

Charity registration number 1169676 (England and Wales)

Company registration number 07759600

SUNSHINE HOUSE WIGAN

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

SUNSHINE HOUSE WIGAN

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mr P J Fox Ms P Smith Miss C Heaton Mr P Gower S Duffy Mr M Bentley M J Conway	(Appointed 9 August 2024) (Appointed 15 November 2024) (Appointed 11 August 2025) (Appointed 29 July 2025) (Appointed 29 July 2025)
Charity number (England and Wales)	1169676	
Company number	07759600	
Registered office	Sunshine House Community Hub Wellington Street Wigan Lancashire England WN1 3SA	
Independent examiner	Fairhurst Accountants Ltd Douglas Bank House Wigan Lane Wigan Lancashire WN1 2TB	

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CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

It is with great pride that I present this Chairperson's Report, reflecting on the progress and achievements of Sunshine House over the past 12 months. This year has been one of growth, resilience, and deepened community impact. Thanks to the dedication of our staff, volunteers, trustees, partners, and supporters, Sunshine House has continued to develop as a welcoming, inclusive, and supportive hub at the heart of our community.

Strengthening Our Community Offer

Over the last year, Sunshine House has significantly strengthened and broadened its range of activities and services to meet the evolving needs of our community. We have expanded opportunities for people of all ages to connect, learn, and feel supported, with a strong focus on inclusion, wellbeing, and reducing isolation.

Key achievements include:

- **Expansion of family-focused provision**, including toddler and baby groups that provide safe, nurturing spaces for early development while offering vital peer support for parents and carers.
- **Growth in social and wellbeing activities for adults**, helping to tackle loneliness and improve physical and mental health through regular groups, creative sessions, and gentle exercise opportunities.
- **Increased engagement with older residents**, creating welcoming spaces for friendship, shared interests, and mutual support.

Supporting Wellbeing and Mental Health

Promoting wellbeing has remained central to our work. Over the past 12 months, Sunshine House has:

- Delivered regular wellbeing-focused activities designed to build confidence, resilience, and social connection.
- Provided safe, non-judgemental spaces where individuals can talk openly, feel heard, and access informal support.
- Strengthened pathways to additional help by working closely with local partners and support services.

These efforts have helped many individuals feel less isolated and more connected to their community.

Tackling Hardship and Inequality

In response to ongoing cost-of-living pressures, Sunshine House has continued to support individuals and families facing financial hardship. Over the last year we have:

- Maintained practical support initiatives that help people access essential food and household items.
- Offered advice, signposting, and encouragement to those facing difficult circumstances.
- Ensured dignity, respect, and compassion remain at the heart of all our support.

Learning, Skills, and Personal Development

We are proud of the progress made in creating opportunities for learning and personal growth. This year has seen:

- The development of skills-based and creative activities that encourage participation, confidence, and self-expression.
- Increased opportunities for volunteers to gain experience, build skills, and contribute meaningfully to community life.
- A continued focus on empowering people to move forward positively, whether into education, training, volunteering, or employment.

Partnerships and Community Engagement

Collaboration has been key to our success this year. Sunshine House has strengthened relationships with local organisations, funders, and community groups, enabling us to:

- Extend our reach and improve the quality of our services.
- Avoid duplication and ensure support is joined-up and effective.
- Build a strong reputation as a trusted and valued community organisation.

Governance and Organisational Development

The Board of Trustees has continued to provide strong governance and strategic oversight. Over the last 12 months we have:

- Reviewed and strengthened policies and procedures to ensure good governance and accountability.
- Supported the staff team through regular oversight, guidance, and strategic planning.
- Begun shaping clear plans for future development, ensuring Sunshine House remains sustainable and responsive to community need.

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CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT (CONTINUED)
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

Looking Ahead

As we look to the future, Sunshine House is well placed to build on the solid foundations laid over the past year. Our priorities remain focused on:

- Deepening our impact within the community.
- Expanding opportunities that promote wellbeing, learning, and inclusion.
- Strengthening sustainability through partnership working and effective planning.

Thanks and Appreciation

On behalf of the Board, I would like to express my sincere thanks to everyone who has contributed to Sunshine House over the past 12 months. To our staff, volunteers, trustees, funders, partners, and community members—your commitment, compassion, and belief in our work make everything we achieve possible.

Together, we continue to make Sunshine House a place of warmth, opportunity, and hope for our community.



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Peter John Fox
Chairperson

04 March 2026 | 03:37 PST
Date:

SUNSHINE HOUSE WIGAN

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' 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 governing document, the Companies Act 2006, 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

The charity's purposes are to benefit the residents of Scholes and the neighbourhood of Wigan by :-

- Providing relief for those in need, by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or another disadvantage.
- Providing support and care for those with the onset of early dementia as well as providing relief respite and for those who provide care and family support on a daily basis benefiting all parties.
- Providing training and workplace experience to assist those who are unemployed in Scholes and the wider Wigan borough area find future employment. .
- Engaging with young people and offering a training and employment provision based away from traditional education settings including building life skills that relieve financial hardship for the people of Scholes and Wigan.

