

**African French Speaking Community Support LTD**  
**Company Limited by Guarantee**  
**Unaudited Financial Statements**  
**31 March 2025**

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The Trustees of the African French Speaking Community Support (AFSCS) are pleased to present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ending 31 March 2025.

This report reflects a year of meaningful growth, resilience, and continued dedication to supporting some of the most disadvantaged and marginalised communities across Sandwell, Birmingham, and the wider West Midlands. Building on the solid foundations of the previous year, AFSCS has expanded its programmes, strengthened its governance, and deepened its partnerships to respond effectively to the needs of local residents.

Throughout 2024–2025, AFSCS has remained committed to its mission of empowering African French-speaking and other Black and Minority Ethnic communities to achieve social inclusion, economic independence, and improved well-being. The charity has continued to provide essential support to individuals and families facing language, cultural, financial, and digital barriers, ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to participate fully in community life.

During the year, AFSCS has delivered many activities that have reached hundreds of people. These included English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) courses, digital and employability training, financial hardship and welfare support for elderly women, health literacy and well-being sessions, youth sports, supplementary education and arts programmes, family activities, and cultural events that promoted unity and inclusion.

These achievements have been made possible through our funders' generous support and partnership. In 2024–2025, AFSCS received funding and contributions from the Heart of England Community Foundation, Sandwell Council of Voluntary Organisations (SCVO), Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council (Sandwell MBC), W. G. Edwards Charity, Lloyds Bank Foundation, The Grimmitt Trust, Good Things Foundation, Friends of the Elderly, the National Lottery Community Fund, National Grid Electricity Distribution, Tudor Trust, Harborne Parish Charity, The Souter Charitable Trust, NHS Black Country, The Independent Age, Postcode Local Trust, Active Black Country, Sandwell Consortium, and Sandwell Public Health. Additional income was also generated through musical instrument hire and other community-based initiatives.

The Trustees, staff, and volunteers of AFSCS have worked tirelessly to ensure that every project delivered meaningful outcomes and lasting benefits. We are proud to have witnessed positive changes in participants' lives, including improved English proficiency, greater confidence, access to welfare and employment opportunities, and stronger community connections.

As we move forward into 2025–2026, the AFSCS remains focused on building sustainable partnerships, expanding its community programmes, and making a real difference in people's lives through education, empowerment, and compassion.

**Annual Report Summary for the Financial Year Ending 31st March 2025**

The financial year 2024–2025 marked another significant and productive year for African French Speaking Community Support (AFSCS). The charity continued to strengthen its reputation as a trusted, community-led organisation supporting disadvantaged, refugee, and migrant communities across Sandwell, Birmingham, and the wider West Midlands. Building on the previous year's achievements,

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AFSCS expanded its projects, enhanced its governance and financial systems, and developed new partnerships to respond effectively to the increasing needs of local residents. The organisation's work remained focused on reducing inequality, promoting inclusion, and improving the lives of people facing language, financial, and social barriers.

AFSCS delivered various projects and initiatives throughout the year that reached hundreds of beneficiaries. The Financial Hardship Support for Disadvantaged Elderly Women Project, funded by Independent Age, began in February 2025, providing drop-in and outreach support for women aged 65 and over from racially minoritised backgrounds. This project aims to improve financial stability, access to benefits, and overall well-being for some of the community's most vulnerable members. The Inclusive Communities Fund – Arts and Well-being Project, supported by the Heart of England Community Foundation, engaged older people and children in creative art workshops and exhibitions celebrating Afro-Caribbean culture while tackling loneliness and promoting intergenerational learning. It also promoted family sports days delivered at the Black Patch Park in Smethwick.

The ESOL Programme, funded by Sandwell Consortium and Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council, provided Entry 1 English language and IT Booster sessions at the Victoria Park Skills Centre in Smethwick. The course supported 22 learners who improved their English communication, digital skills, and employability prospects. AFSCS strengthened its organisational capacity, governance, and financial management through the Lloyds Bank Foundation's Racial Equity Core Support, enabling the charity to deliver a broader range of services across education, health, arts, and welfare. The Health Support and Transition Programme, funded by NHS Black Country Integrated Care Board, offered essential health and wellbeing support to frail and vulnerable individuals, helping them access medical services and reduce hospital admissions. The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme, supported by Sandwell MBC, provided children and families with opportunities to participate in arts, sports, and healthy eating sessions, culminating in a memorable family trip to Weston-Super-Mare in August 2024.

AFSCS also expanded its sports and youth development provision through partnerships with Sport England and Active Black Country, offering regular football and netball sessions that promoted health, teamwork, and social inclusion. The charity continued tackling digital exclusion by delivering digital inclusion activities through the Good Things Foundation and the Black Country Housing, providing local residents with access to devices, online learning, and digital safety support. These collective efforts reflect AFSCS's holistic approach to empowering individuals and communities through education, creativity, and wellbeing.

Financially, the charity achieved a total income of £292,283.00 for the year ending 31 March 2025, demonstrating growth and resilience. Funding and contributions were received from the Heart of England Community Foundation, Sandwell Council of Voluntary Organisations (SCVO), Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council (Sandwell MBC), W. G. Edwards Charity, Lloyds Bank Foundation, The Grimmitt Trust, Good Things Foundation, Friends of the Elderly, National Lottery Fund, National Grid Electricity Distribution, Tudor Trust, Harborne Parish Charity, The Souter Charitable Trust, NHS Black Country, The Independent Age, Postcode Local Trust, Sandwell Consortium, and Sandwell Public Health. Additional income was generated through musical instrument hire and other community-based activities. The Trustees carefully monitored expenditure throughout the year, ensuring all resources were used efficiently and aligned with the charity's objectives, while maintaining adequate reserves to support sustainability.

Across all programmes, AFSCS made a measurable impact on the lives of local residents. Participants reported improved English language proficiency, enhanced digital confidence, better access to welfare and health services, and greater overall well-being. Many individuals also developed new friendships and a stronger sense of belonging within their community. The charity's approach, rooted in cultural

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understanding and inclusion, continues to empower people to overcome barriers and to take positive steps toward independence, employment, and active community participation.

