



Registered Charity No. 1166483

Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2024



**The King's Award
for Voluntary Service**

The MBE for volunteer groups awarded 2024

Patrons: Angela Rayner MP (To September 2024) & Jonathan Sayer

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Report of the trustees for the year ended 31st December 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the period ended 31st December 2024. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 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 published (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Reference and administrative information

Charitable Incorporated Organisation Name: Ashton United in the Community

Charitable Incorporated Organisation Number: 1166483

Date Registered: 12th April 2016

Trustees

The trustees serving during the year to 31st December 2024 were as follows:

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Objectives and activities

The purposes of the charity are:

1. The promotion of community participation in healthy recreation in particular by the provision of facilities for the playing of football and other sports.
2. To act as a resource for young people up to the age of 25 living in Tameside, Greater Manchester, and the surrounding areas by providing advice and assistance and organising programmes of physical, educational 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
3. 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.

Appointment of trustees

As set out in the constitution trustees are elected by the members of the charitable organisation attending the Annual General meeting. Trustees are appointed for a period of three years and shall retire from office by rotation based on their length of service and may offer themselves for re-election.

Trustee induction and training

Trustees are given information about their role and responsibilities on first being appointed. They are also given a copy of the constitution, information about staffing and the charity management, and are shown copies of policy documents.

Organisation

The trustees administer the charity and meet approximately every 6 weeks. A volunteer Project Manager has been appointed by the trustees to manage the day-to-day operations of the charity and he is supported by a paid Community Development Officer, originally operating on a freelance basis, but following a pilot scheme appointed in April 2021 as a member of Ashton United in the Community staff, on an annual contract, subject to funding. Sadly this post was made redundant in July 2024 due to lack of funding.

Related parties and co-operation with other organisations

None of our trustees receive remuneration or other benefit from their work with the charity. Any connection between a trustee or senior manager with any service providers must be disclosed to the full board of trustees in the same way as any other contractual relationship with a related party. Trustees must declare any conflict of interest as a standard agenda item at each meeting.

Structure, governance and management

Ashton United in the Community is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation governed by its constitution dated 3rd March 2015 and registration as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (Foundation) number

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1166483 with the Charity Commission on 12th April 2016.

The current Board of Trustees number 7 people. There is no Chair Person, the Chair Person being elected at each meeting for the duration of the meeting and to have the casting vote in the circumstances of a need to make a decision. The trustees recognise there is room for additional members and will actively seek to recruit the right people for the role.

The Trustees and volunteers

The Trustees of Ashton United in the Community CIO have the necessary skills and experience to govern the charity. In addition, we have access to several advisors including capacity builders, fundraisers, accountants, IT, PR & marketing consultancy's. As well as qualities such as concern for the community, Trustees and Advisors have a range of skills between them including HR, financial management, legal, project planning, senior public and private sector management, retail, public relations/media and marketing, and fundraising.

Smallshaw Hurst Profile – A United Community

Smallshaw Hurst and District encompassing Hurst Cross and the home to AUITC and Ashton United Football Club (AUFC), where all our events and activities take place—is among the top 2% most deprived neighbourhoods in England. Over the past year, we have engaged with approximately 3,000 individuals, the vast majority of whom are local residents.

We address key local issues identified through consultations with our current and potential users. Our work has been entirely delivered by local volunteers, supported by our Community Development Officer (until July 2024). Our events and activities are designed specifically for members of the local community, reflecting the challenges they face, such as limited or no disposable income, and widespread poor mental and physical health and wellbeing. Where children are involved, most come from disadvantaged backgrounds, including living in poverty, having parents who are unemployed, not in education or training, or being part of single-parent families or the care system.

The outlook for our community remains tough, with high inflation, rising fuel costs, reductions in benefits, and significant national insurance costs further straining household finances.

Throughout the year, AUITC has collaborated with partners to deliver coordinated efforts aimed at systemic change for the benefit of the entire community. A special thanks goes to Smallshaw Hurst Children's Community, with whom we have closely worked to align strategies, organise events, and run activities. A particular highlight was HurstFest, led by Lydia Wright—our gratitude for her hard work and unwavering efforts managing the event.

This highly effective partnership structure functions like a jigsaw puzzle, with each organisation contributing its unique piece. This collaboration has facilitated joint consultations to identify needs, common issues, and a shared pool of skills and specialist knowledge, bringing significant benefits such as:



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- Economies of scale
- Shared learning
- Resource sharing among staff and volunteers
- Joint initiatives
- Consistent and compatible monitoring and evaluation systems
- Comprehensive impact measurement

Over the past five years, the partnership has flourished, growing stronger as joint initiatives are launched and trust, confidence, and mutual understanding among partners deepen providing local people with services and activities delivered within a sphere of trust and openness.



As AUITC continues to gain recognition as a key player in the community and an "anchor charity," we've seen a notable outcome: local individuals and groups increasingly turn to us for assistance, viewing us as a reliable resource in times of need. While maintaining our core operations, we are fortunate to have the support of trustees and funding partners who value our ability to adapt and address emerging needs, no matter how diverse.

Our capacity to connect with others and guide them toward solutions has allowed us to expand the range of services we offer or influence. However, our greatest challenge—shared by our partners—remains meeting the growing demand for support with ever-diminishing resources.

A review of achievements and performance

By Project Manager Steve Hobson

In 2024, Ashton United in the Community (AUITC) has upheld its reputation as a positive force for good, playing a pivotal role in supporting the communities of Smallshaw, Hurst, Hazelhurst, and Broadoak—some of the most economically disadvantaged areas in both England and Tameside.

This past year presented numerous challenges, particularly as we responded to increased demands stemming from the success of our previous service delivery. Compounding this were reduced funding opportunities, which forced the redundancy of our Community Development Officer in July 2024 due to insufficient finances to sustain a paid staff role.

In September 2024 we were disappointed to hear that, due to political protocol, our patron Angela Rayner MP, Deputy Prime Minister, had to resign her position with the charity. We have, over the past 5yrs or more, been well supported by Angela and her team. We can only say a huge thanks for that support and wish her well with the 'bigger picture' she has to address.

Despite these setbacks, the unwavering commitment of our trustees, staff, and volunteers has been instrumental in securing the financial and in-kind resources needed to sustain the majority of our services. Our continued success is built on the strength of our partnerships, which remain the foundation of our impact.

Rather than facing the complex issues experienced by our communities in isolation, collaboration enables us to maximise resources, share expertise, and achieve far greater outcomes. The diverse support we receive—whether through guidance, funding, or in-kind contributions—reinforces our belief in the power of collective action among local stakeholders to address the numerous challenges faced by individuals in deprived areas, challenges which are no fault of their own.

The financial landscape of 2024 has been challenging, with a significant reduction in grants secured during

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2023 carrying over into this year. Local authorities and grant-giving trusts, upon which we heavily rely to keep our services free for end users, are grappling with reduced funding and increased demands, stretching their already limited resources even further.

It has often been said that we find ourselves in the midst of a storm, collectively navigating shared hardships. However, the lived experiences of those we support stand in stark contrast to those who seem to sail effortlessly through these turbulent times. At Ashton United in the Community, we remain steadfast in our commitment to championing the marginalised. This commitment is deeply rooted in the 147-year history of charitable work tied to our football partner, Ashton United FC, and is fully embraced by our current trustees.



Island in a Storm

The following stories and photographs showcase just some of the



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impactful activities carried out throughout 2024. It is with immense pride that I reflect on the difference our work has made—not only in the lives of the individuals we serve but also among our incredible group of volunteers. Many joined us facing significant personal challenges, and to witness their transformation into confident, happy individuals and key contributors to our team has been a source of joy and pride for everyone involved.

I am delighted to report that in November 2024 Ashton United in the Community was recognised in King Charles III birthday honors list by being awarded the 'King's Award for Voluntary Service' an award, equivalent of an MBE, recognising the efforts of our fantastic band of volunteers past and present, and the social impact they make. (See report later)

Cedar Park Pantry

Our commitment to Cedar Park Pantry, as a key initiative of the Smallshaw Hurst Community Action Group (SSHAG), remains steadfast. Until July 2024, Ashton United in the Community provided hands-on support through our Community Development Officer (CDO), who played a vital role in the pantry's operations. Unfortunately, the redundancy of the CDO position in July meant we had to withdraw this dedicated staff support.

