

**CHERRY GROCE FOUNDATION
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

CHARITY REGISTRATION NO: 1165412

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION
YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1165412

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**CHERRY GROCE FOUNDATION
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
TRUSTEES' REVIEW
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing documents

The charity is controlled by its constitution and is registered as a CIO and received Charitable status on the 3rd of February 2016. It is managed by a board of trustees which meet regularly during the year to discuss and approve the strategic direction of the organisation and other relevant matters including grant applications, policies, operational plans.

Risk management

The Board of Trustees is ultimately responsible for the system of internal control and for reviewing its effectiveness. The system is designed to manage the risk to the Charity not achieving its objectives and can provide reasonable assurance against material misstatement of loss.

AIMS AND OBJECTS

Cherry Groce Foundation exists to:

To relieve the need of those with a physical or mental impairment / disability by:-

1. Acting as a resource for disabled persons and their carers;
2. Providing or assisting in the provision of activities that will enable disabled persons and their carers to participate within the community;
3. Providing or assisting in the provision of facilities and activities for recreation with the object of improving their quality of life;
4. Advancing education;
5. Advocating for the rights of disabled persons and their carers; and
6. Promoting and delivering other activities that support those affected by disability that meets the agreement of the trustees.

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1. Introduction

Over the 2024–2025 year, the Cherry Groce Foundation continued to expand its impact across schools and communities, empowering young people with the emotional intelligence, confidence, and historical knowledge needed to advocate for themselves and their communities. Nearly 200 pupils engaged in our Education Programme, with 170 fully participating and 17 teachers receiving dedicated training.

Our work extended beyond classrooms, with strong community involvement, impactful collaborations, and meaningful professional development initiatives—including training MET Police leaders and partnering on the Encounter, Transform & Repair workshop. Volunteers and staff played a vital role throughout, supporting events, storytelling, and programme delivery.

As we look ahead, the Foundation is preparing for a significant milestone—the 40th Anniversary of the events surrounding the 1985 uprising—while continuing to broaden our educational reach, strengthen partnerships, and champion our mission.

2. Founder Message

Reflecting on the past year, we are proud of our achievements and grateful for your support. Our programmes have made a significant impact, and we look forward to continuing this

3. Impact and Achievements

- **Schools Engaged:** Sudbourne Primary School, Clapham Manor Primary School, Streatham Wells Primary School, and a community session.
- **Pupils Impacted:** Nearly 500 pupils, with 170 fully participating.
- **Teacher Training:** 17 teachers and staff received training and participated in the programme.

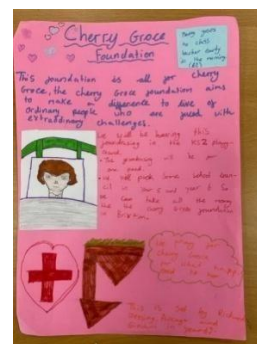
4. Programme Outcomes

The programme aimed to develop students' emotional intelligence and empower them to use their voices constructively. Students produced creative works in subjects such as English, Art, and PSHE, including poems, artwork, and role plays.

Engagement levels were high, with positive feedback and notable improvements in specific skills and emotional support.

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The community event provided an opportunity to include children within the community and support the Education Lead and consultant in refining the programme based on feedback from teachers, staff, and pupils.



"We worked with the Cherry Groce Foundation on their Education Programme last year and it was one of the most inspirational projects we have ever been part of. It has been a real privilege for our students to hear Lee's story, then use this as a springboard to delve into, and respond to, a significant period of local history (and one that really resonates with our students and their families). As a school we are committed to diversifying our curriculum in a meaningful way, and this project has really helped to breathe life into this ambition".

5. Financial Overview

- **Funding Sources:** Lambeth Changing Lives Social Value Engagement Programme, various donations, and fundraising initiatives.
- **Major Expenditures:** Core costs, programme delivery, teacher training, and community events.