Despite its successes, AFSCS also faced challenges, including rising operational costs, increasing demand for services, and the short-term nature of most project funding. Volunteer recruitment and retention proved difficult due to cost-of-living pressures, yet the organisation's commitment and strong partnerships ensured continuity and impact. The Trustees and management team continued to focus on strategic development, securing diverse funding sources, and building organisational resilience to navigate these challenges effectively.

Looking ahead to 2025–2026, AFSCS aims to continue delivering the Independent Age Financial Hardship Project for elderly women and to expand its ESOL and digital skills programmes to reach new learners. The organisation plans to develop a social enterprise arm focused on creative IT, digital marketing, and event production and strengthen partnerships with Sandwell Public Health, NHS Black Country, and local authorities. Securing core and multi-year funding remains a priority to ensure long-term sustainability. The charity will also invest in volunteer training, monitoring systems, and digital infrastructure to enhance delivery and impact measurement.

The Trustees are extremely proud of the achievements made during 2024–2025 and deeply grateful to all funders, partners, staff, and volunteers for their continued dedication and support. Together, these efforts have made a lasting difference in the lives of individuals and families who face barriers to education, employment, and well-being. As AFSCS moves into the next financial year, it remains firmly committed to building stronger, healthier, and more inclusive communities where everyone can thrive.

### **Challenges and Determination**

The financial year 2024–2025 was not without its challenges. As the cost-of-living crisis continued to affect communities across the West Midlands, AFSCS witnessed an increased demand for support from individuals and families facing financial hardship, housing insecurity, and poor health. Many of our service users struggled with limited English, digital exclusion, and social isolation, which made it even more difficult for them to access essential services.

Like many small charities, AFSCS faced the ongoing challenge of short-term project funding. While the organisation secured multiple grants from various funders, the need for longer-term, unrestricted funding remained critical to maintaining stability and retaining skilled staff and volunteers. Volunteer recruitment and retention proved particularly difficult this year, as rising transport and living costs affected community members' ability to contribute their time regularly.

Despite these challenges, AFSCS remained determined and resilient. The Trustees, staff, and volunteers worked tirelessly to ensure that all activities were delivered to a high standard and that beneficiaries continued to receive quality support. The organisation demonstrated remarkable adaptability by integrating digital tools into project delivery, strengthening partnerships with local authorities and health services, and introducing more efficient administrative systems. These improvements not only reduced operational pressures but also increased the overall impact of our programmes.

Our determination to serve the community has been reflected in the continued success of projects such as the Independent Age Financial Hardship Support for Elderly Women, the Inclusive Communities Fund Arts and Wellbeing initiative, and the ESOL and Digital Skills Programme. Each of these projects has proven that with collaboration, creativity, and compassion, AFSCS can continue to empower those who need help the most — even in times of uncertainty.

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The charity enters the next financial year with renewed commitment and optimism. The lessons learned over the past twelve months have strengthened our resolve to build a sustainable, inclusive, and community-led organisation capable of responding to new challenges. AFSCS remains deeply committed to promoting equality, opportunity, and well-being for all.

**Financial Reporting**

The trustees, also the company directors under the Companies Act 2006, present this report along with the financial statements. The trustees have adhered to the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts per the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

Thank you to all our supporters, funders, and dedicated team, who have enabled us to achieve our goals and effectively support our community.

Company General Secretary JASON NDUNDULA

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**INCORPORATION**

The charitable company was incorporated on 18 July 2013 and commenced trading on 1 April 2015.

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**Structure, governance and management**

**Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a Memorandum of Association, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The AFSCS is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 18 July 2013 (Company No. 8615897) and registered as a charity on 12th February 2012 with its previous charity registration number (1145893). The charity has recently been awarded a new registration number as it has become a charitable company limited by Guarantee (Charity No. 1169279). The organisation was established under a Memorandum and Articles of Association (Constitution), which established the objects and powers of the charitable organisation and is governed under its Articles of Association. The company's directors are also charity trustees for charity law and are known as members of the Management Committee under the company's Articles. Under the Memorandum and Articles of Association requirements, members of the Management Committee are elected to serve for three years, after which they must be re-elected at the next Annual General Meeting.

**Governance and Management Structure**

During the financial year ending 31 March 2025, African French Speaking Community Support (AFSCS) continued to operate under a robust and transparent governance framework led by a committed Board of Trustees. The Board provides overall strategic direction, ensures compliance with regulatory requirements, and oversees the charity's financial and operational management in line with its constitution and charitable objectives.

Throughout this period, the Board of Trustees remained the same with the same members following the previous year's resignations and new appointments. The team brought experience, energy, and insight to the charity's governance, supporting the AFSCS's growing portfolio of community projects and funding partnerships.

The Board of Trustees for the financial year 2024–2025 consisted of the following members:

- Mr. Jacques Matensi-Kubanza
- Mr. Jason Ndundula
- Mr. Ian Sibanda
- Mrs. Simplicie Odette Nkonge-Mbomba
- Mr. Petelo Sakwanga

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All trustees were actively engaged in decision-making processes, attended meetings regularly, and contributed to strategic discussions concerning project delivery, fundraising, and community engagement. The Board worked collaboratively with the Operations Manager and the management team to ensure good governance and effective oversight of the charity's activities.

While no capacity-building training was delivered during this financial year, Trustees demonstrated continued commitment to good governance, transparency, and accountability. The Board's approach remained proactive and focused on maintaining compliance with Charity Commission and Companies House requirements. Updates to trustee details were duly recorded with both regulatory bodies to ensure accurate reporting and accountability.

The Trustees recognise the importance of continuous governance development and will explore future opportunities for training and capacity building in the upcoming financial year to further strengthen leadership and ensure sustainability.

### **Volunteers**

The AFSCS is a volunteer-led organisation. The charity has got a Volunteers Policy, guiding us to recruit, train and support volunteers. Volunteers working with vulnerable groups (Children, older people or disabled) are DBS checked. In total, the charity has benefited from the input of 13 volunteers (apart from members of the Board of Trustees) supporting our target group to achieve their needs. They have given their free time to get involved in running a range of activities, as highlighted below in this report. Without volunteers' input, the organisation couldn't survive. Our volunteers have been proactive in supporting vulnerable families and older people by dropping off foodstuffs, shopping, paying bills, topping up gas and electricity, making phone calls on their behalf, picking up children for their sports activities, helping with holiday activities and elderly activities and many more things.

