b>		<b>185,165</b>	
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due in one year	10		<u>11,179</u>		<u>10,022</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			<u><b>164,466</b></u>		<u>175,143</u>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>			<u><b>364,802</b></u>		<u><b>375,479</b></u>
<b>FUNDS</b>					
Unrestricted	11		<b>318,976</b>		304,950
Restricted	11		<u>45,826</u>		<u>70,528</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>			<u><b>364,802</b></u>		<u><b>375,478</b></u>

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements

Approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on: 22/1/25

Helen Ahmed.

- Trustee

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31 2024

### 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared: under the historic cost convention; in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) effective January 1 2019 (second edition – October 2019); FRS102; and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a ‘true and fair’ view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a ‘true and fair view’. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

The accounts are prepared in £ sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity.

#### Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

#### Income recognition

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably. The following applies to particular types of income:

**Grants**, whether of a capital or revenue nature, are recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions have been met and it is probable that the income will be received.

**Donations** from individuals and other bodies (not being of the nature of a grant) are recognised when receivable.

#### Deferred income

Income is only deferred and included in creditors when:

- The income relates to a future accounting period
- A sales invoice has been raised ahead of the work being carried out and there is no contractual entitlement to the income until the work has been done
- Not all the terms and conditions of the grant have been met, including the incurring of expenditure and the grant conditions are such that unspent grant must be refunded

#### Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

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

Costs of raising funds                      including those associated with fundraising activities, managing investments and commercial trading by the subsidiary company.

Charitable activities                      costs of undertaking the work of the charity.

The charity is not registered for VAT and cannot recover any input tax charged. Costs are stated inclusive of VAT were charged.

#### Allocation of support costs

Support costs are those functions which assist the work of the charity either by supporting the delivery of charitable activities or by supporting the generation of funds. The basis of allocations is set out in note 5.

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**1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**Grants**

As part of the Big Local funding the charity makes grants to local residents for any purpose that meets the community plan. As part of the Big Local Funding the charity makes grants to local organisations to improve the environment and community facilities and to relieve hardship and poverty.

Grant commitments are recognised when the grant is awarded.

**Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

Individual fixed assets costing more than £1,000 are capitalised at cost and are depreciated over their estimated useful lives. The charity does not currently have any fixed assets.

**Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due and prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

**Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

**Creditors and provisions**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity 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.

**Financial instruments**

The charity has only basic financial instruments which are initially recorded at cost, subsequently measured at their settlement value.

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	2024			2023		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>2 DONATIONS</b>						
Donations	80	-	80	109	-	109
	<u>80</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>109</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>109</u>

**3 INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

Big Local Funding	3,698	47,710	51,408	3,114	115,812	118,926
Other income	220	-	220	80	-	80
Wigan MBC	-	2,000	2,000	-	2,000	2,000
Rent and room hire	9,600	-	9,600	3,136	-	3,136
<b>Total</b>	<u>13,518</u>	<u>49,710</u>	<u>63,228</u>	<u>6,330</u>	<u>117,812</u>	<u>124,142</u>

**4 CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE**

<b>Grants</b>						
Individuals	-	271	271	-	4,500	4,500
Institutions	-	4,539	4,539	-	466	466
	<u>-</u>	<u>4,810</u>	<u>4,810</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,966</u>	<u>4,966</u>
Consultancy fees	21,386	-	21,386	25,513	-	25,513
Project expenses	36,954	-	36,954	22,807	-	22,807
Newsletter & communications	78	-	78	773	-	773
Support costs	12,749	-	12,749	13,337	-	13,337
Charged to restricted funds	(69,602)	69,602	-	(59,866)	59,866	-
	<u>1,565</u>	<u>69,602</u>	<u>71,167</u>	<u>2,564</u>	<u>59,866</u>	<u>62,430</u>
	<u>1,565</u>	<u>74,412</u>	<u>75,977</u>	<u>2,564</u>	<u>64,832</u>	<u>67,396</u>

**Grants awarded**

Individuals: As part of the Big Local funding the charity makes grants to local residents for any purpose that meets the community plan. During the year it made three grants ( 2023 - one).

Grants to institutions

As part of the Big Local Funding the charity makes grants to local organisations to improve the environment and community facilities, to relieve hardship and poverty, and fund a play therapist. Grants are analysed as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Community Garden	271	-
Leigh Central Primary School	999	500
Jubilee celebrations	-	466
Leigh St Mary's Primary School	500	500
Sacred Heart Catholic Church	2,700	2,500
ST John CE Infant School	340	1,000
	<u>4,810</u>	<u>4,966</u>

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**5 SUPPORT & GOVERNANCE COSTS**

	2024			2023		
	Other support			Other support		
	Governance	Costs	Total	Governance	Costs	Total
<i>Support costs</i>	£	£	£	£	£	£
Finance services	503	9,562	<b>10,065</b>	523	9,934	<b>10,457</b>
Accountancy	1,200	-	<b>1,200</b>	1,194	-	<b>1,194</b>
Insurance	-	436	<b>436</b>	-	657	<b>657</b>
Premises costs	-	275	<b>275</b>	-	101	<b>101</b>
Office costs & other costs		773	<b>773</b>	-	928	<b>928</b>
<b>Total support costs</b>	<b>1,703</b>	<b>11,046</b>	<b>12,749</b>	<b>1,717</b>	<b>11,620</b>	<b>13,337</b>

Costs that can be wholly attributed to either support or governance are allocated directly to those functions, and other costs are allocated either on the basis of the estimation of time spent (staff costs) or consumption of resources (office costs).

**6 NET INCOMING RESOURCES AFTER TRANSFERS**

	2024	2023
This is stated after charging/(crediting):	£	£
Accountant/Independent examiner's fees		
Report	<b>600</b>	600
Accountancy	<b>600</b>	600
Directors' remuneration & trustees' expenses	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**7 STAFF INFORMATION**

The charity does not have any employees.

The key management personnel comprise the trustees and the freelance project manager.

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<b>8 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS</b>		<b>land &amp;</b>	
<b>Cost</b>		<b>Buildings</b>	<b>Total</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
As at April 1 2023		200,336	<b>200,336</b>
Additions		-	-
As at March 31 2024		<u>200,336</u>	<u><b>200,336</b></u>
<b>Depreciation</b>			
As at April 1 2023		-	-
Charge for the year		-	-
As at March 31 2024		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net Book Value</b>			
As at March 31 2024		<u>200,336</u>	<u><b>200,336</b></u>
As at March 31 2023		<u>200,336</u>	<u>200,336</u>
	<b>2024</b>		<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>		<b>£</b>
<b>9 DEBTORS</b>			
Income receivable			-
Prepayments & other debtors		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>10 CREDITORS falling due within one year</b>			
Trade creditors		<b>7,765</b>	5,296
Accruals		<u><b>3,414</b></u>	<u>4,726</u>
		<u><b>11,179</b></u>	<u>10,022</u>

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**11 STATEMENT OF FUNDS**

	<b>Balance 01/04/2022</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>Balance 31/03/2023</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>Balance 31/03/2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Unrestricted Funds:</b>									
General fund	300,669	6,845	(2,564)	-	304,950	15,591	(1,565)	-	318,976
	<u>300,669</u>	<u>6,845</u>	<u>(2,564)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>304,950</u>	<u>15,591</u>	<u>(1,565)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>318,976</u>
<b>Restricted Funds:</b>									
Big Local Funding	16,990	115,812	(62,274)	-	70,528	47,710	(73,965)	-	44,273
GMCVO - Walking Project	558	-	(558)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wigan MBC - Bike library	-	2,000	(2,000)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wigan MBC – Active Travel	-	-	-	-	-	2,000	(447)	-	1,553
	<u>17,548</u>	<u>117,812</u>	<u>(64,832)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>70,528</u>	<u>49,710</u>	<u>(74,412)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>45,826</u>
	<u>318,217</u>	<u>124,657</u>	<u>(67,396)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>375,478</u>	<u>65,301</u>	<u>(75,977)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>364,802</u>

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**11 STATEMENT OF FUNDS (continued)**

**Transfers**

None during the year.

**Restricted funds**

It is intended that the restricted fund balances will be expended in 2024/24. The Big Local balance is split between projects as follows:

	£
Active Travel	440
Physical & Mental Health	8,375
Project Running & Delivery	17,616
Young People & Education	17,842
	<u>44,273</u>

**12 ANALYSIS OF COMPANY NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS**

*Fund balances at March 31 2024 are represented by:-*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Fixed assets	200,336	-	200,336
Net current assets	118,640	45,826	164,466
	<u>318,976</u>	<u>45,826</u>	<u>364,802</u>

*Fund balances at March 31 2023 are represented by:-*

<i>Fixed assets</i>	200,336	0	200,336
Net current assets	104,615	70,528	175,143
	<u>304,951</u>	<u>70,528</u>	<u>375,479</u>

**13 TAXATION**

The Company is a registered charity and is entitled to claim annual exemption from UK corporation tax.