Despite this, AUITC continues to collaborate with the pantry by sharing staff and volunteers to ensure its continued success. Notably, an AUITC volunteer has stepped into the paid role of Pantry Manager, funded directly by the pantry itself, which is now demonstrating increasing independence.

The combined volunteer pool from both organisations has shown remarkable commitment, supporting a steadily growing number of attendees at the pantry each month. This growth has become especially significant towards the year's end as more families and individuals face the pressures of winter fuel poverty, the loss of the winter fuel allowance, and rising prices at local shops. With membership now exceeding 400 families, demand continues to rise, culminating in over 142 individuals accessing the pantry on a single day in December.

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Food from Fans

Close links between the charity and Ashton United, and in turn other football clubs, has benefitted the pantry through donations. In April one such team was Marine FC from Liverpool whose supporters generously donated food for Cedar park Pantry upon their visit to Hurst Cross for a Northern Premier League fixture. Such initiatives

strengthens the bond between clubs, demonstrating that rivalry can coexist with mutual support and shared values. It shows that clubs are united in serving their broader community. This kind of donation showcases how sports fandom, often associated with rivalry, can be a force for good, uniting people for a noble cause and demonstrating the positive influence of football on society.



Football Cares

Gardening Projects

We continued our gardening group during the spring, supported by our Community Development Officer (CDO), recognising the extensive health benefits of gardening. Research, including a report by The King's Fund, highlights significant reductions in depression and anxiety, improved social functioning, and the potential to maintain independence and prevent cognitive decline through gardening. During this time, we helped maintain the grounds at St John's Church and the community space at Cedar Park.

However, following the redundancy of the CDO in July, we have had to scale back the gardening project. Despite this, we continue to offer outdoor volunteering opportunities through pitch maintenance activities at Hurst Cross. Volunteers gain hands-on experience in sports turf preparation and maintenance, safe machinery operation, and seasonal turf care.

The gardening project has been a success over the years, and it remains a strong ambition for both our volunteers and AUITC trustees to further develop this initiative—provided we can secure the necessary resources.

Digi Drop-In

Throughout the year, in partnership with the PCrefurb Digital Wellbeing Project Tameside and Glossop, and with financial support from Voicescape, Tameside Rotary and the Duchy of Lancaster Benevolent Fund we hosted weekly sessions at Hurst Cross, with the operational support of volunteer Digital Champions. These sessions were designed to improve the digital skills of local residents, offering a free, welcoming space for individuals of all skill levels to drop in and receive IT support.



Guided by expert trainers, attendees received personalised assistance tailored to their needs. Everyone was warmly greeted and offered complimentary refreshments, creating an inclusive and friendly environment. The sessions proved to be a success, attracting a steady stream of visitors—some seeking technical help and others simply enjoying a friendly chat!

In addition to improving digital skills, these drop-in sessions introduced

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attendees to other AUITC services, encouraging deeper engagement with our programmes. Based on this success, we plan to run similar sessions again in 2025.

Community Van



Toys for All

The Community Van remains an essential asset for AUITC and our partners, offering the flexibility needed to support activities such as collecting food donations, making deliveries, and transporting equipment to pop-up events. Owned, managed, and maintained by AUITC, the van is also available for use by partners like the Smallshaw Hurst Community Action Group (SSHCC), Smallshaw Hurst Children's Community (SSHCC), the Pantry, and AUFC. It has proven invaluable in supporting project delivery across the neighbourhood

and is frequently seen in action, promoting our partners through its branded livery as it travels throughout Smallshaw, Hurst, and the surrounding districts.

For many families in our communities, hardship and poverty are daily realities. Christmas, as always, is an especially challenging time, with parents facing immense pressure to ensure their children wake up to gifts on Christmas morning. Recent research shows that over a third of Tameside children are living in poverty, and for many families this winter, the choice between “heat or eat” is all too real—making Christmas expenses impossible to afford.

As the 2024 holiday season approached, the Community Van—operated by AUITC’s volunteer “elves”—played an important role in the Action Together Tameside Toy Appeal. It was frequently used to collect and deliver the larger collections of toys, spreading festive cheer to families in need.

Chief ‘sleigh’ (community van) driver, Trustee Andy Clayton said, ***‘The last two weeks have been very busy for our volunteers in the lead up to Christmas time when the work we do in the community is needed more than ever. Myself and my trainee elves, Luke & Steve have been involved with collecting and delivering toys for the Tameside Toy Appeal run by Action Together Tameside. It never ceases to amaze me, the generosity of the people and businesses of Tameside. It gives so much to those less fortunate and making sure the children have something to open on Christmas Day.’***



Little? Elves

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Hurst Village Band Contest

The Hurst Village Brass Band Contest is a celebrated event within a broader cultural offering. As part of the renowned Saddleworth and Tameside Brass Band Contest—hailed as "The Greatest Free Show on Earth"—it carries a legacy spanning over a century. The contest's enduring appeal and historical significance, dating back to 1884, draws bands from across the UK and even overseas. Its continued success relies on the unwavering dedication of volunteers who ensure its place on the brass band calendar and its role in the local community.



Mossley Band

The 2024 Annual Hurst Village Brass Band Contest, held on Friday, May 27, at Hurst Cross, was organised by Ashton United in the Community in partnership with Ashton United Football Club, Save the Children, and with generous financial support from the Granada Foundation and other local sponsors. In its 32nd year in 2024, the Hurst Village contest expanded its reach, welcoming 34 amateur

and semi-professional brass bands from across the country to compete. The event benefited from perfect weather, with a warm evening sun setting the stage for the competition. Up to 450 spectators gathered to witness the musical contest, where bands competed for over £2000 in prize money.

This free-to-attend event offers attendees and volunteers from diverse backgrounds the chance to experience brass band music and develop new skills and interests. Amidst the ongoing cost-of-living crisis, it provides families affected by food and fuel poverty with a rare opportunity for a cost-free day out. For many in the community, attending similar events would be impossible due to barriers like transportation costs. AUITC, in collaboration with AUFC and partners, brings the festival to their doorstep, enabling not only enjoyment of the performances but also opportunities to volunteer and feel part of the event—a draw that has consistently resonated over the years.



Family Time

A team of 20 volunteers played an integral role in managing all aspects of the event, including catering, marshalling, band announcements, coach parking, and overall coordination. Special thanks go to adjudicator Jack Capstaff, who generously provided his expertise to rank the bands' performances. As the contest concluded on a high note, preparations began for an even bigger and better event in 2025.

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HurstFest

HurstFest 2024 was an outstanding success, building on the positive momentum established since the covid pandemic in 2020. Responding to the enthusiastic feedback from the local community following each HurstFest, we were delighted to host the event in Cedar Park once again, made possible through financial backing facilitated by partners Smallshaw Hurst Children's Community (SSHCC) and their sponsors from associates of Save the Children Fund.



Despite rather inclement weather on the morning of the event, with the collaborative effort of our community partners, we arranged a remarkable family-oriented celebration that featured an array of activities, food, and drinks—all offered free of charge to local participants (Refreshments, hot dogs, Samosa's and ice cream to anyone that wanted them), primarily to those people living in the OL6 postcode area. This year's event surpassed expectations: boasting an expanded lineup that included more ice cream, face painters, circus skills, a band, festival make-up artists, inflatables, football skills and drills, crafts, diverse food options, hair braiding, circus acts and Bangla bands, a very popular petting zoo, an impressive stage with live performers, and much more.



The success of the event owes much to the dedicated efforts of Lydia Wright from SSHCC, who played a pivotal role in anchoring the coordination of the festivities. On a day marred by heavy rain and strong winds in the morning the community turned out in force whereupon we still attracted nearly 1500 people to enjoy the festivities.

Special thanks too are extended to Smallshaw Hurst Children's Community for their financial support for Skillz & Drillz sessions at HurstFest, contributing to the overall success and enjoyment of the event and all the volunteers for giving up their time to make the event such a great day. Also to the many local partners and agencies that attended to give out advice and goodie bags.

Having debriefed the event we are already planning for HurstFest 2025 which will likely take place on 28th August 2025. We will be looking to make it bigger and better still with street dancers, a magician, balloon artist, stalls, 3-a-side football and once more representation from partners across the community.