All activities are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit.

Public benefit

The Trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when planning and delivering services at Sunshine House. As can be seen from the Trustee's report, activities and developments at the Centre are guided by the wishes and needs of the service users, working in collaboration with partners to ensure our service networks effectively with the statutory and voluntary sector.

Achievements and performance

The key achievements and performance has been discussed within the Chairperson's report.

Financial review

Principal funding sources

Sunshine House has received minimal grant support in this financial year, and we have not submitted any significant funding applications. We do however benefit from close working relationships with partners and those relations put us in a strong position for the future.

Our target is to be fully 'self-sustaining' and our financial investments into the centre this year are the first steps towards this goal. We are continuing to price our goods and services as affordable as possible while generating enough income to allow us to enhance our community and charitable offerings.

Reserves policy

The trustees have established a policy whereby the free reserves held by the charity should be at a level sufficient to cover up to four months running costs.

Whilst this has not been achieved in this year, the Trustees believe that the investment made in the building and promoting the benefits of Sunshine House will allow us to return to a surplus next year, thereby strengthening our reserves.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

Plans for future periods

We believe that the current management team has brought new ideas to the table which can only enhance the service that Sunshine House provides.

During 2024, the board of trustees drafted a 5-year plan for the future and the first phase of which was the new coffee shop, which we started to work on during that year and which we have continued to work on in the current year.

We now have a modern, self-sustaining offering for the community, having created a hybrid space where community groups can meet within a local café setting while providing greater resources and income to the charity.

It has also allowed us to hold more community events and activities than before, which we plan to build on during the 2026 financial year

Structure, governance and management

Constitutional policies

The company is registered as a company limited by guarantee and was incorporated on 1st September 2011.

The company had previously operated as a Community Interest Company. However on 31st August 2016 the company filed documents at Companies House in order to change its' status and on 14th October 2016 the company became registered with the Charities Commission under registered charity number 1169676.

The Articles and Memorandum of association can be located at Companies House.

The Trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr P J Fox	
Ms P Smith	
Mrs L Fox	(Resigned 16 November 2025)
Miss C Heaton	(Appointed 9 August 2024)
Mr J Holt	(Appointed 9 August 2024 and resigned 30 June 2025)
Mr P Gower	(Appointed 15 November 2024)
Mrs D Doran	(Appointed 9 August 2024 and resigned 14 January 2025)
Mr M Ryan	(Resigned 30 June 2024)
S Duffy	(Appointed 11 August 2025)
Mr M Bentley	(Appointed 29 July 2025)
M J Conway	(Appointed 29 July 2025)

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Recruitment of trustees - the Board is mindful of the overall mix of skills and experience in recruiting new trustees. Interest is normally generated through contacts and candidates are interviewed by at least two existing trustees following formal application.

New trustees receive an induction, in person from a member of the senior management team. They also receive detailed information of their legal status and new responsibilities.

Organisational structure

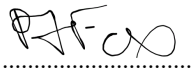
The charity is governed by the trustees, who meet at regular intervals during the year and occasional Special general meetings as and when needed.

Discussions and advice are currently being taken about transitioning the charity to a CIO.

The centre has a full-time manager who is responsible for all daily operations and business.

SUNSHINE HOUSE WIGAN
TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

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



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Mr P J Fox

Trustee

04 March 2026 | 03:37 PST

Date:

SUNSHINE HOUSE WIGAN
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF SUNSHINE HOUSE WIGAN

I report to the charity's Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Sunshine House Wigan (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and are eligible for independent examination, 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 the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the Companies Act 2006.
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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; or
- 4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.

Fairhurst

Fairhurst Accountants Ltd

Douglas Bank House

Wigan Lane

Wigan

Lancashire

WN1 2TB 04 March 2026 | 11:39 GMT

Date:

SUNSHINE HOUSE WIGAN

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	2	33,663	12,925
Charitable activities	3	362,769	233,842
Other trading activities	4	167,381	181,645
Total income		563,813	428,412
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	5	674,753	443,124
Total expenditure		674,753	443,124
Net expenditure and movement in funds		(110,940)	(14,712)
Reconciliation of funds:			
Fund balances at 1 April 2024		168,735	183,447
Fund balances at 31 March 2025		57,795	168,735

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

SUNSHINE HOUSE WIGAN
BALANCE SHEET
As At 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	11		22,176		15,898
Current assets					
Debtors	12	37,496		56,075	
Cash at bank and in hand		13,635		100,467	
		51,131		156,542	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(15,512)		(3,705)	
Net current assets			35,619		152,837
Total assets less current liabilities			57,795		168,735
The funds of the charity					
Unrestricted funds	14		57,795		168,735
			57,795		168,735

The charitable company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2025.