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Reserve policy

The Trustees aim to retain sufficient free reserves at a level which equate to a minimum of three months of unrestricted expenditure. These reserves should be held in case of any sudden decline in income and to ensure that we can meet our commitments to providing our services and activities. Specifically, these commitments include our contractual obligations in relation to our support and outreach work. However, due to the challenges faced during the year, the level of reserves required could not be maintained and the Trustees are actively reviewing the charity's operation in order to resolve the situation.

The Trustees have implemented robust budgetary controls to monitor costs in an effort to minimise expenditure throughout the year.

Financial performance during the year

The Charity's total income for the year under review was £112,158 (2024: £120,530); whilst total expenditure in the year was £122,219 (2024: £108,641). Net deficit for the year was £ (10,061) (2024: £11,889 surplus and the total unrestricted reserves at the end of the financial year was £ (30,579); 2024: £392. The year was extremely challenging, however Trustees placed emphasis on financial management to ensure that the funds within the organisation are properly managed.

6. Community Involvement

Throughout the year, we participated in many community activities. Lee, the Founder, engaged in initiatives educating young people and adults about the story of Cherry Groce in partnership with Elevated Minds and Westminster University.



We maintained a strong presence at community events and continued involvement in training new recruits, first and midline leaders of the MET Police, ensuring they understand

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the importance of community engagement. This included facilitating conversations during the Passing Out Parade Community Involvement week and presenting Cherry Groce's story.



The Foundation was also a partner for the **Encounter, Transform & Repair** professional development workshop created by Lee to train Senior Leaders in all 12 Borough Command Units and AS Lambeth/Southwark frontline leaders. The involved team each received a Commendation from the previous Borough Commander.



7. Volunteer and Staff Contributions

Volunteers and staff played a crucial role in capturing stories, creating decorations, and ensuring the success of our events. Their dedication and hard work were instrumental in achieving our goals

8. Future Plans

Next year, we aim to expand our reach to more schools, enhance our existing programmes, and continue our advocacy for emotional intelligence and student empowerment.

We will also be focusing on planning the **40th Anniversary** of the event that sparked the 1985 uprising following the shooting of Cherry Groce.

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9. Acknowledgements

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our donors, sponsors, and partners. Your support makes our work possible.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees 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 and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed 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 charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- a) select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- b) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- c) state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- d) 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 accounting records which 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 1993. 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.

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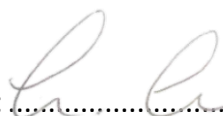
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ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

Accountants

The accountants, Allen Robyn & Associates Ltd, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

Signed: 

Lee Lawrence

Date: 29/01/2026

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To the trustees of Cherry Groce Foundation, I report on the accounts of the charity for the period ended 31st March 2025 which are set out on pages 9 to 15.

Responsibility of Examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43(3)a of the 1993 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the company and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matter. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
 - a. proper accounting records are kept; and
 - b. accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records. Or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Signed Date: 30/01/2026

Rolston Allen
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 Date:
 30/01/2026

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

INCOMING RESOURCES	Notes	Unrestricted <u>2025</u>	Unrestricted <u>2024</u>
<i>Incoming resources from generated funds</i>			
Donations and Other Income	2	<u>112,158</u>	<u>120,530</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED			
Charitable Activities	3	112,560	90,110
Support Costs	4	8,418	17,371
Governance Costs	5	<u>1,241</u>	<u>1,160</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		<u>122,219</u>	<u>108,641</u>
NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR		<u>(£10,061)</u>	<u>£11,889</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Prior year adjustment	10	(20,910)	-
Total Funds Brought Forward		<u>392</u>	<u>(11,497)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>(£30,579)</u>	<u>£392</u>

None of the charity's activities were acquired or discontinued during the year and there were no recognised gains and losses for 2025 nor in the prior year other than those included in the statement of financial activities.

The notes on pages 8 to 10 form part of these accounts.

