

CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

England & Wales · Charity number 1169317

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2016-09-22

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Activities

Objects: TO FURTHER THE GENERAL CHARITABLE WORKS OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS TEACHINGS BOTH IN THE DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY AND ELSEWHERE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY ADVANCING THE RELIEF OF THOSE IN NEED BY REASON OF YOUTH, AGE, ILL-HEALTH, FINANCIAL OR OTHER DISADVANTAGE.

Activities: Its activities are directed to children and young people without the support of families and in need, children and young people at risk. In addition to children and young people, the charity also provides assistance to people with disabilities, the aged, the vulnerable and individuals, families communities and groups who are in need.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£755,200	£795,899	£796,985	16
2024-03-31	£653,244	£750,209	£837,684	16
2023-03-31	£746,095	£672,730	£934,649	14
2022-03-31	£599,915	£525,182	£861,284	12
2021-03-31	£618,789	£518,526	£786,551	13

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
RT REV MARK DAVIES	Chair	2016-12-02
CHRISTINE SMITH		2016-12-02
Carol LAWRENCE		2016-12-02
Rev John Fegan		2020-03-17

Accounts

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CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Charity number	1169317
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CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's constitution, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)".

Objectives and activities

Objectives:

The charity's objects are to further the general charitable works of the Roman Catholic Church in accordance with its teaching both in the Diocese of Shrewsbury and elsewhere in the United Kingdom in particular, but not exclusively, by providing services and facilities for the relief of poverty and suffering, the advancement of education, the promotion of social justice including the advancement of human rights and the promotion of religious or racial harmony and other charitable acts which promote the development of individuals and communities for the public benefit, for the benefit of people of all faiths and none.

Aims and Activities:

The charity's activities are directed to children and young people without the support of families and in need, children, and young people at risk. In addition to children and young people, the charity also aids people with disabilities, the aged, the vulnerable and individuals, families, communities and groups who are in need.

Currently the charity has bases in Wirral, Shrewsbury, Crewe and Wythenshawe where it carries out these activities.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Use of volunteers:

Volunteers provide much valued additional support and capacity enabling the charity to deliver its aims. During the period volunteers were used to support the work of the Hope Foodbank, our community projects, support for refugees and people seeking asylum, family support work and the general work of Caritas.

Achievements and performance

Reflecting on 2024–25, Caritas Shrewsbury remains deeply proud of the tangible difference its support and services continue to make across communities. Through programmes that prioritise dignity, partnership, and social justice, its reach has remained strong across Wirral, Shrewsbury, Crewe, and Wythenshawe.

The third sector as a whole faces continued challenges around raising additional funds and Caritas is no different. Caritas strives to support a greater number of people that are struggling with mental wellbeing and/or trying to balance their finances as the cost of living crisis continues to force families into difficult decisions, particularly in areas of existing high deprivation where the gap in funding opportunities feels significantly greater.

Caritas Shrewsbury has continued to develop its reach, with new Stronger Together groups in Wirral and Shrewsbury, a monthly SEN Den in Wythenshawe, to fully establishing our St Mary's Caritas Centre in Crewe, demonstrating that every pound raised makes a positive impact in local communities and we are extremely grateful to everyone that supports our mission either through funding or volunteering.

CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Schools Service

The Schools Service continues to offer critical help to students and families navigating bereavement, domestic violence, anxiety, anger management, and wider emotional wellbeing challenges. This year, Caritas supported 14 schools across the Diocese, engaging directly with 156 children and 44 parents and carers through programmes such as 'Talking Teens' and 'Nurturing Groups'. The initiative remains a vital bridge between families and schools, providing practical support and advice that improve attendance, emotional health, and academic progress.

Community Support

Community based 'Stronger Together' groups continue to flourish, providing safe, inclusive spaces for connection, confidence building, and peer support. Across four groups in Wirral, 103 families were supported, reaching 164 adults and 175 children. A further 623 people (327 adults and 296 children) were supported through family support. The model continues to demonstrate the power of local, relationship-driven community action.

Counselling

The Caritas Counselling Service has grown this year, now supporting 184 clients across Wirral and Shrewsbury. Our team has included 10 student placements, enabling greater reach while nurturing the next generation of practitioners. We have expanded therapeutic approaches to include Clinical Hypnotherapy, Rewind Trauma Therapy, and a new Bereavement Therapeutic Group. Clients consistently report improved wellbeing, increased autonomy, and reductions in symptoms of anxiety, depression, and trauma.

St. Mary's Caritas Centre, Crewe

St. Mary's Centre continues to thrive as a vibrant community hub. During 2024–25, it welcomed over 3,137 visits and hosted 47 hours of bookings each week by more than 10 partner organisations. Regular sessions included health and wellbeing programmes, bereavement support, a dementia café, community choirs, Irish dance, and chess club. A new Community Fridge was launched in November 2024 in partnership with Cheshire East Food Network, and the installation of a community laundry now provides on-site support for people experiencing homelessness or hardship.

St. Aidan's Centre, Wythenshawe

SEND Together has grown into a cornerstone of family and inclusion work in Wythenshawe. During 2024–25, 38 families were supported, with 29 carers attending weekly groups and 44 children participating in inclusive activities. The monthly SEN Den engaged 34 families, while parents also took part in advocacy and training through the Women of Wythenshawe and Greater Manchester Citizens networks.

The Hope Foodbank distributed 383 food parcels and vouchers, supporting 491 adults and 414 children. The MENd Minds group, designed to improve men's mental health, supported 13 men, helping participants rebuild confidence, pursue recovery, and reconnect with their families.

The Well Project and Hotel Outreach

At St. Aidan's Centre, The Well Project continues to support refugees and people seeking asylum through English classes, and women's wellbeing sessions. Over 30 learners engaged in ESOL classes, supported by 13 volunteer tutors. The weekly women's group welcomed more than 15 regular attendees and hosted 30 families at their Christmas celebration.

The Hotel Outreach Programme provided essential support to families in temporary accommodation, offering weekly creative activities, language classes, and wellbeing sessions. Over 185 children and 20 women participated in art and play sessions, while 35 bus passes per week, 90 SIM cards, and 14 phones were distributed alongside donations of food, clothing, and baby essentials.

Shrewsbury

In Shrewsbury, Caritas expanded local partnerships and piloted new family wellbeing initiatives. The Stronger Together group supported 26 people, while drop-in sessions reached 17 individuals. Parenting groups engaged 14 parents, and counselling was offered to 34 adults.

CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Appeals and Crisis Grants

Generosity across parishes, schools, and supporters enabled Caritas to respond swiftly to those in crisis. The Caritas at Christmas Appeal raised £17,139, supporting 79 families (126 adults and 146 children) with gifts, food, and essential items. In addition, £27,612 was distributed through Wirral Council Crisis Grants, supporting 142 families including 277 children. The Good Shepherd Appeal, involving 19 schools, raised £10,206. The Trustees remain deeply grateful to everyone who contributed to these vital lifelines.

Financial review

The charity has generated £755k of income mainly through donations and activity funding (2024: £653k) an increase of 15.6% on the previous financial period.

The charity is delivering a significant social return on investment over a wide range of services as demonstrated throughout a summary of our delivery activities.

Expenditure has also grown 6% to £796k (2024: £750k), with most of the increase in cost being covered from the utilisation of unrestricted reserves delivering new projects and covering shortfalls of funding on existing projects.

Reserves

Whilst the Charity has performed well in respect of its core activities, the increase in demand and consequently cost have contracted the unrestricted reserves to £142k (2024: £225k), a reduction of 37%.

Due to the current challenging conditions of the market and demand for support, the board of Trustees have elected to change the reserves policy of the Charity to adopt to the environment in which it currently operates.

The new policy will be to re-develop the unrestricted reserves to 3% of unrestricted income until such time as the demands are fully met by full cost recovery on the activities of the charity.

Risk Management

The Trustees have in place a risk management process to assess risks to which the Charity is exposed, those relating to operational and financial risk. This involves assessing the likelihood and potential impact of occurrence and identifying means of mitigation. Financial risks to the Charity have been highlighted throughout the trustee report, operational risks to safeguarding children and vulnerable adults are reviewed and updated every year and have been tested by external review through local authority bodies throughout the Charity's work.

Future Plans

Plans for 2026 will respond to the ongoing impact of the cost-of-living crisis and the developments likely under a new government. The next year's priorities are:

- Restructure the charity to further maximise its ability to deliver the services to best it possibly can.
- Develop a marketing strategy to bring in donations around specific activity of the charity and engage with those stakeholders the success their contributions are helping us deliver, with a particular focus on mental health and wellbeing support.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation governed by a constitution. The affairs of the Charity are governed by the Trustees under the chairmanship of the Bishop. All Trustees are appointed and removed in accordance with the constitution. The Board consists of two clergy and two (2024: four) laity of the faithful. The clergy Trustees are appointed for their expertise in parochial, spiritual and pastoral matters. The lay Trustees are selected for their skills and experience in charities, business, management and property. Further lay trustees would be chosen to match any perceived skill requirement. New Trustees are provided with the terms of reference and a pack of information relating to the constitution, governance and operation of the Trust.

The trustees who served during the year were:

Rt Rev Mark Davies (Chair)

Mrs Carol Lawrence

Mrs Anne McMullan

(Resigned 29 April 2024)

Canon Philip Moor

(Resigned 2 October 2024)

Mrs Christine Smith

Rev John Fegan

If the CIO is wound up, the members of the CIO have no liability to contribute to its assets and no personal responsibility for settling its debts and liabilities.

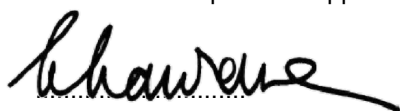
The trustees meet on a quarterly basis, with day-to-day management of the Charity being delegated to the Chief Executive (CEO). Between meetings the CEO has regular support from one of the trustees, who provides financial expertise and support. In order to ensure that the Trustees have the necessary up to date knowledge to govern the Charity, the Chair of Trustees is to instigate a programme of trustee training, delivered by suitably qualified and experienced individuals.

During this financial year Ben Gilchrist acted as the CEO of the charity, and following a restructure of the organisation in December 2025, a new CEO was appointed, Patricia Spencer, a long term senior manager of the charity with extensive knowledge of the activities.

Connected Charity:

The Bishop of the Diocese is Chair of Shrewsbury Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust charity number 234025 and the Council of Management of The Catholic Children's Society (Shrewsbury Diocese) Incorporated, charity number 509793, company number 01400367. Caritas acquired most of the assets and undertakings of the Catholic Children's Society in December 2016 when it began to operate. Both charities have the use of property belonging to the Diocese of Shrewsbury for which no charge is made.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Mrs Carol Lawrence

Trustee

Dated: 01/04/2026

CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011.

Independent examiner's statement

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

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the financial statements in accordance with the relevant version of the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn. I understand that this has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

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 that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a true and fair view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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 financial statements to be reached.



Simon Evans FCA
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Dated: 1 April 2026

CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

		Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
	Notes						
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	3	220,000	311,114	531,114	220,995	212,587	433,582
Charitable activities	4	100,650	83,141	183,791	109,359	78,059	187,418
Investments	5	7,415	-	7,415	6,519	-	6,519
Other income	6	32,880	-	32,880	25,725	-	25,725
Total income		360,945	394,255	755,200	362,598	290,646	653,244
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	7	20,888	-	20,888	21,707	-	21,707
Charitable activities	8	377,646	397,365	775,011	408,210	320,292	728,502
Total expenditure		398,534	397,365	795,899	429,917	320,292	750,209
Net expenditure		(37,589)	(3,110)	(40,699)	(67,319)	(29,646)	(96,965)
Transfers between funds		(44,825)	44,825	-	(15,233)	15,233	-
Net movement in funds	11	(82,414)	41,715	(40,699)	(82,552)	(14,413)	(96,965)
Reconciliation of funds:							
Fund balances at 1 April 2024		224,994	612,690	837,684	307,546	627,103	934,649
Fund balances at 31 March 2025		142,580	654,405	796,985	224,994	612,690	837,684

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

CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	15		515,697		532,392
Current assets					
Debtors	16	25,673		14,827	
Cash at bank and in hand		383,413		392,797	
		409,086		407,624	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	(127,798)		(102,332)	
Net current assets			281,288		305,292
Total assets less current liabilities			796,985		837,684
The funds of the charity					
Restricted income funds	19	654,405		612,690	
Unrestricted funds	20	142,580		224,994	
		796,985		837,684	

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 01/04/2026



Mrs Carol Lawrence
Trustee

CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash absorbed by operations	25		(16,357)		(79,308)
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(442)		(4,545)	
Proceeds from disposal of tangible fixed assets		-		565	
Investment income received		7,415		6,519	
Net cash generated from investing activities			6,973		2,539
Net cash generated from financing activities			-		-
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents			(9,384)		(76,769)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			392,797		469,566
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			383,413		392,797

CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation ('CIO') registered in England and Wales and the governing constitution is dated 22 September 2016. The address is Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury, Wheatland Lane, Wallasey, Wirral, Merseyside CH44 7ED.

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

The trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity can raise sufficient resources/support to meet its obligations and have undertaken a restructure to remove as much excess cost as possible, as well as projects that are a drain on limited resources with no current additional income to support the activity. The charity has the written support of the Diocese of Shrewsbury to assist in any cash shortfall.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income derived from activity and grants is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1.5 Expenditure

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 a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	33% on cost
Office equipment	33% on cost
Functional property	Over 40 years straight line
Building alterations	Over 12 years straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.11 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds general 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Donations and gifts	42,363	17,303	59,666	64,295	-	64,295
Legacies receivable	2,637	-	2,637	6,700	-	6,700
Grants receivable	175,000	293,811	468,811	150,000	212,587	362,587
	<u>220,000</u>	<u>311,114</u>	<u>531,114</u>	<u>220,995</u>	<u>212,587</u>	<u>433,582</u>

CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

3 Donations and legacies

(Continued)

Donations and gifts

Parish Collections	2,665	-	2,665	2,579	-	2,579
Caritas at Christmas	-	17,139	17,139	10,699	-	10,699
Good Shepherd	10,206	-	10,206	11,833	-	11,833
Crib Offerings	1,462	-	1,462	12,787	-	12,787
Collection Boxes	4,063	-	4,063	5,472	-	5,472
Donations	23,967	164	24,131	20,925	-	20,925
	<u>42,363</u>	<u>17,303</u>	<u>59,666</u>	<u>64,295</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>64,295</u>

Grants receivable for core activities

Our Mission Together	150,000	-	150,000	150,000	-	150,000
Wirral Crisis Fund	-	27,612	27,612	-	16,570	16,570
Afghan Refugee - Bridging Hotels	-	78,783	78,783	-	78,016	78,016
SENSitive	-	33,532	33,532	-	4,725	4,725
Smallwood WOW	-	-	-	-	18,156	18,156
Refugee Support - Well Project	-	82,502	82,502	-	43,550	43,550
Garfield Weston	25,000	-	25,000	-	-	-
Community Projects	-	67,782	67,782	-	47,970	47,970
Mend Minds	-	3,600	3,600	-	3,600	3,600
	<u>175,000</u>	<u>293,811</u>	<u>468,811</u>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>212,587</u>	<u>362,587</u>

Our Mission Together – Support from the Diocese of Shrewsbury

Garfield Weston – Grant to support core costs.

Wirral BC provided £17,222 (2024: £16,570) to support families during the Christmas period with the cost of food.

Community Projects - restricted funds to deliver support across the Diocese of Shrewsbury.

SENSitive Group income – The SENSitive Support and Campaign Group is a group of parents and carers with children with special educational needs.

Smallwood WOW Trust - £18,156 received in the prior period to cover staffing cost, overheads and activities for the Well project supporting refugees for mental wellbeing support and SENSitive support and campaign group.

Refugee Projects:

Refugee Support/Well Project Funds received to support staff costs, refugees and people seeking asylum to help them integrate into the community and their mental well-being.

Afghan Refugees – restricted funds to provide support to a particular group of asylum seekers by offering help to integrate into the community and gave people the confidence to build their new life here in England.

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4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
School Support						
Income for services provided	-	83,141	83,141	-	77,416	77,416
Early Help Action Team						
Income for services provided	100,650	-	100,650	108,662	-	108,662
Other Project Income						
Other income	-	-	-	697	643	1,340
	<u>100,650</u>	<u>83,141</u>	<u>183,791</u>	<u>109,359</u>	<u>78,059</u>	<u>187,418</u>

5 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Interest receivable	<u>7,415</u>	<u>6,519</u>

6 Other income

	Unrestricted funds general 2025 £	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £
Room hire	<u>32,880</u>	<u>25,725</u>

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7 Raising funds

	2025	2024
	£	£
<u>Fundraising and publicity</u>		
Seeking donations, grants and legacies	7,730	7,218
Other fundraising costs	843	2,858
Staff costs	12,315	11,631
Fundraising and publicity	20,888	21,707
	<u>20,888</u>	<u>21,707</u>

8 Charitable activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Staff costs	335,410	306,083
Volunteer expenses	560	295
Support Officer staff recharges from The Catholic Children's Society	35,371	34,733
Welfare activity	158,481	147,939
	529,822	489,050
Share of support costs (see note 10)	241,031	235,492
Share of governance costs (see note 10)	4,158	3,960
	775,011	728,502
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds - general	377,646	
Restricted funds	397,365	
	775,011	
For the year ended 31 March 2024		
Unrestricted funds - general		408,210
Restricted funds		320,292
		728,502

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9 Description of charitable activities

Schools Service

Our help is far reaching, as by working with children in schools and their parent/s or carers at home we are able to help the whole family, in some cases extended family too. This takes the pressure off schools, assisting with outcomes that are more positive for all involved.

A school may ask us to provide listening ear support to one child they feel is struggling emotionally in class only for us to find through our own assessment and engagement, that there's more going on behind the scenes at home, for example:

- School Refusal - EBSA (Emotionally Based School Avoidance)
- Domestic Violence
- Bereavement
- Financial hardship
- Disability
- Illness
- Separation/Divorce
- Relationship breakdown
- Undiagnosed ADHD
- Autism
- Health conditions
- Drug or alcohol dependency
- Hospitalisations

This helps parents to develop their own coping skills, enabling them to move forward and reach goals, empowering rather than rescuing them. Building upon their confidence and self-esteem, giving them courage to take a lead and move forward themselves.

Parenting Programmes

Parenting Programmes help adults to understand and manage feelings/behaviours, enabling them to become more positive and nurturing in their relationships with children and each other. It encourages an approach to relationships that gives children and adults of all ages, an emotionally healthy start for their lives and learning. As a community support service, the team at Caritas facilitate parenting groups and if needed, work on a one-to-one basis for those parents who cannot attend a group. Caritas are inclusive and classes are open to all.

Early Help Service

Families come into our Early Help Service for a wide range of reasons, including;

- Sexual abuse
- Child mental health
- Parent mental health
- Child with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities
- Managing behaviour
- Non-school attendance
- Neglect
- Parental conflict
- Housing and financial difficulties
- Criminal exploitation
- Anti-social behaviour
- Domestic abuse

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9 Description of charitable activities

(Continued)

Counselling Service

As we are coming out of lockdown Caritas have noted an uptake in referrals with clients suffering with more severe mental health issues, this is due in part, to the isolation some individuals have had to endure, they have been given time on their own to reflect on their own stories and analyse the various traumas they have suffered through their lives, which has only helped to increase anxieties and feelings of trauma. Caritas' Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) therapist has noted an increasing number of clients who are self-harming and have attempted suicide.

Bereavement & Loss – Listening Service

We offer a listening ear without judgement immediately after loss or bereavement. To open up to others and let them in and talk about their struggles can be very scary so we provide a safe place where clients can talk freely about their fears and worries. Grief is recognised as a process and range of emotions people go through as they gradually adjust to their loss. Feelings of grief also happen regarding other types of loss such as the end of relationships, the loss of a job, moving house to a new area or decline in physical and mental health of someone you love.

Refugees and People Seeking Asylum

Our English classes have been running online and face-to-face at the St. Aidan's Centre with referrals from partner organisations. ESOL classes are supported by an amazing and dedicated group of volunteers who deliver two-hour sessions every week.

Afghanistan Refugee Support Project

Support for refugees and people seeking asylum, including those housed in publicly commissioned "hotel" accommodation. Advice, signposting, education, peer support groups, provision of life's basics. We are seeking an activities to enable the specialist delivery of the work that has supported residents in the hotels to date by our core partners Mustard Tree, Manchester Women's Aid, City of Sanctuary and MRSN. This will focus particularly on resident's mental health and wellbeing.

VCSE Hotel Lead Organisation (HLO) role

- Day to day liaison with hotels
- Needs assessment of individuals in hotels
- Provide or source support / items from VCSE locally and across Greater Manchester
- Act as point of contact for hotel team, local authority, local NHS and Greater Manchester VCSE
- Attend hotel and Greater Manchester meetings to ensure up to date with issues, occupancy and needs
- Ensure support is culturally appropriate

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10 Support costs allocated to activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Staff costs	99,101	94,199
Depreciation	17,138	18,066
Support salary costs recharged from The Catholic Children's Society	38,108	36,969
Travel and subsistence	7,060	7,542
Other staff costs	4,414	(1,335)
Rent, rates and utilities	23,463	28,018
Repairs and maintenance	7,878	10,625
Other building and office costs	19,871	15,796
Computer and IT costs	9,285	9,684
Telephone costs	5,435	6,304
Printing, postage and stationery	2,044	5,032
Other support costs	7,234	4,592
Governance costs	4,158	3,960
	<u>245,189</u>	<u>239,452</u>

Analysed between:

Charitable activities	<u>245,189</u>	<u>239,452</u>
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	2025 £	2024 £
Governance costs comprise:		
Independent examination fees	2,079	1,980
Accountancy	2,079	1,980
	<u>4,158</u>	<u>3,960</u>

All support costs have been allocated to charitable activities as they are incurred to support and further our core charitable activities.

11 Net movement in funds

	2025 £	2024 £
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	2,079	1,980
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	17,137	18,105
Loss/(profit) on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	(39)
	<u></u>	<u></u>

12 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

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13 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2025 Number	2024 Number
Charitable activities	16	16

Employment costs	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	389,983	367,410
Social security costs	35,254	32,383
Other pension costs	21,589	12,120
	446,826	411,913

Two employees of The Catholic Children's Society (Shrewsbury Diocese) Inc are seconded to Caritas.

In addition to the direct employment costs above, there were recharges of £73,479 (2024: £71,702) during the period from The Catholic Children's Society (Shrewsbury Diocese) Inc in respect of the staff seconded to Caritas. Of this amount, £35,371 (2024: £34,733) is included in charitable activities (see note 8) and £38,108 (2024: £36,969) is included support costs.

The number of employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000 is as follows:

	2025 Number	2024 Number
£60,001 to £70,000	1	1

Contributions totalling £3,934 (2024: £3,819) were made to defined contribution pension schemes on behalf of employees whose emoluments exceed £60,000.

Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel, excluding employer pension contributions, is as follows.