**14 CAPITAL COMMITMENTS**

At March 31 2024 the charity had capital commitments (authorised and contracted for) nil (2023 - £0).

**15 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

There were no related party transactions that required to be disclosed in this or the previous year.

**LEIGH NEIGHBOURS PROJECT**

England & Wales - Charity number 1161291

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31 2023**

**TRUSTEES**

H Ahmed	
Cllr D Anderton	(appointed 31/05/22)
B Burton	(resigned 7/12/2022)
J Eckersley	
N Fallows	(appointed 31/05/22)
C Farnworth	(resigned 1/10/21)
J Gredecki	(resigned 3/03/22)
S Gredecki	(resigned 3/03/22)
N Ratcliffe	
A Sharrock	

**REGISTERED OFFICE AND  
PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS**

129 Walmesley Road  
Leigh WN7 1XN

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER  
& ACCOUNTANTS**

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HGA Accountants & Financial Consultants Ltd  
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PO Box 250  
Delf House  
Southway  
Skelmersdale WN8 6WT

**LEIGH NEIGHBOURS PROJECT  
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31 2023**

The trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended March 31 2023.

**REPORTING FRAMEWORK**

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the foundation document, and 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) (effective 1 January 2019), referred to as the Charities SORP (FRS 102) (second edition – October 2019).

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Charitable objects**

The charitable objectives are:

The promotion, for the benefit, of the public, of urban regeneration in the are of Leigh bounded by Twist lane, Atherleigh Way, Kirkall Lane and Leigh Road/Market Street/King Street by the following means:

- (a) The advancement of education, training or retraining, particularly among unemployed people, and providing unemployed people with work experience:
- (b) The provision of financial assistance, technical assistance or business advice or consultancy in order to provide training and employment opportunities for unemployed people in cases of financial or other charitable need, through help:
  - (i) in setting up their own business, or
  - (ii) to existing businesses:
- (c) The provision of housing for those who are in conditions of need and the improvement of housing in the public sector or in charitable ownership provided that such power shall not extend to relieving any local authorities or other bodies of a statutory duty to provide or improve housing:
- (d) The provision or assistance in the provision of recreational facilities for the public at large or those who by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial; hardship or social and economic circumstances, have need of such facilities;
- (e) The promotion of public safety and the prevention of crime.

**Activities**

The charity undertakes a wide variety of activities in order to achieve its objectives. Primarily these include:

- Developing community facilities
- Promoting community spirit by way of the big Lunch events and activities, summer arts projects, and residents' fund bids;
- Improving crime and community safety including a 'Be Seen, Be safe' campaign and 'Stop and Lock' community safety campaign run in partnership with Greater Manchester police; and
- Providing education, employment and training assistance through an apprenticeship scheme.

**Public benefit**

The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake. As described briefly earlier, Trustees have delivered a range of events and activities which deliver a public benefit for the specific area of Leigh where the charity operates. These have included:

- the establishment of a community allotment on public land on Railway Road. This is a space where herbs, vegetables and fruit are grown for public consumption by Trustees with the help and support of local resident volunteer.
- the continued development of a community garden on Gordon Street. This is a green community space which provides a haven for local residents. The garden is managed a Trustee and her husband and is supported by local children who have formed themselves into a 'Gardening Gang'.
- Financial support for primary age children to attend the Sacred Heart Summer School - a learning week for local children during the summer holidays designed to minimise the effects of the 'Summer Dip'. Twenty children from the area who wouldn't ordinarily qualify for the scheme are sponsored and enjoy the educational and social benefits of the scheme.
- The distribution of funds for local projects which serve to provide improvements to the area, such as the environmental improvements to the Selwyn Street backs or the refurbishment of the Klingsleigh Community Centre.

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**ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

The fundamental change this year was the implementation of our new Big Local Community Plan, which has a big focus on physical and mental health.

**Active Travel**

- The Bike Library provided bikes for loan to local adults and children – part of the activation activities around the active travel neighbourhood plans. Wigan Council have now taken over this project and greatly expanded it, so it is now available to residents throughout Leigh and Wigan Borough as a whole
- Provided in person support to Sacred Heart Primary School walking group initiative
- Held Dr Bike workshops, bike safety and repair workshops where people of all ages had their bikes repaired and received safety advice, Hi-Viz jackets, lights and other safety equipment. Overall, over 50 bikes serviced / repaired.
- We walked with local schools to encourage them to deliver the Daily Mile on a half termly basis, with over 300 adults and children participating in each event

**Housing**

- The two terraced houses on Selwyn Street were leased to Wigan Council via Wigan Ethical Lettings Agency, providing affordable housing to two local families.
- Continued to work with the Local Authority Tenants Champion, an officer dedicated to working with private rented sector tenants and landlords in the Leigh Neighbours area to tackle issues of poor property standards, management and community cohesion

**Physical and Mental Health**

- Ongoing maintenance of the community garden has been taken on by a team of local residents
- Hanging Basket workshops delivered for residents and for local schools which gave over 100 children experience of planting.
- Provided financial support for local schools at Christmas
- Provided funding through the 'Resident's Fund' initiative, including grants to local schools at Christmas to enable them to support families in need

**Young People and Education**

- Financial support provided for local pupils to attend the Sacred Heart Primary School Summer School
- Held summer holiday and half term holiday school craft clubs
- Provided funding for mental health interventions to enable local schools to engage Play Therapist and Sensory Workers.
- First aid training for young people

**Partnerships which are strong and productive**

- Continued to work with a range of statutory and voluntary sector partners, including Princes Trust, Wigan Council, local schools and Atherton & Leigh Foodbank.

**External Funding**

- Started the search for alternative grant funding for when the Big Local funding ends.

Leigh Neighbours Project has also undertaken lots of 'behind the scenes' on progress strategic initiatives on the Big Local Plan:

- Attended Big Local events to share ideas with other Big Local areas
- Extensive effort required to share the work of the project through social media (Facebook and Twitter) and the project website
- Recruited new partnership board members and Charity Trustees

We are also working closely with Local Trust, and making best use of their Close Out Guidance, to make Leigh Neighbours project a sustainable organisation when the Big Local funding ends.

**FUTURE PLANS**

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The current two-year Big Local Plan was formally approved in April 2022. Trustees will continue to focus on delivery on the plan, which includes the following priorities:

- **Housing** – continuing working with the Council and others to raise the standard of housing in the area. Our properties in Selwyn Street properties, leased to the Wigan Council via Wigan Ethical Lettings Agency, provides affordable housing for local resident families.
- **Physical and Mental Health** – working with partner organisations, including local schools and Andy's Man Club, to support the physical and mental health of residents. Delivery of a Mental Health Pilot Project. Ongoing support of local walking groups. Provision of First Aid Courses for local residents.
- **Young People and Education** – to provide support for young people both in formal education settings and as residents including funding for specialist support workers in local primary schools
- **Active Travel** – encouraging local people to walk and cycle more as one part of the mental and physical health wellbeing jigsaw. Engagement with the Local Authority around active travel and the introduction of an Active Travel Neighbourhood
- **Partnerships which are strong and productive** – working with the many partners that the project has now to support local residents, to improve relations and to make the area a better place to live
- **External funding** – sourcing external grants and sponsorship which will help deliver the project outcomes through the project activities

Trustees are also working on sustainability plans for after the end of Big Local Funding

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Overview**

The charity had a surplus, before transfers, on unrestricted funds of £4,281 for the year, as the charity continues to be able to add to its unrestricted funds to ensure that there are funds available to enable it to operate beyond the life of the current funding regime.

**Reserves**

Because of the nature of the lottery grant funding which the charity receives it doesn't have a formal reserves' policy - because unspent monies at the end of a funding cycle have to be returned. The charity has established a 'Legacy Fund' which contains funds which have been generated. This fund will be used once the lottery grant fund has been exhausted.

Free reserves, unrestricted funds not invested in fixed assets or otherwise designated, stood at £104,614 at the year end.

**Going concern**

The trustees have no concerns about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern as it continues to enjoy the benefit of the lottery funding and has established the legacy fund.

**FUTURE PLANS**

The new two-year Big Local Plan was formally approved in April 2022. Trustees will be focused on delivery on the plan, which includes the following priorities:

- **Housing** – continuing the work that has been started, such as the appointment by the Council of a Tenant's Champion, working with the Council and others to raise the standard of housing in the area. Leasing of Selwyn Street properties to provide affordable housing.
- **Physical and Mental Health** – working with partner organisations, including local schools and Andy's Man Club, to support the physical and mental health of residents. Delivery of a Mental Health Pilot Project. Ongoing support of local walking groups. Provision of First Aid Courses for local residents.
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**STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, registered with the Charity Commission, governed by its foundation model constitution dated April 15 2015, as amended on April 30 2020.

**Members of the charity**

The only members of the charity are its trustees

**Appointment of trustees**

The trustees are appointed by resolution of the trustees for a term of four years.