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Testimonials

Angela: *We had such a lovely day, well organised and such a friendly family fun place to be.*

Thank you to you all, the volunteers and organisers

Christine: *Thank you for amazing day hurst festival was amazing thank you Smallshaw-Hurst Children's Community, Ashton United and everyone who funded make it happen amazing fantastic x*

Bekkah: *It was a brilliant day wasn't it!*

Tejal: *Thank you to all the volunteers and the stall holders*

Tameside Police: *Yesterday, Our Hurst and St Michaels Neighbourhood Beat Officers attended The Hurst Festival 🎉🎊 Despite the weather, It was a fun filled day for all who attended and a great opportunity for us to engage with families, the local community and children.*

Angela: *We had a great afternoon, thank you everybody. You all worked so hard x*

Skillz & Drillz – Holiday Hunger

In 2024, we successfully hosted free Skillz and Drillz coaching sessions during school holidays and at HurstFest. We are delighted to have been awarded a grant from the Barclays Community Football Fund, delivered in partnership with Sported. These sessions, as in previous years, were supported by our Holiday Hunger scheme, which ensured that all children attending received packed lunches. Over 546 children aged 6-16 participated, and 594 light packed lunches, including meals for coaches and some siblings, were distributed.



594 light packed lunches distributed

During school holidays, these ever-popular football sessions provided local children with opportunities to learn new skills and make new friends, with over 100 participants each week. Special thanks go to Al Byrne and Nathan Lowe from Ashton United FC 1st team squad for leading the sessions, as well as to our partners, Save the Children, for their generous funding which also included providing children with tee shirts.

However, the number of Skillz and Drillz sessions was reduced during the winter months. This decision was driven by a reduction in available funding and the high costs associated with hiring indoor facilities to meet child safeguarding requirements during bad weather. We remain optimistic that we can resume winter sessions in the future if sufficient funding is secured and a suitable local venue becomes available.



Mum Kelly said about her sons attendance at Skillz & Drillz, *'He's really enjoyed coming and I wanted to say thank you. It's such a great thing and we'd be lost without it. Some of the other clubs that are all day can be too much during the holidays, this is perfect and he loves it.'*

Fun For All

Luncheon Club

Pilot and Expansion

In January 2023, we piloted a luncheon club that quickly gained popularity, engaging 50 participants per session and registering 90 members. Following the pilot's success, attendees expressed a strong desire for a more permanent club. With necessary resources secured, the luncheon club became a regular feature from November 2023 through May 2024, pausing for the summer to support the "Wednesday's Together" group established by club volunteers.

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Target Audience and Approach

The club, run by eight dedicated volunteers and a sessional cook, is open to all over 60s, with a focus on addressing the needs of isolated and lonely older adults, a pressing issue in the Smallshaw Hurst (OL6) area. Over a 22 week period 8 volunteers have contributed approximately 704hrs volunteering time which, valued at a median of £15 per hour equates to the equivalent of £10,560 in kind support.



Luncheon Club Attracting 40+ people per week

At luncheon club we engage with individuals who:

- Are elderly and disproportionately affected by fuel and food poverty.
- Experience loneliness and isolation, impacting their mental and physical health.
- Are hesitant to leave their homes.

Attendees benefit from free two-course meals, drinks, and opportunities for social interaction and entertainment. These gatherings serve as a gateway for further support, with guest speakers offering guidance on housing, NHS services, and welfare.

In March 2024, thanks to donations from a major clothing brand, we provided attendees with free spring and summer attire, further enhancing their experience.

Outcomes Achieved



A place for friendship

The Luncheon Club has delivered significant positive outcomes, including:

- Reduced isolation for local residents.
- Improved mental and physical health and well-being.
- Skill development and confidence-building among volunteers.
- Meaningful volunteering experiences, leading to qualifications or employment.
- Enhanced trust and a sense of belonging among attendees.
- Increased resilience and knowledge through guest speaker presentations.
- Strengthened community cohesion and new friendships.

Additional Event

- **Summer Tea Party** (10th July 2024): Despite unseasonal weather, 36 attendees enjoyed a traditional afternoon tea, including sandwiches, cakes, and scones, with a glass of fizz. Entertainment by “Tony the Crooner” included nostalgic songs, bingo, and games. Food was prepared by Angela Gratton and her team of volunteers, whose efforts were invaluable.
- **Acknowledgments:**
 - Taylor Wimpey for generous financial support, enabling the event.

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- Matalan (via Charlotte Hobson) for donating free clothing distributed at the event.



New Clobber All Round

Christmas Lunches: In December 2024, due to high demand, we hosted two Christmas Lunches for local older people, further strengthening our commitment to supporting the community.

Thank You All



Time for Thanks - their time to celebrate too!

Throughout the year our fantastic group of Luncheon Club volunteers have given up at least 4 hours of their time every Wednesday to provide a nutritious lunch and entertainment to around 40 older people from the OL6 postcode area.

Buying in provisions, cooking food, setting out the room, providing tea/coffee to visitors, washing pots and cleaning the facilities, nothing has been too much trouble for them week in and week out.

Well, just before Christmas it was time to treat the volunteers and say thank you for their efforts. Off we went for a Christmas Carvery lunch to spoil them in the manner they have spoilt others for so long.

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Future Plans

After consulting members and volunteers, the trustees decided to continue the Luncheon Club from October 2024 into 2025. This continuation is made possible by the outstanding contribution and commitment of Ashton United in the Community volunteers together with funding from:

- Manchester Guardian Society.
- Duchy of Lancaster Benevolent Fund.
- Anton Jurgens Charitable Trust.
- TMBC Community Wellbeing Fund.
- A legacy donation from Ian and Laura Scolah.

Testimonials

'My name is Rose, and my friend's name is Rose, but their isn't a thorn between us! We both enjoy coming here on Wednesday, especially for the lunch – and bingo, and raffle' – Two Roses.

'Love to come meet new friends. Love the food, gets all of us here on this table out, and meet up and have a good laugh. Love the activities, like the Easter hats and the Christmas party, great time, and the bingo and raffle – great prizes. All in all love coming here the staff very welcoming' – Caroline, Brenda, Nina.

Social, friendship, somewhere to be. Staying at home can become our normality which isn't good; and some people have no family or friends, sadly. So yes, places like this are a lifeline, and we do appreciate all you and the team do. Thank you' – Barry & Ada

Look forward to coming out here on Wednesday and meet people. It's good company. Much better than being alone in own house. Food very good. Volunteers/staff are very helpful and cheerful. We miss it when it's not on!' – Joyce & Lillie

Andy's Man's Club



With the financial support of the CRH Charitable Trust, we run a weekly men's suicide prevention session, providing free peer-to-peer support groups aimed at breaking the stigma around men's mental health. These sessions harness the power of conversation to help men navigate their mental health challenges.

The sessions, delivered in partnership with Andy's Man Club (Registered Charity No. 1179647) and supported by Ashton United in the Community (AUITC) volunteers, take place over 40 weeks of the year. Open to all men aged 18 and over, they specifically target local men with the simple goal of encouraging open discussion about their issues and offering mutual support. Each session lasts three hours, with capacity to engage over 40 men weekly. Since the inaugural session, which drew 71 attendees, we've consistently seen attendance of up

to 45 men each Monday, including approximately 5-6 first-time visitors each session. Participants range from regular weekly attendees to those who drop in occasionally or just once.

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AUITC and Ashton United FC also provide volunteering opportunities for attendees, supporting their ongoing mental and physical well-being. The sessions have been an overwhelming success, fostering a supportive community and encouraging positive mental health practices, indeed the sessions have been so successful that Andy's Man's Club are looking to open a second Tameside venue in Denton, in 2025.



You're Not Alone

Volunteering opportunities and Impact

We've been thrilled to offer volunteering opportunities to session participants, with:

- Five men supporting the Ashton Hurst Band Contest: They acted as stewards and promoted Andy's Man Club to visitors.
- Additional volunteers at HurstFest, a free community festival organised by AUITC in partnership with Smallshaw Hurst Children's Community (part of Save the Children Fund): Volunteers served as stewards, litter pickers, and general helpers.

All the volunteers thoroughly enjoyed their experiences, reporting enriched mental health and expressing interest in further opportunities. These activities have not only supported their well-being but also strengthened their sense of purpose and community involvement.