	2025 £	2024 £
Aggregate compensation	115,429	112,067

14 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

15 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £	Office equipment £	Functional property £	Building alterations £	Total £
Cost					
At 1 April 2024	21,462	30,678	545,120	1,404	598,664
Additions	-	442	-	-	442
At 31 March 2025	21,462	31,120	545,120	1,404	599,106
Depreciation and impairment					
At 1 April 2024	17,383	28,301	20,442	146	66,272
Depreciation charged in the year	1,891	1,501	13,628	117	17,137
At 31 March 2025	19,274	29,802	34,070	263	83,409
Carrying amount					
At 31 March 2025	2,188	1,318	511,050	1,141	515,697
At 31 March 2024	4,079	2,377	524,678	1,258	532,392

The construction of the functional property at St Mary's – Crewe is separately disclosed. This project was completed in conjunction with funds from the Diocese of Shrewsbury, and funds received from the Denise Coates Foundation. The final total cost of the build was £803,604, with Caritas contributing £545,120. The property is built on Parish Land and has shared ownership due to restrictions. A trust deed will be written between the two parties to formalise the relationship.

16 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	16,089	10,228
Prepayments and accrued income	9,584	4,599
	25,673	14,827

17 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Other taxation and social security	11,904	9,714
Deferred income	55,656	34,473
Other creditors	45,997	44,434
Accruals	14,241	13,711
	127,798	102,332

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18 Retirement benefit schemes

	2025 £	2024 £
Defined contribution schemes		
Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes	21,589	12,120

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

19 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2025 £
School Support	-	83,141	(85,695)	2,554	-
Crewe Caritas Centre Project	522,083	-	(13,628)	-	508,455
Wythenshawe - Redecoration	1,334	-	-	-	1,334
Refugee Support (Well Project)	-	82,501	(109,392)	119,570	92,679
Afghan Refugee Support	58,508	78,784	(7,304)	(129,988)	-
Smallwood - WOW	-	-	(10,418)	10,418	-
Community Projects - Wythenshawe	-	10,900	(12,273)	5,673	4,300
Community Projects - Mend Minds Wythenshawe	6,723	3,600	(1,033)	-	9,290
Community Projects - SENSitive Wythenshawe	24,042	33,532	(26,115)	(9,650)	21,809
Community Projects - Wirral	-	28,331	(71,875)	43,544	-
Community Projects - Crewe	-	19,347	(22,907)	3,560	-
Community Projects - Shrewsbury	-	9,369	(748)	-	8,621
Wirral Crisis Fund	-	44,750	(35,977)	(856)	7,917
	612,690	394,255	(397,365)	44,825	654,405

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19 Restricted funds

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Previous year:	At 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2024 £
School Support	-	77,416	(72,538)	(4,878)	-
Crewe Caritas Centre Project	535,711	-	(13,628)	-	522,083
Wythenshawe - Redecoration	1,334	-	-	-	1,334
Refugee Support (Well Project)	12,231	44,193	(57,168)	744	-
Afghan Refugee Support	47,567	78,016	(61,801)	(5,274)	58,508
Smallwood - WOW	-	18,156	(15,852)	(2,304)	-
Community Projects - Wythenshawe	-	2,600	(11,890)	9,290	-
Community Projects - Mend Minds Wythenshawe	4,147	3,600	(1,024)	-	6,723
Community Projects - SENSitive Wythenshawe	23,931	4,725	(4,614)	-	24,042
Community Projects - Wirral	-	30,000	(46,254)	16,254	-
Community Projects - Crewe	2,182	15,370	(18,772)	1,220	-
Community Projects - Shrewsbury	-	-	(751)	751	-
Winter Support Fund - Wirral Council	-	16,570	(16,000)	(570)	-
	<u>627,103</u>	<u>290,646</u>	<u>(320,292)</u>	<u>15,233</u>	<u>612,690</u>

The Charity operates on specific objectives and raises funds to support those works within communities across the geography of the Diocese of Shrewsbury. The restricted funds have been broken into sections and details of supporting funding bodies are itemised below:

Denise Coates Foundation – Crewe Caritas Centre Project – fund received to build a centre at St Mary's Church in Crewe. These funds now represent a restricted building being depreciated over reasonable life expectancy.

School project support in schools for children and staff and surrounding communities. Funds received relating to our school support services are treated as restricted, they include a provision for direct activity and some overhead recovery.

The Future Pathways Initiative - Wythenshawe which empowers students with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to pursue professional careers, beginning with a focus on the legal profession and the path to becoming a barrister. Our main funder is CAF (Charity Foundation) £6,474 for staff costs.

Community Projects:

Community Projects across the Diocese of Shrewsbury – We have broken these activities into geographical areas, to help identify appropriate funders to achieve our objectives. To cover staffing costings and running a variety of activities/groups to empower people to build up their mental health and self-esteem so that they feel confident and more equipped to deal with life's challenges, including bereavement, loss and counselling. Support will also give roadmaps and information to other organisations that may be able to help.

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19 Restricted funds

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Wirral:

Early help work part of an alliance working to prevent families going into social care. A variety of activities/groups to empower adults and children to build up their mental health and self-esteem so that they feel confident and more equipped to deal with life's challenges. These include Mindfulness groups, Bereavement, listening ear and counselling Parenting programs, ADHD Parenting and strategies including neurodiversity working with those suffering in Domestic abuse, and Stronger together community groups for peer support and advice.

Funding from Rathbone Foundation £6,000, Pathfinder Wirral council £7,167 and Wirral Step – Wirral council £15,000.

Wirral Winter Household Grant (Crisis Fund): Supporting families and single people living on the Wirral in need as they try to balance their finances due to the increase in the cost of living. In addition to £17,139 raised through donations Wirral Borough Council granted us £27,611 to cover heaters, food costs and £856 towards staff costs in administrating the referral process to access the grant.

Wythenshawe:

Mend Minds Regular group promoting wellbeing and exercise for men building mental health and self-esteem with funds from Juiceworks Ltd £3,600.

Community Projects in Wythenshawe:

- Against Poverty Art Project, working in the community producing Banner highlighting issues locally with funding from NHS Manchester £3,500.
- The Hope Foodbank Weekly foodbank addressing food poverty across Wythenshawe Cost of Living support and signposting to other organisations. Main funder Juiceworks Ltd £2,400.
- Building Bridges Project — is a partnership between St Aidan's Centre (Caritas Shrewsbury), Cheadle Mosque, Manchester University, and students from a local high school. Building social cohesion through Community Exchanges to empower communities so they are better equipped to address Hate Crime and Hate speech and addresses discrimination relating to belief, race and disability. Funded by MACC – Manchester local voluntary & community support £5,000 (staff cost and activities).

SEND Together weekly support group for parents / carers of SEN children SEN Workshops / Training for parents / carers of SEND children across Wythenshawe. Funding from Juiceworks Ltd £3,600, Smallwood – Women of Wythenshawe £12,694, NEST GM Systems Manchester £16,000.

Refugee work:

As part of rationalising the work Caritas does with refugees and the cross over that the funding streams give to support these activities. Caritas has merged the funds to provide clarity over the activity delivered and reduce unnecessary costs associated with separation of expenses.

- Women's Group and ESOL sessions at St Aidan's. funds received to support staff costs and activities to refugees and people seeking asylum to help them integrate into the community and build up their mental wellbeing. The main funders are Juiceworks Ltd £2,400, Smallwood -Women of Wythenshawe £12,694.
- VCFSE (Voluntary, Community, Faith and Social Enterprise). Due to the continued troubles in the world, we continue to support in collaboration with partners like Rainbow Haven, Manchester City of Sanctuary, MRSN (Manchester Refugee Support Network) and refugee Aid Chorlton, providing vital support within the Manchester's hotel accommodation for people seeking asylum.
- Refugee Hotel work – in partnership with GMIAU (Greater Manchester Immigration Aid Unit) we support people seeking asylum with ESOL - English for Speakers of the Other Language sessions at Best Western hotel Lloyds group Hotels Group session and advocacy group for Organising occasional trips / activities for the group. Building and maintaining relationships with participants and keeping in weekly contact with them. Checking in, signposting/referring for support where necessary, Caritas is lead organisation.
- Funding to support staff cost and activities come from Lloyds Foundation £52,462, Manchester Council £46,957, Migrant Help £5,980, Action for Humanity £4,520, Manchester Council – Education £28,821.

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19 Restricted funds

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Crewe:

Community Café/Community Fridge where food is taken by community members when needed Incredible Edible with supported adult group to grow their own vegetables Afternoon Dementia club and monthly community meal all have input from Caritas. Other agencies using centre are marriage care counselling Everybody health and leisure which is falls prevention Lath, funky choir, diabetes clinic, Crewe chess club and Fraser Irish dancing.

Funding from Cheshire East £5,000, Awards for All Community Fund £9,747 and Benefact Trust £4,600.

Shrewsbury:

Shrewsbury provide activities and programmes designed to improve the practical, physical, mental and emotional wellbeing of the disadvantaged and often socially isolated, individuals, families and children we work with and make a positive and lasting impact on the lives of the people we support. We offer a drop-in service, parenting courses and counselling service. Funding from Awards for All Community Fund £9,369 to cover staff costs.

All other funding is currently derived from unrestricted funds for these community projects.

20 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2025 £
Community Support Fund	12,916	-	-	-	12,916
General funds	212,078	360,945	(398,534)	(44,825)	129,664
	<u>224,994</u>	<u>360,945</u>	<u>(398,534)</u>	<u>(44,825)</u>	<u>142,580</u>
Previous year:	At 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2024 £
Community Support Fund	9,156	11,396	(7,636)	-	12,916
General funds	298,390	351,202	(422,281)	(15,233)	212,078
	<u>307,546</u>	<u>362,598</u>	<u>(429,917)</u>	<u>(15,233)</u>	<u>224,994</u>

The Community Support Fund – This fund is designed to support those most in need at the most demanding time of year.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

21 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £
At 31 March 2025:			
Tangible assets	4,647	511,050	515,697
Current assets/(liabilities)	137,933	143,355	281,288
	<u>142,580</u>	<u>654,405</u>	<u>796,985</u>
	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
At 31 March 2024:			
Tangible assets	7,714	524,678	532,392
Current assets/(liabilities)	217,280	88,012	305,292
	<u>224,994</u>	<u>612,690</u>	<u>837,684</u>

22 Operating lease commitments

Lessee

At the reporting end date the charity had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Within one year	912	-
Between two and five years	3,192	-
	<u>4,104</u>	<u>-</u>

23 Events after the reporting date

In consideration of the challenging environment within the charity sector, the trustees have agreed to review all costs that are not associated with the delivery of projects or key to their success, in addition to projects that cannot raise sufficient resources to cover their cost. Consequently, a restructure took place between October and December 2025, this reduced the cost of administration and reduced our activity in Shrewsbury. The restructure of the organisation reduces the cost of operations by £70k.

A new business plan is being written, along with a drive to raise focused income streams and donations for key projects, particularly those that support mental health well-being in Schools and the wider communities. In addition, directly supporting families that are struggling to make ends meet during these difficult times of higher cost of living.

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24 Related party transactions

Transactions with related parties

	Seconded staff payments	
	2025	2024
	£	£
Entities with control, joint control or significant influence over the company	73,479	71,702
	<u>73,479</u>	<u>71,702</u>

Staff secondment and other costs were recharged in the period from The Catholic Children's Society (Shrewsbury Diocese) Inc. Caritas has made direct salary and associated payments in respect of the seconded staff.

At the end of the period, a creditor of £39,868 (2024: £34,335) was due from the charity to The Catholic Children's Society (Shrewsbury Diocese) Inc.

The £150,000 (2024: £150,000) grant income received for Our Mission Together (see note 3) is from the Shrewsbury Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust, which is a related charity.

Short-term loan funding of £Nil (2024: £60,000) has been provided to the Shrewsbury Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust during the year and £Nil (2024: £Nil) is included in debtors at the year-end. The loans were interest free and fully repaid prior to the year-end.

The construction of the functional property at St Mary's – Crewe is disclosed within fixed assets. This project was completed in conjunction with funds from the Diocese of Shrewsbury, and funds received from the Denise Coates Foundation. The final total cost of the build was £803,604, with Caritas contributing £545,120 and the Diocese £258,484. The property is built on Parish Land and has shared ownership due to restrictions. A trust deed will be written between the two parties to formalise the relationship.

25 Cash absorbed by operations	2025	2024
	£	£
Deficit for the year	(40,699)	(96,965)
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(7,415)	(6,519)
Gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	(39)
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	17,138	18,105
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(10,846)	24,755
Increase in creditors	4,282	7,945
Increase/(decrease) in deferred income	21,183	(26,590)
Cash absorbed by operations	<u>(16,357)</u>	<u>(79,308)</u>

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26 Analysis of changes in net funds

The charity had no material debt during the year.

Accounts

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CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Rt Rev Mark Davies (Chair) Mrs Carol Lawrence Mrs Christine Smith Rev John Fegan
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CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's constitution, 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 (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

Objectives:

The charity's objects are to further the general charitable works of the Roman Catholic church in accordance with its teaching both in the Diocese of Shrewsbury and elsewhere in the United Kingdom in particular, but not exclusively, by providing services and facilities for the relief of poverty and suffering, the advancement of education, the promotion of social justice including the advancement of human rights and the promotion of religious or racial harmony and other charitable acts which promote the development of individuals and communities for the public benefit, for the benefit of people of all faiths and none.

Aims and Activities:

The charity's activities are directed to children and young people without the support of families and in need, children, and young people at risk. In addition to children and young people, the charity also aids people with disabilities, the aged, the vulnerable and individuals, families, communities and groups who are in need.

Currently the charity has bases in Wirral, Shrewsbury, Crewe and Wythenshawe where it carries out these activities.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Use of volunteers:

Volunteers provide much valued additional support and capacity enabling the charity to deliver its aims. During the period volunteers were used to support the work of the Hope Foodbank, our community projects, support for refugees and people seeking asylum, family support work and the general work of Caritas.

Cost of Living Crisis:

The UK remains locked in a "Cost-of-Living" crisis, with high energy prices and the knock-on effect in the supply of basic foods, whilst inflation nears the government's target of 2%, interest rates are likely to remain at a higher level for the foreseeable future. It is recognised that this will place pressure on the Charity to raise income through donations, but there will be an added pressure as the need for our support to vulnerable families.

Achievements and performance

As we reflect within this Trustee Report on the current financial statements and the successes and challenges of Caritas Shrewsbury for 2023-24 and beyond, we can feel rewarded that our work is making a difference to the communities we serve, but conscious of many more families that we cannot reach at this moment in time.

The third sector as a whole faces continued challenges around raising additional funds as we grapple to support a greater number of people that are struggling with mental health issues and/or trying to balance their finances as the cost of living crisis continues to force families into difficult decisions, particularly in areas of existing high deprivation where the gap in funding opportunities feels significantly greater than our previous experiences.

Caritas Shrewsbury has continued to develop its reach, with new Stronger Together groups in Wirral and Shrewsbury, a monthly SEN Den in Wythenshawe, to fully establishing our St Mary's Caritas Centre in Crewe, demonstrate that every pound raised makes a positive impact in local communities and we are extremely grateful to everyone that supports our mission either through funding or volunteering.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Schools Support:

Our schools support programme, is built to support students and their families through challenging times and deals with issues around bereavement and loss, domestic violence, anxiety, anger management, family breakdown, emotional and mental health wellbeing, mediation work and counselling.

Impact in School

"The support and work provided by Caritas is excellent. Parents, students and staff state that the support worker is always professional, highly organised and approachable. The support that she offers our families is invaluable. It has a positive impact on a range of aspects of our students and families lives ultimately improving their overall wellbeing in school, attendance and of course progress. She acts as the bridge that connects any breakdowns between parents and students and then feeds this information back to staff effectively to ensure the best support is put in place for the child at school. This service is a must."

Head Teacher- St Anselms College – Wirral

A highly valued resource by the schools and a classic example of the funding pressures increasing around the services provided by our Schools Support Programme, which is principally funded by schools, but extends to the wider family of pupils. As school budgets remain highly challenging as cost pressures accelerate against funding restrictions, we know that the need exists and grows in the background for this support and we operate this programme at a large deficit with existing funding not fully covering the direct costs of operation.

The program has within the period of these statements supported

- 11 Schools
- 119 Children worked with
- 165 Parents
- 139 Siblings

Community Support:

Stronger Together Groups

238 Adults / 266 Children

Our third Stronger Together group opened in August 2023 and our fourth in January 2024. The Stronger Together group is unique as we have an open-door policy for those who need a safe space to share their thoughts and feelings. Participants benefit from our inclusive, non-judgmental, and welcoming approach. The groups are organised with a focus on accessibility so that barriers around the cost and time it takes to travel are overcome.

Funding and future development:

Two groups are funded from money received through the Early Help Alliance, and we have been successful with two small funding bids from Elizabeth Rathbone and Eleanor Rathbone for the latest groups.

We have identified additional venues for inter-generational groups and are looking for funding to support the costs of running these groups.

Early Help Alliance:

Parenting Groups

- 9 Parenting Groups, Wirral
- 51 Parents/Carers attended our Parenting Groups, Wirral

Bereavement & Loss

- 7 People attended our first Bereavement Group
- 28 People supported via Listening Ear 5 Adults / 23 Children
- 4 Loss & Support Groups in 2 schools

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After the success of our first group, we are running a second Bereavement Group, with six confirmed clients attending. The last group was successful as it helped facilitate clients sharing their grief, creating bonds and resilience.

CARITAS Counselling Service:

The counselling service has offered support to 108 clients (mostly adults but also some young people) in Wirral and Shrewsbury. We are now offering new therapeutic approaches as one of our counsellors has been trained in Clinical Hypnotherapy and Rewind Therapy, both proven to greatly reduce symptoms of anxiety, depression, trauma, and PTSD.

Clients have found having a choice of the type of therapy beneficial, empowering them from the beginning and the feedback states it has improved, sometimes relieved their symptoms, and improved their quality of life. A lot of the clients refer into to us through word of mouth and the positive experiences of previous clients.

With the increase in referrals our waiting list has also increased.

We understand that mental health services nationwide are overwhelmed, and we are seeing more clients referred through other agencies whose sessions are being cut short before they have resolved their issues, such as NHS and local councils especially in cases of Domestic Violence.

A high number of the clients that are coming through are presenting with more complex mental health issues, meaning it is not always possible to complete the counselling in the typical 12 sessions and in-line with the BACP ethical framework. We are unable to assign these more complex clients to our student placement counsellors as it would be unsafe for both counsellor and client. This means that the Counselling Coordinator and the counsellor based in Wirral have to add these more complex clients to their lists, often supporting clients virtually due to location.

Funding and future development:

There is a significant demand for mental health support nationwide with many resources oversubscribed and already long waiting lists increasing exponentially, we have recently secured £10,000 from Wirral Council Step Up Fund for counselling those involved in Domestic Violence and a further £5,000 for training.

We are offering placements to higher level students to alleviate some pressure off the paid counsellors to empower a better understanding of our overall need to identify funding requirements to bridge some of the gap in resources.

Regardless of our understanding it is clear that a significant increase in funding for this area is desperate if we are to achieve any meaningful inroads to the problem.

St. Mary's CARITAS Centre, Crewe:

The Centre has continued to grow after the successful launch in January 2023, with more groups coming into the centre LATH have partnered with us since we opened and over the last twelve months, they have delivered 300 hours of drop-in provision for those experiencing homelessness and other vulnerable people. 137 individuals have accessed the service for food, drinks, and a warm space where volunteers offer support, advice, and encouragement to get involved in community activities. There are 20 LATH volunteers who gave more than 3,000 hours over the year. Development of Caritas led projects such as the family activity sessions and Incredible Edible.

Regular sessions

- 50 Irish Dance School sessions – average attendance 60/week
- 37 Funky Choir sessions – average attendance 80/week
- 37 Crewe Chess Club meetings – average attendance 50/week
- 28 dementia cafe sessions – average attendance 20/week
- 24 Adventure Gamers meetings – average attendance 20/week
- 18 three-hour Family, Food and Fun Sessions
- 50 hours of relationship counselling provided by Marriage Care
- 36 hours of bereavement support provided by Dove
- 13 hours of employment support for refugees provided by Maximus
- Weekly church groups – average attendance 150/week

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Funding

- 103 hours of free room hire have been possible thanks to Cheshire East Council funding for grassroots community groups including Activity sessions for young people run by the local police and Motherwell Engagement meetings with Afghan and East Timor communities, English language support for the Polish community.
- Funding has been secured to launch a Community Fridge in June 2024 to reduce food waste and build community connections. Links have been established with other local Community Fridges, allotments, the food bank, community supermarket and food suppliers.
- Secured funding Incredible Edible and development of our outside green space to construct 5 raised beds and plant fruit, vegetables, and herbs.
- Cheshire Wildlife Trust and the Coop approached us to install a bench on the site decorated in a design by a local school pupil. Set up a wormery to compost kitchen waste. Worked with Cheshire Wildlife Trust to plant a food hedge with volunteers from local businesses.

St Aidan's CARITAS Centre – Wythenshawe:

SEND Together

"It's the only place I can go where my child doesn't have to mask her special needs. She can just be her authentic self!"

- 43 families supported
- 34 different parents or carers access the weekly group
- 44 children with additional needs took part in activities

12 mothers and 1 carer from the group have been engaged in campaigning on SEND issues as part of the Women of Wythenshawe project and with Greater Manchester Citizens.

The new monthly SEN Den has been hugely popular. Numbers have had to be limited since a peak of 23 parents/carers and 31 children last October. 41 families accessed the SEN Den at least once during the year. The group has worked hard to create a sensory room which has helped provide a quiet space for children and is a much needed addition to the support on offer. During the school holidays the group also organise family events or trips - last summer 25 children enjoyed visiting Knowsley Safari Park.

The Hope Foodbank

- 348 food parcels or vouchers distributed = 2,634 days of meals.
- 438 Adults Supported
- 440 Children Supported
- 14 families gained specialised support regarding debt, benefits or housing issues.
- 5 adults with additional needs or disabilities supported to build confidence and learn new skills through volunteering.

MEND Minds

MEND Minds is a support group to help promote wellbeing for men, engaging 13 men this year. One member has become motivated to give up alcohol through the group. This father of three is now in a rehabilitation unit and has begun the journey of attempting to live a life free from alcohol. He recently reaching the milestone of 100 days of sobriety. The group also celebrated a member who has been free from addictions for 25 years. It is men like this who provide motivation for other men who have similar challenges.

"I wouldn't have known what I would have done had I not found the support of the group. The group helped me through the darkest of days."

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The Well Project

The Well Project provides a safe space for advice, support and friendship for people who are seeking asylum and refugees. English learners gain confidence using the language helping them socialise and integrate in the community. The Well Women group gives women the chance to lead and flourish. Some highlights from our partnerships and activities this year:

- 96 hours of ESOL Training
- 20 ESOL students every week
- 66% of attendees attended more than half of the sessions
- 12 qualified and dedicated ESOL volunteers
- Working with other groups in the area as part of the Women of Wythenshawe project Work with Saheli to deliver sewing sessions
- Holiday activities for children
- Trips such as the women's group trip to a Whitworth Gallery exhibition
- Solving problems preventing people attending sessions resulting in increased participation
- Conversational English classes (ESOL)

"I'm so impressed with how organised the Well Project is, both ESOL and women's group. We have benefited a lot our language is way better and we made good relations with other service users and friendships."