### **Objectives and activities**

We believe in a society where every household from an African French background has access to support to overcome disadvantages and strive to lead a fulfilling life.

The AFSCS exists to advance the development and integration of the African French-speaking communities living in the UK and in French-speaking African Countries through promoting civic responsibility, good citizenship, social empowerment, support, guidance and a voice of influence for the communities.

### **Our Aims**

(1) The prevention and relief of financial hardship in people of African ethnic origin whose first language is French and who are residing in Africa or in England and Wales by providing or assisting in the provision of education, training, healthcare projects and all necessary support designed to enable individuals to generate a sustainable income and be self-sufficient.

(2) The development of the capacity and skills of the socially and economically disadvantaged communities of French-speaking Africa so that they are better able to identify and meet their own needs and participate more fully in society.

(3) The relief and assistance of people who live in French-speaking African Countries or who have been displaced from French-speaking areas of Africa by natural disaster or catastrophe, by supplying aid to such persons.



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(4) To promote for the benefit of the public the conservation of the natural environment and the sustainable use of natural resources, including without limitation fauna and flora, water and soils, and the promotion of education in conservation environment, and in sustainable use of natural resources

We aim to enable our members to integrate as citizens, improve spoken English and education standards, improve health and well-being, enhance training and lifelong learning, and promote their employability.

***Our main aims, in Africa, will be to:***

" Relieve poverty and distress of disadvantaged people

" Promote human rights

" Respond to emergency situations by campaigning and collecting aids for people in distress in African French countries " Support local organisations' activities related to education, agriculture, health, women's and children's activities " Share bread with the hungry, shelter the homeless poor, clothe the naked man, and give relief to the oppressed.

**Strategic Report**

The following sections, highlighting the achievements, performance, and financial review, form the charity's strategic report.

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**Achievements, performance & Significant activities**

The organisation provides a range of services and activities contributing to the public benefits as the Equality and Diversity Policy underpins it. Although the organisation aims to target people from the African French-speaking community primarily, it doesn't discriminate against people accessing its services. The organisation is based in Soho & Victoria Ward, in Smethwick (Sandwell, West Midlands). In fact, Soho & Victoria ward is a very deprived neighbourhood, a relatively young and diverse population characterises it and it suffers from multiple deprivations.

We deliver face-to-face services mainly accessed by people living in Birmingham and the Black Country. In addition, we also deliver Drop-in telephone Service for customers who can't attend any appointment at our drop-in centre. Our Digital Social Media studio streams live shows to educate our beneficiaries throughout the UK. To demonstrate the public benefit achieved by our charity, we hereby present the services and activities delivered during the year ended on 31st March 2025.

During this financial year ending on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025, most of our activities have been delivered on face-to-face basis either at our Drop-In Centre, outreach or in a group setting. Our activities are evidenced through our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/afscsuk](https://www.facebook.com/afscsuk)).

**Funders and Areas of Support (2024–2025)**

During the financial year ending 31 March 2025, African French Speaking Community Support (AFSCS) received generous support from various funders and partners. Their contributions were vital in enabling us to deliver high-quality projects promoting education, welfare, inclusion, health, and wellbeing for disadvantaged individuals and families across Sandwell, Birmingham, and the wider West Midlands. Each funder played an important role in helping AFSCS respond effectively to local needs and continue empowering communities through sustainable and inclusive initiatives.

**Education, Skills, and Employability**

AFSCS received significant support from Sandwell Consortium, Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council, Good Things Foundation, Lloyds Bank Foundation, and National Grid Electricity Distribution to advance education, skills, and employability opportunities. Their contributions enabled delivery of English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) programmes, digital inclusion workshops, and IT learning sessions that helped refugees, migrants, and other residents improve their communication and digital confidence. Through these initiatives, many individuals developed essential skills for accessing employment, training, and active participation in society.

**Welfare, Benefits, and Financial Hardship**

Funding for welfare and financial hardship programmes was received from Independent Age, Friends of the Elderly, W. G. Edwards Charity, Heart of England Community Foundation, and Tudor Trust. This support allowed AFSCS to deliver welfare advice, benefits guidance, and financial resilience sessions for individuals and families facing hardship. The Financial Hardship Support for Disadvantaged Elderly Women Project, funded by Independent Age, provided critical help to older women from racially minoritised backgrounds, improving access to benefits, reducing isolation, and enhancing their overall wellbeing.

**Immigration, Integration, and Inclusion**

AFSCS continued to promote inclusion and community cohesion through projects supported by Sandwell Council of Voluntary Organisations, Postcode Local Trust, and the National Lottery Fund. These funders enabled us to deliver activities and information sessions that supported migrants and

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refugees with integration, social participation, and access to local services. Through these programmes, participants overcame language barriers, connected with others, and felt more confident as members of their local community.

#### **Outreach, Health, and Community Wellbeing**

Funding from NHS Black Country, Sandwell Public Health, Heart of England Community Foundation, and Harborne Parish Charity enabled AFSCS to deliver health literacy sessions, wellbeing workshops, and community outreach. These initiatives improved health awareness, promoted preventative care, and provided practical support for individuals experiencing poor health or isolation. The Community Health Support and Transition Programme, funded by NHS Black Country, was especially impactful in helping frail and vulnerable residents manage their health more effectively and access essential healthcare services.

#### **Children and Young People's Activities**

Support for children and young people came from Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council, Heart of England Community Foundation, The Souter Charitable Trust, and The Grimitt Trust. With their help, AFSCS delivered the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme, arts and crafts sessions, and family wellbeing activities. These initiatives offered safe, creative, and inclusive spaces for children to learn, play, and connect with others while supporting parents through affordable and enriching opportunities. AFSCS also received generous in-kind donations from Agro Force Aston, who provided clothing, shoes, and toys for children and families. Thanks to their kindness, around sixty-five families received these essential items, helping to ease hardship and bring joy to the community.

