

Rivers LPC

Report & Accounts

Year Ended 31 March 2024

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The charity is a registered charity: Registered Number 1164574

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

MISSION STATEMENT

The charity's mission is to promote Learning for women, Empowerment for Women and Connections for Women.

We work towards empowering women to take up new challenges in life. We support women who may feel isolated and may not be able to find assistance from other organisations, or who simply need help without the involvement of formal authorities.

The objectives of the charity are:

- The relief of poverty and unemployment and the advancement of education amongst women in Crawley and the surrounding area.
- The promotion of social inclusion among women in Crawley and the surrounding area, who are excluded from society, or parts of society, due to their social and economic position by the provision of education and training, information and support.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is governed by its Constitution.

The management of the charity is designated to the Trustees.

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ACTIVITIES

LEARNING PROGRAMME

This year, Rivers LPC continued to deliver community awareness and learning sessions for women of all ages and backgrounds. In addition to our ongoing healthy eating, English Language, community awareness, volunteering, and employment mini-projects, we expanded our learning offer significantly:

- **New Literacy and English Classes:** Launched in February 2024, these women-only sessions help women gain confidence in reading, writing, and spoken English.
- **Computer Classes:** we provided vital digital skills for women to get online safely, communicate, and access services.
- **Digital Workshops:** We ran digital skills workshops and continued to sign women up for *Learn My Way* classes.
- **Employability Workshops:** We provided employability training, careers support, CV writing, application form filling, and interview preparation.
- **RISE Group Horley:** We supported a group of ladies to form a new women's group, *RISE*, in Horley, offering learning opportunities and support locally.
- **OCEANS Employment Support Hub:** We joined the OCEANS hub in mid-2023, strengthening our employability pathway.

SPACE PROGRAMME

Rivers LPC remains a trusted facilitator and organiser of resources, helping local women connect with the right support:

- We re-launched a new campaign (February 2024) offering help, support, or guidance to women in Crawley who need a safe space to access impartial information.
- We continued to run our Rivers Resource SPACE and PRESENCE office, supporting women to navigate local public services, charities, and voluntary organisations.
- Our work also extended to supporting women to set up their own charities and community projects, including hosting new groups and providing our space for meetings.
- In November 2023, we supported the *Oracle Alpaca Experience* — a family-run mental wellbeing farm — broadening the type of wellness support we help connect women to.

PRESENCE PROGRAMME

The user-led women's only space remained a vital safe space for women to meet, share, and build trust. Highlights this year include:

- The weekly @PRESENCE Women's Coffee Morning, continuing every Wednesday in term-time, promoting social connection for isolated women.
- Outdoor bonding and wellbeing activities, including camping and walking in nature, strengthening friendships and peer support.
- Rivers LPC also ran mental health workshops to help women manage stress and emotional wellbeing.

EMPLOYABILITY SCHEME

Employability support remains core to Rivers' mission:

- In 2023–24, we delivered targeted employability workshops, including CV writing, interview skills, and practical job search support.
- We helped women register for *Learn My Way* to improve digital employability.
- Our employability work was strengthened through our active role in the OCEANS Employment Hub projects.
- We supported individual women wanting to start their own charities or community initiatives, mentoring them through the early stages.

SPECIAL EVENTS & COLLABORATIONS

- We hosted an Open Day for the Horley women's group in November 2023 at Horley Baptist Church.
- We marked International Women's Day 2024 with the theme *#InspireInclusion*, celebrating women's achievements and encouraging a more inclusive world.
- Our CEO, Jeredyne Stanley, represented Rivers LPC at local community events, including presenting at the King Charles III Coronation Celebration Lunch hosted by the Crawley, Ahmadiyyah Muslim Association UK.
- Rivers took part in the Black History Month Webinar (October 2023), highlighting the plight of the Chagossian community in Crawley.
- We collaborated with Carers Support West Sussex during Black History Month and engaged more deeply with local partners.
- Rivers LPC led the community input for the Sussex Perinatal Equity and Equality Project in partnership with the NHS, continuing our work to address maternity health inequalities.

NEW GROUPS AND OUTREACH

- We supported the setup of three new projects in Horley, helped establish a new women's charity in Crawley, and provided our space for them to grow.
- We assisted male victims of domestic abuse through signposting and support.
- Our Rise Horley group has attracted women who meet regularly on Monday mornings, building a new community network in Horley.

FUTURE PLANS

- Expand our literacy, language, and digital offer even further.
- Grow our presence in Horley and Crawley, including wellness and wellbeing projects.
- Continue raising awareness of domestic abuse and signposting support, including for male victims.
- Strengthen partnerships with NHS and local community groups to tackle inequality and health disparities.
- Develop more outdoor and wellbeing activities for women and families.

CHALLENGES

Securing sustainable funding remains a challenge, but Rivers LPC continues to build strong partnerships and seeks support to keep vital services going for local women who need it most.

DISCLOSURE OF RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

None of the trustees have received monies for their role as trustees.

Rivers LPC

Out of every woman is a river (life) waiting to flow.

Together, we are navigating life's waters with confidence and skill.

Signed: Jeredyne Stanley

28th June 2025

Rivers LPC**Income and Expenditure Account for the year ending 31st March 2024**

	Notes	2023/2024
Incoming resources		£
Incoming resources from external sources	1	56,318.72
Charitable activities and other income		-
Total incoming resources		56,318.72
Resources expended		£
Management and Consultancy	2	30,521.80
Hire/Lease of Community space		13,762.52
Technology & Communications	3	2,656.67
Events	4	1,619.87
Insurance		650.01
Other expenses	5	3,725.36
Total resources expended		52,936.23
Surplus		3,382.49

Rivers LPC**Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2024**

	2023/2024
	£
Bank	4,060.20
Cash (Float)	-
	4,060.20
Loan	180.00
Net Asset	3,880.20
Opening Balance	497.71
Surplus	3,382.49
	3,880.20

Rivers LPC**Notes to the accounts****2023/2024****Note 1****INCOMING REOURCES FROM EXTERNAL SOURCES**

	£
Sussex Community Foundation	10,000.00
CRAWLEY BC	8,500.00
NHS SUSSEX ICB - NHS Inequality Project	32,825.00
Donations	4,993.72
TOTAL INCOMING REOURCES FROM EXTERNAL SOURCES	56,318.72

Note 2**MANAGEMENT AND CONSULTANCY**

	£
Consultancy - NHS Project	30,200.00
Website Consultancy	223.89
Bank charges	97.91
TOTAL MANAGEMENT AND CONSULTANCY COST	30,521.80

Note 3**TECHNOLOGY & COMMUNICATIONS**

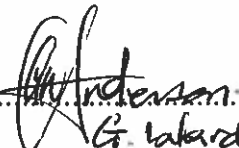
	£
Internet service	1,960.06
IT Resources	696.61
TOTAL TECHNOLOGY & COMMUNICATIONS COST	2,656.67

Note 4**EVENTS**

	£
Fuel	843.99
Travel cost	367.80
Stationery	58.08
Volunteer expenses	350.00
TOTAL EVENTS COST	1,619.87

Note 5**OTHER EXPENSES**

	£
Food cost	772.25
Office expenses	2,345.82
Other project costs	607.29
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES	3,725.36

Signed: 
G. Lakard Anderson M.A.A.T.

Date: 24/06/2025



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

RIVERS LPC

On accounts for the year
ended

31st MARCH 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1164574

Set out on pages

1 and 2

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust'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 Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

G. Anderson

Date:

01/07/2025

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GERSHON WARD-ANDERSON

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.