With respect to personal successes there are many. The following testimonials, publicly available via Facebook, from Ben Rochford and Anthony Howard Cofield encapsulate just some of the impact made; identifying the quick success we have achieved, and why we want to continue with Andy's man's Club at Ashton United in the Community for as long as we can:

Case Study 1 - Benn's Story: I'm Benn a new facilitator at AMC Ashton.

My story begins with the fallout from Covid-19, lockdowns and the cost of living crisis hitting hard which impacted my business and just before Christmas 2023 I had no option but to close down and seek employment elsewhere.

I was very lucky and landed a full time job reasonably quickly in the new year.

Before starting my new job I had to have an occupational health assessment. And during that assessment the nurse said something to me that didn't really register with me for weeks and weeks afterwards. She said "Take some time to grieve for your business and process that your life is now different career wise. After many years of being your own boss and doing what you love to starting over is a big change...."

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It was only when I started my new job that the full impact of what was said hit me like a freight train and had the realisation that closing my business down had literally ripped my heart and soul from me. I was good at what I did, I was passionate about what I did, I was making a positive difference but it wasn't viable anymore due to the cost of living crisis and knock on effect from Covid-19.



We don't bite!

And then my wife noticed that I wasn't myself. I wasn't eating for days on end, low mood, wasn't sleeping well, no interest in anything or anyone and was just on screen saver mode going through the motions and doing whatever needed to be done on a daily basis. But my wife wanted her husband back. The man who has always been easy going, happy go lucky and with a childish sense of humour. And my wife asked me to seek help and to go to Andy's Man Club or to do something.

I didn't do anything for a couple of weeks. Until I realised myself that I was for the first time in my life suffering with depression and anxiety.

And the next Monday I turned up at AMC Ashton like many men thinking I'll stay for a little bit and then just go home and say it's not for me.... but I was met

by the lead facilitator at the door and welcomed with open arms and showed to the brew station (a sure way to get my attention I'm a big coffee drinker 😄)

And I sat in my first Andy's Man Club thinking I'll just sit here, say nothing and leave. But I was in a mixed group of men from different backgrounds and walks of life and something clicked for me. This is what I needed and I could actually see this working for me.

Week in, week out I kept turning up, sharing with the group, listening to others, supporting each other and just been there for one another with no conditions or expectations.

And like many men say each week we've become a family, a band of brothers.

And when I got the call asking me to join the facilitator team I couldn't say no the guys. They've helped me so much since the beginning of the year. And I owe it to AMC Ashton to be there for the next man who walks through them doors not knowing what to expect or if it's even for them.

And I'm happy to report that my wife has her almost 40yr old husband with the childish sense of humour back. And that's thanks to AMC Ashton and every gentleman who walks through them doors on a Monday evening.

Benn 🙌

Case Study 2 – Ant: "Hi I'm Ant a new facilitator at AMC Ashton.

My story begins with addiction and the life that comes with it. After finally working on my addiction I'm finally becoming a better person I am learning a lot about ADHD and that it is okay to talk about things and worries. Also I'm learning about myself through therapy. Therapy itself opened my eyes along with support from proper friends from the real world not the drug world. With this correct support from the

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real people I wouldn't have come so far as I have but AMC has changed my life for the better.

I now have more motivation on moving forward with things instead of hiding away from my problems I can now tackle those worries and problems straight on. I have become more alert with daily tasks. Without the support from AMC and true proper friends I have realised there's a happier way of living.

I was so far wrapped up in the drug life like I totally lost sight on who I was and I hated the person I became until one day my friend mentioned about AMC Ashton. I was scared at first and I would walk around the venue until a facilitator came to me to tell me everything's okay but after being at AMC since April 2024 it got easier and easier each and every time I went. Like so many other men on their first time at AMC thinking I'll say nothing and then ultimately end up leaving. I stayed and it has been the best decision I've made in my life. I turn up to AMC week in week out. We have become a band of brothers.

Then I got a call inviting me to be part of the facilitator team and I jumped at the chance to give something back. I'm still working on myself but being involved with AMC has helped me to grow stronger

Ant"

Ashton United in the Community Receives The King's Award for Voluntary Service 2024

Ashton United in the Community (AUITC), closely associated with Ashton United Football Club (AUFC), has been awarded The King's Award for Voluntary Service for 2024. This prestigious accolade is the highest honor a local voluntary group can receive in the UK and is equivalent to an MBE. AUITC acts as the bridge between AUFC and the community, facilitating the efforts of volunteers who contribute to various projects, events, and community activities. As a central pillar of the Hurst community, AUITC addresses local issues identified through consultation with current and potential users. This is achieved by providing volunteering opportunities that help individuals build confidence, enhance their physical and mental health, and develop skills and knowledge that can lead to employment opportunities.



In addition to supporting events at AUFC's Hurst Cross, AUITC volunteers are involved in a range of projects aimed at tackling issues associated with deprivation in the area, such as poverty, loneliness, isolation, poor health, community safety concerns, lack of education, and unemployment. AUITC is one of 281 local charities, social enterprises, and voluntary groups to receive this prestigious award in 2024. Their efforts, along with those of other recipients across the UK, highlight the incredible impact volunteers have on their local communities and the ways they improve the lives of those around them.

The King's Award for Voluntary Service was established in 2002 to commemorate Her Majesty the late Queen Elizabeth II's Golden Jubilee and continues under His Majesty The King. It recognises exceptional contributions by local volunteer groups to their communities. 2024 marks the second year of The King's Award under the reign of King Charles III. Recipients are announced annually on November 14th, The King's Birthday. This year's winners include a diverse range of volunteer groups from across the UK. Representatives from AUITC will receive the award crystal and certificate from Diane Hawkins, Lord-Lieutenant of Greater Manchester, in the summer of 2025. Additionally, two AUITC volunteers will attend

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a Buckingham Palace garden party in May and June 2025 alongside other award recipients.

Project Manager Steve Hobson expressed his pride in the achievement, stating, ***“The volunteers at AUITC have changed the face of the community in Hurst. Local people giving back to local people and encouraged to do so by the football club and our partners has seen some remarkable outcomes, both for the individuals and the community as a whole. We are thrilled to be recognised in this way, an award that will lift spirits and boost everyone’s desire to do even more.”***

Volunteers

Our ongoing commitment revolves around offering local individuals opportunities to engage in volunteer work. Throughout 2024, our efforts to recruit and mobilise a substantial number of volunteers have persisted. We successfully registered 90 volunteers during the year, and collectively, they dedicated 15890 hours to volunteering. This represents a decrease in recorded volunteering hours compared to 2023 when a volunteer count of 75 contributed 17,960 hours, a figure that was unsurprising due to the redundancy of our Community Development Officer post in July. The good news is we were able to create paid employment for some of the people who previously volunteered their services including stewarding, facilities management and groundwork.

The opportunities to develop volunteering and support volunteers through their journey was however diminished through employment, nevertheless we were able to increase the numbers of volunteers and maintain good levels of opportunity and support. The challenge for 2025 will be to sustain levels of recruitment and support.

In April 2024, the median hourly earnings for full-time employees in the United Kingdom were £18.64, according to the Government Office for National Statistics. Valuing our volunteers' time at a nominal rate of £15.00 per hour in 2024, we can calculate a social value contribution to volunteering amounting to £238,350. This achievement remains noteworthy, particularly for a small charity.



Manchester Marathon Marshals

Volunteers are integral to our work, offering their support not just at Hurst Cross but also across the wider Smallshaw Hurst and district areas. Some volunteers contribute remotely, providing general assistance to our charity, while others take part in pop-up events and collaborate with our partners and fellow charities. For example, this year, several volunteers worked with the local Rotary Club to bring festive cheer during Santa's visits, and a group of 13 volunteers assisted with marshalling duties for the Manchester marathon.

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Our volunteer base is diverse, comprising individuals from various backgrounds, including those from the LGBTQ+ community, people with learning disabilities, students, the unemployed, and individuals dealing with loneliness and isolation. Together, they form the 'Ashton United Family,' and through their involvement, they have gained confidence and developed new skills. Their contributions are wide-ranging, including ground maintenance, media work, stewarding, coaching, helping at pop-up events, supporting the food pantry, participating in the luncheon club, taking part in the Hurst Band Concert, collecting toys for the Action Together and Ashton United Supporters Club toy appeals, and contributing to HurstFest. We greatly value their dedication, as we rely on their goodwill and commitment for the successful operation of our initiatives.