#### **Arts, Culture, and Community Engagement**

Through the support of the Heart of England Community Foundation and Tudor Trust, AFSCS was able to deliver art-based and cultural initiatives that celebrated diversity and encouraged creativity. The Inclusive Communities Fund – Arts and Wellbeing Project engaged older adults and children in collaborative art workshops, exhibitions, and performances that promoted unity and cultural pride. In addition, partnerships with Sport England and Active Black Country strengthened our community sports and wellbeing programmes, helping residents to stay active, build confidence, and form social connections.

#### **Core and Organisational Development**

AFSCS's ability to operate effectively and plan for the future was made possible through core and organisational development funding provided by the Lloyds Bank Foundation, Sandwell Council of Voluntary Organisations, and the National Lottery Fund. Their continued investment supported governance improvements, performance monitoring, and long-term sustainability planning. This funding helped the organisation to strengthen its leadership structures, improve internal systems, and maintain the high level of accountability and transparency expected of a registered charity.

#### **Summary**

The Trustees of African French Speaking Community Support express their deepest gratitude to all funders and partners for their invaluable support during the financial year 2024–2025. Every contribution, whether monetary or in-kind, has made a tangible difference in the lives of those we serve. Through education, welfare, inclusion, and community development, these partnerships have enabled AFSCS to continue promoting equality, empowerment, and well-being, ensuring that every individual can thrive and contribute positively to society.

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### **Income Generation Activities**

Our organisation is striving to undertake some activities to generate an income for furthering our charitable activities. We are currently running a musical instrument business (AFSCS Music System). The demand for our musical equipment has slightly increased during this financial year and our young people have been very grateful for this powerful equipment. Our Music Tuition scheme is also delivered for young people to take over the management of our musical instruments and make it a proper business. In addition, we also hire our digital studio for people from outside of our organisation as well as our Training Room. Jacques Matensi-Kubanza oversees this scheme.

### **Recording Studio**

A small recording studio, which was established in previous years, has played an important role in supporting AFSCS's youth engagement work during this financial year. The studio provides a safe, creative, and positive environment where young people can explore their musical talents and express themselves through art and culture. It is designed to encourage participation in constructive activities while helping to divert young people from negative influences such as gang involvement, substance misuse, and anti-social behaviour. The studio remains open to young people interested in recording gospel or contemporary music, and several youth bands have made use of the facility to record their songs during this financial year. Through this ongoing initiative, AFSCS continues to use creativity and music as tools for empowerment, personal growth, and social change among young people.

### **International Development**

The AFSCS is looking to invest more time and resources to raise funding for international development and support to the most vulnerable communities in the French-speaking countries of Africa. We have supported the FATEB Academy (Teaching Beyond) Kinshasa (Democratic Republic of Congo) with musical equipment designed to provide quality music education to children and young people from families with impoverished backgrounds. We will do more during this to send more equipment to reach as many young people as possible to fulfil their ambitions.

### **Acknowledgements**

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our funders, partners, and supporters for their generosity and continued commitment to our mission. Their contributions have been instrumental in enabling African French Speaking Community Support (AFSCS) to deliver vital services, empower local residents, and create lasting positive change within our community.

We wish to particularly acknowledge the generous support received during this financial year from the Heart of England Community Foundation, Sandwell Council of Voluntary Organisations (SCVO), Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council (Sandwell MBC), W. G. Edwards Charity, Lloyds Bank Foundation, The Grimmit Trust, Good Things Foundation, Friends of the Elderly, National Lottery Fund, National Grid Electricity Distribution, Tudor Trust, Harborne Parish Charity, The Souter Charitable Trust, NHS Black Country, The Independent Age, Postcode Local Trust, Sandwell Consortium, and Sandwell Public Health. Each of these organisations has played an essential role in helping us to sustain and expand our programmes.

We also express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to all **HydraForce Company (Aston)** employees who donated clothing, shoes, and toys for children and families within our community. Through their generosity, we distributed these essential items to around 65 needy families, helping to relieve hardship and bring smiles to the children and adults in low-income families across the area.

The Trustees also thank our dedicated staff team, volunteers, and community members for their commitment, hard work, and passion. Their efforts and cooperation continue to strengthen AFSCS's mission of supporting disadvantaged and marginalised people to achieve social inclusion, independence, and wellbeing.

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We look forward to maintaining and strengthening all these valued partnerships in the years to come, as we continue to build a stronger, fairer, and more connected community

**General Assembly Meeting**

The General Assembly Meeting for African French Speaking Community Support (AFSCS) for the financial year ending 31 March 2025 took place on 4 October 2025. During this meeting, members of the Board of Trustees and the Management Committee approved the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ending 31 March 2025.

The General Assembly Meeting has allowed members to reflect on the achievements of the 2024–2025 financial year and discuss priorities for 2025–2026. Members also explored expanding the charity's training and skills development programmes to enhance beneficiaries' employability opportunities and strengthen support for vulnerable families during the ongoing cost-of-living crisis. They also discussed increasing provision for young people and older adults through targeted activities promoting well-being, inclusion, and community engagement.

The Trustees remain committed to maintaining open dialogue with members and stakeholders to ensure that all future plans align with the organisation's mission of promoting inclusion, empowerment, and well-being for disadvantaged communities across Sandwell and the wider West Midlands.

**The difference our projects have made to our beneficiaries**

During the financial year ending 31 March 2025, African French Speaking Community Support (AFSCS) continued to make a lasting and meaningful difference in the lives of its beneficiaries. Through various projects and community initiatives, the organisation supported hundreds of individuals and families from disadvantaged, migrant, and minority ethnic backgrounds. These programmes have helped people overcome language barriers, digital exclusion, and social isolation while improving their confidence, well-being, and ability to participate actively in their communities.

Participants in the English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) and Digital Skills programmes reported noticeable progress in their communication abilities and confidence in using technology. Many beneficiaries who began the year with little or no English or IT knowledge have gained practical skills to communicate effectively, complete online forms, use email, and access essential services independently. Improving English proficiency has enhanced daily interactions and created new opportunities for employment, volunteering, and engagement with schools, health services, and local authorities.