Hotel Work

- 26 Different charities providing support
- 1750 Donation requests
- 6000 Meals distributed during Ramadan
- 474 Gifts distributed during Christmas and Eid

Our work coordinating support for people seeking asylum living in hotels in Manchester continued to grow and develop this year. It was a very challenging time for everyone involved, not least the residents, but the success was a result of working together with such a wide range of organisations including the council, schools, the NHS and so many charities. Collaboration was essential and included generous donations of:

- Weekly bus tickets helping families get children to school
- 600 SIM cards and 145 phones
- 150 Tesco vouchers
- Clothing and shoes supplied weekly
- 480 New Balance backpacks for children to start the school year

Highlights from the wide range of events organised to give residents something to do and support their wellbeing included school activity days, a Refugee Week party for children and Christmas and Eid celebrations.

Shrewsbury:

Currently our activity in Shrewsbury is being funded from our own reserves as we build up activity and identify the needs of the communities, and have partnered with the Council to run a parenting group which has benefited 5 families and their wider support network, in addition to this activity we have delivered:

- 18 Referrals to our Service
- 24 People helped during the Drop-In events
- 21 People attended the Stronger Together Group
- 34 Adults benefitted from counselling
- Support Educational Health Care Plans
- Successfully supported parents to apply for accommodation for their child after prison release
- Supermarket vouchers given to those in need

As we identify the needs of the community we will also need to identify appropriate funding and or partnerships to continue these activities for future benefit.

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Appeals & Crisis Grants:

The Caritas at Christmas Appeal

- 117 Families helped (166 Adults, 235 Children)

Wirral Council Crisis Grants

- Helped 198 Families (222 Adults and 375 Children)

Financial review

Following from our introduction, it is widely acknowledged that since the pandemic, fundraising has become much more challenging, yet the need for support within communities is accelerating. Consequently more charities are applying for diminishing funding pots, meaning applications to those funds are vastly oversubscribed as much as 3000% from historical norms, in addition greater restrictions are being applied in eligibility criteria.

The charity is delivering a significant social return on investment over a wide range of services as demonstrated throughout a summary of our delivery activities.

The charity has generated £653k of income mainly through donations and activity funding (2023: £746k) a reduction of 12% on the previous financial period.

Expenditure has also grown 11.5% to £750k (2023: £673k), with most of the increase in cost being covered from the utilisation of unrestricted reserves delivering new projects and covering shortfalls of funding on existing projects.

Reserves

Whilst the Charity has performed well in respect of its core activities, the increase in demand and consequently cost have contracted the unrestricted reserves to £225k (2023: £308k), a reduction of 27%.

The reserves policy of the Charity is to have sufficient reserves to cover between three and six months of full operating costs as scheduled by our budget documents. We anticipate those to be between £150k and £310k, and currently there are sufficient reserves to fulfilled that policy.

Risk Management

The Trustees have in place a risk management process to access risks to which the Charity is exposed, those relating to operational and financial risk. This involves assessing the likelihood and potential impact of occurrence and identifying means of mitigation. Financial risks to the Charity have been highlighted throughout the trustee report, operational risks to safeguarding children and vulnerable adults are reviewed and updated every year and have been tested by external review through local authority bodies throughout the Charity's work.

Future Plans

Our 2025 plans will need to respond to the ongoing impact of the cost-of-living crisis and the developments likely under a new government. The next year's priorities are:

- Developing the range, reach and impact of our support and services for families and communities across the Diocese particularly through our diversity of partnership work across the voluntary, public, and business sectors.
- Continuing to expand our counselling service with students in more of our offices/centres.
- Expanding the team and local partnerships at St. Mary's Caritas Centre in Crewe now that it is fully established.
- Using our voice to speak up for social justice. Maintaining our commitment to coalition work, especially the Caritas Social Action Network, Let's End Poverty, End Child Poverty and Together with Refugees.
- Improving our communications to promote Caritas.

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Structure, governance and management

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation governed by a constitution. The affairs of the Charity are governed by the Trustees under the chairmanship of the Bishop. All Trustees are appointed and removed in accordance with the constitution. The Board consists of two clergy and four laity of the faithful. The clergy Trustees are appointed for their expertise in parochial, spiritual and pastoral matters. The lay Trustees are selected for their skills and experience in charities, business, management and property. Further lay trustees would be chosen to match any perceived skill requirement. New Trustees are provided with the terms of reference and a pack of information relating to the constitution, governance and operation of the Trust.

The trustees who served during the year were:

Rt Rev Mark Davies (Chair)

Mrs Carol Lawrence

Mrs Anne McMullan

(Resigned 29 April 2024)

Canon Philip Moor

(Resigned 2 October 2024)

Mrs Christine Smith

Rev John Fegan

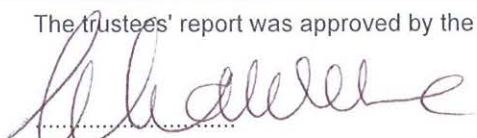
If the CIO is wound up, the members of the CIO have no liability to contribute to its assets and no personal responsibility for settling its debts and liabilities.

The trustees meet on a quarterly basis, with day-to-day management of the charity being delegated to the Chief Executive, Ben Gilchrist. Between meetings, Mr Gilchrist has regular support from one of the trustees, who provides financial expertise and support. In order to ensure that the Trustees have the necessary up to date knowledge to govern the Charity, the Chair of Trustees is to instigate a programme of trustee training, delivered by suitably qualified and experienced individuals.

Connected Charity:

The Bishop of the Diocese is Chair of Shrewsbury Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust charity number 234025 and the Council of Management of The Catholic Children's Society (Shrewsbury Diocese) Incorporated, charity number 509793, company number 01400367. Caritas acquired most of the assets and undertakings of the Catholic Children's Society in December 2016 when it began to operate. Both charities have the use of property belonging to the Diocese of Shrewsbury for which no charge is made.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Mrs Carol Lawrence

Trustee

Dated: 18/11/24

CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable 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 ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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 that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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 financial statements to be reached.



Simon Evans FCA
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Dated: 20/12/2024

CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

		Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
	Notes						
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	3	220,995	212,587	433,582	313,373	201,109	514,482
Charitable activities	4	109,359	78,059	187,418	147,150	72,221	219,371
Investments	5	6,519	-	6,519	288	-	288
Other income	6	25,725	-	25,725	11,954	-	11,954
Total income		362,598	290,646	653,244	472,765	273,330	746,095
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	7	21,707	-	21,707	12,183	-	12,183
Charitable activities	8	408,210	320,292	728,502	411,977	248,570	660,547
Total expenditure		429,917	320,292	750,209	424,160	248,570	672,730
Net income/(expenditure)		(67,319)	(29,646)	(96,965)	48,605	24,760	73,365
Transfers between funds		(15,233)	15,233	-	(12,378)	12,378	-
Net movement in funds		(82,552)	(14,413)	(96,965)	36,227	37,138	73,365
Reconciliation of funds:							
Fund balances at 1 April 2023		307,546	627,103	934,649	271,319	589,965	861,284
Fund balances at 31 March 2024		224,994	612,690	837,684	307,546	627,103	934,649

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

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

		2024		2023	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	14		532,392		546,478
Current assets					
Debtors	15	14,827		39,582	
Cash at bank and in hand		392,797		469,566	
			407,624		509,148
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	102,332		120,977	
Net current assets			305,292		388,171
Total assets less current liabilities			837,684		934,649
The funds of the charity					
Restricted income funds	18	612,690		627,103	
Unrestricted funds		224,994		307,546	
			837,684		934,649

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 18/11/24

Mrs Carol Lawrence
Trustee

CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations	22		(79,308)		86,828
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(4,545)		(279,434)	
Proceeds from disposal of tangible fixed assets		565		-	
Investment income received		6,519		288	
Net cash generated from/(used in) investing activities			2,539		(279,146)
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents			(76,769)		(192,318)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			469,566		661,884
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			392,797		469,566

CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation ('CIO') registered in England and Wales and the governing constitution is dated 22 September 2016. The address is Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury, Wheatland Lane, Wallasey, Wirral, Merseyside CH44 7ED.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income derived from activity and grants is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting policies

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1.5 Expenditure

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 a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	33% on cost
Office equipment	33% on cost
Functional property	3% on cost
Building alterations	8% on cost

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.11 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Donations and gifts	64,295	-	64,295	63,373	-	63,373
Legacies receivable	6,700	-	6,700	5,000	-	5,000
Grants receivable	150,000	212,587	362,587	245,000	201,109	446,109
	<u>220,995</u>	<u>212,587</u>	<u>433,582</u>	<u>313,373</u>	<u>201,109</u>	<u>514,482</u>

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3 Donations and legacies

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Donations and gifts

Parish Collections	2,579	-	2,579	2,768	-	2,768
Caritas at Christmas	10,699	-	10,699	13,174	-	13,174
Good Shepherd	11,833	-	11,833	12,840	-	12,840
Crib Offerings	12,787	-	12,787	5,436	-	5,436
Collection Boxes	5,472	-	5,472	7,616	-	7,616
Donations	20,925	-	20,925	21,539	-	21,539
	<u>64,295</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>64,295</u>	<u>63,373</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>63,373</u>

Grants receivable for core activities

Our Mission Together	150,000	-	150,000	200,000	-	200,000
Community Support Fund						
- Winter Support	-	16,570	16,570	20,000	-	20,000
Afghan Refugee -						
Bridging Hotels	-	78,016	78,016	-	132,028	132,028
SENSitive	-	4,725	4,725	-	23,034	23,034
Smallwood WOW	-	18,156	18,156	-	9,750	9,750
Refugee Support - Well						
Project	-	43,550	43,550	-	21,725	21,725
Garfield Weston	-	-	-	25,000	-	25,000
Community Projects	-	47,970	47,970	-	14,572	14,572
Mend Minds	-	3,600	3,600	-	-	-
	<u>150,000</u>	<u>212,587</u>	<u>362,587</u>	<u>245,000</u>	<u>201,109</u>	<u>446,109</u>

Our Mission Together – Support from the Diocese of Shrewsbury

Garfield Weston – Grant to support core costs.

Wirral BC provided £16,570 to support families during the Christmas period with the cost of food.

Community Projects - restricted funds to deliver support across the Diocese of Shrewsbury.

SENSitive Group income – The SENSitive Support and Campaign Group is a group of parents and carers with children with special educational needs.

Smallwood WOW Trust - £18,156 to cover staffing cost, overheads and activities for the Well project supporting refugees for mental wellbeing support and SENSitive support and campaign group.

Refugee Projects:

Well Project Funds received to support staff costs, refugees and people seeking asylum to help them integrate into the community and their mental well-being.

Afghan Refugees – restricted funds to provide support to a particular group of asylum seekers by offering help to integrate into the community and gave people the confidence to build their new life here in England.

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4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
School Support						
Income for services provided	-	77,416	77,416	-	72,221	72,221
Early Help Action Team						
Income for services provided	108,662	-	108,662	147,150	-	147,150
Other Project Income						
Other income	697	643	1,340	-	-	-
	<u>109,359</u>	<u>78,059</u>	<u>187,418</u>	<u>147,150</u>	<u>72,221</u>	<u>219,371</u>

5 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Interest receivable	<u>6,519</u>	<u>288</u>

6 Other income

	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £
Room hire	<u>25,725</u>	<u>11,954</u>

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7 Raising funds

	2024	2023
	£	£
<u>Fundraising and publicity</u>		
Seeking donations, grants and legacies	7,218	5,713
Other fundraising costs	2,858	1,051
Staff costs	11,631	5,419
Fundraising and publicity	21,707	12,183
	<u>21,707</u>	<u>12,183</u>

8 Charitable activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Staff costs	306,083	277,189
Volunteer expenses	295	430
Support Officer staff recharges from The Catholic Children's Society	34,733	29,664
Welfare activity	147,939	126,699
	489,050	433,982
Share of support costs (see note 10)	235,492	222,965
Share of governance costs (see note 10)	3,960	3,600
	728,502	660,547
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds - general	408,210	
Restricted funds	320,292	
	728,502	
For the year ended 31 March 2023		
Unrestricted funds - general		411,977
Restricted funds		248,570
		<u>660,547</u>

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9 Description of charitable activities

Schools Service

Our help is far reaching, as by working with children in schools and their parent/s or carers at home we are able to help the whole family, in some cases extended family too. This takes the pressure off schools, assisting with outcomes that are more positive for all involved.

A school may ask us to provide listening ear support to one child they feel is struggling emotionally in class only for us to find through our own assessment and engagement, that there's more going on behind the scenes at home, for example:

- School Refusal - EBSA (Emotionally Based School Avoidance)
- Domestic Violence
- Bereavement
- Financial hardship
- Disability
- Illness
- Separation/Divorce
- Relationship breakdown
- Undiagnosed ADHD
- Autism
- Health conditions
- Drug or alcohol dependency
- Hospitalisations

This helps parents to develop their own coping skills, enabling them to move forward and reach goals, empowering rather than rescuing them. Building upon their confidence and self-esteem, giving them courage to take a lead and move forward themselves.

Parenting Programmes

Parenting Programmes help adults to understand and manage feelings/behaviours, enabling them to become more positive and nurturing in their relationships with children and each other. It encourages an approach to relationships that gives children and adults of all ages, an emotionally healthy start for their lives and learning. As a community support service, the team at Caritas facilitate parenting groups and if needed, work on a one-to-one basis for those parents who cannot attend a group. Caritas are inclusive and classes are open to all.

Early Help Service

Families come into our Early Help Service for a wide range of reasons, including;

- Sexual abuse
- Child mental health
- Parent mental health
- Child with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities
- Managing behaviour
- Non-school attendance
- Neglect
- Parental conflict
- Housing and financial difficulties
- Criminal exploitation
- Anti-social behaviour
- Domestic abuse

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9 Description of charitable activities

(Continued)

Counselling Service

As we are coming out of lockdown Caritas have noted an uptake in referrals with clients suffering with more severe mental health issues, this is due in part, to the isolation some individuals have had to endure, they have been given time on their own to reflect on their own stories and analyse the various traumas they have suffered through their lives, which has only helped to increase anxieties and feelings of trauma. Caritas' Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) therapist has noted an increasing number of clients who are self-harming and have attempted suicide.

Bereavement & Loss – Listening Service

We offer a listening ear without judgement immediately after loss or bereavement. To open up to others and let them in and talk about their struggles can be very scary so we provide a safe place where clients can talk freely about their fears and worries. Grief is recognised as a process and range of emotions people go through as they gradually adjust to their loss. Feelings of grief also happen regarding other types of loss such as the end of relationships, the loss of a job, moving house to a new area or decline in physical and mental health of someone you love.

Refugees and People Seeking Asylum

Our English classes have been running online and face-to-face at the St. Aidan's Centre with referrals from partner organisations. ESOL classes are supported by an amazing and dedicated group of volunteers who deliver two-hour sessions every week.

Afghanistan Refugee Support Project

Support for refugees and people seeking asylum, including those housed in publicly commissioned "hotel" accommodation. Advice, signposting, education, peer support groups, provision of life's basics. We are seeking an activities to enable the specialist delivery of the work that has supported residents in the hotels to date by our core partners Mustard Tree, Manchester Women's Aid, City of Sanctuary and MRSN. This will focus particularly on resident's mental health and wellbeing.

VCSE Hotel Lead Organisation (HLO) role

- Day to day liaison with hotels
- Needs assessment of individuals in hotels
- Provide or source support / items from VCSE locally and across Greater Manchester
- Act as point of contact for hotel team, local authority, local NHS and Greater Manchester VCSE
- Attend hotel and Greater Manchester meetings to ensure up to date with issues, occupancy and needs
- Ensure support is culturally appropriate

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10 Support costs allocated to activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Staff costs	94,199	100,042
Depreciation	18,066	11,880
Support salary costs recharged from The Catholic Children's Society	36,969	30,469
Travel and subsistence	7,542	9,891
Other staff costs	(1,335)	2,219
Rent, rates and utilities	28,018	21,701
Repairs and maintenance	10,625	9,216
Other building and office costs	15,796	9,853
Computer and IT costs	9,684	8,522
Telephone costs	6,304	7,415
Printing, postage and stationery	5,032	3,804
Other support costs	4,592	7,953
Governance costs	3,960	3,600
	<u>239,452</u>	<u>226,565</u>
Analysed between:		
Charitable activities	<u>239,452</u>	<u>226,565</u>
Governance costs comprise:	2024 £	2023 £
Independent examination fees	1,980	1,800
Accountancy	1,980	1,800
	<u>3,960</u>	<u>3,600</u>

All support costs have been allocated to charitable activities as they are incurred to support and further our core charitable activities.

11 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

12 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
Charitable activities	<u>16</u>	<u>14</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

12 Employees

(Continued)

Employment costs	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	398,305	368,725
Social security costs	9,594	9,909
Other pension costs	4,014	4,016
	<u>411,913</u>	<u>382,650</u>

Two employees of The Catholic Children's Society (Shrewsbury Diocese) Inc are seconded to Caritas.

In addition to the direct employment costs above, there were recharges of £71,702 (2023: £60,133) during the period from The Catholic Children's Society (Shrewsbury Diocese) Inc in respect of the staff seconded to Caritas. Of this amount, £34,733 (2023: £29,664) is included in charitable activities (see note 8) and £36,969 (2023: £30,469) is included support costs.

The number of employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000 is as follows:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
£60,001 to £70,000	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel, excluding employer pension contributions, is as follows.

	2024 £	2023 £
Aggregate compensation	<u>112,067</u>	<u>107,916</u>

13 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

14 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £	Office equipment £	Functional property £	Building alterations £	Total £
Cost					
At 1 April 2023	19,331	28,964	545,120	1,404	594,819
Additions	2,131	2,414	-	-	4,545
Disposals	-	(700)	-	-	(700)
At 31 March 2024	21,462	30,678	545,120	1,404	598,664
Depreciation and impairment					
At 1 April 2023	15,507	25,991	6,814	29	48,341
Depreciation charged in the year	1,876	2,484	13,628	117	18,105
Eliminated in respect of disposals	-	(174)	-	-	(174)
At 31 March 2024	17,383	28,301	20,442	146	66,272
Carrying amount					
At 31 March 2024	4,079	2,377	524,678	1,258	532,392
At 31 March 2023	3,824	2,973	538,306	1,375	546,478

During the prior year the Charity completed the construction of its functional property at St Mary's – Crewe. This project was completed in conjunction with funds from the Diocese of Shrewsbury, and funds received from the Denise Coates Foundation. The final total cost of the build was £803,604, with Caritas contributing £545,120. The property is built on Parish Land and has shared ownership due to restrictions. A trust deed will be written between the two parties to formalise the relationship.

15 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	10,228	31,463
Prepayments and accrued income	4,599	8,119
	14,827	39,582

16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Other taxation and social security	9,714	9,941
Deferred income	34,473	61,063
Other creditors	44,434	43,452
Accruals	13,711	6,521
	102,332	120,977

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

17 Retirement benefit schemes

Defined contribution schemes

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

The charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes was £4,014 (2023 - £4,016).

18 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2024 £
School Support	-	77,416	(72,538)	(4,878)	-
Crewe Caritas Centre Project	535,711	-	(13,628)	-	522,083
Wythenshawe - Redecoration	1,334	-	-	-	1,334
Refugee Support (Well Project)	12,231	44,193	(57,168)	744	-
Afghan Refugee Support	47,567	78,016	(61,801)	(5,274)	58,508
Smallwood - WOW	-	18,156	(15,852)	(2,304)	-
Community Projects - Wythenshawe	-	2,600	(11,890)	9,290	-
Community Projects - Mend Minds Wythenshawe	4,147	3,600	(1,024)	-	6,723
Community Projects - SENSitive Wythenshawe	23,931	4,725	(4,614)	-	24,042
Community Projects - Wirral	-	30,000	(46,254)	16,254	-
Community Projects - Crewe	2,182	15,370	(18,772)	1,220	-
Community Projects - Shrewsbury	-	-	(751)	751	-
Winter Support Fund - Wirral Council	-	16,570	(16,000)	(570)	-
	<u>627,103</u>	<u>290,646</u>	<u>(320,292)</u>	<u>15,233</u>	<u>612,690</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

18 Restricted funds

(Continued)

Previous year:	At 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2023 £
School Support	-	72,221	(72,704)	483	-
Crewe Caritas Centre Project	542,525	-	(6,814)	-	535,711
Wythenshawe - Redecoration	1,334	-	-	-	1,334
Refugee Support (Well Project)	13,340	21,725	(22,834)	-	12,231
Afghan Refugee Support	-	132,028	(84,461)	-	47,567
Smallwood - WOW	-	9,750	(7,781)	(1,969)	-
Gubay Crisis Fund	-	-	6	(6)	-
Community Projects - Wythenshawe	503	2,813	(8,465)	5,149	-
Community Projects - Mend Minds Wythenshawe	5,807	300	(1,310)	(650)	4,147
Community Projects - SENSitive Wythenshawe	3,725	23,034	(2,828)	-	23,931
Community Projects - Wirral	22,731	-	(31,329)	8,598	-
Community Projects - Crewe	-	11,459	(9,277)	-	2,182
Community Projects - Shrewsbury	-	-	(594)	594	-
Carers Together - Wythenshawe	-	-	(4)	4	-
Charity Resilience Fund - Wirral	-	-	(175)	175	-
	<u>589,965</u>	<u>273,330</u>	<u>(248,570)</u>	<u>12,378</u>	<u>627,103</u>

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18 Restricted funds

(Continued)

The Charity operates on specific objectives and raises funds to support those works within communities across the geography of the Diocese of Shrewsbury. The restricted funds have been broken into sections and details of supporting funding bodies are itemised below:

Funds received relating to our school support services are treated as restricted, they include a provision for direct activity and some overhead recovery.

Denise Coates Foundation – Crewe Caritas Centre – fund received to build a centre at St Mary's Church in Crewe. These funds now represent a restricted building being depreciated over reasonable life expectancy.

Refugee Support – Well Project – Funds received to support staff costs, refugees and people seeking asylum to help them integrate into the community and their mental well-being. Funding from Juiceworks Ltd £2,400, Manchester Migrant grant £5,000, Women of Wythenshawe (Smallwood Crisis) £1,350, Manchester Council £30,000 (support to access education), Step Change – Refugee Action £4,000 as main contributors to support this work.

Due to the continued troubles in Afghanistan and the collapse of the government and the need to continue supporting asylum seekers we received funds from Manchester Council of £78,016. These funds provided costs for staff and support for the Afghan refugees to help them to integrate into the community, access education and gave people the confidence to build a new life here in England.

Smallwood – Women of Wythenshawe Trust – Refugee project - SENSitive project - £18,156. This fund supports both projects to cover staffing cost, overheads and activities for the Well project supporting refugees mental health and wellbeing and the SENSitive group supports families and carers with children with Special Educational Needs and campaign to bring change.

