

Charity registration number 1169317 (England and Wales)

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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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.

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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.

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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.

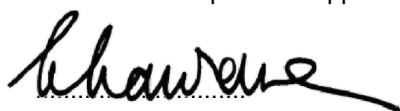
The trustees meet on a quarterly basis, with day-to-day management of the Charity being delegated to the Chief Executive (CEO). Between meetings the CEO has regular support from one of the trustees, who provides financial expertise and support. In order to ensure that the Trustees have the necessary 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.



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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

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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.

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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.

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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>

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

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>

CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

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

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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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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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.