**Trustee induction and training**

The charity has an established process whereby prospective members are screened and make a formal written application to join. A secret ballot is held and those successful applicants receive an induction pack which includes documents such as the Code of Conduct and Values.

**Organisation**

The charity meets on a monthly basis and deals with a range of strategic and operational matters at these meetings. It contracts officers to help deliver the Community Plan and to provide professional expertise and advice with regard the management of funds and the delivery of a Communications and PR strategy. Scrutiny of applications for funding, the accounts and financial management generally is delegated to a Finance Committee, which meets on a monthly basis. All delegated decisions are approved by the full Trustee Board.

**Related parties**

There are no related party transactions that are required to be disclosed.

**Co-operation with other organisations/charities**

The charity works closely with other organisations in the area such as the foodbank and local residents' groups.

**TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Charity 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 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 (FRS 102) (second edition – October 2019);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that 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 Charities Act 2011. 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.

**APPROVAL**

Approved by the Trustees and signed on its behalf by:

– trustee 

Date: 12/12/23

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT  
TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE LEIGH NEIGHBOURS PROJECT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31 2023**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended March 31 2023 which are set out on pages 7 to 15.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and 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**

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.



**Stacy Mason**

HGA Accountants & Financial Consultants Ltd  
t/a **Chittenden Horley** - Chartered Accountants

Hyde Park House  
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Date: 25 January 2024

**LEIGH NEIGHBOURS PROJECT  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (including the income and expenditure account)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds:</b>					
Donations	2	109	-	109	1,044
Charitable activities	3	6,330	117,812	124,143	52,281
Investment income - bank interest		406	-	406	145
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<u>6,845</u>	<u>117,812</u>	<u>124,658</u>	<u>53,470</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>					
Expenditure on charitable activities	4	2,564	64,832	67,396	75,037
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<u>2,564</u>	<u>64,832</u>	<u>67,396</u>	<u>75,037</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) BEFORE TRANSFERS</b>					
		4,281	52,980	57,261	(21,567)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>	6	4,281	52,980	57,261	(21,567)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD</b>	11	<u>300,669</u>	<u>17,548</u>	<u>318,217</u>	<u>339,704</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	11	<u>304,950</u>	<u>70,528</u>	<u>375,478</u>	<u>318,137</u>

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

**LEIGH NEIGHBOURS PROJECT  
BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT MARCH 31 2023**

	Notes	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £	2022 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible fixed assets	8		200,336		200,336
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	9	-		2,271	
Cash at Bank and in Hand		185,165		125,012	
		<u>185,165</u>		<u>127,283</u>	
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due in one year	10	<u>10,023</u>		<u>9,402</u>	
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			<u>175,142</u>		<u>117,881</u>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>			<u>375,478</u>		<u>318,217</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>					
Unrestricted	11		304,950		300,669
Restricted	11		<u>70,528</u>		<u>17,548</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>			<u>375,478</u>		<u>318,217</u>

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements

Approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on:

- Trustee

*Janice  
Ewensby*

# LEIGH NEIGHBOURS PROJECT

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31 2023

### 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared: under the historic cost convention; in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) effective January 1 2019 (second edition – October 2019); FRS102; and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

The accounts are prepared in £ sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity.

#### Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

#### Income recognition

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably. The following applies to particular types of income:

**Grants**, whether of a capital or revenue nature, are recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions have been met and it is probable that the income will be received.

**Donations** from individuals and other bodies (not being of the nature of a grant) are recognised when receivable.

#### Deferred income

Income is only deferred and included in creditors when:

- The income relates to a future accounting period
- A sales invoice has been raised ahead of the work being carried out and there is no contractual entitlement to the income until the work has been done
- Not all the terms and conditions of the grant have been met, including the incurring of expenditure and the grant conditions are such that unspent grant must be refunded

#### Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

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

Costs of raising funds                      including those associated with fundraising activities, managing investments and commercial trading by the subsidiary company.

Charitable activities                      costs of undertaking the work of the charity.

The charity is not registered for VAT and cannot recover any input tax charged. Costs are stated inclusive of VAT were charged.

#### Allocation of support costs

Support costs are those functions which assist the work of the charity either by supporting the delivery of charitable activities or by supporting the generation of funds. The basis of allocations is set out in note 5.

**LEIGH NEIGHBOURS PROJECT  
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**1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**Grants**

As part of the Big Local funding the charity makes grants to local residents for any purpose that meets the community plan. As part of the Big Local Funding the charity makes grants to local organisations to improve the environment and community facilities and to relieve hardship and poverty.

Grant commitments are recognised when the grant is awarded.

**Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

Individual fixed assets costing more than £1,000 are capitalised at cost and are depreciated over their estimated useful lives. The charity does not currently have any fixed assets.

**Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due and prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

**Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

**Creditors and provisions**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity 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.

**Financial instruments**

The charity has only basic financial instruments which are initially recorded at cost, subsequently measured at their settlement value.

**LEIGH NEIGHBOURS PROJECT**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31 2023**

	2023			2022		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>2 DONATIONS</b>						
Donations	109	-	109	1,044	-	1,044
	<u>109</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>109</u>	<u>1,044</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,044</u>

**3 INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

Big Local Funding	3,114	115,812	118,926	1,681	50,600	52,281
Other income	80	-	80	-	-	-
Wigan MBC	-	2,000	2,000	-	-	-
Rent and room hire	3,136	-	3,136	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<u>6,330</u>	<u>117,812</u>	<u>124,143</u>	<u>1,681</u>	<u>50,600</u>	<u>52,281</u>

**4 CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE**

**Grants**

Individuals	-	466	466	-	343	343
Institutions	-	4,500	4,500	-	14,170	14,170
	<u>-</u>	<u>4,966</u>	<u>4,966</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,513</u>	<u>14,513</u>

Consultancy fees	25,513	-	25,513	31,686	-	31,686
Project expenses	22,807	-	22,807	9,133	-	9,133
Newsletter & communications	773	-	773	1,072	-	1,072
Support costs	13,337	-	13,337	18,633	-	18,633
Charged to restricted funds	(59,866)	59,866	-	(60,472)	60,472	-
	<u>2,564</u>	<u>59,866</u>	<u>62,430</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>60,472</u>	<u>60,524</u>
	<u>2,564</u>	<u>64,832</u>	<u>67,396</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>74,985</u>	<u>75,037</u>

**Grants awarded**

Individuals: As part of the Big Local funding the charity makes grants to local residents for any purpose that meets the community plan. During the year it made three grants ( 2022 - one).

Grants to institutions

As part of the Big Local Funding the charity makes grants to local organisations to improve the environment and community facilities, to relieve hardship and poverty, and fund a play therapist. Grants are analysed as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Atherton & Leigh Foodbank	-	1,050
Compassion in Action	-	1,000
Groundwork re Princess Trust Volunteers	-	320
Leigh Central Primary School	500	8,800
Jubilee celebrations	466	
Leigh St Mary's Primary School	500	1,000
Sacred Heart Catholic Church	2,500	1,000
ST John CE Infant School	1,000	1,000
	<u>4,966</u>	<u>14,170</u>

**LEIGH NEIGHBOURS PROJECT  
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**5 SUPPORT & GOVERNANCE COSTS**

<i>Support costs</i>	2023			2022		
	Other support			Other support		
	Governance	Costs	Total	Governance	Costs	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Finance services	523	9,934	<b>10,457</b>	617	11,720	<b>12,337</b>
Accountancy	1,194	-	<b>1,194</b>	1,272	-	<b>1,272</b>
Insurance	-	657	<b>657</b>	-	657	<b>657</b>
Premises costs	-	101	<b>101</b>	-	3,967	<b>3,967</b>
Office costs & other costs		928	<b>928</b>	20	380	<b>400</b>
<b>Total support costs</b>	<b>1,717</b>	<b>11,621</b>	<b>13,337</b>	<b>1,909</b>	<b>16,724</b>	<b>18,633</b>

Costs that can be wholly attributed to either support or governance are allocated directly to those functions, and other costs are allocated either on the basis of the estimation of time spent (staff costs) or consumption of resources (office costs).

**6 NET INCOMING RESOURCES AFTER TRANSFERS**

	2023	2022
	£	£
This is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Accountant/Independent examiner's fees		
Report	<b>600</b>	580
Accountancy	<b>600</b>	692
Directors' remuneration & trustees' expenses	<b>-</b>	-

**7 STAFF INFORMATION**

The charity does not have any employees.

The key management personnel comprise the trustees and the freelance project manager.