Wirral Winter Household Grant: Supporting families and single people living on the Wirral in need as they try to balance their finances due to the increase in the cost of living. Wirral Borough Council granted us £16,570 to cover food costs and £570 towards staff costs in administering the referral process to access the grant.

Community Projects:

Community Projects across the Diocese of Shrewsbury – We have broken these activities into geographical areas, to help identify appropriate funders to achieve our objectives. To cover staffing costs and running a variety of activities/groups to empower people to build up their mental health and self-esteem so that they feel confident and more equipped to deal with life's challenges, including bereavement, loss and counselling. Support will also give roadmaps and information to other organisations that may be able to help.

Wythenshawe:

SENSitive Group income – The SENSitive Support and Campaign Group - a group of parents and carers with children with special educational needs with funding from Juiceworks Ltd £3,600. Mend Minds group support men who suffer with their mental health to build up their confidence and wellbeing. We received funding from Juiceworks Ltd. £3,600.

Crewe:

A variety of projects were set up at our Centre at St Mary's Crewe to support the local community to grow their own vegetables. The project gave people the opportunity to plan, prepare the area, and purchase a shed to store their equipment. A fridge was purchased to store food for community members to come and take when they need. The main contributors were Cheshire East Council, Forest School £2,140, Cheshire East Council, NHS £9,120, Hubbub £4,250 to cover staff and activity costs.

All other funding is currently derived from unrestricted funds for these community projects.

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19 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2024 £
Community Support Fund	9,156	11,396	(7,636)	-	12,916
General funds	298,390	351,202	(422,281)	(15,233)	212,078
	<u>307,546</u>	<u>362,598</u>	<u>(429,917)</u>	<u>(15,233)</u>	<u>224,994</u>
Previous year:	At 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2023 £
Community Support Fund	12,181	33,174	(35,699)	(500)	9,156
Catholic Social Action	-	-	(250)	250	-
General funds	259,138	439,591	(388,211)	(12,128)	298,390
	<u>271,319</u>	<u>472,765</u>	<u>(424,160)</u>	<u>(12,378)</u>	<u>307,546</u>

The Community Support Fund – This fund is designed to support those most in need at the most demanding time of year.

20 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Fund balances at 31 March 2024 are represented by:			
Tangible assets	7,714	524,678	532,392
Current assets/(liabilities)	217,280	88,012	305,292
	<u>224,994</u>	<u>612,690</u>	<u>837,684</u>

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20 Analysis of net assets between funds

(Continued)

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Fund balances at 31 March 2023 are represented by:			
Tangible assets	8,172	538,306	546,478
Current assets/(liabilities)	299,374	88,797	388,171
	<u>307,546</u>	<u>627,103</u>	<u>934,649</u>

21 Related party transactions

Transactions with related parties

	Seconded staff payments	
	2024 £	2023 £
Entities with control, joint control or significant influence over the company	71,702	60,133
	<u>71,702</u>	<u>60,133</u>

Staff secondment and other costs were recharged in the period from The Catholic Children's Society (Shrewsbury Diocese) Inc. Caritas has made direct salary and associated payments in respect of the seconded staff.

At the end of the period, a creditor of £34,335 (2023: £32,980) was due from the charity to The Catholic Children's Society (Shrewsbury Diocese) Inc.

The £150,000 (2023: £200,000) grant income received for Our Mission Together (see note 3) is from the Shrewsbury Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust, which is a related charity.

Short-term loan funding of £60,000 (2023: £50,000) has been provided to the Shrewsbury Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust during the year and £Nil (2023: £Nil) is included in debtors at the year-end. The loans were interest free and fully repaid prior to the year-end.

During the prior year the Charity completed the construction of its functional property at St Mary's – Crewe. This project was completed in conjunction with funds from the Diocese of Shrewsbury, and funds received from the Denise Coates Foundation. The final total cost of the build was £803,604, with Caritas contributing £545,120 and the Diocese £258,484. The property is built on Parish Land and has shared ownership due to restrictions. A trust deed will be written between the two parties to formalise the relationship.

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22	Cash generated from operations	2024	2023
		£	£
	(Deficit)/surplus for the year	(96,965)	73,365
	Adjustments for:		
	Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(6,519)	(288)
	Gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets	(39)	-
	Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	18,105	11,880
	Movements in working capital:		
	Decrease/(increase) in debtors	24,755	(28,930)
	Increase/(decrease) in creditors	7,945	(1,679)
	(Decrease)/increase in deferred income	(26,590)	32,480
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations	(79,308)	86,828
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
23	Analysis of changes in net funds		

The charity had no material debt during the year.

Accounts

Charity registration number 1169317

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CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's constitution, 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 (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

Objectives:

The charity's objects are to further the general charitable works of the Roman Catholic church in accordance with its teaching both in the Diocese of Shrewsbury and elsewhere in the United Kingdom in particular, but not exclusively, by providing services and facilities for the relief of poverty and suffering, the advancement of education, the promotion of social justice including the advancement of human rights and the promotion of religious or racial harmony and other charitable acts which promote the development of individuals and communities for the public benefit, for the benefit of people of all faiths and none.

Aims and Activities:

The charity's activities are directed to children and young people without the support of families and in need, children, and young people at risk. In addition to children and young people, the charity also aids people with disabilities, the aged, the vulnerable and individuals, families, communities and groups who are in need.

Currently the charity has bases in Wirral, Shrewsbury, Crewe and Wythenshawe where it carries out these activities.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Use of volunteers:

Volunteers provide much valued additional support and capacity enabling the charity to deliver its aims. During the period volunteers were used to support the work of the Hope Foodbank, our community projects, support for refugees and people seeking asylum, family support work and the general work of Caritas.

Cost of Living Crisis:

As present the UK is facing a "Cost-of-Living" crisis, including exceptional energy prices and high inflation. It is recognised that this will place pressure on the Charity to raise income through donations, but there will be an added pressure as the need for our support to vulnerable families.

Achievements and performance

Crewe – St Mary's - Caritas Community Hub

"I was delighted to have been invited to support the opening of the new centre, in Delamere Street - alongside the Right Reverend Mark Davies. It will make a massive difference to the lives of some people who might be struggling." Cllr David Marren, Mayor of Cheshire East.

Following the successful launch event on 20th January 2023 led by the Bishop of Shrewsbury, the Right Reverend Mark Davies and speeches by the Mayor of Cheshire East, Cllr David Marren, Caritas CEO, Ben Gilchrist and Community Builder, Becky Hurst.

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Crewe – St Mary's - Caritas Community Hub (continued)

The new centre has become a key cornerstone for delivery of activities:

- Awarded Connected Communities Centre status by Cheshire East Council
- Six regular centre users – Looking After the Homeless (LATH), Catherine Fraser School of Dance, Afternoon Club (Dementia Café), Cheshire Police (Youth Skills Sessions), Funky Choir, Marriage Care plus Parish Groups. Two new users in the pipeline.
- An average of 20 hours of activities every week with 6 more in the pipeline and an average of 150 people regularly using the centre every week.
- The new centre has quickly become established and well used, the challenge ahead is finding longer-term funding to support and develop work in Crewe.

Crisis Grants Impact

Caritas at Christmas

- Donations raised £11,079.
- 173 families supported (250 adults and 359 children)

Wirral Council Warmer Winter Grants

- Awarded £19,500
- 126 families supported (183 adults and 257 children)

Wirral Council Cost of Living Grants

- Awarded £7,750
- 41 families supported (50 adults and 64 children)

Wirral:

Family Toolbox

- 124 families
- 150 adults
- 260 children

With the launch of Wirral's new Family Toolbox (<https://familytoolbox.co.uk/>) we have redesigned our Community Support Service, which includes parenting programmes, 2 new Stronger Together support groups, and family support. Parenting Groups - this year we have facilitated:

- 6 parenting groups – attended by 41 parents (helping 65 children indirectly)
- 1:1 parenting programme with 2 deaf parents (helping 3 children indirectly)

In October 2022 we set up our first Stronger Together group based in Hoylake Parade Community Centre followed by our second group at St Joseph's Social Club in February 2023. These groups provide a supportive environment where members can be empowered to tackle issues faced in their daily life including loss, isolation, emotional wellbeing, and family challenges.

To provide the greatest impact we work collaboratively with over 60 partner agencies including all Wirral primary and secondary schools. A strength of our support is the ability to link into our wider Caritas services such as counselling, listening ear sessions, parenting groups and bereavement support. Impacts of this work include reducing isolation, improving mental health and wellbeing and a happier family life.

Stronger Together:

- 31 Parents (helping 56 children indirectly)

"Thank you for listening so long this morning...It was hard to talk about what happened and I know it will take a long time to learn to live with the overwhelming sadness of grief. However, I found trying to talk helped. It's a start." Stronger Together group attendee

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Schools Service

- 78 adults
- 116 children

Our services are highly valued by schools as we are able to gain the trust of the children and adults we work with and offer an empathic ear. We help families link in with other services and agencies and are now introducing the new Family Toolbox where families can go online and seek help either digitally or on a face-to-face basis.

Children are able to overcome and manage issues that they and their families, as well as schools, have been voicing concerns about. As well as working with the children, we are able to help parents/carers with signposting and enrolling their wards on to courses beneficial for their development and wellbeing, therefore encouraging a happier outlook for the children, better and more comfortable school attendance, improvement in friendship groups and relationships with school.

Parents, grandparents and carers have improved relationships with teachers and head teachers, which assists with positive communication. We link families with a wide range of agencies, from health providers to specialist charities and community groups, and support them with their appointments so that both physical and emotional health start to improve.

We know the financial and practical pressures that schools are under and recognise we need to review the way our services are offered to them in the coming year.

Counselling Service

- 595 hours of counselling
- 62 clients

Our counselling service is expanding and now collaborating with doctor's surgeries, local schools and other charities taking the strain from the fallout of the pandemic and cost of living crisis.

"I feel transformed. For the first time in my life, I feel confident, present, and capable and I can say I love myself and that I am a good worthy person. One who finally deserves to have a full life. I am a capable parent who is enjoying spending quality time with my family. My 4 children are so much more relaxed and I've seen a great improvement with their behaviour and sleep."

Bereavement & Loss – Listening Service

Referrals for both bereavement and loss have continued to increase this year and sadly there is an ongoing waiting list. Parents say they feel their child has been listened to, offered coping strategies, advice and support, which leaves them feeling that the service has made a positive difference to their child's emotional wellbeing and mental health.

- 9 Children/teenagers
- 6 adults
- 33 indirectly benefited.

Shrewsbury:

Emotional and Wellbeing Support Project

We have been developing our support for families in the Shrewsbury and Telford area and in August 2022 we opened our new office in The Roy Fletcher Centre in Shrewsbury to provide a central Caritas hub. Referrals come from many valued partners, including the SVP.

17 clients have been directly supported and 62 extended family members have benefitted. Four student counsellors have been recruited.

Crisis applications to the local council saw £1000 donated towards carpets for one client for a new house, and household furniture for another. One family successfully received a new car on lease from the Family Fund for mobility support as they were in desperate need.

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Shrewsbury (continued):

Our music for life concert on 5th December at the Orchard Café in Shrewsbury had a full house raising £401.52 to buy a keyboard to enable children and adults in the community to gain access to music. The introduction of a keyboard as part of one-to-one sessions has increased teenage self-esteem and motivation.

Partnering with Save the Children we ran a Parent Campaign Day on Saturday 24th September looking at issues surrounding the cost-of-living crisis recruiting a parent campaigner who is still actively involved.

We want to build on these foundations to see increased reach to people and communities across Shrewsbury.

Manchester

Projects with Refugees and People Seeking Asylum

Supporting Afghan Refugees:

Since last April, we have helped over 700 Afghan residents (women, men, and children) by organising donations, activities, signposting, and social events. To deliver the same support across three hotels in Manchester, we worked collaboratively with 14 organisations. We organised sewing classes for women and sports sessions for children's and men's groups in each hotel. We designed a rolling programme for women to discuss important and practical matters. This included healthy eating, financial advice and budgeting, employment, early education, domestic abuse, women's rights and breast cancer. We have been providing Sim cards and phones from Vodafone, and food vouchers for families in the Manchester hotels for people seeking asylum.

The Well Project

ESOL Classes

- 10 volunteers
- 20 learners a session
- 70 learners a year
- (1 volunteer delivering sessions online for 5 learners

"I learnt how to speak English and gained reading skills. I would like to thank the volunteers and all those in charge of the project for their effort." English class

The 2 hours session (96 hours per year) run every Tuesday and is led by a qualified and dedicated ESOL teachers (volunteers). There are opportunities to learn basic vocabulary, conversational English and cultural exchange. English learners became more confident and can participate and play a significant role in the community which help improve self-esteem.

The Well Women's Group:

- 5 volunteers
- 10 participants a session
- 50 sessions per year

"I can't skip Friday women's group session it feels like home and reminds me of our family gatherings at my mother's house every Friday."

The 2-hour sessions (96 hours per year) run every Friday. Ladies come for company and friendship, they feel safe and cared for. The Well Women helped raise awareness of the challenges the ladies face and guide them to overtake these challenges.

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Community Sponsorship - welcoming refugee families

We supported parish groups to welcome three refugee families last year bringing the total number sponsored to six across the Diocese.

Our work with people seeking asylum and refugees has faced extreme pressures this year and at times been very stressful for staff to manage. We are greatly concerned for all those we are serving and want to find longer-term funding to support this work.

Wythenshawe Community Groups

SEND Together Group (formally SENSitive Group)

During the year the SEND Together Support Group for parents and carer of children with special educational needs and disabilities engaged over 50 families and broadened its support for families through organising:

- A summer play scheme for SEND families during the school holidays.
- A variety of SEND workshops on issues such as sensory processing and SEND benefits.
- A monthly 'SEND Den' with activities for SEND children and young people.
- Group leaders also continued to campaign for better support for SEND families:
- helping local SEN students get their voice heard regarding the inadequacies of carers transport.
- playing an active part in Greater Manchester Citizens, particularly regarding the impact the cost-of-living crisis is having on families. 3 leaders from the group completed 6-day national training, organised by UK Citizens.

The Hope Food Bank

Monthly average:

- 30 three-day food parcels plus toiletries
- Supporting 33 adults and 35 children
- From 10 individual households and 21 families

Thanks to an amazing team of volunteers the weekly foodbank helps people from across Wythenshawe. Referrals come from schools, medical centres, churches, children's centres, social services, and charities.

St Aidan's Centre remains a busy and much valued community hub. The local community face a range of challenges and we want to find more ways to respond to people's situations and secure the funding to sustain our work.

Across the Diocese:

Values based awareness raising – One Community Parish Project

In autumn 2022, St Hilda & St Aidan's Parish, Northern Moor, participated in a 6 session, programme aimed at developing leadership and a relational culture in the church, organised by Caritas. 14 parishioners took part. From this a core team of 12 was formed. Central to the training was building a relational culture within the parish, with leaders in the group arranging one to one conversations with other parishioners. This engaged over 20 other parishioners. From these conversations the group drew up an agenda for action. The core team meets monthly to evaluate and plan. During the last 6 months the group has:

- Re-established the weekly after mass refreshments.
- Organised a gathering to celebrate the parish feast day.
- Organised a 'the real meaning of Christmas event' engaging people from across the LMA and local community.
- Organised parish listening events through special after Mass gatherings and spending time at the end of the service for parishioners to get to know others.
- Started children's liturgy after an absence of many years.
- 3 parishioners have signed up for involvement in the Centre nature garden project and 3 others to help with the foodbank.

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Community Impact and Future Support Issues

As the recovery from the Covid pandemic has started to take shape it has become very clear that the continued need of support to our communities is only going to increase. The emerging cost of living crisis is going to increase anxiety around financial stability for families. There are also long-term support needs around mental wellbeing as individuals and families begin to readjust to "normality" after a long period of isolation. Global events have brought an increased need for continued refugee support following the collapse of the Afghan Government and the war in Ukraine.

It is important to recognise the effort undertaken by our staff who have worked outside their normal hours to assist those in crisis. We are also extremely grateful to all our volunteers who have enabled us to develop our services and deliver locally based projects, especially during such challenging times. It is rewarding to reflect on the fact that Caritas has risen to these challenges and is such a valued friend and support to those in the most vulnerable situations.

Financial review

It was initially recognised that with the onset of the global pandemic that the Charity would face a challenging period through lower donations and a greater need for its services, especially around financial support. These challenges continue with the Cost-of-Living crisis.

The Charity has built a solid foundation of unrestricted reserves from the continued funding from Shrewsbury Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust's Our Mission Together. The Diocese has agreed an extension to this funding beyond its existing timeframe to continue to build Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury and its activities during this difficult period.

As part of the critical planning throughout the pandemic, the Charity has continued to obtain alternative financial support to cover the loss of donations through grants from several sources, to support the ongoing costs of support and administrative staff but also the identified community need for a crisis fund, this support and need is now expected to continue well beyond the next financial year.

Other regular income during the period arose from our Caritas at Christmas and Good Shepherd Lent Appeals; generous parish donations, including funds donated from parishioners who have boxes for loose change that are collected regularly; our Wirral Council contract for early help work; from providing family support services to schools; and from events held during the year.

The largest cost remained staff costs for those delivering the services of the charity. After establishing a good reserve position and continued careful expansion of staffing plans to meet the objectives of the Charity, we have been able to protect the unrestricted reserves position and expand its operational base.

The Trustees are therefore satisfied that the charity is a going concern.

Reserves policy

During the financial period the Board of Trustees reflected on the reserves policy and the current financial position of Caritas. It was felt that the original policy suited the Charity whilst it was maturing and offered a growing level of security as it developed.

Now the Charity has achieved that level of security it was decided that the policy should now reflect a measure for short-term risk, and that a suitable level of reserves would be to cover three to six months operating costs. The budget plan for the next financial period suggested that the unrestricted reserves should be between £155k and £310k.

Risk Management

The Trustees have in place a risk management process to assess risks to which the Charity is exposed, those relating to operational and financial risk. This involves assessing the likelihood and potential impact of occurrence and identifying means of mitigation. Financial risks to the Charity have been highlighted throughout the trustee report, operational risks to safeguarding children and vulnerable adults are reviewed and updated every year and have been tested by external review through local authority bodies throughout the Charity's work.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Future Plans

The next years' priorities are:

- Making our new community centre in Crewe fully sustainable after strong development work this year and expanding the team and local partnerships.
- Continuing to expand our counselling service with volunteers in more of our offices/centres.
- Ensuring we can develop work across more parts of the Diocese by working in partnerships at a local level including project work related to our wide-ranging support and service offer, Catholic Social Teaching and our campaigning activity.
- Increasing our influence for social justice particularly ahead of the General Election and prioritising our national coalition work especially the Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) and the newly launched Let's End Poverty movement.
- Growing our range and depth of partnerships with other charities and organisations across the voluntary, public, and business sectors to increase the impact of our work.
- Expanding our communications reach so that Caritas is well known throughout the schools, parishes, and organisations in the Diocese of Shrewsbury and throughout England and Wales as an active member of CSAN.

Our 2024 plans will need to respond to the continuing cost of living crisis, and we are committed to expanding the range and the reach of our support and services for families and communities across the Diocese. We welcome contact from everyone interested in our work, to find out how to get more involved in any way and help us connect Caritas to their parish or school.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation governed by a constitution. The affairs of the Charity are governed by the Trustees under the chairmanship of the Bishop. All Trustees are appointed and removed in accordance with the constitution. The Board consists of two clergy and four laity of the faithful. The clergy Trustees are appointed for their expertise in parochial, spiritual and pastoral matters. The lay Trustees are selected for their skills and experience in charities, business, management and property. Further lay trustees would be chosen to match any perceived skill requirement. New Trustees are provided with the terms of reference and a pack of information relating to the constitution, governance and operation of the Trust.

The trustees who served during the year were:

Rt Rev Mark Davies (Chair)
Mrs Carol Lawrence
Mrs Anne McMullan
Canon Philip Moor
Mrs Christine Smith
Rev John Fegan

If the CIO is wound up, the members of the CIO have no liability to contribute to its assets and no personal responsibility for settling its debts and liabilities.

The trustees meet on a quarterly basis, with day-to-day management of the charity being delegated to the Chief Executive, Ben Gilchrist. Between meetings, Mr Gilchrist has regular support from one of the trustees, who provides financial expertise and support.

In order to ensure that the Trustees have the necessary up to date knowledge to govern the Charity, the Chair of Trustees is to instigate a programme of trustee training, delivered by suitably qualified and experienced individuals.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Connected Charity:

The Bishop of the Diocese is Chair of Shrewsbury Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust charity number 234025 and the Council of Management of The Catholic Children's Society (Shrewsbury Diocese) Incorporated, charity number 509793, company number 01400367. Caritas acquired most of the assets and undertakings of the Catholic Children's Society in December 2016 when it began to operate. Both charities have the use of property belonging to the Diocese of Shrewsbury for which no charge is made.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



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Mrs Carol Lawrence

Trustee

Dated: 18/12/2023

CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable 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 ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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 that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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 financial statements to be reached.



