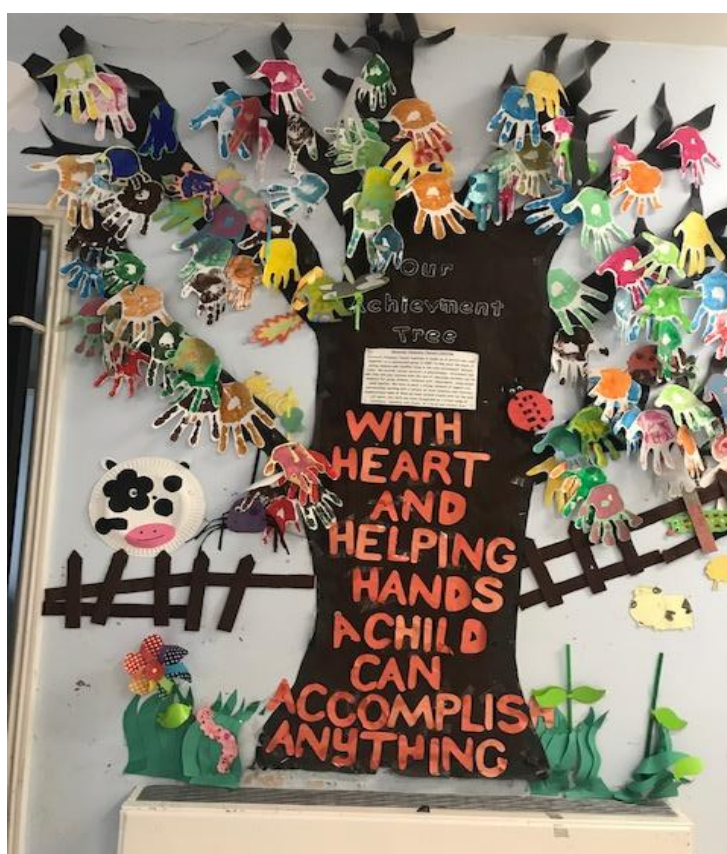


**Dovecote Voluntary Parent
Committee
Annual Report
2024 – 2025**

Registered Charity No: 1172048



Why Dovecote Children & Families Project is Important

There are very few initiatives engaging with families in Greater Leys. The Dovecote centre is based in the centre of the estate is the only provider of out of school play facilities for young children and children with disabilities aged 4 to 10 years old, along with being the only provider of these schemes for children aged 4 to 8 across the Leys estate.

As a community-driven initiative, we're grateful for the flexibility to adapt and serve the diverse needs of the Leys community. Our holistic approach offers comprehensive services, fostering trust and deep connections with local residents. By providing affordable solutions and drawing in passionate individuals dedicated to enhancing community life, we strive to create a thriving and inclusive environment for all.

Achievements to Date

At the heart of our actions lies the principle of actively engaging and consulting with children, young people, and families. Our primary goal is to optimize the utilization of the Dovecote, a cherished community asset. We envision the Dovecote as a dynamic and enjoyable local hub, owned and cherished by the community it serves, enriching the lives of all who interact with it

Our project is centered on providing children, including those with disabilities, young people, and families, with accessible, high-quality, safe, and inclusive play and social opportunities that may otherwise be unavailable to them. In 1996, during the establishment of the first phase of the new estate, thorough consultation with local residents highlighted the pressing need for stay-and-play sessions, out-of-school play facilities, and family social and parenting support groups. This feedback culminated in the formation of the Dovecote Voluntary Parent Management Committee, comprising local parents dedicated to founding the Dovecote Children & Families project. This initiative is led and managed by the Dovecote Voluntary Parent Committee, a formally constituted group. Their commitment and dedication have enabled the project to thrive, creating many new and exciting opportunities for children and families to enjoy for the past 29 years. To date, our project has provided support to over 4,500 families

Volunteers are indispensable to the success of our project, playing a vital role in its operation. Their dedication and commitment are the essence of our initiative; without them, our project simply would not exist. To ensure accessibility and affordability for all families in the Leys, we offer all activities at below-cost.

It's incredibly rewarding to see the growth and development of young children through our programs. Many of them have transitioned from users to dedicated volunteers within our project. Some have even pursued further training to become qualified play workers, contributing to our holidays schemes and eventually embarking on careers in childcare.