Volunteer Heroes

At Ashton United in the Community, we foster a supportive environment where volunteers feel encouraged to express themselves. This approach boosts their confidence and helps them understand that, when faced with challenges, they can count on peer support to address issues and learn valuable lessons. Over the years, this approach has allowed many volunteers to thrive, developing new skills and growing in confidence, both individually and within their teams.

Throughout the year, volunteers have opportunities to engage in a variety of indoor and outdoor activities, all of which contribute to their mental and physical well-being while working as part of a team. By promoting confidence, reducing isolation, and fostering new connections, we ensure that volunteers are integrated into a positive, supportive environment. Our doors are always open to those who wish to join our volunteer programme.

Case Studies

Case Study 1



Andy Clayton

Andy Clayton is a trustee and Secretary of Ashton United in the Community and spends almost 6hrs every day of the week engaged either with the charity or football club. A retired IT Manager with a national telecommunications company Andy is involved both behind the scenes and 'at the coal face' in almost every activity of the charity.

Andy says, 'Upon my retirement I was looking for something to occupy my time and I became involved with the charity through my interest in Ashton United Football Club. I can honestly say I have never worked so hard in my life since retirement, but what joy and fulfillment it brings. No day is the same and the sense of belonging to 'a family', something really special, pervades everything I get involved in. I never thought that volunteering could be so rewarding. I am proud to be making a difference and delighted that both my wife and son have joined me as volunteers'

Case Study 2

For many years Ashton United in the Community has engaged with students primarily to offer internships and experience of operating in a 'live' environment. The contribution from those at universities including

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Central Lancashire, Keele, University Campus of Football Business (UCFB) has been invaluable and we, in turn, have seen some students progress into very good employment positions including professional club secretary, DAZN Senior Content Planner, JOE.co Senior Content Creator, Media Managers, PR roles, Head of Crowd Safety at Wembley. In late 2024 we joined a joint FA/British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS) pilot scheme offering the following roles to students:

- Media & Marketing Officer
- Fundraising & Sponsorship Officer
- Club & Community Engagement Officer
- Fan Experience Officer
- Facilities Development Officer
- Volunteer Officer

Through 2025, 4 students from Manchester Metropolitan University and UA92, Salford will be given the opportunity to gain knowledge and experience at Ashton United FC and with our partners.

Training

We are keen to support the volunteers in our charity, exploring ways to enhance their support and training for more effective role delivery. We aim to offer opportunities for continuous professional development (CPD) to acquire additional skills and knowledge, benefiting both AUITC and their personal life journey.

Case study

Nick is a volunteer who, in 2023, asked AUITC if we could offer any opportunities for him to follow his interest in sports photography. We arranged for him to attend Ashton United FC matches and follow his ambitions. Over time Nick became proficient in sports photography and is now the AUFC official photographer attending both home and away matches. In 2024, when interviewed as part of our continuing appraisal of volunteer needs and aspirations, Nick expressed an interest in furthering his knowledge of First Aid and specifically football First Aid. We have been able to send Nick on courses where we are pleased to say he has achieved three accredited qualifications:

- Introduction to First Aid in Football (IFAiF)
- Level 2 IFAiF Certificate
- Level 3 Emergency Medical First Aid in Football

Nick said, ***'I am grateful for the opportunities provided through volunteering with Ashton United in the Community. Not only have I explored my interest in sports photography but I now have the knowledge and skills to support the team/club with any injury situation. I have really enjoyed the learning experience. It was very rewarding and hopefully will come in useful in the future.'***

Alongside providing our own training to volunteers and the local community, we successfully organised training courses at Hurst Cross. The venue's quality attracted agencies and trainers who approached us to use the space and connect with the local audiences attending our events. While we were able to accommodate some of these requests, our capacity to do so became more limited from July onward, as we no longer had a full-time staff member available to facilitate the sessions.

Staff



Andy Finnigan

This year, we partially maintained a staffing structure similar to the previous year, consisting of a full-time Community Development Officer supported by trustees, a volunteer Project Manager, and a Training and Development Coordinator. However, the Community Development Officer role became redundant in July, leaving the trustees to assess our ability to maintain the same level of delivery during the second half of the year. A huge thanks must go to Andy Finnigan for his enthusiasm and commitment to developing the charity. A person living locally and

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empathetic to the people with whom we engage, his personality and endearing nature helped the charity thrive and gain the trust of stakeholders. Andy's full time commitment will be missed although we do hope to retain his services as a volunteer; his current work role permitting.

To meet continued demand, sessional staff, including coaches, caterers, face painters, artists, and partner organisations, were engaged on an as-needed basis. The success of this approach was driven by the dedication and enthusiasm of everyone involved, each striving to excel in their roles and contribute their best to the charity. Furthermore, the pantry duties are now undertaken by a sessional manager.

The loss of a full-time staff member highlighted the need for a more sustainable model. In alignment with the 2024–26 business plan, the trustees acknowledged the importance of operating within the charity's financial capacity. While there is a clear need and desire to appoint an operational staff member, it is crucial to first secure the resources required to sustain such a position. During the latter half of the year, all activities were delivered entirely by volunteers and sessional staff. This model allowed us to maintain services but placed additional pressure on trustees and volunteers who took on extra responsibilities. However, this is not a model the charity envisions for the long term.

Grant funding has remained vital in supporting the delivery of services and activities to the local community. Unfortunately, 2024 saw a further reduction in grant support, largely due to the cost-of-living crisis. This presents a significant challenge as we strive to rebuild a staff team and secure the resources needed to offer longer-term contracts, ensuring the stability and quality of our workforce.

Partnerships

AUITC works with a number of local partners including:

- Working in partnership with schools has been successful in including students as part of an alternate education project. Practical learning at Hurst Cross e.g. measuring pitch markings to specific sizes puts maths into context, writing reviews for programmes and proof reading helps with English together with the peer support that they get is proving, to be very beneficial to their learning process.
- Part of a steering group of representatives from the statutory, voluntary and faith sectors to plan HurstFest, a free to enter annual community festival.
- Action Together Tameside the third sector umbrella group helps support volunteering opportunity at Ashton United in the Community through the online promotion of vacancies across the district via its website and social media platforms.
- Ashton United Football Club provides volunteering opportunities on matchdays and throughout the year, together with facilities and matched resources in support of the volunteers and the activities they undertake.
- Ashton United Football Club Supporters Association provide practical and financial support to the charity. The group is also a good source of volunteers. They have embraced the #oneclub partnership between Ashton United Supporters Association, Ashton United FC and Ashton United in the Community creating a force for good not only within local football circles but further afield. This is exemplified by their presenting, at every away club, a football shirt to a home club nominated volunteer as a token of respect for that persons commitment to his/her club and a mutual friendship between the competing clubs.



A Deserving Recipient

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- Collaboration with other specialist third sector providers introduces new skills and activities to the people of Hurst (e.g. Andy's man's Club, PCrefurb) and provides best value for service delivery.
- AUITC is a member of Smallshaw Hurst Children's Community (Save the Children) which aims to bring local services, communities and systems leaders together to create and deliver an ambitious vision for change for local children and families. It aims to ensure that local services work together to meet the needs of children, across all aspects of their lives and all stages of their childhood. The work of AUITC will, where possible, fully support these aims.

Case Study 1 – One Club Partnership

Over 1st and 2nd March of a group of seven intrepid Ashton United supporters undertook a mammoth 40 mile, two-day sponsored charity walk; starting from the club's Hurst Cross ground in Lancashire, the group trekked all the way up into The Peak District for the weekend's Pitching In Northern Premier League Premier Division fixture with Matlock Town - all with the aim of raising money and awareness for Ashton United In The Community.



All weather walkers

This was no spring stroll - Day One consisted of a 30 mile stage that climbed just short of a 1,000 feet and, after starting at 7.30 in the morning, the walkers soon found themselves battered by snowstorms as they headed up through Stalybridge, then into the hills beyond Glossop. A weather induced detour saw them tackle a stretch of the walk over the Derbyshire hills in snow over a foot deep before dropping into Chinley.