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Dated: 18/12/2023

CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

		Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
	Notes								
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>									
Donations and legacies	3	280,199	33,174	201,109	514,482	330,931	9,536	93,367	433,834
Charitable activities	4	147,150	-	72,221	219,371	57,714	18,550	87,673	163,937
Investments	5	288	-	-	288	80	-	-	80
Other income	6	11,954	-	-	11,954	2,064	-	-	2,064
Total income		439,591	33,174	273,330	746,095	390,789	28,086	181,040	599,915
<u>Expenditure on:</u>									
Raising funds	7	12,183	-	-	12,183	694	-	-	694
Charitable activities	8	376,028	35,949	248,570	660,547	351,286	18,763	154,439	524,488
Total expenditure		388,211	35,949	248,570	672,730	351,980	18,763	154,439	525,182
Net incoming resources before transfers		51,380	(2,775)	24,760	73,365	38,809	9,323	26,601	74,733

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Notes								
Net incoming resources before transfers	51,380	(2,775)	24,760	73,365	38,809	9,323	26,601	74,733
Gross transfers between funds	(12,128)	(250)	12,378	-	2,294	-	(2,294)	-
Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds	39,252	(3,025)	37,138	73,365	41,103	9,323	24,307	74,733
Fund balances at 1 April 2022	259,138	12,181	589,965	861,284	218,035	2,858	565,658	786,551
Fund balances at 31 March 2023	298,390	9,156	627,103	934,649	259,138	12,181	589,965	861,284

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

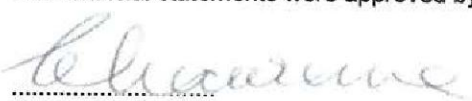
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	14		546,478		278,924
Current assets					
Debtors	15	39,582		10,652	
Cash at bank and in hand		469,566		661,884	
		509,148		672,536	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	(120,977)		(90,176)	
Net current assets			388,171		582,360
Total assets less current liabilities			934,649		861,284
Income funds					
Restricted funds	18		627,103		589,965
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
Designated funds	19	9,156		12,181	
General unrestricted funds		298,390		259,138	
			307,546		271,319
			934,649		861,284

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 18/12/2023


Mrs Carol Lawrence
Trustee

CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from operations	22		86,828		100,167
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(279,434)		(275,871)	
Investment income received		288		80	
Net cash used in investing activities			(279,146)		(275,791)
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents			(192,318)		(175,624)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			661,884		837,508
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			469,566		661,884

CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation ('CIO') registered in England and Wales and the governing constitution is dated 22 September 2016. The address is Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury, Wheatland Lane, Wallasey, Wirral, Merseyside CH44 7ED.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income derived from activity and grants is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

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 a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	33% on cost
Office equipment	33% on cost
Functional property	3% on cost
Building alterations	8% on cost

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.11 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

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3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Donations and gifts	50,199	13,174	-	63,373	64,618	9,536	-	74,154
Legacies receivable	5,000	-	-	5,000	10,150	-	-	10,150
Grants receivable	225,000	20,000	201,109	446,109	256,163	-	93,367	349,530
	<u>280,199</u>	<u>33,174</u>	<u>201,109</u>	<u>514,482</u>	<u>330,931</u>	<u>9,536</u>	<u>93,367</u>	<u>433,834</u>
Donations and gifts								
Funding Bodies - Mary Strand Trust	-	-	-	-	25,000	-	-	25,000
Parish Collections	2,768	-	-	2,768	-	-	-	-
Caritas at Christmas	-	13,174	-	13,174	-	9,536	-	9,536
Good Shepherd	12,840	-	-	12,840	3,453	-	-	3,453
Crib Offerings	5,436	-	-	5,436	10,578	-	-	10,578
Collection Boxes	7,616	-	-	7,616	7,522	-	-	7,522
Donations	21,539	-	-	21,539	18,065	-	-	18,065
	<u>50,199</u>	<u>13,174</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>63,373</u>	<u>64,618</u>	<u>9,536</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>74,154</u>

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3 Donations and legacies

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Grants receivable for core activities

Our Mission Together	200,000	-	-	200,000	250,000	-	-	250,000
Community Support Fund - Warm Hub	-	20,000	-	20,000	-	-	-	-
Afghan Refugee - Bridging Hotels	-	-	132,028	132,028	-	-	-	-
SENSitive	-	-	23,034	23,034	-	-	7,994	7,994
Smallwood WOW	-	-	9,750	9,750	-	-	-	-
Refugee Support - Well Project	-	-	21,725	21,725	-	-	31,612	31,612
Garfield Weston	25,000	-	-	25,000	-	-	-	-
Community Projects	-	-	14,572	14,572	-	-	30,261	30,261
Gubay Foundation - Crisis Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,000	20,000
Other	-	-	-	-	6,163	-	3,500	9,663
	<u>225,000</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>201,109</u>	<u>446,109</u>	<u>256,163</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>93,367</u>	<u>349,530</u>

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3 Donations and legacies

(Continued)

Our Mission Together – Support from the Diocese of Shrewsbury

Garfield Weston – Grant to support core costs.

Wirral BC provided £20,000 to support warm hubs within the community, including clothing and white goods.

Community Projects - restricted funds to deliver support across the Diocese of Shrewsbury.

SENSitive Group income – The SENSitive Support and Campaign Group is a group of parents and carers with children with special educational needs.

Gubay Foundation – Restricted funds to support most vulnerable with financial aid towards food, energy costs and white goods. They also provided the charity with some staffing costs to compensate for the reduction in donations. Further funds of £20,000 was provided to support most vulnerable with financial aid to support the most vulnerable with financial aid towards food and white goods.

Smallwood WOW Trust – Refugee project - £9,750 to cover staffing cost, overheads and activities for the Well project supporting refugees for mental wellbeing support and SENSitive support and campaign group.

Refugee Projects:

Well Project Funds received to support staff costs, refugees and people seeking asylum to help them integrate into the community and their mental well-being.

Afghan Refugees – restricted funds to provide support to a particular group of asylum seekers by offering help to integrate into the community and gave people the confidence to build their new life here in England.

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4 Charitable activities

	Schools Family Support £	Community Matters Project £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Family Support Services income	72,221	147,150	219,371	163,937
Analysis by fund				
Unrestricted funds - general	-	147,150	147,150	
Restricted funds	72,221	-	72,221	
	72,221	147,150	219,371	

For the year ended 31 March 2022

	Schools Family Support £	Community Matters Project £	Community Support Fund Designated £	Total 2023 £
Family Support Services income	87,673	57,714	18,550	163,937
Analysis by fund				
Unrestricted funds - general	-	57,714	-	57,714
designated	-	-	18,550	18,550
Restricted funds	87,673	-	-	87,673
	87,673	57,714	18,550	163,937

5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £
Interest receivable	288	80

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6 Other income

	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £
Room hire	11,954	2,064

7 Raising funds

	2023 £	2022 £
<u>Fundraising and publicity</u>		
Seeking donations, grants and legacies	5,713	-
Other fundraising costs	1,051	694
Staff costs	5,419	-
	<u>12,183</u>	<u>694</u>
Fundraising and publicity	12,183	694
	<u>12,183</u>	<u>694</u>

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8 Charitable activities

	2023 £	2022 £
Staff costs	277,189	229,795
Volunteer expenses	430	234
Support Officer staff recharges from The Catholic Children's Society	29,664	28,726
Welfare activity	126,699	64,527
	<u>433,982</u>	<u>323,282</u>
Share of support costs (see note 10)	222,965	195,990
Share of governance costs (see note 10)	3,600	5,216
	<u>660,547</u>	<u>524,488</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds - general	376,028	
Unrestricted funds - designated	35,949	
Restricted funds	248,570	
	<u>660,547</u>	
For the year ended 31 March 2022		
Unrestricted funds - general		351,286
Unrestricted funds - designated		18,763
Restricted funds		154,439
		<u>524,488</u>

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9 Description of charitable activities

Schools Service

Our help is far reaching, as by working with children in schools and their parent/s or carers at home we are able to help the whole family, in some cases extended family too. This takes the pressure off schools, assisting with outcomes that are more positive for all involved.

A school may ask us to provide listening ear support to one child they feel is struggling emotionally in class only for us to find through our own assessment and engagement, that there's more going on behind the scenes at home, for example:

- Bereavement
- Financial hardship
- Disability
- Illness
- Separation
- Relationship breakdown
- Undiagnosed ADHD
- Autism
- Health conditions
- Drug or alcohol dependency
- Hospitalisations

This helps parents to develop their own coping skills, enabling them to move forward and reach goals, empowering rather than rescuing them. Building upon their confidence and self-esteem, giving them courage to take a lead and move forward themselves.

Parenting Programmes

Parenting Programmes help adults to understand and manage feelings/behaviours, enabling them to become more positive and nurturing in their relationships with children and each other. It encourages an approach to relationships that gives children and adults of all ages, an emotionally healthy start for their lives and learning. As a community support service, the team at Caritas facilitate parenting groups and if needed, work on a one-to-one basis for those parents who cannot attend a group. Caritas are inclusive and classes are open to all.

Early Help Service

Families come into our Early Help Service for a wide range of reasons, including;

- Sexual abuse
- Child mental health
- Parent mental health
- Child with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities
- Managing behaviour
- Non-school attendance
- Neglect
- Parental conflict
- Housing and financial difficulties
- Criminal exploitation
- Anti-social behaviour
- Domestic abuse

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9 Description of charitable activities

(Continued)

Counselling Service

As we are coming out of lockdown Caritas have noted an uptake in referrals with clients suffering with more severe mental health issues, this is due in part, to the isolation some individuals have had to endure, they have been given time on their own to reflect on their own stories and analyse the various traumas they have suffered through their lives, which has only helped to increase anxieties and feelings of trauma. Caritas' Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) therapist has noted an increasing number of clients who are self harming and have attempted suicide.

Bereavement & Loss – Listening Service

We offer a listening ear without judgement immediately after loss or bereavement. To open up to others and let them in and talk about their struggles can be very scary so we provide a safe place where clients can talk freely about their fears and worries. Grief is recognised as a process and range of emotions people go through as they gradually adjust to their loss. Feelings of grief also happen regarding other types of loss such as the end of relationships, the loss of a job, moving house to a new area or decline in physical and mental health of someone you love.

Refugees and People Seeking Asylum

Our English classes have been running online and face-to-face at the St. Aidan's Centre with referrals from partner organisations. ESOL classes are supported by an amazing and dedicated group of volunteers who deliver two-hour sessions every week.

Afghanistan Refugee Support Project

Support for refugees and people seeking asylum, including those housed in publicly commissioned "hotel" accommodation. Advice, signposting, education, peer support groups, provision of life's basics.

We are seeking an activities to enable the specialist delivery of the work that has supported residents in the hotels to date by our core partners Mustard Tree, Manchester Women's Aid, City of Sanctuary and MRSN. This will focus particularly on resident's mental health and wellbeing.

VCSE Hotel Lead Organisation (HLO) role

- Day to day liaison with hotels
- Needs assessment of individuals in hotels
- Provide or source support / items from VCSE locally and across Greater Manchester
- Act as point of contact for hotel team, local authority, local NHS and Greater Manchester VCSE
- Attend hotel and Greater Manchester meetings to ensure up to date with issues, occupancy and needs
- Ensure support is culturally appropriate

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10 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2023	Support costs	Governance costs	2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	100,042	-	100,042	109,719	-	109,719
Depreciation	11,880	-	11,880	6,755	-	6,755
Support salary costs recharged from The Catholic Children's Society	30,469	-	30,469	29,118	-	29,118
Travel and subsistence	9,891	-	9,891	6,925	-	6,925
Other staff costs	2,219	-	2,219	3,652	-	3,652
Rent, rates and utilities	21,701	-	21,701	6,681	-	6,681
Repairs and maintenance	9,216	-	9,216	6,062	-	6,062
Other building and office costs	9,853	-	9,853	7,528	-	7,528
Computer and IT costs	8,522	-	8,522	6,234	-	6,234
Telephone costs	7,415	-	7,415	7,025	-	7,025
Printing, postage and stationery	3,804	-	3,804	2,408	-	2,408
Other support costs	7,953	-	7,953	3,883	-	3,883
Audit fees	-	1,800	1,800	-	1,500	1,500
Accountancy	-	1,800	1,800	-	1,500	1,500
Legal and professional	-	-	-	-	2,216	2,216
	<u>222,965</u>	<u>3,600</u>	<u>226,565</u>	<u>195,990</u>	<u>5,216</u>	<u>201,206</u>
Analysed between Charitable activities	<u>222,965</u>	<u>3,600</u>	<u>226,565</u>	<u>195,990</u>	<u>5,216</u>	<u>201,206</u>

All support costs have been allocated to charitable activities as they are incurred to support and further our core charitable activities.

11 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

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12 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
Charitable activities	14	12
Employment costs	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	368,725	325,286
Social security costs	9,909	9,639
Other pension costs	4,016	4,589
	382,650	339,514

Two employees of The Catholic Children's Society (Shrewsbury Diocese) Inc are seconded to Caritas.

In addition to the direct employment costs above, there were recharges of £60,133 (2022: £57,844) during the period from The Catholic Children's Society (Shrewsbury Diocese) Inc in respect of the staff seconded to Caritas. Of this amount, £29,664 (2022: £28,726) is included in charitable activities (see note 8) and £30,469 (2022: £29,118) is included support costs.

The number of employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more were:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
£60,001 to £70,000	1	-

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13 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

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14 Tangible fixed assets

	Assets under construction	Fixtures and fittings	Office equipment	Functional property	Building alterations	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cost						
At 1 April 2022	272,853	15,788	26,744	-	-	315,385
Additions	272,267	3,543	2,220	545,120	1,404	824,554
Other changes	(545,120)	-	-	-	-	(545,120)
At 31 March 2023	-	19,331	28,964	545,120	1,404	594,819
Depreciation and impairment						
At 1 April 2022	-	13,501	22,960	-	-	36,461
Depreciation charged in the year	-	2,006	3,031	6,814	29	11,880
At 31 March 2023	-	15,507	25,991	6,814	29	48,341
Carrying amount						
At 31 March 2023	-	3,824	2,973	538,306	1,375	546,478
At 31 March 2022	272,853	2,287	3,784	-	-	278,924

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14 Tangible fixed assets

(Continued)

During the year the Charity completed the construction of its functional property at St Mary's – Crewe. This project was completed in conjunction with funds from the Diocese of Shrewsbury, and funds received from the Denise Coates Foundation. The final total cost of the build was £803,604, with Caritas contributing £545,120. The property is built on Parish Land and has shared ownership due to restrictions. A trust deed will be written between the two parties to formalise the relationship.

15 Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	31,463	2,124
Prepayments and accrued income	8,119	8,528
	<u>39,582</u>	<u>10,652</u>

16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	9,941	9,193
Deferred income	61,063	28,583
Other creditors	43,452	48,404
Accruals	6,521	3,996
	<u>120,977</u>	<u>90,176</u>

17 Retirement benefit schemes

Defined contribution schemes

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

The charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes was £4,016 (2022 - £4,589).

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18 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds					Movement in funds			
	Balance at 1 April 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 1 April 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
School Support	-	87,673	(77,139)	(10,534)	-	72,221	(72,704)	483	-
Crewe Caritas Centre Project	542,525	-	-	-	542,525	-	(6,814)	-	535,711
Wythenshawe - Redecoration	1,334	-	-	-	1,334	-	-	-	1,334
Refugee Support (Well Project)	10,332	31,612	(28,604)	-	13,340	21,725	(22,834)	-	12,231
Afghan Refugee Support	-	-	-	-	-	132,028	(84,461)	-	47,567
Smallwood - WOW	-	-	-	-	-	9,750	(7,781)	(1,969)	-
Gubay Crisis Fund	6,638	20,000	(26,638)	-	-	-	6	(6)	-
Community Projects - Wythenshawe	-	2,500	(4,549)	2,552	503	2,813	(8,465)	5,149	-
Community Projects - Mend Minds Wythenshawe	4,059	3,500	(1,102)	(650)	5,807	300	(1,310)	(650)	4,147
Community Projects - SENSitive Wythenshawe	-	7,994	(2,249)	(2,020)	3,725	23,034	(2,828)	-	23,931
Community Projects - Wirral	-	27,761	(13,403)	8,373	22,731	-	(31,329)	8,598	-
Community Projects - Crewe	-	-	-	-	-	11,459	(9,277)	-	2,182
Community Projects - Shrewsbury	-	-	-	-	-	-	(594)	594	-
Carers Together - Wythenshawe	755	-	(755)	-	-	-	(4)	4	-
Charity Resilience Fund - Wirral	15	-	-	(15)	-	-	(175)	175	-
	<u>565,658</u>	<u>181,040</u>	<u>(154,439)</u>	<u>(2,294)</u>	<u>589,965</u>	<u>273,330</u>	<u>(248,570)</u>	<u>12,378</u>	<u>627,103</u>

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18 Restricted funds

(Continued)

The charity operates on specific objectives and raises funds to support those works within communities across the geography of the Diocese of Shrewsbury. The restricted funds have been broken into sections and details of supporting funding bodies are itemised below:

Funds received relating to our school support services are treated as restricted, they include a provision for direct activity and some overhead recovery.

Denise Coates Foundation – Crewe Caritas Centre – funds received to build a centre at St Mary's Church in Crewe. These funds now represent a restricted building being depreciated over reasonable life expectancy.

Gubay Crisis Fund – Restricted funds to support most vulnerable with financial aid towards food and white goods £20,000.

Refugee Support – Well Project – Funds received to support staff costs, refugees and people seeking asylum to help them integrate into the community and their mental well-being. Funding from Manchester Buzz £500, St Edwards Catholic Church, Macclesfield £5,000, Manchester NHS £8,250, Barnardos £5,000, & Blackpool Transport Fund £1,085 as main contributors to support this work.

In light of the extraction of military forces from Afghanistan, and the subsequent collapse of the government, there was a particular increased need to support a particular group of asylum seekers, funds received of £130,708 from Manchester Council, to provide staff costs and supporting the Afghan refugees by offering help to integrate into the community and gave people the confidence to build their new life here in England. We also raised £1,310 through donations to support activities.

Smallwood WOW Trust – Refugee project - £9,750 to cover staffing cost, overheads and activities for the Well project supporting refugees for mental wellbeing support and SENSitive support and campaign group.

Community Projects:

Community Projects across the Diocese of Shrewsbury – We have broken these activities into geographical areas, to help identify appropriate funders to achieve our objectives: To cover staffing costings and running a variety of activities/groups to empower people to build up their mental health and self-esteem so that they feel confident and feel more equipped to deal with life's challenges, including bereavement, loss, and counselling. Support will also give roadmaps and information to other organisations that may be able to help.

Wythenshawe:

SENSitive Group income – The SENSitive Support and Campaign Group a group of parents and carers with children with special educational needs, funding from Lankelly Chase £20,000, and Juice Works Ltd as major contributors.

Crewe:

Lottery Awards for All £8,459 and Cheshire East £3,000

All other funding is currently derived from unrestricted funds for these community projects.

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19 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds			Movement in funds				
	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Community Support Fund	2,858	28,086	(18,763)	12,181	33,174	(35,699)	(500)	9,156
Catholic Social Action	-	-	-	-	-	(250)	250	-
	<u>2,858</u>	<u>28,086</u>	<u>(18,763)</u>	<u>12,181</u>	<u>33,174</u>	<u>(35,949)</u>	<u>(250)</u>	<u>9,156</u>

The Community Support Fund – This fund is designed to support those most in need at the most demanding time of year.

20 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted 2023 £	Designated 2023 £	Restricted 2023 £	Total Unrestricted 2023 £	Designated 2022 £	Restricted 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Fund balances at 31 March 2023 are represented by:							
Tangible assets	8,172	-	538,306	546,478	6,071	-	272,853
Current assets/(liabilities)	290,218	9,156	88,797	388,171	253,067	12,181	317,112
	<u>298,390</u>	<u>9,156</u>	<u>627,103</u>	<u>934,649</u>	<u>259,138</u>	<u>12,181</u>	<u>589,965</u>
							<u>861,284</u>

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21 Related party transactions

Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel, excluding employer pension contributions, is as follows.

	2023 £	2022 £
Aggregate compensation	107,916	104,765

Transactions with related parties

	Seconded staff payments	
	2023 £	2022 £
Entities with control, joint control or significant influence over the company	60,133	57,844
	60,133	57,844

Staff secondment and other costs were recharged in the period from The Catholic Children's Society (Shrewsbury Diocese) Inc. Caritas has made direct salary and associated payments in respect of the seconded staff.

At the end of the period, a creditor of £32,980 (2022: £36,562) was due from the charity to The Catholic Children's Society (Shrewsbury Diocese) Inc.

The £200,000 (2022: £250,000) grant income received for Our Mission Together (see note 3) is from the Shrewsbury Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust, which is a related charity.

Short-term loan funding of £50,000 (2022: £150,000) has been provided to the Shrewsbury Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust during the year and £Nil (2022: £Nil) is included in debtors at the year-end. The loans were interest free and fully repaid prior to the year-end.

During the year the Charity completed the construction of its functional property at St Mary's – Crewe. This project was completed in conjunction with funds from the Diocese of Shrewsbury, and funds received from the Denise Coates Foundation. The final total cost of the build was £803,604, with Caritas contributing £545,120 and the Diocese £258,484. The property is built on Parish Land and has shared ownership due to restrictions. A trust deed will be written between the two parties to formalise the relationship.

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22	Cash generated from operations	2023	2022
		£	£
	Surplus for the year	73,365	74,733
	Adjustments for:		
	Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(288)	(80)
	Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	11,880	6,755
	Movements in working capital:		
	(Increase) in debtors	(28,930)	(7,128)
	(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(1,679)	31,137
	Increase/(decrease) in deferred income	32,480	(5,250)
	Cash generated from operations	<u>86,828</u>	<u>100,167</u>
23	Analysis of changes in net funds		
	The charity had no debt during the year.		

Accounts

CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Rt Rev Mark Davies (Chair) Mrs Carol Lawrence Mrs Anne McMullan Canon Philip Moor Mrs Christine Smith Rev John Fegan
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CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's constitution, 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 (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

Objectives:

The charity's objects are to further the general charitable works of the Roman Catholic church in accordance with its teaching both in the Diocese of Shrewsbury and elsewhere in the United Kingdom in particular, but not exclusively, by providing services and facilities for the relief of poverty and suffering, the advancement of education, the promotion of social justice including the advancement of human rights and the promotion of religious or racial harmony and other charitable acts which promote the development of individuals and communities for the public benefit, for the benefit of people of all faiths and none.

Aims and Activities:

The charity's activities are directed to children and young people without the support of families and in need, children, and young people at risk. In addition to children and young people, the charity also aids people with disabilities, the aged, the vulnerable and individuals, families, communities and groups who are in need.

Currently the charity has bases in Wirral, Shrewsbury, Crewe and Wythenshawe where it carries out these activities.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Use of volunteers:

Volunteers provide much valued additional support and capacity enabling the charity to deliver its aims. During the period volunteers were used to support the work of the Hope Foodbank, our community projects, support for refugees and people seeking asylum, family support work and the general work of Caritas.

Recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic:

As recognised in the previous financial statements the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic has had significant impact on the charity, both financially and in the delivery of our projects. The Charity has had to adapt with pressures on income through reduced donations and further pressures on the need for our services.

Achievements and performance

Wirral based work

Early Help Service

- 63 families supported: 143 children and 104 adults

This year's work was a temporary contract extension ahead of the new alliance contract that began in 22-23 and which we have been a successful part of with six other local charities. We have worked collaboratively with over 60 partner agencies including all Wirral primary and secondary schools. A strength of our support is the ability to link into our wider Caritas services such as counselling, listening ear sessions, parenting groups and bereavement support. All this ensures families receive the most effective and appropriate support possible by putting together a bespoke plan of help with reachable outcomes.

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Impacts of this work include reducing isolation, improving mental health and wellbeing, and growing a happier family life. Quotes from a Mum:

"Thank you so much, you are honestly so kind and I'm really grateful for all your help... I would have definitely struggled without you...I would be lost without you."

"I'm so glad you are supporting us, I felt no one was listening to me before you. You have just listened and understood our situation without making any judgements. His school made me feel like the worst parent ever, but I know now it was not my parenting, I just needed the right help to understand his needs and use different strategies. It has made such a difference to us all."

Schools Service

Our services are highly valued by schools as we are able to gain the trust of the children and adults we work with and offer an empathic ear. We help families link in with other services and agencies and are now introducing the new Family Toolbox where families can go online and seek help either digitally or on a face-to-face basis.

As a result of our work in schools both families and school staff report feeling supported, heard and informed along with their relationships between each other improving. There is appreciation of our linking in other services and working together for the greater good of all involved. The Caritas Schools Service is highly valued by families and schools alike.