The Financial Hardship Support for Disadvantaged Elderly Women Project, funded by Independent Age, has brought hope and practical assistance to many older women from racially minoritised backgrounds. These women, who often faced difficulties accessing financial advice or navigating the benefits system, received tailored guidance that helped them secure the support they were entitled to. As a result, many have experienced reduced stress, improved financial stability, and greater independence. The project also fostered friendship and peer support networks, helping to reduce loneliness and build stronger community bonds.

The Inclusive Communities Fund Arts and Wellbeing Project, supported by the Heart of England Community Foundation, has allowed participants to express themselves creatively while improving their mental health and social connections. Through arts workshops, community exhibitions, and intergenerational activities, older adults and children worked together to celebrate culture and heritage. Many participants reported that the experience helped them to relax, regain confidence, and feel proud of their cultural identity.

The Holiday Activities and Food Programme, delivered with the support of Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council, offered children and families enjoyable and educational experiences during school

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holidays. The sessions focused on sports, arts, and healthy eating, creating a positive and inclusive space where children could learn and play. Parents highlighted that the programme relieved financial pressure, strengthened family relationships, and encouraged children to adopt healthier lifestyles. A special highlight of the year was the family trip to Weston-Super-Mare, which gave many children their first opportunity to visit the seaside.

Through the Health and Transition Programme funded by NHS Black Country, vulnerable residents benefited from outreach and wellbeing support designed to improve their health and access to care. Participants learned more about managing their health, using local medical services effectively, and preventing hospital readmissions. This work has improved physical and emotional well-being and strengthened the community's understanding of available health resources.

Across all activities, AFSCS's holistic and inclusive approach has continued to empower people to take control of their lives. Beneficiaries have gained practical skills, improved confidence, and renewed motivation to pursue education, employment, and community involvement. Many participants have progressed into volunteering or local leadership roles, sharing their experiences to inspire others. This year's positive outcomes demonstrate the lasting impact of AFSCS's work in promoting equality, dignity, and opportunity for all.

**Unexpected Outcomes, Public Benefit and Social Investments, and Plans for Future Periods**

During the financial year ending 31 March 2025, African French Speaking Community Support (AFSCS) recorded several positive and unexpected outcomes across its projects. While each programme was carefully planned to meet specific objectives, the impact often exceeded initial expectations. One of the most notable unexpected outcomes was community engagement achieved through the Inclusive Communities Fund Arts and Well-being Project. Initially designed to support older people and children, the arts sessions attracted a broader range of participants from different cultural backgrounds, creating a platform for intergenerational and intercultural exchange. This unanticipated outcome strengthened community cohesion and enhanced mutual understanding between different age and cultural groups.

Another unexpected outcome was observed within the ESOL and Digital Skills programmes. Many learners who initially enrolled to improve their English language or IT skills went on to volunteer with AFSCS or partner organisations. This demonstrated the strong sense of belonging and confidence that participants developed through their learning journey. Similarly, beneficiaries of the Financial Hardship Support for Disadvantaged Elderly Women Project began to support one another outside of the organised sessions, forming small peer groups that now provide informal welfare advice and companionship. These community-led outcomes highlight the wider ripple effects of AFSCS's work and its ability to foster self-sustaining support networks within the community.

In line with its charitable objectives, AFSCS's activities during the year have continued to provide a clear and measurable public benefit. The charity's work directly supports people who face barriers related to language, poverty, health, and social exclusion. By offering accessible education, welfare advice, digital skills, arts engagement, and health outreach, AFSCS has empowered beneficiaries to improve their lives and contribute positively to the broader community. Each project delivered by the charity is rooted in the principle of public benefit, ensuring that the services are inclusive, non-discriminatory, and responsive to the needs of local residents.

The organisation's social investment extends beyond its direct project work. AFSCS continues to reinvest in the community by developing partnerships with local authorities, voluntary organisations, and health providers to coordinate support and share resources. The charity also invests in its staff and volunteers through training, mentoring, and development opportunities to strengthen capacity and ensure the sustainability of its services. Through this approach, AFSCS not only meets the immediate needs of its beneficiaries but also contributes to the long-term resilience and well-being of the wider community.

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Looking ahead, AFSCS is committed to building on the achievements of the 2024–2025 financial year and pursuing a clear vision for the future. The organisation plans to continue focusing on education, digital inclusion, welfare support, and community wellbeing, while exploring opportunities to expand into new thematic areas. AFSCS aims to develop a series of accredited training courses to improve the employability of migrants and other disadvantaged individuals, providing them with the practical skills needed to access sustainable work. The charity also intends to enhance its outreach programmes for young and older adults, emphasising wellbeing, health literacy, and intergenerational connection.

AFSCS will continue strengthening its governance and fundraising strategies to ensure long-term stability and impact. The organisation plans to seek new partnerships with funders, businesses, and local agencies to diversify its income streams and increase the scale of its operations. Continued investment in monitoring and evaluation systems will also help to measure impact more effectively and inform future strategic planning.

AFSCS remains committed to empowering disadvantaged communities, promoting equality, and creating opportunities for personal and collective growth. The Trustees, staff, and volunteers will continue working with determination and compassion to ensure that the charity's projects deliver lasting benefits and make a positive difference in the lives of those who need it most.

Jacques Matensi-kubanza

Jason Ndundula

Chair

General Secretary

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

Registered Company number 08615897 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number: 1169279

The trustees' annual report was approved on 04/10/2025 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Mr Jacques Matensi- Kubanza  
Trustee

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**Community Support LTD**  
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I report to the trustees on my examination of the Financial Statements of African French Speaking Community Support LTD ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the Financial Statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the Financial Statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the Financial Statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the Financial Statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).