After a break for lunch, the walkers made headway for Dove Holes, where shortly afterwards they were joined along part of their route by Ashton United FC squad member George Milner (who lives in the area) as they made their way towards the next big target - joining the Monsal Trail near Buxton. The trail runs along what was formerly the Manchester to London Midland Railway Line and, after eleven and a half hours on the go, took the walkers into Bakewell for a well-deserved overnight rest stop. Following a couple of beers, and an hour or so dissecting the day's events, they headed off to bed in the hope of recharging for the day ahead.

Day Two started with brighter weather, but Saturday morning also saw two casualties - one of the walkers dropped out with a re-occurrence of an old knee

problem and, after running repairs on the Monsal Trail the night before, Stephen Parker's walking boots ended up in the hotel's bin and he had to make do with a pair of training shoes for the last leg of the journey. Worse still was the ominous news coming out of Matlock that there was a pitch inspection

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Football Meets NHS With Common Goal

The reception at Matlock was great to see, after just under 16 hours walking, the group were greeted by a 7ft tall foam Gladiator, Matlock Town's very own mascot, a number of fans and players from Matlock Town FC, the Ashton United Supporters who had made the trip over regardless, and more importantly, a pint and a chip butty, kindly provided free of charge by the staff at the ground.

Asked if he was disappointed by the postponement, Ashton United Supporters' Club Chairman Luke Sayle said "It wasn't unexpected to be honest, the weather was terrible yesterday, we knew Matlock would be up against it to get their pitch back in shape, and having seen the surface it was understandable - of course we wanted to see the game after walking so far, but we have still achieved our aim of raising money and awareness for the AUITC charity... and the whole experience has brought the supporters closer together - not just those of us that walked, but the ones who offered support before and during the walk, then came to our rescue when we were stuck up here with no way of getting home. And no, I'm not walking back for the re-arranged fixture."

Ian Matthews: "We did this walk to Matlock, to raise money for Ashton United in the Community. I enjoy walking but didn't realise how difficult it would be. The weather was against us however as a team we supported each other and I met some amazing people who I shared the experience with. These will be friends for life. It was a great achievement and I am proud of us all. A big thank you to everyone involved and to everyone who donated to such a great cause!"

Wayne Schofield: "I did the walk to get more involved with the supporters club and to raise money for a very good cause. I found it physically (two toe nails missing now) and mentally challenging as I hadn't pushed myself like this for many a year. It means a lot to me not just to do it, but do it with likeminded people in which we all supported each other throughout the whole challenge. Well done everyone."

Walkers; Scott Bruton, Emma Gordon, Ellie Matthews, Ian Matthews, Stephen Parker, Luke Sayle & Wayne Schofield, support vehicle driver - Stacie Hadfield.

In all the sponsored walk raised over £3000 towards the activities of Ashton United in the community.

Case Study 2

In keeping with the #OneClub ethos a number of the Ashton United first team squad members Tom

planned for 10.15 - just about the time the group were setting off for the final stage, with some ten miles still to cover.

As the walkers were still getting into their stride, the news came through that the playing surface had become the third casualty of the day - the referee had had no choice but to postpone the fixture. Undaunted - and with no other options either - the group carried on to the end, and a number of volunteers quickly came forward with offers to drive up from Ashton to Matlock and collect the walkers at the end of their route.



Gladiators One And All!

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Denton, Al Byrne & George Chmiel, volunteered their time to delivered some Christmas presents, sourced by Ashton United Supporters Association, to the Children's Unit at Tameside Hospital. Tom Denton spoke about our visit, saying, **"Was a pleasure to go in and represent Ashton United in the Community to hand some presents over to the children and staff at the children's ward and we hope that it brings them some comfort and happiness at this time of year!"**

Case Study 3



Even the sun was out

In October, working together with Ashton Primary care Network team and Ashton United, we were able to introduce the health promotion team to the supporters and volunteers at Hurst Cross during a league match. Nurse Gemma Douglas said, **'It was great to have the opportunity to reach out to local people in a setting where they ordinarily would not be considering their good health. With home supporters primarily men we were able to generate**



Lots to learn

conversation about positive health. We look forward to collaborating with Ashton United in the Community and their partners in the future.'

Consultation with Users

AUITC's greatest strength lies in its belief that local people are best positioned to drive positive change in the community's best interests. As such, we involve local people at every stage of our work—as trustees, staff, volunteers, mentors, and beneficiaries. This approach fosters a sense of ownership, builds trust within the community, and ensures a deep understanding of local needs and aspirations. Our local volunteers, with their lived experience, play a pivotal role in shaping our project delivery. We are regarded as a 'go-to organisation,' where community members bring their challenges, and we support them in finding solutions. All our trustees, staff, and volunteers are local, either living or working in the area, bringing a diverse range of skills, abilities, and connections. By working alongside local people, we encourage and empower them to take ownership and leadership in their community.



Let's hear your views

The local community is actively involved through events, activities, and visits to the Food Pantry and Luncheon Club, allowing us to understand their immediate needs and gather their views on future initiatives. This includes collecting feedback on what works well, identifying areas for improvement, determining preferences for activity packs to engage children during holidays and non-school periods, and assessing training needs for volunteers. Regular communication with volunteers and partners from the voluntary and statutory sectors is a key priority. This fosters an environment where volunteers feel encouraged to share their needs and suggestions for improving their

roles and experiences, while beneficiaries receive support tailored to their needs and aspirations. The

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feedback gathered informs the role of the Training and Development Coordinator, who collaborates with community members to create opportunities for skill and knowledge development, empowering individuals to enhance their lives while advancing the charity's initiatives.

Financial Review

During the year Ashton United in the Community were successful in a number of grant applications. We are extremely thankful for the support of the following organisations providing grant support (predominantly over £500) toward a number of objectives:

- Action Together Tameside Community Wellbeing Fund
- Barclays Community Football Fund
- Voicescape
- Granada Foundation
- Sported
- Manchester Guardian Society
- GM High Sheriff's Police Trust
- W O Street Charitable Foundation
- Anton Jurgens Charitable Trust
- Save the Children Fund
- Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council
- Duchy of Lancaster benevolent Fund
- CRH Charitable Trust
- The Burke Family
- Ashton United FC Supporters Association
- Ashton United FC players, management & officials
- The Trident Community Foundation
- Ian & Lorna Scolah

The grants we receive allow AUITC to grow as an anchor charity in the Hurst, Smallshaw & Broadoak area of Ashton-under-Lyne, achieving positive outcomes for local residents impacted by the complex challenges of living in some of the most deprived areas in England, including Tameside. These challenges are expected to intensify as low wages, fuel poverty, and rising living costs place additional strain on those already facing significant hardships. Together, we are committed to helping people not only survive but thrive.



Steve Hobson
Ashton United in the Community
Project Manager

Date: 17th January 2025

Investment powers and policy

The trustees, having regard to the liquidity requirements of operating the charity, have kept available funds in a 'Treasurers Account'.

Reserves policy and going concern

The balance held in unrestricted reserves at 31st December 2024 was £22,875 of which all are free reserves, after allowing for funds tied up in tangible fixed assets.

The Charity's main source of income is grants and charitable donations. The Trustees consider that it is appropriate to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis and, consequently, the accounts do not include any adjustments that would be necessary if these sources of income should cease.

The trustees aim to establish and maintain free reserves in unrestricted funds at a level which equates to approximately three months of unrestricted charitable expenditure. The trustees consider that this level will provide sufficient funds to respond to applications for grants and ensure that support and governance costs are covered.

The trustees consider that the charity is a going concern. Any reliance on grant funding is managed through a flexible approach to activities and project delivery.

Risk management

As the charity continues to establish itself the trustees will conduct regular reviews of the major risks to which the charity may be exposed and systems will be established to mitigate those risks.

Trustees responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) 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 for that period.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees will be required to:

- Select suitable accounting principles and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures that must be disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is appropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with legal requirements. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

By order of the trustees

Peter O'Brien
Treasurer

Date: 27th October 2025

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
ASHTON UNITED IN THE COMMUNITY
REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1166483**

I report on the accounts of the charity, for the year ended 31st December 2024 which are set out on pages 29 to 40.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity is preparing accrued accounts and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiners 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 charity 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out below.