**LEIGH NEIGHBOURS PROJECT  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31 2023**

**8 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

<b>Cost</b>	<b>land &amp; Buildings £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
As at April 1 2022	200,336	<b>200,336</b>
Additions	0	<b>0</b>
As at March 31 2023	<u>200,336</u>	<u><b>200,336</b></u>
<b>Depreciation</b>		
As at April 1 2022	-	-
Charge for the year	-	-
As at March 31 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net Book Value</b>		
As at March 31 2023	<u>200,336</u>	<u><b>200,336</b></u>
As at March 31 2022	<u>200,336</u>	<u>200,336</u>

	<b>2023 £</b>	<b>2022 £</b>
<b>9 DEBTORS</b>		
Income receivable		2,271
Prepayments & other debtors	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,271</u>

**10 CREDITORS falling due within one year**

Trade creditors	<b>5,296</b>	3,382
Accruals	<b>4,726</b>	6,020
	<u><b>10,023</b></u>	<u>9,402</u>

**LEIGH NEIGHBOURS PROJECT  
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**11 STATEMENT OF FUNDS**

	<b>Balance 01/04/2021</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>Balance 31/03/2022</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>Balance 31/03/2023</b>
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted Funds:</b>									
General fund	237,817	2,870	(52)	60,034	300,669	6,845	(2,564)	-	304,950
	237,817	2,870	(52)	60,034	300,669	6,845	(2,564)	-	304,950
<b>Restricted Funds:</b>									
Big Local Funding	101,359	50,600	(74,935)	(60,034)	16,990	115,812	(62,274)	-	70,528
GMCVO - Walking Project	608	-	(50)	-	558	-	(558)	-	-
Wigan MBC - Bike library	-	-	-	-	-	2,000	(2,000)	-	-
	101,967	50,600	(74,985)	(60,034)	17,548	117,812	(64,832)	-	70,528
	339,784	53,470	(75,037)	-	318,217	124,658	(67,396)	-	375,478

**LEIGH NEIGHBOURS PROJECT  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31 2023**

**11 STATEMENT OF FUNDS (continued)**

**Transfers**

None during the year.

**Restricted funds**

It is intended that the restricted fund balances will be expended in 2023/24. The Big Local balance is split between projects as follows:

	£
Active Travel	292
Physical & Mental Health	7,734
Project Running & Delivery	33,470
Young People & Education	29,031
	<u>70,527</u>

**12 ANALYSIS OF COMPANY NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS**

*Fund balances at March 31 2023 are represented by:-*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Fixed assets	200,336	-	200,336
Net current assets	104,614	70,528	175,142
	<u>304,950</u>	<u>70,528</u>	<u>375,478</u>

*Fund balances at March 31 2022 are represented by:-*

<i>Fixed assets</i>	200,336	0	200,336
Net current assets	100,333	17,548	117,881
	<u>300,669</u>	<u>17,548</u>	<u>318,217</u>

**13 TAXATION**

The Company is a registered charity and is entitled to claim annual exemption from UK corporation tax.

**14 CAPITAL COMMITMENTS**

At March 31 2023 the charity had capital commitments (authorised and contracted for) nil (2022 - £0).

**15 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

There were no related party transactions that required to be disclosed in this or the previous year.

**LEIGH NEIGHBOURS PROJECT**

England & Wales - Charity number 1161291

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# Accounts

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**LEIGH NEIGHBOURS PROJECT**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR**  
**THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31 2022**

**LEIGH NEIGHBOURS PROJECT  
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**LEIGH NEIGHBOURS PROJECT  
ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31 2022**

**TRUSTEES**

H Ahmed	
Cllr D Anderton	(appointed 31/05/22)
B Burton	
J Eckersley	
N Fallows	(appointed 31/05/22)
C Farnworth	(resigned 1/10/21)
J Gredecki	(resigned 3/03/22)
S Gredecki	(resigned 3/03/22)
N Ratcliffe	
A Sharrock	

**REGISTERED OFFICE AND  
PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS**

129 Walmesley Road  
Leigh WN7 1XN

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER  
& ACCOUNTANTS**

Peter Smith BA FCA DChA  
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Skelmersdale WN8 6WT

**LEIGH NEIGHBOURS PROJECT  
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31 2022**

The trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended March 31 2022.

**REPORTING FRAMEWORK**

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the foundation document, and 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) (effective 1 January 2019), referred to as the Charities SORP (FRS 102) (second edition – October 2019).

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Charitable objects**

The charitable objectives are:

The promotion, for the benefit, of the public, of urban regeneration in the are of Leigh bounded by Twist lane, Atherleigh Way, Kirkall Lane and Leigh Road/Market Street/King Street by the following means:

- (a) The advancement of education, training or retraining, particularly among unemployed people, and providing unemployed people with work experience:
- (b) The provision of financial assistance, technical assistance or business advice or consultancy in order to provide training and employment opportunities for unemployed people in cases of financial or other charitable need, through help:
  - (i) in setting up their own business, or
  - (ii) to existing businesses:
- (c) The provision of housing for those who are in conditions of need and the improvement of housing in the public sector or in charitable ownership provided that such power shall not extend to relieving any local authorities or other bodies of a statutory duty to provide or improve housing:
- (d) The provision or assistance in the provision of recreational facilities for the public at large or those who by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial; hardship or social and economic circumstances, have need of such facilities;
- (e) The promotion of public safety and the prevention of crime.

**Activities**

The charity undertakes a wide variety of activities in order to achieve its objectives. Primarily these include:

- Developing community facilities
- Promoting community spirit by way of the big Lunch events and activities, summer arts projects, and residents' fund bids;
- Improving crime and community safety including a 'Be Seen, Be safe' campaign and 'Stop and Lock' community safety campaign run in partnership with Greater Manchester police; and
- Providing education, employment and training assistance through an apprenticeship scheme.

**Public benefit**

The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake. As described briefly earlier, Trustees have delivered a range of events and activities which deliver a public benefit for the specific area of Leigh where the charity operates. These have included:

- the establishment of a community allotment on public land on Railway Road. This is a space where herbs, vegetables and fruit are grown for public consumption by Trustees with the help and support of local resident volunteer.
- the continued development of a community garden on Gordon Street. This is a green community space which provides a haven for local residents. The garden is managed a Trustee and her husband and is supported by local children who have formed themselves into a 'Gardening Gang'.
- Financial support for primary age children to attend the Sacred Heart Summer School - a learning week for local children during the summer holidays designed to minimise the effects of the 'Summer Dip'. Twenty children from the area who wouldn't ordinarily qualify for the scheme are sponsored and enjoy the educational and social benefits of the scheme.
- The distribution of funds for local projects which serve to provide improvements to the area, such as the environmental improvements to the Selwyn Street backs or the refurbishment of the Klingsleigh Community Centre.

**LEIGH NEIGHBOURS PROJECT  
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31 2022**

**ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

The fundamental change this year was the closure of the community hub at 14 Walmesley Road. Serious defects were identified, making the building unsafe to use, and so the lease with the landlord, Wigan Council, was terminated by mutual agreement in September 2021.

Lockdown restrictions began to ease during the year, and we were slowly able to recommence face to face delivery. Leigh Neighbours Project continued to deliver against its Big Local Community Plan:

**Community Spirit**

- Official opening of the Our Art Neighbourhood Wall of Fame, showcasing artwork produced by local children to celebrate notable people from Leigh
- Continuation of the Butterfly Project, using the butterfly as a symbol of hope, to represent residents cocooned in their houses during lockdown, and emerging from their chrysalis as spring arrived and restrictions were lifted.
- A resident led Scarecrow festival, designed to increase the sense of community cohesion and wellbeing. Local schools, organisations and residents participated.
- Hosted a Halloween party at the community garden
- Design and delivery of online craft activities for children

**Crime and Community Safety**

- Provided support to the Peace Foundation staff working in the Leigh Neighbours area, including hosting information gathering workshops

**Education, employment and training**

- Financial support provided for local pupils to attend the Sacred Heart Primary School Summer School
- Held summer holiday and half term holiday school craft clubs

**Environment**

- Ongoing maintenance of the community garden
- Hanging Basket workshops delivered for residents and for local schools which gave over 100 children experience of planting.

**Financial Matters:**

- Provided financial support for local foodbanks and schools at Christmas
- Provided funding through the 'Resident's Fund' initiative

**Health**

- The Bike Library provided bikes for loan to local adults and children – part of the activation activities around the active travel neighbourhood plans
- Provided in person and financial support to Sacred Heart Primary School walking group initiative

**Housing**

- The renovation of the two terraced houses on Selwyn Street was completed
- Commenced negotiations with Wigan Ethical Lettings Agency to lease the properties to Wigan Council
- Continued to work with the Local Authority Tenants Champion, an officer dedicated to working with private rented sector tenants and landlords in the Leigh Neighbours area to tackle issues of poor property standards, management and community cohesion

**Traffic & Transport**

- Held Dr Bike workshop, a bike safety and repair workshop where people of all ages had their bikes repaired and received safety advice, Hi-Viz jackets, lights and other safety equipment. Overall, 25 bikes serviced / repaired.