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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Godfrey Massa', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Godfrey Massa  
Independent Examiner – 4<sup>th</sup> October 2025

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**African French Speaking Community Support LTD**  
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**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**(including income and expenditure account)**  
**Year ended 31 March 2025**

			2025		2024
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
<b>Income and endowments</b>					
Donations and legacies	5	—	292,283	292,283	180,888
<b>Total income</b>		—	292,283	292,283	180,888
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Expenditure on charitable activities	6,7	—	261,527	261,528	144,054
<b>Total expenditure</b>		—	261,527	261,528	144,054
<b>Net income</b>		—	30,756	30,755	36,834
<b>Other recognised gains and losses</b>					
Other gains/(losses) user defined 2		—	—	—	(158,416)
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		—	30,756	30,755	(121,582)
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		38,585	87,500	126,085	247,667
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		38,585	118,256	156,841	126,084

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.  
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 18 to 26 form part of these Financial Statements.

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	<b>Note</b>	<b>2025 £</b>	<b>2024 £</b>
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible fixed assets	<b>10</b>	113,353	95,602
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		43,487	30,483
<b>Net current assets</b>		43,487	30,483
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		156,840	126,085
<b>Funds of the charity</b>			
Restricted funds		118,256	123,608
Unrestricted funds		38,585	2,476
<b>Total charity funds</b>	<b>11</b>	156,841	126,084

For the year ending 31 March 2025 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its Financial Statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of Financial Statements.

These Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

These Financial Statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 4th October 2025, and are signed on behalf of the board of Trustees by:



Mr Jacques Matensi- Kubanza  
Trustee

The notes on pages 18 to 26 form part of these Financial Statements.

**African French Speaking Community Support LTD**  
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**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
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**1. General information**

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales and a registered charity in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is St Philips Centre, Messenger Road, Smethwick, West Midlands, B66 3DU, United Kingdom.

**2. Statement of compliance**

These Financial Statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

**3. Accounting policies**

**Basis of preparation**

The Financial Statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The Financial Statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

**Going concern**

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

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**3. Accounting policies** *(continued)*

**Incoming resources**

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable, and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

**Resources expended**

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

**Tangible assets**

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

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**3. Accounting policies** *(continued)*

**Tangible assets** *(continued)*

An increase in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of a revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, unless it reverses a charge for impairment that has previously been recognised as expenditure within the statement of financial activities. A decrease in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, except to which it offsets any previous revaluation gain, in which case the loss is shown within other recognised gains and losses on the statement of financial activities.

**Impairment of fixed assets**

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

**Financial instruments**

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Where investments in shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment is subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in income and expenditure. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

Other financial instruments, including derivatives, are initially recognised at fair value, unless payment for an asset is deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate, in which case the asset is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

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**3. Accounting policies** *(continued)*

**Financial instruments** *(continued)*

Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value, with any changes recognised in the statement of financial activities, with the exception of hedging instruments in a designated hedging relationship.

Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised under the appropriate heading in the statement of financial activities in which the initial gain was recognised.

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets are either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics.

Any reversals of impairment are recognised immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

**4. Limited by guarantee**

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**5. Donations and legacies**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	<b>Total Funds 2025 £</b>
<b>Grants</b>			
Sandwell Consortium	-	6,900.00	6,900.00
Heart of England Community Foundation	-	74,936.00	74,936.00
Sandwell Council of Voluntary Organisations	-	20,688.00	20,688.00
Sandwell MBC	-	26,348.00	26,348.00
W G Edwards Charity	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
Lloyds Foundation	27,500.00	-	27,500.00
The Grimmitt Trust	-	600.00	600.00
Good Things Foundation	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
Friends of the Elderly	-	430.00	430.00
National Lottery Fund	-	20,000.00	20,000.00
National Grid Electricity Distribution Swe Plc	-	4,980.00	4,980.00
Tudor Trust	44,000.00	-	44,000.00
Harborne Parish Charity	-	4,880.00	4,880.00
The Souter Charitable Trust	-	3,000.00	3,000.00
NHS Black Country	-	18,000.00	18,000.00
Other income (Musical Instrument)	-	897.00	897.00
The Independent Age	-	17,624.00	17,624.00
Postcode Local Trust	-	19,500.00	19,500.00
	<u>£71,500.00</u>	<u>£220,783.00</u>	<u>£292,283.00</u>



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**5. Donations and legacies** *(continued)*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
<b>Grants</b>			
Local Giving	725	—	725
The Grimmitt Trust	—	—	—
Sandwell Council of Voluntary Organisation (SCVO)	—	39,990	39,990
Good Things Foundation	—	—	—
National Grid Electricity Distribution	—	—	—
National Lottery Community Fund	—	10,000	10,000
Sandwell Consortium	—	6,736	6,736
NHS Black Country	—	—	—
Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council (SMBC)	—	18,987	18,987
The Independent Age	—	—	—
Heart of England Community Foundation	—	—	—
Postcode Local Trust	—	—	—
Music Instrument & Social Media Studio	—	14,350	14,350
Friends of The Elderly	—	400	400
Eveson Trust	—	10,000	10,000
Sported Foundation	—	2,000	2,000
The Edward Cadbury Charitable Trust	—	3,000	3,000
PWC Foundation	—	2,500	2,500
The National Foundation- Youth Music	—	5,570	5,570
The Souter Charitable Trust	—	—	—
Harborne Parish Lands Charity	—	1,630	1,630
Lloyds Bank Foundation	—	25,000	25,000
The Tudor Trust	—	40,000	40,000
	<u>725</u>	<u>180,163</u>	<u>180,888</u>

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**6. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type**

	Restricted Funds £	<b>Total Funds 2025 £</b>	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
National grid	–	–	22,416	22,416
Charitable Activities Funded by The General Fund and Hire of Instruments	4,200	4,200	4,450	4,450
Older People Scheme	5,608	5,608	–	–
Sandwell Consortium: ESOL Lessons	6,900	6,900	5,066	5,066
The Tudor Trust: Core Funding	27,001	27,001	27,480	27,480
Activities Funded by Harborne Parish Land Charity	4,369	4,369	1,630	1,630
PWC Foundation: Welfare Support	–	–	1,500	1,500
The Souter Charitable Trust: Support for Orphans of Congo	–	–	2,000	2,000
Music Tuition, Sport: Eveson Trust	–	–	21,533	21,533
Music Tuition: The National Foundation	–	–	5,560	5,560
Charitable Activities Funded by Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council (SMBC)	42,349	42,349	39,370	39,370
Activities Funded by Sport England	–	–	9,386	9,386
Employment Support	171,100	171,101	–	–
Football Project: Sported Foundation	–	–	1,800	1,800
White Good: Friends of the Elderly	–	–	400	400
Activity type 23	–	–	1,464	1,463
	<u>261,527</u>	<u>261,528</u>	<u>144,055</u>	<u>144,054</u>

