
THE LVE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

UNAUDITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

Trustees Michael Polledri MBE, Chair
Jon Michael Polledri, Trustee
Karen Bellamy, Trustee
Gary Walker, Trustee
Peter French (appointed 10th August 2024)

**Charity registered
number** 1164468

Principal office Legacy Business Centre
2a Ruckholt Road
Leyton
London
E10 5NP

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the The LVE Charitable Foundation for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Objectives and activities**a. Policies and objectives**

To act as a resource for young people aged 16 to 28 living in North London and the Lee Valley Corridor by providing advice and assistance and organising programmes of physical education and other activities as a means of:

- a) Advancing in life and helping young people by developing their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as independent, mature and responsible individuals.
- b) Advancing education
- c) Relieving unemployment

Providing recreational and leisure time activity in the interests of social welfare for people living in the area of benefit who have need by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, poverty or social and economic circumstances with a view to improving the conditions of life of such persons.

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

b. Activities undertaken to achieve objectives

In its ninth year of activity the Trust has provided an even wider range of activities, opportunities, projects and services as set out in detail in the Annual Report of Activities.

Achievements and performance**a. Main achievements of the Charity**

The main achievements of the charity and the difference it has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and society as a whole are set out in the attached Annual Report of Activities.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Financial review

During the year the charity raised income of £243,183 as well as received and recognised grant income from the Mayors Office Police Fund of £39,000. After expenditure of £257,140, the total funds position still provides a stable working platform on which to build future activities.

a.Going concern

The Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue operating for the foreseeable future.

b.Reserves policy

The charity aims to hold reserves to cover 3 months of its operating expenses. At the year end the charity had a total funds surplus of £100,261 and anticipates consolidating this position in line with its policy in 2025 and 2026.

Structure, governance and management**a.Constitution**

The LVE Charitable Foundation is a registered charity, number 1164468, and is constituted under a Memorandum of Association.

The charity is constituted as a charitable trust. The governing document is a trust deed dated 5 May 2015.

The principal address of the charity is Legacy Business Centre, 2A Ruckholt Road, Leyton, London, E10 5NP.

b.Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

The Trustees are appointed by the Trust Board.

c.Organisational structure and decision-making policies

Michael Polledri MBE - Chair

Jon Michael Polledri - Trustee

Karen Bellamy - Trustee & CEO

Gary Walker - Trustee

Peter French - Trustee (appointed 10th August 2025)

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
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Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

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

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales 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 its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, 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 of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) 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 business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and 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, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Memorandum of Association. 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.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Michael Polledri MBE
Chair

Date: 24 November 2025

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The LVE Charitable Foundation ('the Charity')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

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

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the Charity has prepared the accounts in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) 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 been withdrawn.

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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 accordance with section 130 of the Charities 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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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
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This report is made solely to the Charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed:

Dated: 24 November 2025

Alan C. Ray FCA

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Chartered Accountants
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Income from:					
Donations and legacies:					
Other donations and legacies	3	39,000	45,747	84,747	162,000
Other trading activities:					
Charitable activities	4	-	197,436	197,436	258,791
Total income		39,000	243,183	282,183	420,791
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities:					
Other charitable activities	5	19,068	238,072	257,140	424,550
Total expenditure		19,068	238,072	257,140	424,550
Net movement in funds		19,932	5,111	25,043	(3,759)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		35,395	39,823	75,218	78,977
Net movement in funds		19,932	5,111	25,043	(3,759)
Total funds carried forward		55,327	44,934	100,261	75,218

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
The notes on pages 9 to 20 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	2024	2023
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	10	14,660	18,325
Current assets			
Debtors	11	114,133	51,415
Cash at bank and in hand		68,508	93,007
		<u>182,641</u>	<u>144,422</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(84,245)	(57,515)
Net current assets / liabilities		<u>98,396</u>	<u>86,907</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>113,056</u>	<u>105,232</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	13	(12,795)	(30,014)
Total net assets		<u><u>100,261</u></u>	<u><u>75,218</u></u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	14	55,327	35,395
Unrestricted funds	14	44,934	39,823
Total funds		<u><u>100,261</u></u>	<u><u>75,218</u></u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Michael Polledri MBE

Chair

Date: 24 November 2025

The notes on pages 9 to 20 form part of these financial statements.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

1. General information

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The charity is constituted as a charitable trust. The governing document is a trust deed dated 5 May 2015.