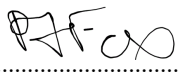
The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

04 March 2026 | 03:37 PST

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on



Mr P J Fox
Trustee

Company registration number 07759600 (England and Wales)

SUNSHINE HOUSE WIGAN
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Sunshine House Wigan is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Sunshine House Community Hub, Wellington Street, Wigan, Lancashire, WN1 3SA, England.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, 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 charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a statement of cash flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

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 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.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

SUNSHINE HOUSE WIGAN**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)****For The Year Ended 31 March 2025****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	25% on reducing balance
Computers	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 Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the test set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definitions of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income received within categories covered by Chapter 3 part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 to the extent that such income is applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Donations and gifts	12,419	4,904
Grants	19,244	8,021
Other	2,000	-
	<u>33,663</u>	<u>12,925</u>
Grants		
Brighter Borough	3,534	500
Community Engagement scheme	-	1,000
Safer Street Project	750	6,521
Learn to Earn	9,610	-
Other	5,350	-
	<u>19,244</u>	<u>8,021</u>

SUNSHINE HOUSE WIGAN**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)****For The Year Ended 31 March 2025****3 Income from charitable activities**

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Course fees		
Income	3,793	5,500
Community cafe & pantry		
Income	341,530	214,776
SMILE - Community day care		
Income	17,446	13,566
	<u>362,769</u>	<u>233,842</u>

4 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Shop income	38,435	42,694
Other income	128,946	138,951
Other trading activities	<u>167,381</u>	<u>181,645</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Costs of activities in furtherance of the charity's objects 2025 £	Costs of activities in furtherance of the charity's objects 2024 £
Direct costs		
Depreciation and impairment	6,702	4,023
Hire of plant & machinery	5,143	4,851
Other operating leases	1,905	5,645
Rates & water	997	643
Insurance	596	2,555
Light & heat	8,304	8,713
Telephone	4,977	3,218
Postage & stationery	2,878	1,113
Cleaning	8,112	5,819
Repairs & renewals	111,075	44,827
Subcontractor costs	316,234	186,593
Purchases & materials	193,489	154,079
Travel & subsistence	1,670	1,619
Computer related costs	3,210	1,505
Sundries	3,009	15,248
	<u>668,301</u>	<u>440,451</u>
Share of support and governance costs (see note 6)		
Support	1,741	692
Governance	4,711	1,981
	<u>674,753</u>	<u>443,124</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	<u>674,753</u>	<u>443,124</u>

6 Support costs allocated to activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Finance	1,741	692
Governance costs	4,711	1,981
	<u>6,452</u>	<u>2,673</u>
Analysed between:		
Costs of activities in furtherance of the charity's objects	<u>6,452</u>	<u>2,673</u>

SUNSHINE HOUSE WIGAN**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)****For The Year Ended 31 March 2025**

7	Net movement in funds	2025	2024
		£	£
	The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
	Fees payable to the charity's independent examiner:		
	- for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	3,120	1,920
	- for other financial services	826	61
	Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	6,702	4,023
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>

8 Trustees

Please see note 15 for details of payments made to 1 Trustee for services rendered to the Charity during the year.

No other Trustee received any remuneration or other benefit during this year.

9 Employees

The charity had no employees during this financial year (2024 - Nil).

10 Taxation

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

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings	Computers	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 April 2024	80,108	13,356	93,464
Additions	12,979	-	12,979
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
At 31 March 2025	93,087	13,356	106,443
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 April 2024	64,209	13,356	77,565
Depreciation charged in the year	6,702	-	6,702
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
At 31 March 2025	70,911	13,356	84,267
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2025	22,176	-	22,176
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
At 31 March 2024	15,898	-	15,898
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

SUNSHINE HOUSE WIGAN**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)****For The Year Ended 31 March 2025****12 Debtors**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	34,458	53,037
Prepayments and accrued income	3,038	3,038
	<u>37,496</u>	<u>56,075</u>

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	13,652	1,845
Accruals and deferred income	1,860	1,860
	<u>15,512</u>	<u>3,705</u>

14 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	At 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£
General funds	168,735	563,813	(674,753)	57,795
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Previous year:	At 1 April 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£
General funds	183,447	428,412	(443,124)	168,735
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

15 Related party transactions

Included within subcontractors costs are transactions amounting to £14,329 have been paid to Mrs L Fox for services rendered whilst she was a trustee of the charity

16 Liability of trustees

The liability of the trustees is limited to a sum not exceeding £10, being the amount that each member undertakes to contribute to the assets of the charity in the event of its being wound up.