



# **Financial statements**

## **for the year ended**

## **31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

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Full name **Growing Old Grace-fully**  
Registered charity number 1161765

**Main address:** Diocese of Leeds, 11 North Grange Road, Leeds LS6 2BR

**Committee members**

Carol Burns, *Chair*

Cath Mahoney

Ann West

Rachel Walker

Joseph Cortis

Maureen Crossley

Mgr Peter Rosser, *Treasurer*

**Bankers:** The Co-operative Bank, P O Box 250, Delf House, Southway,  
Skelmersdale WN8 6WT

**Governance and management**

Growing Old Grace-fully is managed by a committee of between 5 and 10 trustees.

The trustees have the power to:

- i. Raise funds, receive grants and donations
- ii. Apply for funds to carry out the work of the charity
- iii. Co-operate with and support other charities with similar purpose
- iv. Do anything which is lawful and necessary to achieve the purposes.

New trustees are recruited either because:

- a. vacancies have arisen or will arise
- b. existing Trustees have agreed that additional specific skills are needed.

The trustees agree what skills, experience and knowledge are needed, and write it down in the form of a short job description and person specification to form the criteria for recruitment. The responsibilities and a process for recruitment are agreed and the whole board remains consulted. The best route to find new candidates is agreed and a short-list is produced. Interviews are arranged against the agreed criteria, with notes kept and similar questions asked. Preferred candidates are identified and invited to join the trustees, subject to references and formal vetting. They then receive a formal letter of appointment including a copy of the Constitution setting out their duties, which they sign and return. Unsuccessful candidates are notified and thanked. A simple induction plan is agreed and all relevant parties, such as funders, are notified.

**Aims and objectives**

We are a charity working across the Catholic Diocese of Leeds.

Our Mission is:

*To enhance the spiritual, emotional and physical wellbeing of older people across the Diocese of Leeds through raising awareness, inspiring and supporting responsive action in parishes.*

Our work is focused on supporting Later Life Friendly Parishes and promoting social inclusion of people who are socially excluded as a result of conditions which arise from old age.

Our Current Aims are:

1. To inspire and actively support parishes to introduce models and approaches which enhance parish-based support and involvement of older people.
2. To enable, equip and support individuals and groups in parish communities as they seek to involve and support older people in their own parishes.
3. To champion a positive view of ageing and later life.
4. To share good practice and relevant information.
5. To use a consultative approach so that an increased understanding of needs, hopes and ideas of older people informs all that we do.

## **Achievements in 2024-25**

**We** have continued to develop our network of supporters and offered a number of online sessions throughout 2024-25

These have included

We also kept in touch with those who are not online with mailings twice a year, in Advent and Lent

Our website is an important way that we share information with our supporters. All material from the online sessions is shared on the website.

This financial year we received funding from the Day for Life fund of the Catholic Bishops Conference to increase awareness about people living with dementia and how communities can support people to live well with dementia.

We organised two online sessions attended by 40 people to support individuals to be dementia friends

Two training workshops have been planned and they will be reported on in the next financial year's report.

With funding from the Ladies of the Grail, we have initiated a pilot project to employ a Pastoral worker for older people in a local parish. We hope this will encourage more parishes to prioritise older people.

We are grateful to our funders including the Diocese of Leeds, Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales, The Harold Hood Foundation, and Charlotte Marshall Gift Fund. We

continued to benefit from the dispersal of funds from Faith in Elderly People, but like many charities fundraising to continue the work if the charity is challenging.

### **The charity's policy on reserves**

We aim to hold the equivalent of 3 months expenditure (based on last year's costs) plus a proportion for legal costs and maintain the level of reserves from unrestricted income. The trustees may agree to designate some of the free reserves for a particular project or activity. They will ensure that these designated funds are spent within a reasonable period of time. This policy is reviewed at least annually.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed \_\_Carol Burns\_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Carol Burns, Chair

	TOTAL	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds
<b>Bank &amp; Cash at start of the period</b>	<b>£ 22,470.46</b>	<b>£ 6,513.62</b>	<b>£ 15,956.84</b>

**RECEIPTS**

	£	£	
Donations	469.64	469.64	
	£	£	£
Grants	14,600.00	13,100.00	1,500.00
Other Income	£ -	£ -	

**Total Receipts**

	£	£	£
<b>Covering the Period 04/24 to 03/25</b>	<b>15,069.64</b>	<b>13,569.64</b>	<b>1,500.00</b>

**PAYMENTS**

	£	£	
Office Costs	107.84	107.84	£ -
	£	£	
Consultancy Services	11,130.13	11,130.13	£ -
	£	£	
Printing	320.09	320.09	£ -
Computer Services	£ -	£ -	£ -
Other	£ -	£ -	£ -

**Total Payments**

	£	£	
<b>Covering the Period 04/24 to 03/25</b>	<b>11,558.06</b>	<b>11,558.06</b>	<b>£ -</b>

	£	£	£
<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS</b>	<b>3,511.58</b>	<b>2,011.58</b>	<b>1,500.00</b>

	£	£	£
<b>Bank &amp; Cash at end of the period</b>	<b>25,982.04</b>	<b>8,525.20</b>	<b>17,456.84</b>

**Growing Old Grace-fully**  
**Statement of assets and liabilities**  
**at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

	£
<b>Cash assets</b>	
Current account	25,982.04
<i>Deposit account</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Petty cash</i>	<i><u>0</u></i>
<b>Total cash assets</b>	<b>25,982.04</b>

**Other assets** - None

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed \_\_Carol Burns\_\_\_\_\_ Date 29/10/24

\_\_\_\_\_  
Carol Burns, Chair

**Growing Old Grace-fully**  
**Receipts & payments account**  
**for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>Income</b>			
Donations -			
Grants	4,750	7,500	12,2500
Other income			
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>4,750</b>	<b>7,500</b>	<b>12,500</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Office costs	153.21		153.21
Consultancy services	1647.84	3027.75	4675.59
Other	84.00		84.00
Printing	119		119
Computer Services	-		-
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>2004.05</b>	<b>3027.75</b>	<b>5031.80</b>
<b>Net receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>2745.95</b>	<b>4472.25</b>	<b>7218.20</b>
Bank and cash at the start of the period	6251.67	9000.59	15,252.26
<b>Bank and cash at the end of the period</b>	<b>8997.62</b>	<b>13,472.84</b>	<b>22,470.86</b>



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<i>Deposit account</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Petty cash</i>	<u><i>0</i></u>
<b>Total cash assets</b>	<b>22,470.46</b>

**Other assets** - None

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Peter Rosser \_\_\_\_\_ Dated 29/10/24 \_\_\_\_\_  
Mgr Peter Rosser, Treasurer