**7. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type**

	Activities undertaken directly £	<b>Total funds 2025 £</b>	Total fund 2024 £
National grid	–	–	22,416
Charitable Activities Funded by The General Fund and Hire of Instruments	4,200	4,200	4,450
Older People Scheme	5,608	5,608	–
Sandwell Consotium: ESOL Lessons	6,900	6,900	5,066
The Tudor Trust: Core Funding	27,001	27,001	27,480
Activities Funded by Harborne Parish Land Charity	4,369	4,369	1,630

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PWC Foundation: Welfare Support	–	–	1,500
The Souter Charitable Trust: Support for Orphans of Congo	–	–	2,000
Music Tuition, Sport: Eveson Trust	–	–	21,533
Music Tuition: The National Foundation	–	–	5,560
Charitable Activities Funded by Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council (SMBC)	42,349	42,349	39,370
Activities Funded by Sport England	–	–	9,386
Employment Support	171,101	171,101	–
Football Project: Sported Foundation	–	–	1,800
White Good: Friends of the Elderly	–	–	400
Activity type 23	–	–	1,463
	<u>261,528</u>	<u>261,528</u>	<u>144,054</u>

**8. Staff costs**

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	<b>2025</b>	2024
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Wages and salaries	<u>84,068</u>	<u>54,571</u>

The average head count of employees during the year was Nil (2024: Nil).

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2024: Nil).

**9. Trustee remuneration and expenses**

No Trustees were paid during the financial year

**10. Tangible fixed assets**

	Plant and machinery £	Equipment £	<b>Total £</b>
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 April 2024	37,383	58,219	95,602
Additions	–	17,751	17,751
<b>At 31 March 2025</b>	<u>37,383</u>	<u>75,970</u>	<u>113,353</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025	–	–	–
<b>Carrying amount</b>			
<b>At 31 March 2025</b>	<u>37,383</u>	<u>75,970</u>	<u>113,353</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>37,383</u>	<u>58,219</u>	<u>95,602</u>

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**Year ended 31 March 2025**

**11. Analysis of charitable funds**

**Unrestricted funds**

	At 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains and losses £	At 31 March 20 25 £
General funds	268,102	–	–	–	268,102
Unrestricted fund 2 - desc in a/cs	(229,517)	–	–	–	(229,517)
	<u>38,585</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>38,585</u>

	At 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains and losses £	At 31 March 20 24 £
General funds	231,268	725	–	–	231,993
Unrestricted fund 2 - desc in a/cs	(121,101)	–	–	(108,416)	(229,517)
	<u>110,167</u>	<u>725</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>(108,416)</u>	<u>2,476</u>

**Restricted funds**

	At 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains and losses £	At 31 March 20 25 £
Restricted Fund 1 - desc in a/cs	137,500	292,283	(261,527)	–	168,256
Restricted Fund 2 - desc in a/cs	(50,000)	–	–	–	(50,000)
	<u>87,500</u>	<u>292,283</u>	<u>(261,527)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>118,256</u>

	At 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains and losses £	At 31 March 20 24 £
Restricted Fund 1 - desc in a/cs	137,500	180,163	(144,055)	–	173,608
Restricted Fund 2 - desc in a/cs	–	–	–	(50,000)	(50,000)
	<u>137,500</u>	<u>180,163</u>	<u>(144,055)</u>	<u>(50,000)</u>	<u>123,608</u>

**The following pages do not form part of the financial statements.**

**African French Speaking Community Support LTD**  
**Company Limited by Guarantee**  
**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities**  
**Year ended 31 March 2025**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Income and endowments</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Local Giving	–	725
The Grimmitt Trust	600	–
Sandwell Council of Voluntary Organisations (SCVO)	20,688	39,990
Good Things Foundation	1,000	–
National Grid Electricity Distribution	4,980	–
National Lottery Community Fund	20,000	10,000
Sandwell Consortium	6,900	6,736
NHS Black Country	18,000	–
Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council (SMBC)	26,348	18,987
The Independent Age	17,624	–
Heart of England Community Foundation	74,936	–
Postcode Local Trust	19,500	–
Music Instrument & Social Media Studio	897	14,350
Friends of The Elderly	430	400
Eveson Trust	–	10,000
Sported Foundation	–	2,000
The Edward Cadbury Charitable Trust	1,000	3,000
PWC Foundation	–	2,500
The National Foundation- Youth Music	–	5,570
The Souter Charitable Trust	3,000	–
Harborne Parish Lands Charity	4,877	1,630
Lloyds Bank Foundation	27,500	25,000
The Tudor Trust	44,000	40,000
	<u>292,283</u>	<u>180,888</u>
<b>Total income</b>	<u>292,283</u>	<u>180,888</u>

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**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities** *(continued)*  
**Year ended 31 March 2025**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities</b>		
Wages and salaries	84,068	54,571
Rent	10,650	7,700
Rates and water	2,800	–
Other establishment	7,069	–
Other office costs	–	30,142
Refreshment and Snacks	160	1,360
Refreshment and Snacks	9,409	–
Food and Ingredients	3,785	–
Volunteer Expenses	25,013	11,365
Advertising	3,197	350
Music Equipment Hire	4,831	–
Hire of Venue	24,139	17,620
Administrative Expenses	85,708	18,386
End of Project Event	349	–
Studio Fees	350	–
Overheads	–	2,560
	<u>261,528</u>	<u>144,054</u>
 <b>Total expenditure</b>	 <u>261,528</u>	 <u>144,054</u>
 <b>Net income</b>	 <u>30,755</u>	 <u>36,834</u>

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**Year ended 31 March 2025**