Leigh Neighbours Project has also undertaken lots of 'behind the scenes' on progress strategic initiatives on the Big Local Plan:

- Attended Big Local online events to share ideas with other Big Local areas
- The extensive effort required to share the work of the project through social media (Facebook and Twitter) and the project website
- Launched the redesigned website
- Recruited new partnership board members
- Reviewed the outcomes of the last Community Plan and consulted with local residents to set the priorities for the new plan
- Developed a new 2-year Community Plan in line with the guidance provided by Local Trust

**LEIGH NEIGHBOURS PROJECT  
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31 2022**

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Overview**

The charity had a surplus, before transfers, on unrestricted funds of £2,818 for the year, as the charity continues to be able to add to its unrestricted funds to ensure that there are funds available to enable it to operate beyond the life of the current funding regime.

During the year the charity has completed the refurbishment of the two properties purchased the previous year. The purchase and refurbishment are funded by the lottery grant, and a transfer has been made from restricted to unrestricted funds equal to the costs incurred in the year. The charity is in the process of making arrangements to let the properties at an affordable rent.

**Reserves**

Because of the nature of the lottery grant funding which the charity receives it doesn't have a formal reserves' policy - because unspent monies at the end of a funding cycle have to be returned. The charity has established a 'Legacy Fund' which contains funds which have been generated. This fund will be used once the lottery grant fund has been exhausted.

Free reserves, unrestricted funds not invested in fixed assets or otherwise designated, stood at £100,333 at the year end.

**Going concern**

The trustees have no concerns about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern as it continues to enjoy the benefit of the lottery funding and has established the legacy fund.

**FUTURE PLANS**

The new two-year Big Local Plan was formally approved in April 2022. Trustees will be focused on delivery on the plan, which includes the following priorities:

- **Housing** – continuing the work that has been started, such as the appointment by the Council of a Tenant's Champion, working with the Council and others to raise the standard of housing in the area. Leasing of Selwyn Street properties to provide affordable housing.
- **Physical and Mental Health** – working with partner organisations, including local schools and Andy's Man Club, to support the physical and mental health of residents. Delivery of a Mental Health Pilot Project. Ongoing support of local walking groups. Provision of First Aid Courses for local residents.
- **Young People and Education** – to provide support for young people both in formal education settings and as residents including funding for specialist support workers in local primary schools.
- **Active Travel** – encouraging local people to walk and cycle more as one part of the mental and physical health wellbeing jigsaw. Engagement with the Local Authority around active travel and the introduction of an Active Travel Neighbourhood
- **Partnerships which are strong and productive** – working with the many partners that the project has now to support local residents, to improve relations and to make the area a better place to live
- **External funding** – sourcing external grants and sponsorship which will help deliver the project outcomes through the project activities

Trustees are also working on sustainability plans for after the end of Big Local Funding

**STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, registered with the Charity Commission, governed by its foundation model constitution dated April 15 2015, as amended on April 30 2020.

**Members of the charity**

The only members of the charity are its trustees

**Appointment of trustees**

The trustees are appointed by resolution of the trustees for a term of four years.

**LEIGH NEIGHBOURS PROJECT  
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31 2022**

**Trustee induction and training**

The charity has an established process whereby prospective members are screened and make a formal written application to join. A secret ballot is held and those successful applicants receive an induction pack which includes documents such as the Code of Conduct and Values.

**Organisation**

The charity meets on a monthly basis and deals with a range of strategic and operational matters at these meetings. It contracts officers to help deliver the Community Plan and to provide professional expertise and advice with regard the management of funds and the delivery of a Communications and PR strategy. Scrutiny of applications for funding, the accounts and financial management generally is delegated to a Finance Committee, which meets on a monthly basis. All delegated decisions are approved by the full Trustee Board.

**Related parties**

There are no related party transactions that are required to be disclosed.

**Co-operation with other organisations/charities**

The charity works closely with other organisations in the area such as the foodbank and local residents' groups.

**TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Charity 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 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 (FRS 102) (second edition – October 2019);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that 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 Charities Act 2011. 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.

**APPROVAL**

Approved by the Trustees and signed on its behalf by:

*A Sharrock*

A Sharrock – trustee

Date: 14/09/22

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT  
TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE LEIGH NEIGHBOURS PROJECT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31 2022**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended March 31 2022 which are set out on pages 7 to 15.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and 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**

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

*Peter Smith*

**Peter Smith BA FCA DChA**

HGA Accountants & Financial Consultants Ltd  
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The Wesley Centre  
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Date: 15/09/22



**LEIGH NEIGHBOURS PROJECT  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (including the income and expenditure account)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds:</b>					
Donations	2	1,044	-	<b>1,044</b>	-
Charitable activities	3	1,681	50,600	<b>52,281</b>	305,998
Investment income - bank interest		145	-	<b>145</b>	395
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<u>2,870</u>	<u>50,600</u>	<b><u>53,470</u></b>	<u>306,393</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>					
Expenditure on charitable activities	4	52	74,985	<b>75,037</b>	99,257
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<u>52</u>	<u>74,985</u>	<b><u>75,037</u></b>	<u>99,257</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) BEFORE TRANSFERS</b>					
		2,818	(24,385)	<b>(21,567)</b>	207,136
Transfers between funds		<u>60,034</u>	<u>(60,034)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>	6	62,852	(84,419)	<b>(21,567)</b>	207,136
<b>TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD</b>	11	<u>237,817</u>	<u>101,967</u>	<b><u>339,784</u></b>	<u>132,648</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	11	<u>300,669</u>	<u>17,548</u>	<b><u>318,217</u></b>	<u>339,784</u>

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

**LEIGH NEIGHBOURS PROJECT  
BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT MARCH 31 2022**

	Notes	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £	2021 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible fixed assets	8		<b>200,336</b>		140,302
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	9	<b>2,271</b>		-	
Cash at Bank and in Hand		<u>125,012</u>		<u>202,799</u>	
		<b>127,283</b>		<b>202,799</b>	
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due in one year	10	<u>9,402</u>		<u>3,317</u>	
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			<u><b>117,881</b></u>		<u>199,482</u>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>			<u><b>318,217</b></u>		<u><b>339,784</b></u>
<b>FUNDS</b>					
Unrestricted	11		<b>300,669</b>		237,817
Restricted	11		<u>17,548</u>		<u>101,967</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>			<u><b>318,217</b></u>		<u><b>339,784</b></u>

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements

**Approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on: 14/09/22**

*A Sharrock*

A Sharrock - Trustee

**LEIGH NEIGHBOURS PROJECT  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31 2022**

**1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared: under the historic cost convention; in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) effective January 1 2019 (second edition – October 2019); FRS102; and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a ‘true and fair’ view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a ‘true and fair view’. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

The accounts are prepared in £ sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity.

**Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

**Income recognition**

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably. The following applies to particular types of income:

**Grants**, whether of a capital or revenue nature, are recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions have been met and it is probable that the income will be received.

**Donations** from individuals and other bodies (not being of the nature of a grant) are recognised when receivable.

**Deferred income**

Income is only deferred and included in creditors when:

- The income relates to a future accounting period
- A sales invoice has been raised ahead of the work being carried out and there is no contractual entitlement to the income until the work has been done
- Not all the terms and conditions of the grant have been met, including the incurring of expenditure and the grant conditions are such that unspent grant must be refunded

**Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT**

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

Costs of raising funds                      including those associated with fundraising activities, managing investments and commercial trading by the subsidiary company.

Charitable activities                      costs of undertaking the work of the charity.

The charity is not registered for VAT and cannot recover any input tax charged. Costs are stated inclusive of VAT were charged.

**Allocation of support costs**

Support costs are those functions which assist the work of the charity either by supporting the delivery of charitable activities or by supporting the generation of funds. The basis of allocations is set out in note 5.

**LEIGH NEIGHBOURS PROJECT  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31 2022**

**1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**Grants**

As part of the Big Local funding the charity makes grants to local residents for any purpose that meets the community plan. As part of the Big Local Funding the charity makes grants to local organisations to improve the environment and community facilities and to relieve hardship and poverty.

Grant commitments are recognised when the grant is awarded.

**Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

Individual fixed assets costing more than £1,000 are capitalised at cost and are depreciated over their estimated useful lives. The charity does not currently have any fixed assets.

**Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due and prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

**Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

**Creditors and provisions**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity 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.

**Financial instruments**

The charity has only basic financial instruments which are initially recorded at cost, subsequently measured at their settlement value.