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 requirements:

- to keep accounting records have in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act,
- have not been met; 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:

Jim Hilton Jones FCCA

Date: 27th October 2025

Hilton Jones t/a Community
Accountancy Service

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024
(INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

				Total Funds	Total Funds
				Year Ended	Year Ended
		Unrestricted	Restricted	31 December	31 December
Further Details		Funds	Funds	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	(3)	15,400	-	15,400	2,260
Charitable Activities	(4)	-	30,500	30,500	39,700
Other Trading Activities	(5)	8,101	-	8,101	7,817
Other Income		-	-	-	202
Total		23,501	30,500	54,001	49,979
Expenditure on:					
Raising Funds	(6)	-	1,277	1,277	5,048
Charitable Activities	(6)	4,801	59,246	64,047	59,297
Total		4,801	60,523	65,324	64,345
Net income/(expenditure)		18,700	(30,023)	(11,323)	(14,366)
Transfers between funds	(17)	(631)	631	-	-
Net movement in funds		18,069	(29,392)	(11,323)	(14,366)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	(17)	4,806	38,595	43,401	57,767
Total funds carried forward	(17)	22,875	9,203	32,078	43,401

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 32 to 40 form part of these accounts.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets:			
Tangible assets	(11)	-	4,149
Total fixed assets		-	4,149
Current assets:			
Stocks	(12)	-	-
Debtors	(13)	494	1,435
Cash at Bank & in Hand		32,755	39,157
Total current assets		33,249	40,592
Liabilities:			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(14)	1,171	1,340
Net current assets or liabilities		32,078	39,252
Total assets less current liabilities		32,078	43,401
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	(16)	-	-
Provisions for liabilities		-	-
Total net assets or liabilities		32,078	43,401
The funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds	(17)	9,203	38,595
Unrestricted income funds	(17)	22,875	4,806
Total charity funds		32,078	43,401

Approved on behalf of the Trustees Management Committee

Peter O'Brien

Andrew Clayton

Date: 27th October 2025

The notes on pages 32 to 40 form part of these accounts.

Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31 December 2024

Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	Year Ended 31 December 2024	Year Ended 31 December 2023
	£	£
Net movement in funds	(11,323)	(14,366)
Add back depreciation	4,149	4,150
Deduct investment income	-	-
Decrease/(increase) in stocks	-	-
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	941	78
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(169)	(373)
Net cash used in operating activities	(6,402)	(10,511)
Cash flows from investment activities:		
Interest	-	-
Purchase of fixed assets	-	-
Net cash provided by investing activities	-	-
Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents during the year	(6,402)	(10,511)
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward	39,157	49,668
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward	32,755	39,157

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024

1. Accounting policies**(a) Basis of preparation and assessment of going concern**

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities 2019 preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 1st January 2019 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

(b) Funds structure

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor or trust deed. There are 20 restricted funds.

Unrestricted income funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects. Unrestricted funds include designated funds where the trustees, at their discretion, have created a fund for a specific purpose.

Further details of each fund are disclosed in note 17.

(c) 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.

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that those conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank. Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

(d) Expenditure Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses including support costs and governance costs are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings. For more information on this attribution refer to note (f) below.

(e) Irrecoverable VAT

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the expenditure heading for which it was incurred.

(f) Allocation of support and governance costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support costs. Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to independent examination and legal fees together with an apportionment of overhead and support costs.

Governance costs and support costs relating to charitable activities have been apportioned based on type of expense. The allocation of support and governance costs is analysed in note 8.

(g) Costs of raising funds

The costs of raising funds consists of events.

(h) Charitable Activities

Costs of charitable activities include governance costs and an apportionment of support costs as shown in note 7.

(i) Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

All assets costing more than £500 are capitalised and valued at historical cost. Depreciation is charged on the following basis:

Equipment	33.33% on cost
Motor Vehicles	25% on cost

(j) Realised gains and losses

All gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their opening carrying value or their purchase value if acquired subsequent to the first day of the financial year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year end and their varying value. Realised and unrealised investment gains and losses are combined in the Statement of Financial Activities.

(k) Pensions

The charity currently does not administer contributions to a pension scheme on behalf of individuals.

(l) Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

(m) 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 after allowing for any trade discounts due.

2. Related party transactions and trustees' expenses and remuneration

The trustees all give freely their time and expertise without any form of remuneration or other benefit in cash or kind. Expenses paid to the trustees in the year totalled £nil (2023: £nil).

3. Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	Total Funds
	Year Ended 31 December 2024	Year Ended 31 December 2024	Year Ended 31 December 2024	Year Ended 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£
Donations	15,400	-	15,400	2,260
	15,400	-	15,400	2,260

Previous reporting period:

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds
	Year Ended 31 December 2023	Year Ended 31 December 2023	Year Ended 31 December 2023
	£	£	£
Donations	2,260	-	2,260
	2,260	-	2,260

4. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	Total Funds
	Year Ended 31 December 2024	Year Ended 31 December 2024	Year Ended 31 December 2024	Year Ended 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£
Restricted grants:				
Action Together	-	-	-	15,000
Action Together - Andy's Man Club	-	1,000	1,000	-
Anton Jurgens Trust	-	3,000	3,000	-
Barclays Community Fund	-	-	-	500
Charities Trust	-	-	-	1,000
CRH Charitable Trust	-	6,000	6,000	-
Duchy of Lancaster	-	2,000	2,000	-
Granada Foundation	-	2,000	2,000	-
Jigsaw Housing	-	6,000	6,000	5,000
Manchester College	-	-	-	5,000
Manchester Guardian Society	-	2,000	2,000	-
High Sheriff's Trust	-	-	-	3,500
Barclays Community "Sported" Foundation	-	2,000	2,000	-
Trident Challenge Hub Foundation	-	4,000	4,000	-
FM DES Voicecap Charity	-	1,000	1,000	-
WO Street	-	-	-	3,000
Tameside MBC - Skillz & Drillz	-	-	-	3,700
Tameside MBC - Luncheon Club	-	1,500	1,500	3,000
	-	30,500	30,500	39,700

Previous reporting period:

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds
	Year Ended 31 December 2023	Year Ended 31 December 2023	Year Ended 31 December 2023
	£	£	£
Restricted grants:			
Action Together	-	15,000	15,000
Barclays Community Fund	-	500	500
Charities Trust	-	1,000	1,000
Jigsaw Housing	-	5,000	5,000
Manchester College	-	5,000	5,000
High Sheriff's Trust	-	3,500	3,500
WO Street	-	3,000	3,000
Tameside MBC - Skillz & Drillz	-	3,700	3,700
Tameside MBC - Luncheon Club	-	3,000	3,000
	-	39,700	39,700

5. Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	Total Funds
	Year Ended 31 December 2024	Year Ended 31 December 2024	Year Ended 31 December 2024	Year Ended 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£
Income from Van Rental & Other Recharges	4,462	-	4,462	6,447
Fundraising Income	3,639	-	3,639	1,370
	<u>8,101</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,101</u>	<u>7,817</u>

Previous reporting period:

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds
	Year Ended 31 December 2023	Year Ended 31 December 2023	Year Ended 31 December 2023
	£	£	£
Income from Van Rental & Other Recharges	6,447	-	6,447
Fundraising Income	1,370	-	1,370
	<u>7,817</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,817</u>

6. Expenditure

	Community Engagement in Tameside	Year Ended 31 December 2024	Year Ended 31 December 2023
	£	£	£
Expenditure on raising funds:			
Advertising	-	-	2,378
Fundraising costs	-	-	50
Event costs	1,277	1,277	2,620
	<u>1,277</u>	<u>1,277</u>	<u>5,048</u>

Expenditure on charitable activities:

Employment Costs	13,197	13,197	26,523
DBS Costs	64	64	-
Volunteer Expenses	3,747	3,747	-
Licences	51	51	-
Social Events	-	-	467
Grounds Expenses	50	50	-
Donations Paid	-	-	1,375
Refreshments	189	189	6,551
Project Costs	14,811	14,811	2,121
Equipment	-	-	411
Motor Expenses	1,738	1,738	1,303
Room & Facility Hire	15,085	15,085	5,210
Subscriptions	1,085	1,085	1,135
Computer & Internet Costs	561	561	140
Insurance	1,029	1,029	574
Governance	8,135	8,135	8,892
Post, Printing & Stationery	156	156	445
Depreciation	4,149	4,149	4,150
	<u>64,047</u>	<u>64,047</u>	<u>59,297</u>
	<u>65,324</u>	<u>65,324</u>	<u>64,345</u>

Unrestricted funds	4,801	7,482
Restricted funds	60,523	56,863
	<u>65,324</u>	<u>64,345</u>

7. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

As per note 6.