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities</b>		
<b>National grid</b>		
<i><b>Activities undertaken directly</b></i>		
Wages/ Salaries	—	11,500
Rent	—	1,500
Sundry Expenses	—	2,356
Volunteer Expenses	—	2,670
Administrative Expenses	—	1,830
Overheads	—	2,560
	<u>—</u>	<u>22,416</u>
<b>Charitable Activities Funded by The General Fund and Hire of Instruments</b>		
<i><b>Activities undertaken directly</b></i>		
Direct charitable activity 2 - rent	650	—
Sundry Expenses	—	800
Volunteer Expenses	—	700
Advertising	450	350
Hire of Venue	—	600
Administrative Expenses	3,100	2,000
	<u>4,200</u>	<u>4,450</u>
<b>Older People Scheme</b>		
<i><b>Activities undertaken directly</b></i>		
Refreshment and Snacks	58	—
Volunteer Expenses	2,100	—
Administrative Expenses	3,100	—
Project Coordinator	350	—
	<u>5,608</u>	<u>—</u>
<b>Sandwell Consotium: ESOL Lessons</b>		
<i><b>Activities undertaken directly</b></i>		
Direct charitable activity 4 - wages/salaries	—	2,000
Direct charitable activity 4 - rent	1,300	—
Sundry Expenses	—	250
	<u>—</u>	<u>2,250</u>
 Carried forward	 <u>1,300</u>	 <u>2,250</u>



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	<b>2025</b>	2024
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Brought forward	1,300	2,250
Volunteer Expenses	—	346
Hire of Venue	5,600	1,720
Administrative Expenses	—	750
	<u>6,900</u>	<u>5,066</u>
<b>The Tudor Trust: Core Funding</b>		
<b><i>Activities undertaken directly</i></b>		
Direct charitable activity 6 - wages/salaries	—	14,470
Direct charitable activity 6 - rent	6,750	6,200
Hire of Venue	2,800	—
Advertising	4,068	—
Direct charitable activity 6 - other office costs	—	4,000
Volunteer Expenses	560	1,650
Hire Of Venue	4,150	—
Administrative Expenses	8,673	1,160
	<u>27,001</u>	<u>27,480</u>
<b>Activities Funded by Harborne Parish Land Charity</b>		
<b><i>Activities undertaken directly</i></b>		
Direct charitable activity 8 - wages/salaries	—	670
Direct charitable activity 8 - rent	650	—
Other office costs	—	260
Refreshments and Snacks	969	—
Volunteer Costs	2,100	300
Administrative Expenses	650	400
	<u>4,369</u>	<u>1,630</u>
<b>PWC Foundation: Welfare Support</b>		
<b><i>Activities undertaken directly</i></b>		
Wages/Salaries	—	1,500
<b>The Souter Charitable Trust: Support for Orphans of Congo</b>		
<b><i>Activities undertaken directly</i></b>		
Volunteer Expenses	—	300
Administrative Expenses	—	1,700
	<u>—</u>	<u>2,000</u>
<b>Music Tuition, Sport: Eveson Trust</b>		
<b><i>Activities undertaken directly</i></b>		
Direct charitable activity 12 - wages/salaries	—	7,172
Direct charitable activity 12 - other office costs	—	8,550
Volunteer Expenses	—	1,785
Hire of Venue	—	2,520
Administrative Expenses	—	1,506
	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
Carried forward		<u>21,533</u>

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	2025 £	2024 £
Brought forward		21,533
	—	—
	—	21,533
<b>Music Tuition: The National Foundation</b>		
<b><i>Activities undertaken directly</i></b>		
Direct charitable activity 15 - wages/salaries	—	1,140
Direct charitable activity 15 - other office costs	—	1,270
Volunteer Expenses	—	770
Hire of Venue	—	2,380
	—	—
	—	5,560
<b>Charitable Activities Funded by Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council (SMBC)</b>		
<b><i>Activities undertaken directly</i></b>		
Direct charitable activity 16 - wages/salaries	14,180	10,700
Direct charitable activity 16 - rent	650	—
Sundry Expenses	—	9,540
Session Worker Fees	—	1,360
Refreshment and Snacks	442	—
Voluntary Expenses	4,050	1,870
Advertising	1,440	—
Music Equipment Hire	1,031	—
Hire of Venue	2,100	7,880
Administrative Expenses	18,456	8,020
	—	—
	42,349	39,370
<b>Activities Funded by Sport England</b>		
<b><i>Activities undertaken directly</i></b>		
Direct charitable activity 17 - wages/salaries	—	4,160
Direct charitable activity 17 - other office costs	—	2,050
Volunteer Expenses	—	576
Hire of Venue	—	1,800
Administrative Expenses	—	800
	—	—
	—	9,386
<b>Employment Support</b>		
<b><i>Activities undertaken directly</i></b>		
wages/salaries	69,888	—
rent	650	—
Direct charitable activity 18 - other establishment	3,001	—
Snacks & Refreshment	160	—
Direct charitable activity 18 - other type 2	7,940	—
Direct charitable activity 18 - other type 3	3,785	—
Volunteer Expenses	16,203	—
Advertising	1,307	—
Music Equipment Hire	3,800	—
	—	—
Carried forward	106,734	

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	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Brought forward	106,734	
Hire of Venue	12,289	—
Administrative Expenses	51,729	—
End of Project Event	349	—
	<u>171,101</u>	<u>—</u>
<b>Football Project: Sported Foundation</b>		
<b><i>Activities undertaken directly</i></b>		
Direct charitable activity 21 - wages/salaries	—	720
Direct charitable activity 21 - other office costs	—	240
Volunteer Expenses	—	120
Hire of Venue	—	720
	<u>—</u>	<u>1,800</u>
<b>White Good: Friends of the Elderly</b>		
<b><i>Activities undertaken directly</i></b>		
Direct charitable activity 22 - other office costs	—	400
	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
<b>Activity type 23</b>		
<b><i>Activities undertaken directly</i></b>		
Direct charitable activity 23 - wages/salaries	—	539
Direct charitable activity 23 - other office costs	—	426
Volunteer Expenses	—	278
Administrative Expenses	—	220
	<u>—</u>	<u>1,463</u>
	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities</b>	<u>261,528</u>	<u>144,054</u>