



The Mayor of Wigan's Charity Appeal

Trustees' Annual Report

For the Period

1st September 2024

To

31st August 2025

Reference and Administration Details

Charity Name: The Mayor of Wigan's Charity Appeal

Also Known as: The Mayor's Charity

Registered Charity Number: 1169188

Charity's Principal Address: C/O The Mayor's Office
Wigan Town Hall
Library Street
Wigan
WN1 1YN

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity:

Miss Judith Atherton

Mr Andrew Sharrock Chair and Treasurer

Mr Michael William Winstanley OBE Secretary

Independent Examiner:

Stephen Atherton

Bank:

HSBC
21 The Grand Arcade
Wigan
Lancs
WN1 1BH

Structure, Governance and Management

Type of Governing Document:	Trust Deed adopted 13 th September 2016
How the Charity is constituted:	Membership of the Charity is open to everyone who can support the Charity and there are currently 10 members.
Trustee selection Method:	Trustees are appointed or reappointed annually at the General Meeting usually held in May following the appointment of the Mayor for the ensuing Mayoral Year.

All trustees give their time voluntary and receive no remuneration or other benefits.

Risk:	The risk that the charity is exposed to is reviewed annually by the trustees and due to its operating model, the risk is deemed to be low and this is reflected in the reserve policy.
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Objectives and Activities

Summary of the objectives of the charity set out in its governing document:

To further such exclusively charitable purposes, according to the laws of England and Wales, as the trustees determine by the provision of grants.

Grant Making Policy:

The policy on grant making is that the incoming Mayor during their year as Deputy Mayor will select an organisation or organisations which they would like the charity to support during their Mayoral Year; they put this to the trustees who consider the request and make the decision to accept or reject the request. The organisation selected to be supported by the charity **must benefit the residents of the borough**. The charity prefers that the selected organisation uses the grant for some capital purpose, to give some longevity from the grant; but the charity does not rule out the grant being used for some revenue purpose. The selected organisation will discuss and agree with the charity how the grant will be used.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objectives:

During this year, 2024 to 2025, the Mayor was Councillor Debbie Parkinson, The Mayor of Wigan's Charity Appeal was selected two charities within the Borough to supported:

TalkFirst – work with children and young people, and their families, helping to resolve conflict, improve relationships and communication. This leads to better mental health, confidence, the ability to manage every-day life issues and for the children to develop resilience, and the ability to aspire and achieve.

Wigan and Leigh Hospice – provides palliative and end of life care to almost 1400 people in the borough each year, including caring for people at home and in the 14-bed-in-patient unit at Hindley.

To continue to support the people of Wigan Borough the Hospice needs to raise £12,000 per day to keep all its services running.

Achievements and Performance

We held the annual 'The Mayor of Wigan Charity Ball' again. This is the biggest event that the Charity stages and this year it returned to Macdonald Kilhey Court, Standish. Yet again it was almost a sell-out. As well as being well attended everyone enjoyed the food, drink, DJ and vocalist Victor Michael. It was also attended by many of the Civic Heads from across the Greater Manchester conurbation and the Deputy Lieutenant Melanie Bryan OBE was also present at the Ball, along with the Scarlet Guards.

We had another very enjoyable visit to the Wigan Brew House and people enjoyed a guided tour of the brewery and picked up some knowledge about the brews on tap, along with some light refreshments and good conversation with friends; plus, the mandatory raffle. This has now been established as another annual event in the Charity's calendar.

The Prayer Breakfast was held again, with speaker, prayers and breakfast.

Unfortunately, due to the weather conditions the sponsored walk around the Haigh Woodland Park estate, which is organised with the support of the staff and volunteers at Haigh Woodland Park, had to be cancelled for safety reasons.

The 'Wigan Cruse' with a night cruising up and down the Leeds Liverpool canal from Wigan Pier, organised by the Charity Committee and with the support the Kittywake Canal Cruises company was another great evening and is also now another firm fixture in the Charity's annual list of activities. The night was yet again complete with more food, drink, raffle, quiz and good company – a good night was had by all.

The Mayor, Councillor Debbie Parkinson, introduced a new event this year. Christmas Afternoon Tea with the Mayor in the Mayors Parlour. This proved to such a success that the Mayor had to organise two Christmas Afternoon Tea events.

We also had the grant and cheque presentations to Wigan Samaritans and ManLeigh, for £18,675.31 each, a total of £37,350.62. They being the chosen organisations to support during Councillor Kevin Anderson's year in office. You will note from the Charity's Balance Sheet we actually issued two payments to ManLeigh

as the first cheque was credited back to the Charity by their bank due to slight difference in their bank account name and the name on the cheque – which was resolved with the second cheque.

The Mayor of Wigan's Charity Appeal could not raise the amount of money it does each year without the great support it received from individuals and organisations who make donations to Charity or organise fund raising events on its behalf, some doing so on an annual basis. Nor without the support of those people who buy tickets for fund raising events that the Charity organises directly, like the annual Charity Ball, and support them by turning up.

The Charity Trustees are also grateful to Charity Committee and friends, a dedicated group of volunteers who support the Mayor and Trustees organise and deliver events.

The Mayor and Charity Trustees would like to say a very big and special thank you to all who have supported the charity's year 2024-25. Without your support we could not raise the money that do – **THANK YOU ALL.**

Financial Review

Reserve Policy:

The charity has no costs associated with meetings of the charity committee; the accommodation is provided free of charge by Wigan Council. Any costs associated with the administration of the charity are provided by the trustees at no cost to the charity. Any costs related to fundraising activities may be paid up front by the charity and then recouped from the proceeds of the event. The charity has no paid staff. In light of this the trustees have assessed that the charity does not require to hold any funds in reserve at this time.

Details of any funds materially in deficit:

Not applicable.

Balance Sheet 1st September 2024 to 31st August 2025

Income

Opening Balances

The Mayor	£10,078.64	
Cllrs K Anderson	£36,709.64	
SumUp	<u>£640.98</u>	
		£47,429.26

Donations

PayPal	£555.00	
Current Account	<u>£20,229.95</u>	
		£20,784.95

Fund Raising events £2,914.91

Mayors Charity Ball 2025 £15,340.00

***Returned Cheque by Bank** £18,675.31

£105,144.43

Closing Balance

	<u>£41,039.93</u>	
Current Account	£40,351.00	
SumUp	£640.98	
PayPal	<u>£47.95</u>	
	<u>£41,039.93</u>	

Expenditure

Charges

PayPal	£18.20	
Bank	<u>£93.16</u>	
		£111.36

Payments to Charities/Groups

Wigan Samaritans	£18,675.31	
* ManLeigh	<u>£37,350.62</u>	
		£56,025.93

Fund Rasing Events

Mayors Afternoon Tea	£469.12	
Prayer Breakfast	<u>£210.00</u>	
		£679.12

Mayors Ball 2025 £6,788.09

Mayors Ball 2026 £500.00

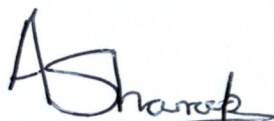
£64,104.50

NB: *= Cheque returned

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above at a meeting held on

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Sharrock', with a horizontal line drawn underneath the name.

Andrew Sharrock
Chair

Date: 9TH DECEMBER 2025



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
The Mayor of Wigan's Charity Appeal

On accounts for the year
ended

31st August 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1169188

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/08/2025.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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

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

Signed:

Date:

7-12-2025

Name:

Steve Atherton

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Address:

Pippin Street Farm,
Smithy Lane, Brindle,
Lancashire, PR6 8ND

Section B

Disclosure

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

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