Parenting Programmes

The impact of bespoke Parenting Programmes include:

- Parents/carers' understanding of empathy.
- Parents/carers' are able to listen and communicate more effectively both verbally and non-verbally.
- Praise and positive interaction.
- Positive discipline and fair boundaries.
- The importance of self-nurture and nurturing family relationships.
- Recognising changes in family life and how these impact on the feelings and behaviours of children and family members, and having strategies for managing these feelings and behaviours.
- Having a better understanding of teenage development and knowing how to react to subsequent behaviours.
- Having a basic 'Toolkit' for parenting effectively through change.
- Enabling parents/carers to share their experience with others through self-run peer-support groups.

Caritas Community Support Team are often approached with requests for placements for parents on these courses.

Counselling Service

- 757 hours of counselling
- 38 clients
- 22 people completed therapy

Caritas continued work throughout the pandemic providing essential Zoom sessions for clients who would otherwise be facing a 9-month waiting list. This has meant that individuals are not isolated or falling deeper into despair. We have received more referrals from an increasing number of sources. This is due mainly to word of mouth and feedback from the many clients who have made great progress in improving their mental health under our service. Caritas counselling service is becoming an essential mental health service for these people as there are very few other options for them.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The Serpentine Counselling Service was a pop-up service offer and achieved great results, as more referrals were coming in from the public who saw the various posters placed in the windows of local shops. This has also further promoted not only the Counselling Service but has increased Caritas' profile in the area as potential clients were made aware of other services provided under the Caritas umbrella.

Bereavement & Loss – Listening Service

- 14 referrals into the service
- 41 individuals and family members benefitted from 1-2-1s

Impact

- 100% felt the service had helped them
- 77% felt that it had improved their mental health

Quote from a client:

"I feel it's ok to cry and be angry, the pain is still with me but is getting easier".

Shrewsbury based work

Emotional and Wellbeing Support Project

We have been developing our support for families in the Shrewsbury and Telford area, and are in the process of establishing an office in Shrewsbury town centre. Referrals come from many valued partners, including the SVP, and work covers a range of issues:

- Finance – work has included referrals to Money Advice to successfully resolve financial issues, completing applications for PIP, food bank referrals, and food vouchers. We supported a successful application to the Local Welfare Fund to provide a family with a new cooker and money for beds and mattresses for the children.
- Schools – support has been provided for parents with issues including non-attendance of children at school with the impact that all children are now attending school. Bereavement and listening support have also been arranged.
- Housing – contacting a letting agency and providing supportive letters for a family living in poor conditions with the result that the damp in the house was addressed and internal redecoration undertaken.

We have been active in making links with other charities and networks across Shrewsbury and Telford. Through all this work we have refined our focus onto a new Caritas Mental Health and Listening Support Service. From work so far we know the value and impact of this service includes:

- Offering a drop-in service that doesn't rely on referrals or a complex appointment system.
- Adults with anxiety benefit from improved coping methods by joining shared activities such as discussion/creative sessions.
- Parents/carers or grandparents have improved parenting strategies.
- Improving community spirit and employability as clients are encouraged to follow the volunteer route with a plan of getting them back into employment where possible.

In December 2021 we spoke at six Shrewsbury Masses raising awareness of the Caritas at Christmas Appeal, and collected £1,312.57 in donations.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Manchester based work

Projects with Refugees and People Seeking Asylum

ESOL classes

- 8 volunteers
- 30 ESOL learners

Quotes from learners:

"I have the best teacher here and I enjoy learning English. I'm so grateful for what I'm getting here. I feel like I belong to a community of wonderful people and I feel understood and that is very important to me. Thank you Caritas for everything."

"It was good opportunity to improve my English language skills. The environment was great, all necessary facilities were available, teacher was very kind, the class atmosphere was friendly and material was updated, therefore I encouraged many other friends to join this class. Many thanks for all."

Temporary Hotel Accommodation for People Seeking Asylum

Throughout 2021-22 we worked collaboratively with MRSN, Rainbow Haven, GMIAU, Care4Calais, Manchester College and the medical team in a Manchester hotel to deliver a wide range of activities including:

- English classes for adults and children three days a week led by MRSN, All in One Centre, and Care4Calais.
- A women's group to give women a safe space to meet and talk run by City of Sanctuary.
- Regular clothes distribution when needed and daily referrals to Care4Calais and Chorlton Refugee Aid.
- 2 grammar schools attended weekly to teach the children.
- Working with the council education worker to help children access educational provision and we registered eligible residents for college.
- Provided weekly food vouchers for 30 families.
- Organised weekly advice sessions where residents came to meet caseworkers.
- Provided 50 phones and 150 free sim cards for the residents who didn't have any.
- Organised an Easter event in the hotel and worked collaboratively with independent charities to provide 400 meals daily during Ramadan, sourcing Eid gifts for all the children and organising for families to attend a fun day that Didsbury Mosque staff arranged.

Quote from a recipient:

"I have been in the hotel for 4 months without a cash card. I take the voucher and run to the supermarket to buy cheese, bread, vegetables and fruits for my 3 girls. They don't like the food in the hotel. It's a happy day when we take the voucher"

Hotel based work for Afghan refugees

After rapidly developing emergency work to welcome Afghan refugees we have now been appointed to act as the lead coordinator for the voluntary sector in the 3 hotels housing Afghan refugees in Manchester. We are working with many partners, including City of Sanctuary and The Pankhurst Trust, to deliver activities in each hotel. This builds on our other hotel work and has meant we can support people's wellbeing and integration.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Community Sponsorship

We have given bespoke and in-depth support to 5 Community Sponsorship groups in different stages of the process of welcoming a refugee family to live in their community. St. Ambrose and St. Vincent's welcomed a family in 21-22 and the All Saints group have now welcomed a family from Syria. The Our Lady and St. Christopher's group have accepted a Syrian family having submitted the application form for full approval. The Hazel Grove group have submitted their application form for full approval. The Stockport Methodist group are working to submit stage 1 of their application form.

Wythenshawe Community Groups

SENSitive Group

- 70+ families
- 50 attendees
- 372 members on social media

Over 70 families, parents or carers have engaged with the SENSitive Group during the last 12 months. Almost 50 have attended the support group, workshops or Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) events organised by the group. Social media membership, mainly parents of children who have SEND, has grown to 372.

SENSitive Campaign: At the end of April 2021 the group made a powerful presentation to the Greater Manchester Mayoral candidates as part of an online assembly before the Mayoral election. Mayoral candidates responded positively to this and the group continues to link with Andy Burnham who was elected about improving SEND services in Greater Manchester. Almost 600 people joined the online assembly with over 100 there supporting the SENSitive campaign.

Support Group and Workshops: In 2022 the group developed its support offer by organising SEND workshops and offering targeted support at its fortnightly meetings. The two half-day workshops on disability rights and EHCP's attracted 12 and 17 parents respectively. The support group has an average of 8-12 attendees but numbers can be over 20.

Networking and Leadership: The group continues to play an active role in Greater Manchester Citizens with 11 leaders benefitting from training and 4 leaders speaking at assembly events. A strong partnership has been formed with Just Fair and links developed with SEND leaders and organisations across Manchester including two local special needs schools. 14 leaders attended different community organising training delivered by Caritas.

7 leaders have taken up roles, training, or job opportunities thanks to confidence built in the group. This includes specialised SEN and advice training, a community development manager post, 2 school governor roles, and courses to do jobs supporting SEN children.

Mend Minds Group

11 men have engaged in the group, which meets fortnightly. The group maintains regular contact with those still experiencing 'self-isolation' through engagement over the internet at the regular gatherings. One man in his 60s who is still recovering from 'long Covid' having spent months in hospital said, *"It is frustrating that I can't join you at the group but good that I still feel a part and you haven't forgotten me! It is good to join in the banter and it helps lift my spirits."*

Nurture Art Programme

This project began in February 2022 and is part of a partnership between Caritas and Dynamic Engagement, a community arts organisation, to bring people together after the pandemic. Foodbank volunteers along with members of the Mend Minds and SENSitive Group have been involved, with 19 people taking part, in making a mosaic art mural for the nature garden. One of the younger men from the Mend Minds Group said; *"I love doing the mosaic. I didn't think I would be any good at it! It's so relaxing!"* The project is funded by Buzz.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The Hope Food Bank

After the surge during the height of the pandemic the food bank is now quieter. 22 volunteers are involved with referrals mainly coming from schools, GPs, and the local women's refuge. On average, the Hope Food Bank receives 20 referrals each month. Volunteers received recognition for their amazing efforts during the pandemic reaching the final of the Manchester Be Proud Awards.

Work across the diocese

Campaigning for social justice

We have continued to speak up for social justice and to try and tackle the root causes of the issues we work to address. We have been active in campaigning on child poverty and for people seeking asylum and refugees, through national coalitions and networks especially the Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN).

Our campaigning as part of a broad national coalition of groups on the Government's £20 uplift to Universal Credit led to a 6-month extension of this vital support. We have spoken out as one of the over 400 organisations in the Together With Refugees coalition about our grave concerns around the Government's cruel new Nationality and Borders Act and will continue to call for a fair, kind and more effective approach to supporting refugees. If you would like to become a campaign volunteer please do get in touch.

Values based awareness raising

This year we piloted a new Together for the Common Good (T4G) course on Catholic Social Teaching in Wythenshawe and Hoyle to connect and inspire supporters around the values that underpin our work. Trustee John Fegan shares some of the highlights of the course and the evolving relationship between the parish, Caritas and T4G:

- One topic per session supported by excellent content including a video reflection and questions for reflection and discussion for each session.
- Meeting via Zoom with other parishes from all over the country. These discussions proved invaluable. We were able to encourage each other on our journeys.
- Everyone who took part in the sessions have said how much they enjoyed them and how they made them realise the importance of an understanding of the Common Good for developing and strengthening our work together locally.

Partnership working

This year we have seen generous and increased support from individuals, parishes, schools and grant makers. Online donations have been introduced successfully and Caritas at Christmas raised its highest annual total as an appeal. We have been successful with more grant funding than ever and also seen two different councils supporting our work and a significant increase in partners paying for our diverse and much needed services.

Community Impact and Future Support Issues

As the recovery from the Covid pandemic has started to take shape it has become very clear that the continued need of support to our communities is only going to increase. The emerging cost of living crisis is going to increase anxiety around financial stability for families. There are also long-term support needs around mental wellbeing as individuals and families begin to readjust to "normality" after a long period of isolation. Global events have brought an increased need for refugee support with the collapse of the Afghan Government and the war in Ukraine.

It is important to recognise the effort undertaken by our staff who have worked outside their normal hours to assist those in crisis. We are also extremely grateful to all our volunteers who have enabled us to develop our services and deliver locally based projects, especially during such challenging times. It is rewarding to reflect on the fact that Caritas has risen to these challenges and is such a valued friend and support to those in the most vulnerable situations.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Financial review

It was recognised at the onset of the global pandemic that the Charity would be facing a challenging financial period as the impact of lockdown placed a restriction on the charity's ability to collect regular donations, as these are driven primarily through the churches. It was also recognised that there would be an increased demand upon the services offered to our communities and additional need around financial support.

The Charity had built a solid foundation of reserves from the continued funding from Shrewsbury Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust's – Our Mission Together, this funding continued throughout the current period.

As part of the critical planning highlighted in the previous financial statements, the Charity has continued to obtain alternative financial support to cover the loss of donations through grants from several sources, to support the ongoing costs of support and administrative staff but also the identified community need for a crisis fund, this support and need is now expected to continue well beyond the next financial year.

Other regular income during the period arose from our Caritas at Christmas and Good Shepherd Lent Appeals; generous parish donations, including funds donated from parishioners who have boxes for loose change that are collected regularly; our Wirral Council contract for early help work; from providing family support services to schools; and from events held during the year.

Support from the Shrewsbury Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust through its Our Mission Together fund has offered additional financial support beyond its existing timeframe to continue to build the charity and its activities during this difficult period.

The largest cost remained staff costs for those delivering the services of the charity. After establishing a good reserve position and continued careful expansion of staffing plans to meet the objectives of the charity the charity has been able to improve the reserves position to support and expand future operations. The Trustees are therefore satisfied that the charity is a going concern.

Reserves policy

The Trustees have set an initial reserves policy of 5% of income as a suitable level from 1 April 2017. Although the Charity has managed to meet its reserve policy it is also recognised that the ongoing recovery from the pandemic, and uncertainty around income coupled with the cost-of-living crisis, the current reserve policy of attaining 5% of income will be removed until such time as these threats lessen.

The opening of the Crewe facilities is expected to increase the overall operational expenses whilst the charity identifies suitable funding streams for the area, therefore it is expected that the financial period ending March 2023 will utilise unrestricted reserves in the short term to finance its growth.

Risk Management

The Trustees have in place a risk management process to assess risks to which the Charity is exposed, those relating to operational and financial risk. This involves assessing the likelihood and potential impact of occurrence and identifying means of mitigation. Financial risks to the Charity have been highlighted throughout the trustee report, operational risks to safeguarding children and vulnerable adults are reviewed and updated every year and have been tested by external review through local authority bodies throughout the Charity's work.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Future Plans

The next years' priorities are:

- Continuing to expand our counselling service and launch our new community centre in Crewe.
- Secure long-term funding for our Community Sponsorship work.
- Ensuring we can develop work across more parts of the Diocese by working in partnerships at a local level including project work related to Catholic Social Teaching and our campaigning activity.
- Being a strong voice for social justice and speaking up about the root causes of the issues we work to address. Campaigning on child poverty and for a fair, kind and more effective approach to supporting refugees, through national coalitions and networks especially the Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN).
- Developing our partnerships with other charities and organisations across the voluntary, public, and business sectors to strengthen and diversify our work.
- Improving our communications so that Caritas is well known throughout the schools, parishes, and organisations in the Diocese of Shrewsbury and throughout the UK as an active member of CSAN.
- The development of our established services and community support offer.

Our 2023 plans will need to be flexible, but we know that our work will be more crucial than ever, and we are committed to expanding the range and the reach of our support and services for families and communities across the Diocese. We welcome contact from everyone interested in our work, to find out how to get more involved in any way and help us connect Caritas to their parish or school.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation governed by a constitution. The affairs of the Charity are governed by the Trustees under the chairmanship of the Bishop. All Trustees are appointed and removed in accordance with the constitution. The Board consists of two clergy and four laity of the faithful. The clergy Trustees are appointed for their expertise in parochial, spiritual and pastoral matters. The lay Trustees are selected for their skills and experience in charities, business, management and property. Further lay trustees would be chosen to match any perceived skill requirement. New Trustees are provided with the terms of reference and a pack of information relating to the constitution, governance and operation of the Trust.

The trustees who served during the year were:

Rt Rev Mark Davies (Chair)

Mrs Carol Lawrence

Mrs Anne McMullan

Canon Philip Moor

Mr Michael Redfearn

(Resigned 10 November 2021)

Mrs Christine Smith

Rev John Fegan

If the CIO is wound up, the members of the CIO have no liability to contribute to its assets and no personal responsibility for settling its debts and liabilities.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Structure Governance and Management:

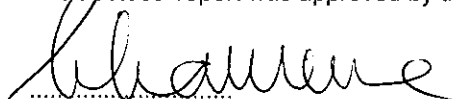
The trustees meet on a quarterly basis, with day-to-day management of the charity being delegated to the Chief Executive, Ben Gilchrist. Between meetings, Mr Gilchrist has regular support from one of the trustees, who provides financial expertise and support.

In order to ensure that the Trustees have the necessary up to date knowledge to govern the Charity, the Chair of Trustees is to instigate a programme of trustee training, delivered by suitably qualified and experienced individuals.

Connected Charity:

The Bishop of the Diocese is Chair of Shrewsbury Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust charity number 234025 and the Council of Management of The Catholic Children's Society (Shrewsbury Diocese) Incorporated, charity number 509793, company number 01400367. Caritas acquired most of the assets and undertakings of the Catholic Children's Society in December 2016 when it began to operate. Both charities have the use of property belonging to the Diocese of Shrewsbury for which no charge is made.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Mrs Carol Lawrence

Trustee

Dated: 14/11/2022

CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable 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 ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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 that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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 financial statements to be reached.



Simon Evans FCA
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CH48 3JN

Dated: 14/11/2022

CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

		Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
	Notes							
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>								
Donations and legacies	3	330,931	9,536	93,367	433,834	285,813	21,775	477,582
Charitable activities	4	57,714	18,550	87,673	163,937	50,857	-	140,421
Investments	5	80	-	-	80	786	-	786
Other income	6	2,064	-	-	2,064	-	-	-
Total income		390,789	28,086	181,040	599,915	337,456	21,775	618,789
<u>Expenditure on:</u>								
Raising funds	7	694	-	-	694	359	-	359
Charitable activities	8	351,286	18,763	154,439	524,488	307,261	20,545	518,167
Total expenditure		351,980	18,763	154,439	525,182	307,620	20,545	518,526
Net incoming resources before transfers		38,809	9,323	26,601	74,733	29,836	1,230	100,263

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Notes							
Net incoming resources before transfers	38,809	9,323	26,601	74,733	29,836	1,230	100,263
Gross transfers between funds	2,294	-	(2,294)	-	53,711	1,628	-
Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds	41,103	9,323	24,307	74,733	83,547	2,858	100,263
Fund balances at 1 April 2021	218,035	2,858	565,658	786,551	134,488	-	686,288
Fund balances at 31 March 2022	259,138	12,181	589,965	861,284	218,035	2,858	786,551

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

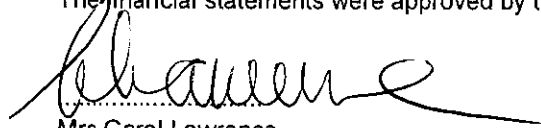
CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	13		278,924		9,809
Current assets					
Debtors	14	10,652		3,524	
Cash at bank and in hand		661,884		837,508	
		<u>672,536</u>		<u>841,032</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	(90,176)		(64,290)	
Net current assets			582,360		776,742
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>861,284</u>		<u>786,551</u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds	16		589,965		565,658
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
Designated funds	17	12,181		2,858	
General unrestricted funds		259,138		218,035	
		<u>271,319</u>		<u>220,893</u>	
			<u>861,284</u>		<u>786,551</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 14/11/2022



Mrs Carol Lawrence
Trustee

CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from operations	21		100,167		162,889
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(275,871)		(6,916)	
Investment income received		80		786	
Net cash used in investing activities			(275,791)		(6,130)
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents			(175,624)		156,759
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			837,508		680,749
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			661,884		837,508

CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation ('CIO') registered in England and Wales and the governing constitution is dated 22 September 2016. The address is Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury, Wheatland Lane, Wallasey, Wirral, Merseyside CH44 7ED.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income derived from activity and grants is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1.5 Expenditure

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 a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	33% on cost
Office equipment	33% on cost

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.11 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted funds general 2021 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Donations and gifts	64,618	9,536	-	74,154	26,555	8,475	-	35,030
Legacies receivable	10,150	-	-	10,150	565	-	-	565
Grants receivable	256,163	-	93,367	349,530	258,693	13,300	169,994	441,987
	<u>330,931</u>	<u>9,536</u>	<u>93,367</u>	<u>433,834</u>	<u>285,813</u>	<u>21,775</u>	<u>169,994</u>	<u>477,582</u>
Donations and gifts								
Funding Bodies - Mary Strand Trust	25,000	-	-	25,000	-	-	-	-
Caritas at Christmas	-	9,536	-	9,536	-	8,475	-	8,475
Good Shepherd	3,453	-	-	3,453	1,808	-	-	1,808
Crib Offerings	10,578	-	-	10,578	7,162	-	-	7,162
Collection Boxes	7,522	-	-	7,522	6,714	-	-	6,714
Donations	18,065	-	-	18,065	10,871	-	-	10,871
	<u>64,618</u>	<u>9,536</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>74,154</u>	<u>26,555</u>	<u>8,475</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>35,030</u>

CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

3 Donations and legacies

(Continued)

Grants receivable for core activities

Our Mission Together	250,000	-	-	250,000	250,000	-	-	250,000
Community Projects Wirral	-	-	27,761	27,761	-	-	-	-
Community Projects Wythenshawe	-	-	2,500	2,500	-	-	-	-
SENSitive Group income	-	-	7,994	7,994	-	-	-	-
Gubay Foundation - Crisis Fund	-	-	20,000	20,000	-	-	62,300	62,300
National Lottery - Coronavirus Community Support	-	-	-	-	-	-	47,310	47,310
CAF - Charity Resilience	-	-	-	-	-	-	21,170	21,170
Smallwood Trust - Refugee Project	-	-	-	-	-	-	19,273	19,273
Other Grants applied to Refugee & Well Projects	-	-	31,612	31,612	-	-	16,341	16,341
Wirral Borough Council - Covid 19 Support Grants	-	-	-	-	-	13,300	-	13,300
Other	6,163	-	3,500	9,663	8,693	-	3,600	12,293
	<u>256,163</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>93,367</u>	<u>349,530</u>	<u>258,693</u>	<u>13,300</u>	<u>169,994</u>	<u>441,987</u>

CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

3 Donations and legacies

(Continued)

Our Mission Together – Support from the Diocese of Shrewsbury

Community Projects Wirral – Restricted funds to deliver support to people who need to build up their mental well-being.

Community Projects Wythenshawe – Restricted funds to support the most vulnerable in Manchester.

SENSitive Group income – The SENSitive Support and Campaign Group a group of parents and carers with children with special educational needs.

Gubay Foundation – Restricted funds to support most vulnerable with financial aid towards food, energy costs and white goods. They also provided the charity with some staffing costs to compensate for the reduction in donations. Further funds of £20,000 was provided to support most vulnerable with financial aid to support the most vulnerable with financial aid towards food and white goods.

Wirral BC – Provided funds to extend the reach of the Gubay Foundation funding, with the limitation of support to vulnerable people on the Wirral.

National Lottery – Restricted funds to support the most vulnerable with financial aid towards food and other financial support (clothes – excluding any energy costs support. They also provided the charity with some salary costs and resources after covid.

CAF – Charity Resilience – To cover salary cost and supervision/overhead for mental wellbeing support.

Smallwood Trust – Refugee project - To cover staffing cost, overheads and activities for the Well project supporting refugees for mental wellbeing support.

Other unrestricted income above included £7,393 of Coronavirus job retention scheme funding and other restricted income of £3,600 is in relation to Mend Minds

Other Grants applied to Refugee and Well project - £31,612 restricted to Refugees and Well Project – Covering staff cost and supporting refugees and people seeking asylum to help them integrate into the community and for their mental well-being. Grants from Manchester City Council, Caritas Diocese of Salford, Rainbow Haven and All Churches Trust.

£6,163 Manchester City Council grant to support Caritas during Covid and restricted funds of £3,500 to support the most venerable people with food, support people who have mental health issues and young people with autism and parents of children with special needs.

CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

4 Charitable activities

	Schools Family Support £	Community Matters Project £	Community Support Fund Designated £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Family Support Services income	87,673	57,714	18,550	163,937	140,421
Analysis by fund					
Unrestricted funds - general	-	57,714	-	57,714	
Unrestricted funds - designated	-	-	18,550	18,550	
Restricted funds	87,673	-	-	87,673	
	87,673	57,714	18,550	163,937	

For the year ended 31 March 2021

	Schools Family Support £	Community Matters Project £	Total 2022 £
Family Support Services income	89,564	50,857	140,421
Analysis by fund			
Unrestricted funds - general	-	50,857	50,857
Restricted funds	89,564	-	89,564
	89,564	50,857	140,421

5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Unrestricted funds general 2021 £
Interest receivable	80	786

CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

6 Other income

	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Room hire	2,064	-
	<u>2,064</u>	<u>-</u>

7 Raising funds

	2022 £	2021 £
<u>Fundraising and publicity</u>		
Other fundraising costs	694	359
	<u>694</u>	<u>359</u>

CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

8 Charitable activities

	2022 £	2021 £
Staff costs	229,795	115,017
Volunteer expenses	234	1,750
Support Officer staff recharges from The Catholic Children's Society	28,726	25,467
Welfare activity	64,527	107,202
	<u>323,282</u>	<u>249,436</u>
Share of support costs (see note 10)	195,990	265,696
Share of governance costs (see note 10)	5,216	3,035
	<u>524,488</u>	<u>518,167</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds - general	351,286	
Unrestricted funds - designated	18,763	
Restricted funds	154,439	
	<u>524,488</u>	
For the year ended 31 March 2021		
Unrestricted funds - general		307,261
Unrestricted funds - designated		20,545
Restricted funds		190,361
		<u>518,167</u>

CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

9 Description of charitable activities

Schools Service

Our help is far reaching, as by working with children in schools and their parent/s or carers at home we are able to help the whole family, in some cases extended family too. This takes the pressure off schools, assisting with outcomes that are more positive for all involved.

A school may ask us to provide listening ear support to one child they feel is struggling emotionally in class only for us to find through our own assessment and engagement, that there's more going on behind the scenes at home, for example:

- Bereavement
- Financial hardship
- Disability
- Illness
- Separation
- Relationship breakdown
- Undiagnosed ADHD
- Autism
- Health conditions
- Drug or alcohol dependency
- Hospitalisations

This helps parents to develop their own coping skills, enabling them to move forward and reach goals, empowering rather than rescuing them. Building upon their confidence and self-esteem, giving them courage to take a lead and move forward themselves.

Parenting Programmes

Parenting Programmes help adults to understand and manage feelings/behaviours, enabling them to become more positive and nurturing in their relationships with children and each other. It encourages an approach to relationships that gives children and adults of all ages, an emotionally healthy start for their lives and learning. As a community support service, the team at Caritas facilitate parenting groups and if needed, work on a one-to-one basis for those parents who cannot attend a group. Caritas are inclusive and classes are open to all.

Early Help Service

Families come into our Early Help Service for a wide range of reasons, including;

- Sexual abuse
- Child mental health
- Parent mental health
- Child with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities
- Managing behaviour
- Non-school attendance
- Neglect
- Parental conflict
- Housing and financial difficulties
- Criminal exploitation
- Anti-social behaviour
- Domestic abuse

CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

9 Description of charitable activities

(Continued)

Counselling Service

As we are coming out of lockdown Caritas have noted an uptake in referrals with clients suffering with more severe mental health issues, this is due in part, to the isolation some individuals have had to endure, they have been given time on their own to reflect on their own stories and analyse the various traumas they have suffered through their lives, which has only helped to increase anxieties and feelings of trauma. Caritas' Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) therapist has noted an increasing number of clients who are self harming and have attempted suicide.

Bereavement & Loss – Listening Service

We offer a listening ear without judgement immediately after loss or bereavement. To open up to others and let them in and talk about their struggles can be very scary so we provide a safe place where clients can talk freely about their fears and worries. Grief is recognised as a process and range of emotions people go through as they gradually adjust to their loss. Feelings of grief also happen regarding other types of loss such as the end of relationships, the loss of a job, moving house to a new area or decline in physical and mental health of someone you love.

Refugees and People Seeking Asylum

Our English classes have been running online and face-to-face at the St. Aidan's Centre with referrals from partner organisations. ESOL classes are supported by an amazing and dedicated group of volunteers who deliver two-hour sessions every week.

CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

10 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2022 £	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2021 £
Staff costs	109,719	-	109,719	172,878	-	172,878
Depreciation	6,755	-	6,755	9,016	-	9,016
Support salary costs recharged from The Catholic Children's Society	29,118	-	29,118	24,636	-	24,636
Travel and subsistence	6,925	-	6,925	3,114	-	3,114
Other staff costs	3,652	-	3,652	17,632	-	17,632
Rent, rates and utilities	6,681	-	6,681	6,365	-	6,365
Repairs and maintenance	6,062	-	6,062	3,556	-	3,556
Other building and office costs	7,528	-	7,528	7,515	-	7,515
Computer and IT costs	6,234	-	6,234	5,792	-	5,792
Telephone costs	7,025	-	7,025	6,758	-	6,758
Printing, postage and stationery	2,408	-	2,408	4,166	-	4,166
Other support costs	3,883	-	3,883	4,268	-	4,268
Examination/Audit fees	-	1,500	1,500	-	1,500	1,500
Accountancy	-	1,500	1,500	-	1,500	1,500
Legal and professional	-	2,216	2,216	-	35	35
	<u>195,990</u>	<u>5,216</u>	<u>201,206</u>	<u>265,696</u>	<u>3,035</u>	<u>268,731</u>
Analysed between						
Charitable activities	<u>195,990</u>	<u>5,216</u>	<u>201,206</u>	<u>265,696</u>	<u>3,035</u>	<u>268,731</u>

All support costs have been allocated to charitable activities as they are incurred to support and further our core charitable activities.

11 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

12 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2022 Number	2021 Number
Charitable activities	12	13
	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>
Employment costs	2022 £	2021 £
Wages and salaries	325,286	267,266
Social security costs	9,639	15,111
Other pension costs	4,589	5,518
	<u>339,514</u>	<u>287,895</u>

Two employees of The Catholic Children's Society (Shrewsbury Diocese) Inc are seconded to Caritas.

In addition to the direct employment costs above, there were recharges of £57,844 (2021: £50,103) during the period from The Catholic Children's Society (Shrewsbury Diocese) Inc in respect of the staff seconded to Caritas. Of this amount, £28,726 (2021: £25,467) is included in charitable activities (see note 9) and £29,118 (2021: £24,636) is included support costs.

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more.

CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

13 Tangible fixed assets

	Assets under construction £	Fixtures and fittings £	Office equipment £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 April 2021	-	15,788	23,726	39,514
Additions	272,853	-	3,018	275,871
	<u>272,853</u>	<u>15,788</u>	<u>26,744</u>	<u>315,385</u>
At 31 March 2022	272,853	15,788	26,744	315,385
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 April 2021	-	11,054	18,651	29,705
Depreciation charged in the year	-	2,447	4,309	6,756
	<u>-</u>	<u>13,501</u>	<u>22,960</u>	<u>36,461</u>
At 31 March 2022	-	13,501	22,960	36,461
Carrying amount				
At 31 March 2022	<u>272,853</u>	<u>2,287</u>	<u>3,784</u>	<u>278,924</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>4,734</u>	<u>5,075</u>	<u>9,809</u>

Property under construction, represents the functional property that utilises the restricted funds arising from grants received from the Denise Coates Foundation of £545,000. The property is being built in conjunction with the Shrewsbury Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust, who are the landowners and providers of the balancing funds for the building.

14 Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	2,124	1,777
Prepayments and accrued income	8,528	1,747
	<u>10,652</u>	<u>3,524</u>

15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Other taxation and social security	9,193	8,799
Deferred income	28,583	33,833
Other creditors	48,404	12,044
Accruals	3,996	9,614
	<u>90,176</u>	<u>64,290</u>

CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

16 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds				Movement in funds				
	Balance at 1 April 2020	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 1 April 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
School Support - Wirral	-	57,453	(48,296)	(9,157)	-	62,926	(61,240)	(1,686)	-
School Support - Wythenshawe	-	14,400	(11,622)	(2,778)	-	10,317	(7,784)	(2,533)	-
School Support - Shrewsbury	-	17,711	(14,136)	(3,575)	-	14,430	(8,115)	(6,315)	-
Refugee Support / Well Project - Wythenshawe	1,812	35,614	(24,224)	(2,870)	10,332	31,612	(28,604)	-	13,340
Wythenshawe - Redecoration Project	5,485	-	-	(4,151)	1,334	-	-	-	1,334
Crewe Project - New Caritas support centre	542,525	-	-	-	542,525	-	-	-	542,525
Community Support Fund (moved to designated funds)	1,978	-	-	(1,978)	-	-	-	-	-
Charity Resilience Fund - Wirral	-	21,170	(19,035)	(2,120)	15	-	-	(15)	-
Community Projects - Wythenshawe	-	-	(3,000)	3,000	-	2,500	(4,549)	2,552	503
Carers Together - Wythenshawe	-	-	(112)	867	755	-	(755)	-	-
Mend Minds - Wythenshawe	-	3,600	(272)	731	4,059	3,500	(1,102)	(650)	5,807
Gubay Crisis Fund	-	62,300	(44,458)	(11,204)	6,638	20,000	(26,638)	-	-
Community Projects - Wirral	-	47,310	(25,204)	(22,106)	-	27,761	(13,403)	8,373	22,731
SENSitive Group	-	-	-	-	-	7,994	(2,249)	(2,020)	3,725
	<u>551,800</u>	<u>259,558</u>	<u>(190,359)</u>	<u>(55,341)</u>	<u>565,658</u>	<u>181,040</u>	<u>(154,439)</u>	<u>(2,294)</u>	<u>589,965</u>

CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

16 Restricted funds

(Continued)

Funds received relating to school support services in a specific are treated as restricted, they include a provision for direct activity and some overhead recovery.

Grant income donated for a specific purpose is also treated as restricted in a separate fund

Gubay Foundation – Restricted funds to support most vulnerable with financial aid towards food, and white goods.

Wirral BC – Provided funds to extend the reach of the Gubay Foundation funding, with the limitation of support to vulnerable people on the Wirral.

National Lottery – Restricted funds to support the most vulnerable with financial aid towards food and other financial support (clothes – excluding any energy costs support). They also provided the charity with some salary costs and resources after covid.

CAF – Charity Resilience – To cover salary cost and supervision/overhead for mental wellbeing support.

Smallwood Trust – Refugee project - To cover staffing cost, overheads and activities for the Well project supporting refugees for mental wellbeing support.

Other restricted income of £3,600 is in relation to Mend Minds

Other Grants applied to Refugee and Well project - £31,612 restricted to Refugees and Well Project – Covering staff cost and supporting refugees and people seeking asylum to help them integrate into the community and for their mental well-being. Grants from Manchester City Council, Caritas Diocese of Salford, Rainbow Haven and All Churches Trust.

£3,500 to support the most venerable people with food, support people who have mental health issues and young people with autism and parents of children with special needs.

Funds received from the Denise Coates Foundation in prior years have been received specifically for the building of a new centre in Crewe and as such treated as restricted.

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17 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds				Movement in funds		
	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
Community Support Fund	21,775	(20,545)	1,628	2,858	28,086	(18,763)	12,181
	<u>21,775</u>	<u>(20,545)</u>	<u>1,628</u>	<u>2,858</u>	<u>28,086</u>	<u>(18,763)</u>	<u>12,181</u>

The Community Support Fund – This fund is designed to support those most in need at the most demanding time of year.

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18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted 2022 £	Designated 2022 £	Restricted 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted 2021 £	Designated 2021 £	Restricted 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Fund balances at 31 March 2022 are represented by:								
Tangible assets	6,071	-	272,853	278,924	9,809	-	-	9,809
Current assets/(liabilities)	253,067	12,181	317,112	582,360	208,226	2,858	565,658	776,742
	<u>259,138</u>	<u>12,181</u>	<u>589,965</u>	<u>861,284</u>	<u>218,035</u>	<u>2,858</u>	<u>565,658</u>	<u>786,551</u>

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19 Financial commitments, guarantees and contingent liabilities

Financial commitments for Caritas are in respect of the building of the Caritas hub in Crewe utilising the restricted reserves provided by DCF, totalling £269,692. This commitment is limited to the value of the fund any overspend will be made by the Shrewsbury Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust.

20 Related party transactions

Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel, excluding employer pension contributions, is as follows.

	2022 £	2021 £
Aggregate compensation	104,765	79,952

Transactions with related parties

	Seconded staff payments	
	2022 £	2021 £
Entities with control, joint control or significant influence over the company	57,844	50,103
	57,844	50,103

Staff secondment and other costs were recharged in the period from The Catholic Children's Society (Shrewsbury Diocese) Inc. Caritas has made direct salary and associated payments in respect of the seconded staff.

At the end of the period, a creditor of £36,562 (2021: Debtor of £1,121) was due from the charity to The Catholic Children's Society (Shrewsbury Diocese) Inc.

The £250,000 grant income received for Our Mission Together (see note 3) is from the Shrewsbury Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust, which is a related charity.

Short-term loan funding of £150,000 (2021: £270,000) has been provided to the Shrewsbury Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust during the year and £Nil (2021: £Nil) is included in debtors at the year-end. The loans were interest free and fully repaid within 7 days.

Caritas and the Shrewsbury Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust are engaged in a shared property build. The total value of the contract was £795,000, and currently incomplete at time of reporting. Caritas is providing £545,000 towards the project and Shrewsbury Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust are providing the land and the balancing required funding. At the year-end the amounts invested in the property totalled £395,316 – Caritas £272,853 and Shrewsbury Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust £122,463.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

21	Cash generated from operations	2022 £	2021 £
	Surplus for the year	74,733	100,263
	Adjustments for:		
	Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(80)	(786)
	Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	6,755	9,016
	Movements in working capital:		
	(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(7,128)	53,545
	Increase/(decrease) in creditors	31,137	(440)
	(Decrease)/increase in deferred income	(5,250)	1,291
	Cash generated from operations	<u>100,167</u>	<u>162,889</u>
22	Analysis of changes in net funds		
	The charity had no debt during the year.		

Accounts

CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's constitution, 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)".

Objectives and activities

Objectives:

The charity's objects are to further the general charitable works of the Roman Catholic church in accordance with its teaching both in the Diocese of Shrewsbury and elsewhere in the United Kingdom in particular, but not exclusively, by providing services and facilities for the relief of poverty and suffering, the advancement of education, the promotion of social justice including the advancement of human rights and the promotion of religious or racial harmony and other charitable acts which promote the development of individuals and communities for the public benefit, for the benefit of people of all faiths and none.

Aims and Activities:

The charity's activities are directed to children and young people without the support of families and in need, children, and young people at risk. In addition to children and young people, the charity also aids people with disabilities, the aged, the vulnerable and individuals, families, communities and groups who are in need. Currently the charity has bases in Wirral, Shrewsbury, and Wythenshawe where it carries out these activities.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Use of volunteers:

Volunteers provide additional support and capacity enabling the charity to deliver its aims. During the period volunteers were used to support work in distributing food parcels to families at Christmas, in providing counselling, and family support and the general work of Caritas.

Impact of Covid-19 pandemic:

As recognised in the previous financial statements the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic has materially changed the world as we knew it, both financially and in the delivery of our projects. The Charity has had to adapt with pressures on income through reduced donations and further pressures on the need for our services and the inability to hold face-to-face meeting with those who need our support the most.

Achievements and performance

Family & Community Support:

Family Support through Schools is our cornerstone support project and has been delivered successfully for over eleven years (previously through Catholic Children's Society). Through the dedicated of experienced staff and volunteers, including social-workers, counsellors, and family support workers, we possess an excellent knowledge of local services both voluntary and statutory to deliver this service in collaboration with other agencies. The skill set and experience of our team include, evidence based Parenting Programmes, Safeguarding, SEN, Bereavement, and Family Support, including CBT on various support groups for example anxiety, anger, domestic violence, mindfulness.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Family & Community Support (continued):

The aim of the service is to support pupils or family with any difficulties they may be experiencing through an assessment of needs and the development of a tailored support action plan.

The objectives of the service are to:

- Remove barriers to learning and participation.
- Develop the full potential of individuals within the values and ethos of their school.
- Nurture the emotional development of individual children, young people and families within the school and home community.
- Address critical personal and social issues.
- Develop new skills, knowledge, attitudes, and values that assist children and young people in reaching their full potential.

A key element in the success of the programme is continuity of service and the value of face-to-face meetings. As the implications of lockdown began to take hold the existing issues surrounding these families are exacerbated due to further stresses upon their mental wellbeing, caused by isolation, impact of home schooling, delayed waiting lists (e.g., CAMHS), in addition to the increased level of financial insecurity, domestic violence and child to parent abuse.

Our approach had to adapt to a rapidly changing environment to maintain a regular service of support and increased challenges facing the families. Through technology and where needed covid secure meetings the timetable of meetings was maintained.

The feedback received around our service during these troubled times have been how we have helped them remain focussed and feel like they are achieving goals they didn't think they were capable of, home-schooling, projects, exercise, and healthy eating and mental health and wellbeing.

Currently the activity of this programme that is delivered through 15 schools have supported:

- 101 children.
- 165 adults.
- 300 siblings and extended family

Caritas operates an **Early Help Community Matters** contract with Wirral Borough Council and builds upon our existing experience of family support through schools – we act upon a referral and perform an Early Help Assessment Tool (EHAT) to evaluate the support needs of the family through regular meetings. Following that assessment, a bespoke action plan is put into place which may include referrals to various agencies. Caritas would continue to review the process every six weeks and be involved in supporting the family through Team Around the Family (TAF) meetings and any referrals for other support they require as a trusted voice.

The support of this programme is highly reliant on the ability to meet the family face to face and the impact of the pandemic clearly affected our ability to perform the contract in the traditional method. This forced change in dynamic further highlights the importance of the support this contract offers these families, the delivery mechanism moved to telephone and digital support meetings, which added technical barriers as there was a lack of internet provisions and/or devices, which in turn impaired the ability of the children to engage with schoolwork and the increased isolation affected the mental wellbeing of those who were already struggling.

The securing of the **Covid Crisis Funding** allowed us to provide these families with the technical resources to support their children with remote learning and engage with their support group, in addition to the other basic need support of food and utilities.

Through the support of this scheme:

- Supported 77 families dealing with: behaviour management, mental wellbeing, domestic abuse, eating disorders, and school attendance.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Covid Community Support:

As part of our recognition of the need of our communities during this difficult time and the generous financial support from three donors; the Albert Gubay Charitable Foundation, the National Lottery, and Wirral Borough Council, the Charity has been able to offer a **Covid Crisis Fund** to those who have been financially affected by this pandemic.

Through these funds we have achieved the following vital support to families and individuals within the communities we serve:

- £50,000 of grants distributed to support families with food, utilities, and basic needs
- £31,000 invested in person-centred support
- 446 applications received and processed for a crisis grant
- 385 families benefited from grants supporting 1,055 children and 701 adults

The feedback from the distribution of these funds is overwhelming and highlights a continued need as communities begin to recover but with economic uncertainty around the cost of essentials such as utilities and food.

Headteacher of a Diocesan primary school: - *"Thank you so much for all your support with this family. I have just contacted Mum to ask her to come in first thing to sign the forms and she is completely overwhelmed. She couldn't talk for crying. I know this will make such a difference to this family and can't thank you enough."*

In addition to the distribution of grant funding, the **Hope Community Foodbank** was formed in March 2020, a partnership between Caritas and Catholic Social Action – Wythenshawe and operated from our St. Aidan's Centre. The objective to support those affected by the spread of the virus. Further partnerships were built with local schools, churches, mosques, food charities, health services, Manchester City Council and community groups who provided food donations and referrals.

During the peak of the pandemic the Hope Community Foodbank was:

- Delivering over 1,200 meals per week
- Supporting 40 families and 15 individuals (81 adults & 67 children)
- 71 volunteers involved in the foodbank, from organising donations and delivering food parcels.

Caritas at Christmas campaign through schools and parishes continues to be a big part of our years' work and with all that has happened crucially important during this pandemic year. We are incredibly humbled by people's generosity and care for those who are less fortunate.

- Over £8,000 received in donations
- 127 families supported with hampers, vouchers, and gifts received from schools and parishes within the Diocese.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Refugee Support:

Our refugee support (Well Project) objective is to provide a safe environment for refugees and asylum seekers, helping them to integrate into the community by developing their confidence, creating an ethos of peer support, and developing closer bonds between different cultures. A key part of the project is to provide conversational English classes to build confidence and reduce isolation. Other activities are based around women's groups to encourage them to lead the sessions and share their experiences, fears, hopes and dreams.

During the onset of the pandemic, the usual support for the refugees was disrupted and like the other support programmes we engaged with a technical solution to help maintain engagement but on a more 1-2-1 basis rather than a group, with volunteers also dropping in each week with a food parcel to keep in touch and see how they were coping. It became clear that unlike the other support options, language barriers became a challenge as their usual learning environment was disrupted through the introduction of home-schooling, resulting in a knock on effect on clients' confidence and self-esteem.

A new challenge arose during the year when people seeking asylum arrived and were housed in a local hotel in Manchester. We have been part of the team to support the needs of these families which, under normal conditions, would have been difficult but were exacerbated due to the pandemic. These families arrived with very little in terms of clothing, and some were suffering through malnutrition, and with very little money struggling to buy the most basic of items to keep clean. Through partnering with a local Mosque, we were able to supply more traditional foods and additional grant funding allowing for much needed extra food parcels.

Counselling:

During the pandemic the counselling service had a high number of crisis referrals which were mostly concerns regarding mental health issues in the form of anxiety. Schools reported that mental health services, desperately needed at this difficult time, were almost non-existent due to staff being furloughed. We were able to implement both adult and child friendly C.B.T. strategies in the form of emotional literacy, which enabled the family to use various tools provided within the comfort of their own home.

Between September 2020 and March 2021:

- 6 children received bereavement counselling
- 6 adults received bereavement counselling
- 23 adults received counselling support.

These activities have been partially funded by the Charity Aid Foundation Resilience Fund.

Community Impact and Future Support Issues:

Throughout the course of the pandemic so far, despite all the obstacles of delivery and finance Caritas has found the resources to continue to provide the best service possible, promoting and supporting Practical, Physical, Mental and Emotional wellbeing. Our doors have been open to new service users and a new crisis telephone line was introduced at this time to cope with increased need.

As the easing of lockdown and the economic recovery starts to take shape it is becoming very clear that the continued need of support to our communities is only going to increase. Early market problems around food and energy supply are going to increase anxiety around financial stability as families try to balance their finances. There are also long-term support needs around mental wellbeing as families begin to readjust to "normality" after a long period of isolation.

The ever-changing world has brought an increased need for refugee support with the collapse of the Afghan Government.

CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Community Impact and Future Support Issues (continued):

It is important to recognise the effort undertaken by our staff who have worked outside their normal hours to assist those in crisis have a listening ear and guidance, in some cases whilst juggling their own need around home-schooling.

We are also extremely grateful to all our volunteers who have enabled us to develop our services and deliver locally based projects, especially during these troubled times.

It is rewarding to reflect on the fact that Caritas has risen to the challenge and is a beacon of light to those in need.

Financial review

It was recognised at the onset of the global pandemic that the Charity would be facing a challenging financial period as the impact of lockdown placed a restriction on the charity's ability to collect regular donations, as these are driven primarily through the Churches. These reduced by £25,000 from the previous period.