**LEIGH NEIGHBOURS PROJECT**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31 2022**

	2022			2021		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>2 DONATIONS</b>						
Donations	1,044	-	1,044	-	-	-
	<u>1,044</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,044</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>3 INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES</b>						
Big Local Funding	1,681	50,600	52,281	13,995	279,903	293,898
TfGM Bike library	-	-	-	-	2,100	2,100
Wigan MBC	-	-	-	10,000	-	10,000
<b>Total</b>	<u>1,681</u>	<u>50,600</u>	<u>52,281</u>	<u>23,995</u>	<u>282,003</u>	<u>305,998</u>
<b>4 CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE</b>						
<b>Grants</b>						
Individuals	-	343	343	-	267	267
Institutions	-	14,170	14,170	-	19,517	19,517
	<u>-</u>	<u>14,513</u>	<u>14,513</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,784</u>	<u>19,784</u>
Consultancy fees	31,686	-	31,686	32,529	-	32,529
Project expenses	9,133	-	9,133	16,533	-	16,533
Media and communications officer	-	-	-	1,353	-	1,353
Newsletter & communications	1,072	-	1,072	88	-	88
Support costs	18,633	-	18,633	28,970	-	28,970
Charged to restricted funds	(60,472)	60,472	-	(79,473)	79,473	-
	<u>52</u>	<u>60,472</u>	<u>60,524</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>79,473</u>	<u>79,473</u>
	<u>52</u>	<u>74,985</u>	<u>75,037</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>99,257</u>	<u>99,257</u>

**Grants awarded**

Individuals: As part of the Big Local funding the charity makes grants to local residents for any purpose that meets the community plan. During the year it made one grant ( 2021 - two).

Grants to institutions

As part of the Big Local Funding the charity makes grants to local organisations to improve the environment and community facilities, to relieve hardship and poverty, and fund a play therapist. Grants are analysed as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Atherton & Leigh Foodbank	1,050	1,000
Compassion in Action	1,000	1,000
Groundwork re Princess Trust Volunteers	320	-
Leigh Central Primary School	8,800	5,000
Leigh Film Society	-	500
Leigh St Mary's Primary School	1,000	4,500
Sacred Heart Catholic Church	1,000	7,017
ST John CE Infant School	1,000	-
Wigan Council re Cultural Event	-	500
	<u>14,170</u>	<u>19,517</u>

**LEIGH NEIGHBOURS PROJECT  
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**5 SUPPORT & GOVERNANCE COSTS**

	2022			2021		
	Governance	Other support Costs	Total	Governance	Other support Costs	Total
<i>Support costs</i>	£	£	£	£	£	£
Finance services	617	11,720	<b>12,337</b>	939	17,839	<b>18,778</b>
Accountancy	1,272	-	<b>1,272</b>	1,308	-	<b>1,308</b>
Insurance	-	657	<b>657</b>	-	605	<b>605</b>
Premises costs	-	3,967	<b>3,967</b>	-	7,993	<b>7,993</b>
Office costs & other costs	20	380	<b>400</b>	14	272	<b>286</b>
<b><i>Total support costs</i></b>	<b>1,909</b>	<b>16,724</b>	<b>18,633</b>	<b>2,261</b>	<b>26,709</b>	<b>28,970</b>

Costs that can be wholly attributed to either support or governance are allocated directly to those functions, and other costs are allocated either on the basis of the estimation of time spent (staff costs) or consumption of resources (office costs).

**6 NET INCOMING RESOURCES AFTER TRANSFERS**

	2022	2021
This is stated after charging/(crediting):	£	£
Accountant/Independent examiner's fees		
Report	<b>580</b>	580
Accountancy	<b>692</b>	728
Directors' remuneration & trustees' expenses	<b>-</b>	-

**7 STAFF INFORMATION**

The charity does not have any employees.

The key management personnel comprise the trustees and the freelance project manager.

**LEIGH NEIGHBOURS PROJECT  
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**8 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

Cost	land & Buildings £	Total £
As at April 1 2021	140,302	<b>140,302</b>
Additions	60,034	<b>60,034</b>
As at March 31 2022	<u>200,336</u>	<u><b>200,336</b></u>
<b>Depreciation</b>		
As at April 1 2021	-	-
Charge for the year	-	-
As at March 31 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net Book Value</b>		
As at March 31 2022	<u>200,336</u>	<u><b>200,336</b></u>
As at March 31 2021	<u>140,302</u>	<u>140,302</u>

	2022 £	2021 £
<b>9 DEBTORS</b>		
Income receivable	2,271	-
Prepayments & other debtors	-	-
	<u>2,271</u>	<u>-</u>

**10 CREDITORS falling due within one year**

Trade creditors	3,382	2,077
Accruals	6,020	1,240
	<u>9,402</u>	<u>3,317</u>

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**11 STATEMENT OF FUNDS**

	Balance 01/04/2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance 31/03/2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance 31/03/2022 £
<b>Unrestricted Funds:</b>									
General fund	72,625	24,390	-	140,802	237,817	2,870	(52)	60,034	300,669
	72,625	24,390	-	140,802	237,817	2,870	(52)	60,034	300,669
<b>Restricted Funds:</b>									
Big Local Funding	59,415	279,903	(97,157)	(140,802)	101,359	50,600	(74,935)	(60,034)	16,990
GMCVO - Walking Project	608	-	-	-	608	-	(50)	-	558
TfGM - Bike library	-	2,100	(2,100)	-	-	-	-	-	-
ACE - Our Art Neighbourhood Project	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	60,023	282,003	(99,257)	(140,802)	101,967	50,600	(74,985)	(60,034)	17,548
	132,648	306,393	(99,257)	-	339,784	53,470	(75,037)	-	318,217

**LEIGH NEIGHBOURS PROJECT  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31 2022**

**11 STATEMENT OF FUNDS (continued)**

**Transfers**

A transfer has been made to account for the project use of the offices (£500) and the purchase of two properties (£140,302).  
Last year a transfer was made for the use of the offices.

**Restricted funds**

It is intended that the restricted fund balances will be expended in 2022/23. The Big Local balance is split between projects as follows:

	£
Community Facilities	-
Community Spirit	4,701
Crime and Safety	932
Environment	740
Financial Matters	-
Housing	-
Officer costs	5,254
Partnership running costs	2,641
Youth	500
Contingency	2,221
	<u>16,989</u>

**12 ANALYSIS OF COMPANY NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS**

*Fund balances at March 31 2022 are represented by:-*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Fixed assets	200,336	-	200,336
Net current assets	100,333	17,548	117,881
	<u>300,669</u>	<u>17,548</u>	<u>318,217</u>

*Fund balances at March 31 2021 are represented by:-*

Net current assets	97,515	101,967	199,482
	<u>97,515</u>	<u>101,967</u>	<u>199,482</u>

**13 TAXATION**

The Company is a registered charity and is entitled to claim annual exemption from UK corporation tax.

**14 CAPITAL COMMITMENTS**

At March 31 2022 the charity had capital commitments (authorised and contracted for) nil (2021 - £57,600).

**15 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

There were no related party transactions that required to be disclosed in this or the previous year.

**LEIGH NEIGHBOURS PROJECT**

England & Wales - Charity number 1161291

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**LEIGH NEIGHBOURS PROJECT**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR**  
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**LEIGH NEIGHBOURS PROJECT  
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**LEIGH NEIGHBOURS PROJECT  
ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31 2021**

**TRUSTEES**

H Ahmed  
B Burton  
J Eckersley  
C Farnworth (resigned October 1 2021)  
J Gredecki  
S Gredecki  
N Ratcliffe (appointed 21/04/20)  
A Sharrock (appointed 21/04/20)

**REGISTERED OFFICE AND  
PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS**

129 Walmesley Road  
Leigh WN7 1XN

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER  
& ACCOUNTANTS**

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HGA Accountants & Financial Consultants Ltd  
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**LEIGH NEIGHBOURS PROJECT  
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31 2021**

The trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended March 31 2021.

**REPORTING FRAMEWORK**

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the foundation document, and 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) (effective 1 January 2019), referred to as the Charities SORP (FRS 102) (second edition – October 2019).

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Charitable objects**

The charitable objectives are:

The promotion, for the benefit, of the public, of urban regeneration in the are of Leigh bounded by Twist lane, Atherleigh Way, Kirkall Lane and Leigh Road/Market Street/King Street by the following means:

- (a) The advancement of education, training or retraining, particularly among unemployed people, and providing unemployed people with work experience:
- (b) The provision of financial assistance, technical assistance or business advice or consultancy in order to provide training and employment opportunities for unemployed people in cases of financial or other charitable need, through help:
  - (i) in setting up their own business, or
  - (ii) to existing businesses:
- (c) The provision of housing for those who are in conditions of need and the improvement of housing in the public sector or in charitable ownership provided that such power shall not extend to relieving any local authorities or other bodies of a statutory duty to provide or improve housing:
- (d) The provision or assistance in the provision of recreational facilities for the public at large or those who by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial; hardship or social and economic circumstances, have need of such facilities;
- (e) The promotion of public safety and the prevention of crime.

**Activities**

The charity undertakes a wide variety of activities in order to achieve its objectives. Primarily these include:

- Developing community facilities
- Promoting community spirit by way of the big Lunch events and activities, summer arts projects, and residents' fund bids;
- Improving crime and community safety including a 'Be Seen, Be safe' campaign and 'Stop and Lock' community safety campaign run in partnership with Greater Manchester police; and
- Providing education, employment and training assistance through an apprenticeship scheme.