The principal address of the charity is Legacy Business Centre, 2A Ruckholt Road, Leyton, London, E10 5NP.

2. Accounting policies**2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The 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 the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The LVE Charitable Foundation meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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2. Accounting policies (continued)**2.3 Income**

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 recognition of income from legacies is dependent on establishing entitlement, the probability of receipt and the ability to estimate with sufficient accuracy the amount receivable. Evidence of entitlement to a legacy exists when the Charity has sufficient evidence that a gift has been left to them (through knowledge of the existence of a valid will and the death of the benefactor) and the executor is satisfied that the property in question will not be required to satisfy claims in the estate. Receipt of a legacy must be recognised when it is probable that it will be received and the fair value of the amount receivable, which will generally be the expected cash amount to be distributed to the Charity, can be reliably measured.

Grants are included in the Statement of financial activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

2.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.5 Government grants

Government grants relating to tangible fixed assets are treated as deferred income and released to the Statement of financial activities over the expected useful lives of the assets concerned. Other grants are credited to the Statement of financial activities as the related expenditure is incurred.

2.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing £200 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)**2.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation (continued)**

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, .

Depreciation is provided on the following bases:

Plant and machinery - 20% reducing balance

Fixtures and fittings - 20% reducing balance

2.7 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered.

Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

2.8 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.

2.9 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

2.10 Financial instruments

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.11 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

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3. Income from donations and legacies

	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Donations	39,000	15,747	54,747
Donated goods, facilities and services	-	30,000	30,000
Total 2024	39,000	45,747	84,747

	<i>Restricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Donations	40,235	31,365	71,600
Donated goods, facilities and services	-	90,400	90,400
<i>Total 2023</i>	<i>40,235</i>	<i>121,765</i>	<i>162,000</i>

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4. Income from other trading activities

Income from non charitable trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Rental income	197,436	197,436

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Rental income	258,971	258,971

5. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Other charitable activities	9,468	36,389	45,857
Administrative, management and consultancy fees	9,600	145,466	155,066
Grants and donations	-	56,217	56,217
Total 2024	19,068	238,072	257,140

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5. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities (continued)**Summary by fund type (continued)**

	<i>Restricted funds 2023</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds 2023</i>	<i>Total funds 2023</i>
	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>
Other charitable activities	15,252	90,405	105,657
Administrative, management and consultancy fees	18,658	188,604	207,262
Grants and donations	-	111,631	111,631
Total 2023	33,910	390,640	424,550

6. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Support costs 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Other charitable activities	45,857	45,857
Administrative, management and consultancy fees	155,066	155,066
Grants and donations	56,217	56,217
Total 2024	257,140	257,140

	<i>Support costs 2023 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Other charitable activities	105,657	105,657
Administrative, management and consultancy fees	207,262	207,262
Grants and donations	111,631	111,631
Total 2022	424,550	424,550

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7. Analysis of grants paid

	Grants to institutions 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Leaders Academy - Enabling performing arts	36,000	36,000
Engine Room - Community centre support	8,312	8,312
Donations in kind	6,500	6,500
Other	5,405	5,405
Total 2024	56,217	56,217

	Grants to institutions 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Leaders Academy - Enabling performing arts	28,150	28,150
Engine Room - Community centre support	3,315	3,315
Other	4,766	4,766
Total 2023	36,231	36,231

8. Independent examiner's remuneration

The Independent Examiner's remuneration, including support preparing the accounts and understanding the Independent Examination amounts to £NIL (2023 £NIL) .

9. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, the charity incurred costs for the services of Trustees of £36,000 (2023 - £36,000). No Trustee expenses were incurred (2023 - Nil).

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10. Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and machinery	Fixtures and fittings	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 January 2024	42,926	3,182	46,108
Additions	-	-	0
At 31 December 2024	42,926	3,182	46,108
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2024	26,346	1,437	27,783
Charge for the year	3,316	349	3,665
At 31 December 2024	29,662	1,786	31,448
Net book value			
At 31 December 2024	13,264	1,396	14,660
At 31 December 2023	16,580	1,745	18,325

11 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	106,915	15,204
Prepayments and accrued income	7,218	36,211
	114,133	51,415

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12. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank loans	9,000	2,500
Trade creditors	9,420	4,658
Accruals and deferred income	65,825	50,357
	84,245	57,515

Deferred income relates primarily to refundable lettings deposits and amounts invoiced during the year for events taking place in future periods.

13. Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank loans	12,795	23,514

The loan is unsecured and for the first 12 months interest was subsidised by the UK government, after which the interest rate is 2.5% per annum. The loan is repayable by September 2026.

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14. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 January 2024	Income	Expenditure	Balance at 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General Fund	39,823	243,183	(238,072)	44,934
Restricted funds				
Don't Get Court	7,174	-	-	7,174
Arts Council funding	16,096	-	-	16,096
Mayors office - Police budget	12,125	39,000	(19,068)	32,057
	35,395	39,000	(19,068)	55,327
Total of funds	75,218	282,183	(257,140)	100,261

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14. Statement of funds (continued)**Statement of funds - prior year**

	<i>Balance at 1 January 2023 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 December 2023 £</i>
Unrestricted funds				
General Fund	49,907	380,556	(390,640)	39,823
Restricted funds				
Don't Get Court	11,174	-	(4,000)	7,174
Arts Council funding	16,096	-	-	16,096
Mayors office - Police budget	1,800	40,235	(29,910)	12,125
Total Restricted funds	29,070	40,235	(33,910)	35,395
Total of funds	78,977	420,791	(424,550)	75,218

15. Summary of funds**Summary of funds - current year**

	<i>Balance at 1 January 2024 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Balance at 1 December 2024 £</i>
General funds	39,823	243,183	(238,072)	44,934
Restricted funds	35,395	39,000	(19,068)	55,327
	75,218	282,183	(257,140)	100,261

Summary of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 January 2023 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 December 2023 £</i>
General funds	49,907	380,556	(390,640)	39,823
Restricted funds	29,070	40,235	(33,910)	35,395
	78,977	420,791	(424,550)	75,218

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16. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current period

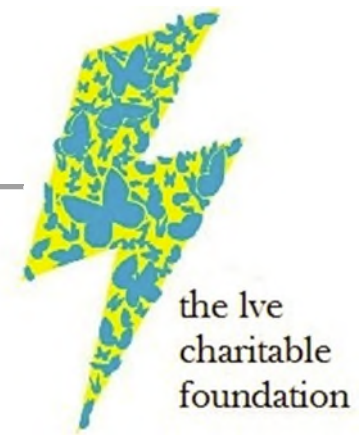
	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	14,660	14,660
Current assets	55,327	127,314	182,641
Creditors due within one year	-	(84,245)	(84,245)
Creditors due in more than one year	-	(12,795)	(12,795)
Total	55,327	44,934	100,261

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior period

	<i>Restricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Tangible fixed assets	-	18,325	18,325
Current assets	35,395	109,027	144,422
Creditors due within one year	-	(57,515)	(57,515)
Creditors due in more than one year	-	(30,014)	(30,014)
Total	35,395	39,823	75,218

CEO's Report 2024–2025

LVE Charitable Foundation



Introduction

It gives me great pleasure to present this year's CEO's Report, reflecting on a period of growth, innovation, and resilience at the LVE Charitable Foundation.