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	<u>Notes</u>	Unrestricted Funds 2025	Unrestricted Funds 2024
TANGIBLE ASSETS			
Furniture & Equipment		<u>2,247</u>	<u>3,012</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	8	-	6,508
Cash at bank in hand		<u>1,073</u>	<u>15,166</u>
		<u>1,073</u>	<u>21,674</u>
CREDITORS: within one year	9	<u>(33,899)</u>	<u>(24,294)</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>(£32,826)</u>	<u>(£2,620)</u>
		<u>(£30,579)</u>	<u>£392</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS LIABILITIES			
FUNDS:		2025	2024
Unrestricted Funds	10	<u>(30,579)</u>	<u>392</u>
		<u>(£30,579)</u>	<u>£392</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on...29/01/2026.....and
signed on its behalf by:



Lee Lawrence

Trustee

The notes on pages 8 to 10 form part of these accounts.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared 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) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)). The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, the Charities Act 2011 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Going concern

The trustees have assessed the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. Although the charity incurred a deficit of £(10,061) during the year ended 31st March 2025, the trustees consider that the charity has sufficient resources to meet its obligations for at least 12 months from the date of approval of the financial statements. Accordingly, the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

Incoming resources

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

Investment income

Investment income consists of net interest received during the year and accounted for as unrestricted fund.

Resources expended

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

Charitable activities

Costs of charitable activities are those costs relating to the activities carried out to meet the objectives of the Charity. These include both directly attributable costs and apportioned support costs.

Governance costs

Governance costs are the costs associated with the strategic direction of the organisation and with meeting regulatory responsibilities including apportioned support cost.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Furniture and equipment	20% on cost
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Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees. Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

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2. VOLUNTARY INCOME	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Donations	83,512	61,618
Grants	21,830	50,873
Other Income	<u>6,816</u>	<u>8,039</u>
Total incoming resources	<u>£112,158</u>	<u>£120,530</u>
3. CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Community transport service	62,064	49,115
Rent and rates	5,450	2,858
Salaries and wages	<u>45,046</u>	<u>38,137</u>
	<u>£112,560</u>	<u>£90,110</u>
4. SUPPORT COST	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Insurance	-	398
Advertisement	3,768	4,783
Professional fees	1,083	8,000
Post,stationery and telephone	1,114	1,546
Travel expense	288	183
Repairs and maintenance	-	354
IT and software	1,165	959
General expenses	235	383
Depreciation	<u>765</u>	<u>765</u>
	<u>£8,418</u>	<u>£17,371</u>
5.GOVERNANCE COST	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Accountancy and Examiners	<u>£1,241</u>	<u>£1,160</u>
6. FIXED ASSETS COST	<u>Furniture and Equipments</u>	<u>Total</u>
At 1st April 2024	3,777	3,777
Additions	-	-
As at 31st March 2025	<u>3,777</u>	<u>3,777</u>
DEPRECIATION		
Opening Balance	765	765
Charge for the year	<u>765</u>	<u>765</u>
	<u>1,530</u>	<u>1,530</u>
NETBOOK VALUE		
As at 31st March 2025	<u>£2,247</u>	<u>£2,247</u>
As at 31st March 2024	<u>£3,012</u>	<u>£3,012</u>

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7. TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

Trustees' expenses

There are no paid staff. All tasks are carried out by Trustees who are not remunerated and do not receive any expenses or benefits for their activities.

8. DEBTORS: within one year 2025 2024

Mobility Transport	-	<u>£6,508</u>
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9. CREDITORS: within one year 2025 2024

Other Creditors	<u>£33,899</u>	<u>£24,294</u>
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10. MOVEMENTS IN FUNDS

	<u>Incoming Resources</u>	<u>Resources Expended</u>	<u>Movement in Funds</u>
Unrestricted Funds			
General Fund	<u>£112,158</u>	<u>£122,219</u>	<u>(£10,061)</u>
Analysis of Funds	<u>1.04.2024</u>	<u>Movement in funds</u>	<u>31.03.2025</u>
General fund for the year	392	(10,061)	(9,669)
Cherry Groce Memorial Fund	-	<u>(20,910)</u>	<u>(20,910)</u>
Total funds	<u>392</u>	<u>(30,971)</u>	<u>(30,579)</u>

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Governance cost		
Accountancy and Examiners	<u>£1,241</u>	<u>£1,160</u>
Total resources expended	<u>£122,219</u>	<u>£108,641</u>
Net expenditure	<u>(£10,061)</u>	<u>£11,889</u>