8. Allocation of governance and support costs

The breakdown of support costs and how these were allocated between governance and other support costs is shown below:

	General Support	Governance	Total 2024	Basis of apportionment
Accountancy Fees	-	895	895	type of expense
Room Hire for Trustee Meeting	-	90	90	type of expense
Other Professional Services	7,150	-	7,150	type of expense
	<u>7,150</u>	<u>985</u>	<u>8,135</u>	

Previous reporting period;

	General Support	Governance	Total 2023	Basis of apportionment
Accountancy Fees	-	990	990	type of expense
Other Professional Services	7,902	-	7,902	type of expense
	<u>7,902</u>	<u>990</u>	<u>8,892</u>	

9. Analysis of staff costs

	Year Ended Year Ended 31 December 2024	Year Ended 31 December 2023
	£	£
Wages and Salaries	10,729	25,751
Redundancy	2,146	-
Social Security Costs	-	-
Pension Costs	322	772
	<u>13,197</u>	<u>26,523</u>
Charitable activities	13,197	26,523
Support costs	-	-
	<u>13,197</u>	<u>26,523</u>

The average number of employees during the year was 1 (2023: 1).

The charity considers its key management personnel comprises the trustees and consultant project manager. The total employment benefits, including employer pension contributions of the key management personnel were £nil (2023: £nil). No employee has benefits in excess of £60,000.

10. Independent Examiner Fees

	Year Ended Year Ended 31 December 2024	Year Ended 31 December 2023
	£	£
Independent examination fees	895	990
	<u>895</u>	<u>990</u>

11. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Motor Vehicles	Equipment	Total
Cost	£	£	£
At 01 January 2024	14,388	12,473	26,861
Additions	-	-	-
At 31 December 2024	14,388	12,473	26,861
Depreciation			
At 01 January 2024	10,791	11,921	22,712
Charge for Year	3,597	552	4,149
At 31 December 2024	14,388	12,473	26,861
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 December 2024	-	-	-
At 31 December 2023	3,597	552	4,149

12. Stocks

The charity does not hold stocks of any items.

13. Analysis of debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Prepayments	494	1,435
	494	1,435

Debtors and prepayments relate to restricted funds Enil (2023: £844) and unrestricted funds £494 (2023: £591).

14. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other creditors	-	150
Accruals	865	840
Taxation and social security	306	350
	1,171	1,340

15. Deferred income

The CIO did not have any deferred income at the period end.

16. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Provisions for liabilities	-	-
	-	-

17. Analysis of charitable funds

Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds

	Balance at 01 January 2024	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
General Fund	4,806	23,501	(4,801)	(631)	22,875
	4,806	23,501	(4,801)	(631)	22,875

Previous reporting period:

	Balance at 01 January 2023	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General Fund	2,793	10,279	(7,482)	(784)	4,806
	2,793	10,279	(7,482)	(784)	4,806

Name of unrestricted fund:

General Fund

Description, nature and purpose of the fund

The "free reserves" after allowing for all designated funds

Analysis of movements in restricted funds

	Balance at 01 January 2024	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Action Together - We're in this Together	3,986	-	(3,986)	-	-
Action Together	4,027	-	(4,319)	292	-
Action Together - Andy's Man Club	-	1,000	(1,025)	25	-
Anton Jurgens Trust	-	3,000	(3,000)	-	-
Action Together - Volunteer Recognition	8,209	-	(8,207)	-	2
Charities Trust	1,000	-	(1,014)	14	-
CRH Charitable Trust	-	6,000	(4,950)	-	1,050
Duchy of Lancaster	-	2,000	(1,817)	100	283
Granada Foundation	-	2,000	(1,850)	-	150
Jigsaw Housing	580	6,000	(2,975)	-	3,605
Manchester Guardian Society	-	2,000	(613)	-	1,387
Barclays Community "Sported" Foundation	-	2,000	(2,000)	-	-
High Sheriff's Trust	2,475	-	(2,454)	-	21
Community Fund	516	-	(457)	-	59
Community Fund - Picking up the Pieces	5,797	-	(5,794)	-	3
Community Fund - Happy Hurst	5,090	-	(5,079)	-	11
Tameside MBC	1,756	-	(625)	-	1,131
Trident Challenge Hub Foundation	-	4,000	(3,355)	-	645
FM DES Voicecap Charity	-	1,000	(1,200)	200	-
Tameside MBC - Luncheon Club	5,159	1,500	(5,803)	-	856
	38,595	30,500	(60,523)	631	9,203

17. Analysis of charitable funds

Analysis of movements in restricted funds

Previous reporting period:

	Balance at 01 January 2023	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
National League Trust	83	-	(183)	100	-
Action Together - We're in this Together	14,356	-	(10,370)	-	3,986
Action Together - Hate Crime	56	-	(56)	-	-
Action Together - Defra	1,232	-	(1,232)	-	-
Action Together	-	15,000	(10,973)	-	4,027
Action Together - Volunteer Recognition	500	-	(500)	-	-
Action Together - Volunteer Recognition	8,209	-	-	-	8,209
Barclays Community Fund	-	500	(500)	-	-
Charities Trust	-	1,000	-	-	1,000
Jigsaw Housing	-	5,000	(4,420)	-	580
Manchester College	-	5,000	(5,023)	23	-
High Sheriff's Trust	40	3,500	(1,065)	-	2,475
Community Fund	677	-	(161)	-	516
Community Fund - Picking up the Pieces	5,797	-	-	-	5,797
Trident Foundation	858	-	(858)	-	-
Community Fund - Happy Hurst	5,137	-	(47)	-	5,090
Tameside MBC	3,824	-	(2,068)	-	1,756
Tameside MBC - Safety Fund	6,197	-	(6,197)	-	-
WO Street	-	3,000	(3,000)	-	-
Tameside MBC - Skillz & Drillz	-	3,700	(3,861)	161	-
Tameside MBC - Luncheon Club	8,000	3,000	(6,341)	500	5,159
Tameside Action Together	8	-	(8)	-	-
	54,974	39,700	(56,863)	784	38,595

Name of restricted fund:

Action Together - We're in this Together
 Action Together
 Action Together - Andy's Man Club
 Anton Jurgens Trust
 Action Together - Volunteer Recognition
 Charities Trust
 CRH Charitable Trust
 Duchy of Lancaster
 Granada Foundation
 Jigsaw Housing
 Manchester Guardian Society
 Barclays Community "Sported" Foundation
 High Sheriff's Trust
 Community Fund
 Community Fund - Picking up the Pieces
 Community Fund - Happy Hurst

 Tameside MBC
 Trident Challenge Hub Foundation
 FM DES Voicecap Charity
 Tameside MBC - Luncheon Club

Description, nature and purpose of the fund

for salaries, fulfilment/activities/core costs
 for Community Development Officer salary
 to support Andy's Man Club Men's Mental Health support group
 for a luncheon club
 for volunteer support
 emergency response community support fund
 to support Andy's Man Club Men's Mental Health support group
 for a digital drop in ICT support club and for a luncheon club
 for a community band festival
 towards running costs of Hurstfest community event
 for a luncheon club
 to support school holiday activities
 towards general running costs of Hurstfest community event
 for a volunteer project
 to set up a food pantry
 for volunteer engagement, Hurstfest, Hurst Band Contest, Gardening Group,
 marketing and communications
 for the purchase of a van
 for a volunteer support programme
 for a digital drop in ICT support club
 for a luncheon club

18. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	23,552	-	9,203	32,755
Other net current assets/(liabilities)	(677)	-	-	(677)
Creditors of more than one year	-	-	-	-
Total	22,875	-	9,203	32,078

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Previous reporting period:				
Tangible fixed assets	4,149	-	-	4,149
Cash at bank and in hand	1,212	-	37,945	39,157
Other net current assets/(liabilities)	(555)	-	650	95
Creditors of more than one year	-	-	-	-
Total	4,806	-	38,595	43,401

19. Financial Instruments

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