Over the past year, we have continued to honour our mission: **to inspire, empower, and create opportunities for young people**, while strengthening the bonds within our communities. This year has been marked by the launch of pioneering projects, the delivery of a dynamic summer programme, and the nurturing of new leaders who embody the values of confidence, creativity, and community spirit.

Expanding Our Reach: New and Innovative Projects

The Foundation has developed a suite of new projects designed to broaden horizons, build confidence, and create sustainable opportunities for young people:

1. Youth Club – St Andrews Church, Higham Hill



Thanks to the generosity of St Andrews Church, we now have a dedicated space free of charge to run an inclusive and vibrant Youth Club. Led by experienced youth workers – including a female boxing coach – the Club has already held two successful taster

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sessions, offering activities from roller skating and indoor bowls to table tennis and a growing library of donated board games.

This hub has quickly become a safe and engaging environment, and we are committed to ensuring its long-term sustainability as a trusted space for young people.

2. Podcasting Studio – Ruckholt Road



This year saw the launch of our fully equipped Podcasting Studio, complete with professional soundproofing, lighting, and recording technology. The studio will:

- Promote the Foundation and The Great Hall through media content.
- Showcase the voices of young people through testimonials.
- Provide training in media production and editing, led by Matthew, giving participants real employability skills.
- Serve the wider community, with access for local charities and small businesses.

The studio is not only a creative hub but also a future source of sustainable income.

3. Intergenerational Project – *Black Male Perspectives*



This thought-provoking project gives voice to three generations of Black men – the Windrush generation, their children, and today’s youth. Through honest conversations, we are exploring evolving attitudes to authority and policing, from reverence to resistance, and examining the roots of these shifts.

Delivered as a podcast series, this project provides an authentic space for dialogue, reflection, and community connection.

4. Young People for Business



This forward-thinking initiative connects local businesses with young people who provide social media content, podcasts, and digital promotions. Businesses benefit

from fresh, creative support, while young people gain mentoring, marketing experience, and pathways into employment.

The Big Creative Academy has expressed interest in collaborating, further enhancing opportunities. In future, a small participation fee will help sustain the programme.

5. Verbatim Theatre Project



Still in development, this project will use verbatim testimony to share the real stories of prisoners. By bringing these voices to the stage, we aim to create a raw and impactful exploration of life behind bars – offering audiences new insights into justice, resilience, and rehabilitation.

[Delivering Impact: Summer Activities Programme 2025](#)

This year's Summer Activities Programme, delivered at the Paradox Centre across four weeks (w/c 28 July – w/c 18 August 2025), provided children and young people aged 7–18 with a safe, engaging, and creative environment during the school holiday period. With sessions twice weekly, the programme combined creative arts, leadership, food provision, and recreational opportunities to ensure young people remained supported, inspired, and connected.

Key Elements of the Programme included:

- Creative activities such as street dance, drama, and cooking demonstrations.
- Leadership development through drama and team-building workshops for older participants.
- A Chillout Zone with PlayStation and board games, offering a relaxed alternative to structured activities.
- Food provision, including sandwiches, vegetarian options, crisps, refreshments, and hot meals chosen by participants.

Participation & Attendance

The programme reached a total of 45 unique participants, including 21 Peabody residents. Attendance varied by session as follows:

29 July – 32
31 July – 28
4 August – 27
7 August – 24
12 August – 19
14 August – 28
19 August – 25
21 August – 22

Engagement was strongest among younger participants (7–12 years), with fewer older young people (13–18 years) attending regularly.

- Ages 7–9: 16
- Ages 10–12: 17
- Ages 13–18: 12



Outcomes Achieved



a) Engagement & Skills Development

Dance: Improved coordination, teamwork, and confidence through group routines.

Cooking: Hands-on skills in food preparation and healthy eating awareness.