It was also recognised that there would be an increased demand upon the services offered to our communities and additional need around financial support.

The Charity had built a solid foundation of reserves from the continued funding from Shrewsbury Roman Catholic Diocesan Trusts – Our Mission Together, this funding continued throughout the current period and enters its final year in April 21.

As part of the critical planning highlighted in the previous financial statements, the Charity has attained alternative financial support to cover the loss of donations through grants from several sources, to support the ongoing costs of support and administrative staff but also the identified community need for a crisis fund.

Other regular income during the period arose from School Funding for the continuation of its family support, Wirral Local Authority, parish donations, including the Crib Offerings from parishes as well as funds donated from parishioners who have boxes for loose change that are collected regularly; from providing family support services to schools; and from events held during the year. The largest cost remained staff costs for those delivering the services of the charity.

After establishing a good reserve position and continued careful expansion of staffing plans to meet the objectives of the charity, and the early intervention on funding requirements has enabled the charity to improve those reserves to support and expand future operations. The Trustees are therefore satisfied that the charity is a going concern.

Reserves policy:

The Trustees have set an initial reserves policy of 5% of income as a suitable level from 1 April 2017. Although the Charity has managed to meet its reserve policy it is also recognised that the ongoing implications of the pandemic, and uncertainty around income the current reserve policy of attaining 5% of income will be removed until such time as the threat of Coronavirus disappears.

Risk Management:

The Trustees have in place a risk management process to assess risks to which the Charity is exposed, those relating to operational and financial risk. This involves assessing the likelihood and potential impact of occurrence and identifying means of mitigation. Financial risks to the Charity have been highlighted throughout the trustee report, Operational risks to safeguarding children and vulnerable adults are reviewed and updated every year and have been tested by external review through local authority bodies throughout the Charity's work.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Future plans:

The next years' priorities are:

- Adapting and updating our business plan relative to the pandemic in particular ensuring services are flexible and best meeting local needs, and that funding can be sustained for this. We aim to expand our counselling service, Community Sponsorship work and develop a new home visiting service.
- Ring-fenced funding was received in 2020 for building a community centre in Crewe. Building work will commence in the new financial period.
- Ensuring we can develop work across more parts of the Diocese including new family support work in Runcorn, developing our Shrewsbury services, and community work from the new centre in Crewe.
- Being a strong voice for social justice and speaking up about the root causes of the issues we work to address. Campaigning on child poverty and for deep change for people seeking asylum and refugees, through national coalitions and networks especially the Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN).
- Developing our partnerships with other charities and organisations across the voluntary, public, and business sectors to strengthen and diversify our work.
- Improving our communications, and capacity for this, so that Caritas is well known throughout the schools, parishes, and organisations in the Diocese of Shrewsbury and throughout the UK as an active member of CSAN.
- Research and develop a support for the homeless in Shrewsbury.
- The continued development and expansion of our existing support services.

Our 2022 plans will need to be agile, but we know that our work will be more crucial than ever, and we are committed to expanding the range and the reach of our support and services for families and communities across the Diocese. We welcome contact from supporters, and all those interested in our work, to find out how to get more involved in any way and help us connect Caritas to their parish or school.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation governed by a constitution. The affairs of the Charity are governed by the Trustees under the chairmanship of the Bishop. All Trustees are appointed and removed in accordance with the constitution. The Board consists of two clergy and four laity of the faithful. The clergy Trustees are appointed for their expertise in parochial, spiritual and pastoral matters. The lay Trustees are selected for their skills and experience in charities, business, management and property. Further lay trustees would be chosen to match any perceived skill requirement. New Trustees are provided with the terms of reference and a pack of information relating to the constitution, governance and operation of the Trust.

The trustees who served during the year were:

Rt Rev Mark Davies (Chair)

Mrs Carol Lawrence

Mrs Anne McMullan

Canon Philip Moor

Mr Michael Redfearn

(Resigned 10 November 2021)

Mrs Christine Smith

Rev John Fegan

If the CIO is wound up, the members of the CIO have no liability to contribute to its assets and no personal responsibility for settling its debts and liabilities.

CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Structure Governance and Management:

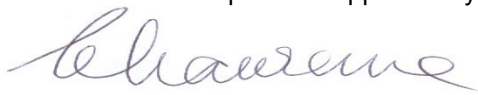
The trustees meet on a quarterly basis, with day-to-day management of the charity being delegated to the Chief Executive, Ben Gilchrist. Between meetings, Mr Gilchrist has regular support from one of the trustees, who provides financial expertise and support.

In order to ensure that the Trustees have the necessary up to date knowledge to govern the Charity, the Chair of Trustees is to instigate a programme of trustee training, delivered by suitably qualified and experienced individuals.

Connected Charity:

The Bishop of the Diocese is Chair of Shrewsbury Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust charity number 234025 and the Council of Management of The Catholic Children's Society (Shrewsbury Diocese) Incorporated, charity number 509793, company number 01400367. Caritas acquired most of the assets and undertakings of the Catholic Children's Society in December 2016 when it began to operate. Both charities have the use of property belonging to the Diocese of Shrewsbury for which no charge is made.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



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Mrs Carol Lawrence

Trustee

Dated: 12th January 2022

CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable 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 ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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 that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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 financial statements to be reached.



Simon Evans FCA
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3 Village Road
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Dated: 13 January 2022

CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds general 2021 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total Unrestricted funds general 2021 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>							
Donations and legacies	3	285,813	21,775	169,994	477,582	302,774	868,332
Charitable activities	4	50,857	-	89,564	140,421	125,332	129,052
Other trading activities	5	-	-	-	-	1,006	1,006
Investments	6	786	-	-	786	1,507	1,507
Other income	7	-	-	-	-	5,300	5,780
Total income		<u>337,456</u>	<u>21,775</u>	<u>259,558</u>	<u>618,789</u>	<u>696,190</u>	<u>1,005,677</u>
<u>Expenditure on:</u>							
Raising funds	8	<u>359</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>359</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,447</u>
Charitable activities	9	<u>307,261</u>	<u>20,545</u>	<u>190,361</u>	<u>518,167</u>	<u>251,594</u>	<u>464,531</u>
Total resources expended		<u>307,620</u>	<u>20,545</u>	<u>190,361</u>	<u>518,526</u>	<u>251,594</u>	<u>467,978</u>
Net incoming resources before transfers		<u>29,836</u>	<u>1,230</u>	<u>69,197</u>	<u>100,263</u>	<u>444,596</u>	<u>537,699</u>

CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds general 2021 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total Unrestricted funds general 2021 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £
Net incoming resources before transfers		29,836	1,230	69,197	100,263	93,103	537,699
Gross transfers between funds		53,711	1,628	(55,339)	-	(84,433)	-
Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds		83,547	2,858	13,858	100,263	8,670	537,699
Fund balances at 1 April 2020		134,488	-	551,800	686,288	22,771	148,589
Fund balances at 31 March 2021		218,035	2,858	565,658	786,551	551,800	686,288

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

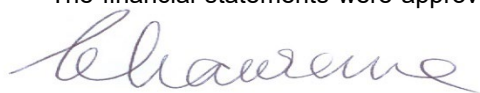
CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	14		9,809		11,908
Current assets					
Debtors	15	3,524		57,069	
Cash at bank and in hand		837,508		680,749	
		<u>841,032</u>		<u>737,818</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	<u>(64,290)</u>		<u>(63,438)</u>	
Net current assets			776,742		674,380
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>786,551</u>		<u>686,288</u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds	17		565,658		551,800
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
Designated funds	18	2,858		-	
General unrestricted funds		<u>218,035</u>		<u>134,488</u>	
			220,893		134,488
			<u>786,551</u>		<u>686,288</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 12th January 2022



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Mrs Carol Lawrence
Trustee

CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from operations	22		162,889		532,720
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(6,916)		(6,167)	
Investment income received		786		1,507	
Net cash used in investing activities			(6,130)		(4,660)
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents			156,759		528,060
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			680,749		152,689
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			837,508		680,749

CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation ('CIO') registered in England and Wales and the governing constitution is dated 22 September 2016. The address is Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury, Wheatland Lane, Wallasey, Wirral, Merseyside CH44 7ED.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income derived from activity and grants is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1.5 Expenditure

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 a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	33% on cost
Office equipment	33% on cost

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.11 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds general 2021 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Unrestricted funds general 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £
Donations and gifts	26,555	8,475	-	35,030	50,815	8,552	59,367
Legacies receivable	565	-	-	565	1,650	-	1,650
Grants receivable	258,693	13,300	169,994	441,987	250,309	557,006	807,315
	<u>285,813</u>	<u>21,775</u>	<u>169,994</u>	<u>477,582</u>	<u>302,774</u>	<u>565,558</u>	<u>868,332</u>
Donations and gifts							
Caritas at Christmas	-	8,475	-	8,475	-	7,817	7,817
Good Shepherd	1,808	-	-	1,808	15,396	-	15,396
Crib Offerings	7,162	-	-	7,162	9,742	-	9,742
Collection Boxes	6,714	-	-	6,714	13,050	-	13,050
Donations	10,871	-	-	10,871	12,627	735	13,362
	<u>26,555</u>	<u>8,475</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>35,030</u>	<u>50,815</u>	<u>8,552</u>	<u>59,367</u>

CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

3 Donations and legacies

(Continued)

Grants receivable for core activities

Denise Coates Foundation - Crewe support centre	-	-	-	-	-	545,993	545,993
Our Mission Together	250,000	-	-	250,000	250,000	-	250,000
The Zochonis Charitable Trust - St. Aidan's Centre	-	-	-	-	-	5,000	5,000
Manchester Guardian Trust - Wellbeing	-	-	-	-	-	3,000	3,000
Gubay Foundation - Crisis Grant	-	-	62,300	62,300	-	-	-
National Lottery - Coronavirus Community Support	-	-	47,310	47,310	-	-	-
CAF - Charity Resilience	-	-	21,170	21,170	-	-	-
Smallwood Trust - Refugee Project	-	-	19,273	19,273	-	-	-
Other Grants applied to Refugee & Well Projects	-	-	16,341	16,341	-	-	-
Wirral Borough Council - Covid 19 Support Grants	-	13,300	-	13,300	-	-	-
Other	8,693	-	3,600	12,293	309	3,013	3,322
	<u>258,693</u>	<u>13,300</u>	<u>169,994</u>	<u>441,987</u>	<u>250,309</u>	<u>557,006</u>	<u>807,315</u>

Gubay Foundation - Restricted fund to support the most vulnerable with financial aid towards food, energy costs and white goods. They also provided the charity with some staffing support to compensate for the reduction in donations.

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Smallwood & Others - Refugee project (Staffing costs) these were merged into the well project as it is now multi-funded.

Wirral BC - Contribution to our community support fund.

Funds received from the Denise Coates Foundation in the prior year have been received specifically for the building of a new centre in Crewe and as such treated as restricted.

Other unrestricted income above includes £7,393 of Coronavirus job retention scheme funding and other restricted income of £3,600 is in relation to Mend Minds.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

4 Charitable activities

	Schools Family Support £	Community Matters Project £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Family Support Services income	89,564	50,857	140,421	129,052
Analysis by fund				
Unrestricted funds - general	-	50,857	50,857	
Restricted funds	89,564	-	89,564	
	89,564	50,857	140,421	

For the year ended 31 March 2020

	Schools Family Support £	Community Matters Project £	Total 2021 £
Schools family support income	76,985	52,067	129,052
Analysis by fund			
Unrestricted funds - general	3,720	-	3,720
Restricted funds	73,265	52,067	125,332
	76,985	52,067	129,052

5 Other trading activities

	Total 2021 £	Unrestricted funds general 2020 £
Events	-	1,006

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

6 Investments

	Unrestricted funds general 2021 £	Unrestricted funds general 2020 £
Interest receivable	786	1,507
	<u>786</u>	<u>1,507</u>

7 Other income

	Unrestricted funds general £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Other incomes	-	-	-	5,780
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,780</u>
For the year ended 31 March 2020	<u>480</u>	<u>5,300</u>		<u>5,780</u>

8 Raising funds

	2021 £	2020 £
<u>Fundraising and publicity</u>		
Other fundraising costs	359	3,447
	<u>359</u>	<u>3,447</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

9 Charitable activities

	2021 £	2020 £
Staff costs	115,017	168,799
Volunteer expenses	1,750	212
Support Officer staff recharges from The Catholic Children's Society	25,467	24,539
Welfare activity	107,202	14,889
	<u>249,436</u>	<u>208,439</u>
Share of support costs (see note 11)	265,696	250,212
Share of governance costs (see note 11)	3,035	5,880
	<u>518,167</u>	<u>464,531</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds - general	307,261	
Unrestricted funds - designated	20,545	
Restricted funds	190,361	
	<u>518,167</u>	
For the year ended 31 March 2020		
Unrestricted funds - general		212,937
Restricted funds		251,594
		<u>464,531</u>

CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

10 Description of charitable activities

Family Support Services

During the year we have provided family support and school services in Manchester, Shrewsbury and on the Wirral.

Our school family project service offers family workers in primary and secondary schools, which enable the school to offer support to children, young people and their parents or carers. This includes emotional and practical support as well as parenting courses and strategies. Our workers are supported by a Service Manager.

During Covid we have been challenged by supporting families using other media's such as Zoom or visiting (socially distanced). Our families mental well-being was being affected due to the pandemic. Our families needed extra support and we managed to get grant monies to support the staff to continue working and support for the families. We were able to offer bereavement and counselling with the support of grants. We set up a Crisis fund, supported by Gubay, the National Lottery, CAF Resilience Fund and Wirral Borough Council so that families could apply for such things as food, heating, utility bills, white goods and clothes. We were able to extend the crisis support to other Charities.

In 2019 the Charity has become part of the @Community Matters Partnership on the Wirral, working alongside other community organisations and the Wirral Council's Early Help and Prevention Service to deliver early help to families across Wirral who are most in need.

Community Support in Manchester

The impact of lockdown resulted in a lot of local facilities closing and reducing support to communities. Despite challenges we managed to maintain the Foodbank through our St Aidan's Centre which was well received. As support Groups were forced to close, engagement continued to support the most vulnerable using technology for projects such as Mend Minds, SENSitive group and the Refugee Support.

Supporting Refugees

A weekly group was established to support ESOL English lessons which have continued through Zoom during the pandemic.

The weekly group would normally meet in the centre, this changed due to Covid and food was delivered by volunteers as a way of seeing how the clients were coping with the challenges especially the isolation and home school duties.

The project grew as we became part of team to support Asylum seekers in Manchester. Supporting people who have been placed in a local hotel with very little English, clothes or a welcome to a new place with very different culture.

All our work continues to support people who sometimes are less able to cope with what life brings them. We aim to support people so they can become more resilient, confident and feel more able to embrace life so that they can reach their potential.

CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

11 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2021 £	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2020 £
Staff costs	172,878	-	172,878	65,303	-	65,303
Depreciation	9,016	-	9,016	9,959	-	9,959
Support salary costs recharged from The Catholic Children's Society	24,636	-	24,636	78,879	-	78,879
Travel and subsistence	3,114	-	3,114	14,387	-	14,387
Other staff costs	17,632	-	17,632	20,886	-	20,886
Rent, rates and utilities	6,365	-	6,365	7,462	-	7,462
Repairs and maintenance	3,556	-	3,556	20,764	-	20,764
Other building and office costs	7,515	-	7,515	8,989	-	8,989
Computer and IT costs	5,792	-	5,792	8,440	-	8,440
Telephone costs	6,758	-	6,758	7,879	-	7,879
Printing, postage and stationery	4,166	-	4,166	4,998	-	4,998
Other support costs	4,268	-	4,268	2,266	-	2,266
Examination/Audit fees	-	1,500	1,500	-	4,200	4,200
Accountancy	-	1,500	1,500	-	1,500	1,500
Legal and professional	-	35	35	-	180	180
	<u>265,696</u>	<u>3,035</u>	<u>268,731</u>	<u>250,212</u>	<u>5,880</u>	<u>256,092</u>
Analysed between						
Charitable activities	<u>265,696</u>	<u>3,035</u>	<u>268,731</u>	<u>250,212</u>	<u>5,880</u>	<u>256,092</u>

All support costs have been allocated to charitable activities as they are incurred to support and further our core charitable activities.

12 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

13 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2021 Number	2020 Number
Charitable activities	13	12
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Employment costs	2021 £	2020 £
Wages and salaries	267,266	212,067
Social security costs	15,111	16,029
Other pension costs	5,518	6,006
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	<u>287,895</u>	<u>234,102</u>

Two employees (2020: Three) of The Catholic Children's Society (Shrewsbury Diocese) Inc are seconded to Caritas.

In addition to the direct employment costs above, there were recharges of £50,103 (2020: £103,418) during the period from The Catholic Children's Society (Shrewsbury Diocese) Inc in respect of the staff seconded to Caritas. Of this amount, £25,467 (2020: £24,539) is included in charitable activities (see note 9) and £24,636 (2020: £78,879) is included support costs.

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more.

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14 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £	Office equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2020	11,637	20,961	32,598
Additions	4,151	2,765	6,916
	<u>15,788</u>	<u>23,726</u>	<u>39,514</u>
At 31 March 2021	15,788	23,726	39,514
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 April 2020	7,280	13,409	20,689
Depreciation charged in the year	3,774	5,242	9,016
	<u>11,054</u>	<u>18,651</u>	<u>29,705</u>
At 31 March 2021	11,054	18,651	29,705
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2021	<u>4,734</u>	<u>5,075</u>	<u>9,809</u>
At 31 March 2020	<u>4,357</u>	<u>7,551</u>	<u>11,908</u>

15 Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	1,777	53,806
Prepayments and accrued income	1,747	3,263
	<u>3,524</u>	<u>57,069</u>

16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Other taxation and social security	8,799	5,319
Deferred income	33,833	32,542
Other creditors	12,044	17,685
Accruals	9,614	7,892
	<u>64,290</u>	<u>63,438</u>

CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

17 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds					Movement in funds			
	Balance at 1 April 2019	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 1 April 2020	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
School Support - Wirral	871	116,416	(129,394)	12,107	-	57,453	(48,296)	(9,157)	-
School Support - Wythenshawe	586	16,100	(81,107)	64,421	-	14,400	(11,622)	(2,778)	-
School Support - Crewe	-	2,363	(12,570)	10,207	-	-	-	-	-
School Support - Shrewsbury	-	-	-	-	-	17,711	(14,136)	(3,575)	-
School Support - Runcorn	-	2,050	(905)	(1,145)	-	-	-	-	-
Refugee Support / Well Project - Wythenshawe	5,663	450	(3,143)	(1,158)	1,812	35,614	(24,224)	(2,870)	10,332
Wythenshawe - Redecoration Project	15,000	5,000	(14,515)	-	5,485	-	-	(4,151)	1,334
Crewe Project - New Caritas support centre	-	545,993	(3,468)	-	542,525	-	-	-	542,525
Community Support Fund (moved to designated funds)	651	7,817	(6,490)	-	1,978	-	-	(1,978)	-
Charity Resilience Fund - Wirral	-	-	-	-	-	21,170	(19,035)	(2,120)	15
Community Projects - Wythenshawe	-	-	-	-	-	-	(3,000)	3,000	-
Carers Together - Wythenshawe	-	-	-	-	-	-	(112)	867	755
Mend Minds - Wythenshawe	-	-	-	-	-	3,600	(272)	731	4,059
Gubay Crisis Fund	-	-	-	-	-	62,300	(44,458)	(11,204)	6,638
Lottery Crisis Fund	-	-	-	-	-	47,310	(25,204)	(22,106)	-
	<u>22,771</u>	<u>696,189</u>	<u>(251,592)</u>	<u>84,432</u>	<u>551,800</u>	<u>259,558</u>	<u>(190,359)</u>	<u>(55,341)</u>	<u>565,658</u>

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

17 Restricted funds

(Continued)

Funds received relating to school support services in a specific area are treated as restricted.

Grant income donated for a specific purpose is also treated as restricted in a separate fund.

Gubay Foundation - Restricted fund to support the most vulnerable with financial aid towards food, energy costs and white goods. They also provided the charity with some staffing support to compensate for the reduction in donations.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

18 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds		Movement in funds			
	Incoming resources £	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
Community Support Fund	-	-	21,775	(20,545)	1,628	2,858
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,775</u>	<u>(20,545)</u>	<u>1,628</u>	<u>2,858</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,775</u>	<u>(20,545)</u>	<u>1,628</u>	<u>2,858</u>

The Community Support Fund – This fund is designed to support those most in need at the most demanding time of year.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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19 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted 2021 £	Designated 2021 £	Restricted 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Unrestricted 2020 £	Restricted 2020 £	Total 2020 £
Fund balances at 31 March 2021 are represented by:							
Tangible assets	9,809	-	-	9,809	11,908	-	11,908
Current assets/(liabilities)	208,226	2,858	565,658	776,742	122,580	551,800	674,380
	<u>218,035</u>	<u>2,858</u>	<u>565,658</u>	<u>786,551</u>	<u>134,488</u>	<u>551,800</u>	<u>686,288</u>

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20 Events after the reporting date

Subsequent to the year-end, the charity has entered into a commitment for the construction of a new Caritas Support Centre in Crewe, with the total cost expected to be £795,993. The construction contract is being managed through the Shrewsbury Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust ('Diocese of Shrewsbury').

The construction of the new centre is being funded by applying the restricted grant income from the Denise Coats Foundation of £545,993 (see note 17) and additional funding of £250,000 has been made available from the Shrewsbury Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust ('Diocese of Shrewsbury').

21 Related party transactions

Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel, excluding employer pension contributions, is as follows.

	2021 £	2020 £
Aggregate compensation	79,952	68,595

Transactions with related parties

	Seconded staff payments	
	2021 £	2020 £
Entities with control, joint control or significant influence over the company	50,103	103,418
	50,103	103,418

Staff secondment and other costs were recharged in the period from The Catholic Children's Society (Shrewsbury Diocese) Inc. Caritas has made direct salary and associated payments in respect of the seconded staff.

At the end of the period, £1,121 (2020: £3,497) was due to the charity from The Catholic Children's Society (Shrewsbury Diocese) Inc.

The £250,000 grant income received for Our Mission Together (see note 3) is from the Shrewsbury Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust, which is a related charity.

Short-term loan funding of £270,000 (2020: £50,000) has been provided to the Shrewsbury Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust during the year and £Nil (2020: £50,000) is included in debtors at the year-end. The loans of £270,000 were interest free and were fully repaid within 7 days.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

22	Cash generated from operations	2021 £	2020 £
	Surplus for the year	100,263	537,699
	Adjustments for:		
	Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(786)	(1,507)
	Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	9,016	9,959
	Movements in working capital:		
	Decrease/(increase) in debtors	53,545	(33,823)
	(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(440)	16,441
	Increase in deferred income	1,291	3,951
	Cash generated from operations	<u>162,889</u>	<u>532,720</u>
23	Analysis of changes in net funds		
	The charity had no debt during the year.		