**Public benefit**

The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake. As described briefly earlier, Trustees have delivered a range of events and activities which deliver a public benefit for the specific area of Leigh where the charity operates. These have included:

- the establishment of a community allotment on public land on Railway Road. This is a space where herbs, vegetables and fruit are grown for public consumption by Trustees with the help and support of local resident volunteer.
- the continued development of a community garden on Gordon Street. This is a green community space which provides a haven for local residents. The garden is managed a Trustee and her husband and is supported by local children who have formed themselves into a 'Gardening Gang'.
- Financial support for primary age children to attend the Sacred Heart Summer School - a learning week for local children during the summer holidays designed to minimise the effects of the 'Summer Dip'. Twenty children from the area who wouldn't ordinarily qualify for the scheme are sponsored and enjoy the educational and social benefits of the scheme.
- The distribution of funds for local projects which serve to provide improvements to the area, such as the environmental improvements to the Selwyn Street backs or the refurbishment of the Klingsleigh Community Centre.

**LEIGH NEIGHBOURS PROJECT  
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT  
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**ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

This was an unprecedented year for Leigh Neighbours Project as for every other organisation, following the lockdown announcement on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020. The building at 14 Walmesley Road had to shut down, all physical meetings were suspended, and the Trustees, Partnership Board Members and Officers joined the world of Zoom Meetings.

Leigh Neighbours Project continued to deliver against its Big Local Community Plan:

Community Facilities:

- Plans to develop the Leigh Neighbours base at 14 Walmesley Road continued but serious structural defects were identified with the building making it unsafe to use. (Following negotiations with the landlord, Wigan Council, the lease was terminated by mutual agreement on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021.)

Community Spirit:

- Supported local VE Day Celebration with a grant from the Residents Fund;
- Launched the Butterfly Project, using the butterfly as a symbol of hope, to represent residents currently cocooned in their houses in lockdown, and emerging from their chrysalis as spring arrived and restrictions were lifted.

Community Spirit

- Our Art Neighbourhood Wall of Fame installed, showcasing artwork produced by local children to celebrate the people from Leigh;
- Hosted on-line coffee mornings to support local residents during lockdown

Crime and Community Safety

- Hosted Peace Foundation workshop and GMP Police Surgery and provided support to workers

Education, employment and training

- Financial support provided for local pupils to attend the Sacred Heart Primary School Summer School;
- Held summer holiday and half term holiday school craft clubs;
- Provided financial support to local schools to provide children with IT resources to enable them to participate in remote and home learning.

Environment

- Ongoing maintenance of the community garden and the community allotment

Financial Matters:

- Provided financial support for local foodbanks and schools at Christmas;
- Provided Covid-19 hardship donations to local schools, foodbanks and the Council Covid-19 Hub;
- Provided funding, through the 'Resident's Fund' initiative, to local charities and residents, including grants to Leigh Film Society and Leigh St Mary's Primary School.

Health

- The Bike Library reopened in June 2020 provided bikes for loan to local adults and children – part of the activation activities around the active travel neighbourhood plans

Housing

- The purchase of two terraced houses on Selwyn Street were completed. Total renovation was required on both properties and this work started during the year;
- Working with the Tenants Champion, a Wigan Council Officer dedicated to working with private rented sector tenants and landlords in the Leigh Neighbours area to tackle issues of poor property standards, management and community cohesion.

**LEIGH NEIGHBOURS PROJECT  
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT  
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Traffic & Transport

- Held Dr Bike workshop, a bike safety and repair workshop where people of all ages had their bikes repaired and received safety advice, Hi-Viz jackets, lights and other safety equipment. Overall, 29 bikes serviced / repaired.

Leigh Neighbours Project has also undertaken lots of 'behind the scenes' on progress strategic initiatives on the Big Local Plan:

- Attended Big Local online events to share ideas with other Big Local areas
- The extensive effort required to share the work of the project through social media Facebook and Twitter) and the project website
- Work commenced on a total redesign of the website (launched September 2021)

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Overview**

The charity had a surplus, before transfers, on unrestricted funds of £24,390 for the year, as the charity continues to be able to add to its unrestricted funds to ensure that there are funds available to enable it to operate beyond the life of the current funding regime.

During the year the charity purchased to properties which at the year end it was in the process of refurbishing prior to letting at an affordable rent. The purchase and refurbishment are funded by the lottery grant, and a transfer has been made from restricted to unrestricted funds equal to the costs incurred up to March 31 2021.

**Reserves**

Because of the nature of the lottery grant funding which the charity receives it doesn't have a formal reserves' policy - because unspent monies at the end of a funding cycle have to be returned. The charity has established a 'Legacy Fund' which contains funds which have been generated. This fund will be used once the lottery grant fund has been exhausted.

Free reserves, unrestricted funds not invested in fixed assets or otherwise designated, stood at £97,515 at the year end.

**Going concern**

The trustees have no concerns about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern as it continues to enjoy the benefit of the lottery funding and has established the legacy fund.

**FUTURE PLANS**

The current three-year Big Local Plan (approved in October 2018) has been extended by 6 months. The charity has returned to in-person meetings and to work through the actions in the Plan which includes a range of projects, initiatives and events which will deliver significant public benefit.

Trustees are also working on the Plan from April 2022 onwards, which will also include their Legacy Statement, and sustainability plans going forward after the end of Big Local Funding.

Once the renovation of the houses in Selwyn Street are finished, the intention is for them to be rented to local residents who are in housing need (via Wigan Council's Ethical Letting Agency).

**STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, registered with the Charity Commission, governed by its foundation model constitution dated April 15 2015, as amended on April 30 2020.

**Members of the charity**

The only members of the charity are its trustees

**Appointment of trustees**

The trustees are appointed by resolution of the trustees for a term of four years.

**LEIGH NEIGHBOURS PROJECT  
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31 2021**

**Trustee induction and training**

The charity has an established process whereby prospective members are screened and make a formal written application to join. A secret ballot is held and those successful applicants receive an induction pack which includes documents such as the Code of Conduct and Values.

**Organisation**

The charity meets on a monthly basis and deals with a range of strategic and operational matters at these meetings. It contracts officers to help deliver the Community Plan and to provide professional expertise and advice with regard the management of funds and the delivery of a Communications and PR strategy. Scrutiny of applications for funding, the accounts and financial management generally is delegated to a Finance Committee, which meets on a monthly basis. All delegated decisions are approved by the full Trustee Board.

**Related parties**

There are no related party transactions that are required to be disclosed.

**Co-operation with other organisations/charities**

The charity works closely with other organisations in the area such as the foodbank and local residents' groups.

**TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Charity 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 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 (FRS 102) (second edition – October 2019);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that 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 Charities Act 2011. 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.

**APPROVAL**

Approved by the Trustees and signed on its behalf by:

*S Gredecki*

S Gredecki – trustee

Date: 10/11/21

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT  
TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE LEIGH NEIGHBOURS PROJECT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31 2021**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended March 31 2021 which are set out on pages 7 to 15.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and 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**

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

*Peter Smith*

**Peter Smith BA FCA DChA**

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Date:15/11/21



**LEIGH NEIGHBOURS PROJECT  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (including the income and expenditure account)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds:</b>					
Donations	2	-	-	-	229
Charitable activities	3	23,995	282,003	<b>305,998</b>	102,014
Investment income - bank interest		395	-	<b>395</b>	593
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<u>24,390</u>	<u>282,003</u>	<u><b>306,393</b></u>	<u>102,836</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>					
Expenditure on charitable activities	4	-	99,257	<b>99,257</b>	100,158
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<u>-</u>	<u>99,257</u>	<u><b>99,257</b></u>	<u>100,158</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) BEFORE TRANSFERS</b>					
		24,390	182,746	<b>207,136</b>	2,678
Transfers between funds		<u>140,802</u>	<u>(140,802)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>	6	165,192	41,944	<b>207,136</b>	2,678
<b>TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD</b>	11	<u>72,625</u>	<u>60,023</u>	<u><b>132,648</b></u>	<u>129,970</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	11	<u><u>237,817</u></u>	<u><u>101,967</u></u>	<u><u><b>339,784</b></u></u>	<u><u>132,648</u></u>

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

**LEIGH NEIGHBOURS PROJECT  
BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT MARCH 31 2021**

	Notes	2021 £	2021 £	2020 £	2020 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible fixed assets	8		140,302		-
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	9	-		3,002	
Cash at Bank and in Hand		<u>202,799</u>		<u>134,416</u>	
		<b>202,799</b>		<b>137,418</b>	
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due in one year	10	<u>3,317</u>		<u>4,770</u>	
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			<u><b>199,482</b></u>		<u>132,648</u>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>			<u><b>339,784</b></u>		<u>132,648</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>					
Unrestricted	11		237,817		72,625
Restricted	11		<u>101,967</u>		<u>60,023</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>			<u><b>339,784</b></u>		<u>132,648</u>

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements

**Approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on: 10/11/21**

*S Gredecki*

S Gredecki - Trustee

# LEIGH NEIGHBOURS PROJECT

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31 2021

### 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared: under the historic cost convention; in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) effective January 1 2019 (second edition – October 2019); FRS102; and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a ‘true and fair’ view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a ‘true and fair view’. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

The accounts are prepared in £ sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity.

#### Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

#### Income recognition

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably. The following applies to particular types of income:

**Grants**, whether of a capital or revenue nature, are recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions have been met and it is probable that the income will be received.

**Donations** from individuals and other bodies (not being of the nature of a grant) are recognised when receivable.

#### Deferred income

Income is only deferred and included in creditors when:

- The income relates to a future accounting period
- A sales invoice has been raised ahead of the work being carried out and there is no contractual entitlement to the income until the work has been done
- Not all the terms and conditions of the grant have been met, including the incurring of expenditure and the grant conditions are such that unspent grant must be refunded

#### Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

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

Costs of raising funds                      including those associated with fundraising activities, managing investments and commercial trading by the subsidiary company.

Charitable activities                      costs of undertaking the work of the charity.

The charity is not registered for VAT and cannot recover any input tax charged. Costs are stated inclusive of VAT were charged.

#### Allocation of support costs

Support costs are those functions which assist the work of the charity either by supporting the delivery of charitable activities or by supporting the generation of funds. The basis of allocations is set out in note 5.

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**1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**Grants**

As part of the Big Local funding the charity makes grants to local residents for any purpose that meets the community plan. As part of the Big Local Funding the charity makes grants to local organisations to improve the environment and community facilities and to relieve hardship and poverty.

Grant commitments are recognised when the grant is awarded.

**Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

Individual fixed assets costing more than £1,000 are capitalised at cost and are depreciated over their estimated useful lives. The charity does not currently have any fixed assets.

**Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due and prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

**Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

**Creditors and provisions**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity 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.

**Financial instruments**

The charity has only basic financial instruments which are initially recorded at cost, subsequently measured at their settlement value.

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	2021			2020		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>2 DONATIONS</b>						
Donations	-	-	-	229	-	229
	-	-	-	229	-	229
<b>3 INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES</b>						
Big Local Funding	13,995	279,903	293,898	4,151	83,025	87,176
Other income	-	-	-	400	-	400
GMCVO (walking project)	-	-	-	-	972	972
TfGM Bike library		2,100	2,100			
Wigan MBC	10,000	-	10,000			
Rent and room hire	-	-	-	13,466	-	13,466
<b>Total</b>	<b>23,995</b>	<b>282,003</b>	<b>305,998</b>	<b>18,017</b>	<b>83,997</b>	<b>102,014</b>
<b>4 CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE</b>						
<b>Grants</b>						
Individuals	-	267	267	-	-	-
Institutions	-	19,517	19,517	-	15,100	15,100
	-	19,784	19,784	-	15,100	15,100
Consultancy fees	32,529	-	32,529	29,600	-	29,600
Project expenses	16,533	-	16,533	14,348	-	14,348
Media and communications officer	1,353	-	1,353	13,706	-	13,706
Newsletter & communications	88	-	88	2,868	-	2,868
Support costs	28,970	-	28,970	24,536	-	24,536
Charged to restricted funds	(79,473)	79,473	-	(85,058)	85,058	-
	-	79,473	79,473	-	85,058	85,058
	-	99,257	99,257	-	100,158	100,158

**Grants awarded**

Individuals: As part of the Big Local funding the charity makes grants to local residents for any purpose that meets the community plan. During the year it made two grants ( 2020 - none).

Grants to institutions

As part of the Big Local Funding the charity makes grants to local organisations to improve the environment and community facilities and to relieve hardship and poverty. Grants are analysed as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Atherton & Leigh Foodbank	1,000	1,000
Compassion in Action	1,000	500
Leigh Central Primary School	5,000	6,960
Leigh Film Society	500	-
Leigh St Mary's Primary School	4,500	1,000
Riverside HA	-	236
Rotary Club of Astley	-	500
Sacred Heart Catholic Church	7,017	3,000
ST John CE Infant School	-	500
Turnpike (Leigh) CIC	-	500
Well Women's Centre	-	404
Wigan Council re Cultural Event	500	500
	<b>19,517</b>	<b>15,100</b>

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**5 SUPPORT & GOVERNANCE COSTS**

	2021			2020		
	Governance	Other support Costs	Total	Governance	Other support Costs	Total
<i>Support costs</i>	£	£	£	£	£	£
Finance services	939	17,839	<b>18,778</b>	595	11,313	<b>11,908</b>
Accountancy	1,308	-	<b>1,308</b>	1,179	-	<b>1,179</b>
Insurance	-	605	<b>605</b>	-	605	<b>605</b>
Premises costs	-	7,993	<b>7,993</b>	-	10,124	<b>10,124</b>
Office costs & other costs	14	272	<b>286</b>	36	684	<b>720</b>
<b><i>Total support costs</i></b>	<b>2,261</b>	<b>26,709</b>	<b>28,970</b>	<b>1,810</b>	<b>22,726</b>	<b>24,536</b>

Costs that can be wholly attributed to either support or governance are allocated directly to those functions, and other costs are allocated either on the basis of the estimation of time spent (staff costs) or consumption of resources (office costs).

**6 NET INCOMING RESOURCES AFTER TRANSFERS**

	2021	2020
This is stated after charging/(crediting):	£	£
Accountant/Independent examiner's fees		
Report	<b>580</b>	570
Accountancy	<b>728</b>	609
Directors' remuneration & trustees' expenses	<b>-</b>	-

**7 STAFF INFORMATION**

The charity does not have any employees.

The key management personnel comprise the trustees and the freelance project manager.

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**8 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

Cost	land & Buildings £	Total £
Additions	140,302	<u>140,302</u>
As at March 31 2021	<u>140,302</u>	<u>140,302</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>		
Charge for the year	-	-
As at March 31 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net Book Value</b>		
As at March 31 2021	<u>140,302</u>	<u>140,302</u>

**9 DEBTORS**

	2021 £	2020 £
Income receivable	-	900
Prepayments & other debtors	<u>-</u>	<u>2,102</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>3,002</u>

**10 CREDITORS falling due within one year**

Trade creditors	2,077	3,630
Accruals	<u>1,240</u>	<u>1,140</u>
	<u>3,317</u>	<u>4,770</u>

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**11 STATEMENT OF FUNDS**

	Balance 09/01/2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance 31/03/2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance 31/03/2021 £
<b>Unrestricted Funds:</b>									
General fund	51,661	18,839	-	2,125	72,625	24,390	-	140,802	237,817
	51,661	18,839	-	2,125	72,625	24,390	-	140,802	237,817
<b>Restricted Funds:</b>									
Big Local Funding	78,309	83,025	(99,794)	(2,125)	59,415	279,903	(97,157)	(140,802)	101,359
GMCVO - Walking Project	-	972	(364)	-	608	-	-	-	608
TfGM - Bike library	-	-	-	-	-	2,100	(2,100)	-	-
ACE - Our Art Neighbourhood Project	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	78,309	83,997	(100,158)	(2,125)	60,023	282,003	(99,257)	(140,802)	101,967
	129,970	102,836	(100,158)	-	132,648	306,393	(99,257)	-	339,784

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**11 STATEMENT OF FUNDS (continued)**

**Transfers**

A transfer has been made to account for the project use of the offices (£500) and the purchase of two properties (£140,302).  
Last year a transfer was made for the use of the offices.

**Restricted funds**

It is intended that the restricted fund balances will be expended in 2021/22. The Big Local balance is split between projects as follows:

	£
Community Facilities	19,640
Community Spirit	6,199
Crime and Safety	1,207
Environment	3,016
Financial Matters	8,266
Housing	11,536
Officer costs	14,585
Partnership running costs	10,114
Youth	500
Contingency	26,296
	<u>101,359</u>

**12 ANALYSIS OF COMPANY NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS**

*Fund balances at March 31 2021 are represented by:-*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Fixed assets	140,302	-	140,302
Net current assets	97,515	101,967	199,482
	<u>237,817</u>	<u>101,967</u>	<u>339,784</u>

*Fund balances at March 31 2020 are represented by:-*

Net current assets	72,625	60,023	132,648
	<u>72,625</u>	<u>60,023</u>	<u>132,648</u>

**13 TAXATION**

The Company is a registered charity and is entitled to claim annual exemption from UK corporation tax.

**14 CAPITAL COMMITMENTS**

At March 31 2020, the trustees had authorised the purchase of two residential properties at a total cost of c£120k to be financed by the Big Local grant. These purchases were made in the year and the charity entered into contracts for their refurbishment. At March 31 2021 the charity had capital commitments (authorised and contracted for of £57,600).

**15 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

There were no related party transactions that required to be disclosed in this or the previous year.