Drama/Leadership: Enhanced communication, confidence, and teamwork.

b) Social Impact



The programme created a safe, structured space that reduced risks of antisocial behaviour, strengthened peer relationships, and fostered positive role models.

c) Wellbeing

Nutritious food provision supported physical wellbeing and inclusion. The Chillout Zone provided a low-pressure environment, ensuring inclusivity for diverse needs.

Participant and Parent Voices

Female, 8 years: “I was worried about the team building activities, but the staff showed me it’s just about learning to work with others in a safe, friendly, and fun way.”

Female, 9 years: “I’m so glad my mum made me come — I’ve made lots of new friends and I’m having so much fun.”

Female, 17 years (Volunteer): “My dance instructor trained me to lead sessions. I’ve loved mentoring and it’s motivated me to follow my passion of becoming a dance instructor.”

Case Study: A Journey Towards a New Future

A 17-year-old young woman of Caribbean heritage experienced disruption to her education after an extended absence abroad. Returning to the UK, she faced poor exam outcomes and uncertainty about her future. Through four years of consistent engagement with our programmes, she developed skills, stability, and trusted relationships. This summer, she volunteered as a mentor, rediscovering confidence and purpose. Her experience directly influenced her decision to pursue Health and Social Care studies, showing the long-term impact of sustained support.

[Image: Case study participant mentoring younger children]

Voices from the Leaders Team



Dance Instructor: “This programme didn’t just give her skills — it gave her hope, confidence, and purpose.”

Youth Worker: “Thanks to our funders, we provide stability and opportunity where it’s needed most.”

Programme Coordinator: “With the right support, even those facing the greatest challenges can thrive.”

Leaders Team (collective): “Every young person deserves encouragement and the chance to succeed — your support makes that possible.”

Challenges & Lessons Learned

Although the programme began strongly, attendance fluctuated due to summer weather, family holidays, and the national challenge of sustaining consistent youth engagement.

A wider national issue persists: children increasingly choose digital alternatives over structured activities, with declining parental engagement compounding the problem. Without active intervention, we risk raising a generation more isolated, less active, and disconnected from community support.

[Figure 3: Illustration of barriers to youth engagement]

Conclusion & Recommendations

The Summer Activities Programme delivered clear impact: confidence, resilience, and new pathways for participants. Although attendance was lower than capacity, every young person who attended benefited profoundly. Without such provision, risks of grooming, exploitation, gang involvement, and poor wellbeing increase dramatically.

We urge our funders to continue their investment in community-based youth provision. Supporting our work means protecting young people from harm, nurturing their potential, and building stronger communities for the future.

Leadership, Mentoring, and Advocacy



Beyond programme delivery, the Foundation continues to invest in the next generation of leaders. This year, I have had the privilege of mentoring several young women, one of whom has recently been appointed to the Central Youth Independent Advisory Group (CYIAG) at New Scotland Yard. This appointment, to be ratified in October, marks a proud moment for both the individual and the Foundation, reflecting our belief in the power of nurturing future leaders.

We also continue to support and mentor community groups such as Hub, Pinpoint, COG, and Leaders – ensuring that our impact extends across a wide network of grassroots organisations.

Challenges and Opportunities Ahead

As ever, challenges remain. Engagement among older teenagers continues to be a national issue, with many preferring digital alternatives or informal social time. We must adapt by offering flexible, relevant opportunities while advocating for sustained investment in youth provision.

Yet, with challenge comes opportunity. Each new project, partnership, and participant reinforces the Foundation's central truth: when young people are given trust, resources, and a safe platform, they rise to meet and exceed expectations.

Conclusion: Our Mission in Action

The past year has demonstrated the breadth of what the LVE Charitable Foundation can achieve:

From boxing and roller skating in a church hall,

To professional podcasting and media training,

From theatre rooted in lived experience,

To the transformative power of summer programmes and mentoring.

Every strand of our work is united by one mission: to create real opportunities that change lives.

As we look ahead, we remain deeply grateful to our funders, partners, volunteers, and supporters. Together, we are not just running projects – we are building futures, strengthening communities, and ensuring that every young person has the chance to thrive.

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