Our current board of trustees includes a remarkable young lady who was once a user of Dovecote services from the age of 4. She now serves as a valued member of our board of Trustees, bringing invaluable firsthand insight and dedication to the project



Project Management

We the Dovecote Voluntary Parent Trustees receive regular reports and updates from the Children & Families Services Manager Carol Richards. We hold approximately five to six business meeting per year along with training and informal meetings taking place when required. Trustees are elected at our Annual General Meeting. Annual accounts are prepared by a qualified accountant and signed off at our AGM. Day to day activities of the project is managed and developed in consultation with the committee by the Children & Families Services Manager Children and young people play a lead role in the planning and development of Dovecote Children & Families project. We also employ two part-time afterschool club play workers and have a good bank of regular seasonal play staff.



Vision, Mission and Values

OUR VISION – *A world where all children and young people are equal*

OUR MISSION – *provide services, support and opportunities that support the Improvement of the descending spiral of deprivation and inequality, setting a path for lasting growth*

OUR VALUES – *We pride ourselves in giving a safe and welcoming environment in order to give our users the ability to development themselves and break the cycle of and the cycle of undesirable peer pressure.*



Our Contact Details

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Office Hours

Monday 8.30 am until 3 pm

Tuesday 2 pm until 5 pm

Wednesday & Thursday 8.30 am until 5 pm

Trustees

Rachel Partlett – Chairperson; Amie Prior – Secretary; Jessica Brain, Tara Collier, Craig Logan

Dovecote Team

Carol Richards:

Children & Families Services Co-ordinator

Sharon Bishop

Play Assistant

Delvise Saunders

Play Assistant

Vikki Crawford

Play Co-ordinator

Along with a range of seasonal staff throughout the year

Volunteers

Del Saunders, Alison Logan

Mr Peter J Stevenson, MA FCA, has independently examined our accounts



Chairs Report

Welcome everyone and thank you for attending this year's AGM.

I am pleased to present our annual report for 2024-2025.

As we wrap up another successful year for our project, we take a moment to reflect on the progress made possible through the generous support of the National Lottery Community Fund. This funding has empowered us to focus on groundbreaking initiatives, rebuild relationships with key partners and organizations, and cultivate new collaborations. We are thankful for the opportunities that have allowed us to extend our reach and enhance our impact within the community.

Central to our work is a steadfast commitment to amplifying the voices and addressing the needs of vulnerable young people, families, and children. We prioritize their experiences and insights from our partners to guide the evolution of our services and drive meaningful change.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all the Trustees who continue to dedicate their time, support, and oversight to the Charity's work. Their unwavering commitment is invaluable, and without their support, our project would not be possible.

On behalf of the entire team, I would like to extend our deepest thanks to all of our supporters and partners for their continued dedication over the past year.

Treasurers Report

2024/25 financial accounts have been prepared by our long-standing accountant Peter J Stevenson MA FCA

As in previous years, our focus during this reporting period has been on identifying and funding inspiring initiatives that make a positive difference in the lives of children, young people, and families. The ongoing cost-of-living crisis has undoubtedly posed challenges for all children and young people across the UK, with those already facing disadvantages experiencing even greater hardship

Secretary

This report highlights the journey of our Dovecote team and Trustees, illustrating our creativity and innovative approach in maintaining our vital presence for children, young people, and families who depend on our support.

What distinguishes our project is our deep commitment to learning from the lived experiences and voices of local residents, along with the inspiring stories and insights of young people. We use these perspectives to address challenges proactively, working to ensure that other families and young individuals do not face similar hardships.

The past few years have undoubtedly been some of the most challenging for our project, but I couldn't be prouder of the work we do and the community we serve. Looking to the future, we are fully aware of the scope of what lies ahead. With a bold vision, clear strategy, and a team of incredibly dedicated individuals, we are ready to tackle the challenges before us. We invite you to join us as we work toward creating a society that meets the needs of every child, young person, and family.



Afterschool Club

Children attending Dovecote afterschool club have access to a variety of activities and opportunities;

- team games - communication and leadership skills, cooperation, friendship
- Art and crafts –creativity, imagination, fine motor skills
- Outdoor risky play, (many of the children reside in flats)
- Offsite trips – develop both mentally and physically, social awareness, keep healthy
- Activities that supported learning and development -, sensory play, baking, and much more - nurture curiosity, increase confidence to try new things, learn new skills purpose-built sensory room and garden provides therapeutic play

Children are provided with healthy snacks throughout the session, along with toast, a selection of toppings, and a treat such as a biscuit or cake

After-school clubs are incredibly important for children growing up in poverty, as they often don't have access to similar opportunities outside of these spaces. More than just a place for fun and socializing, these clubs are key in boosting focus and academic performance. By providing a variety of activities, they support children's social, physical, and creative development, helping to build essential skills and learning habits that can benefit them in their studies



Holiday Playschemes

These programs continue to be in high demand, particularly during the summer months. Children and young people aged 4 to 10 who participated in our initiatives had the chance to engage in a wide range of activities, opportunities, and experiences that are often out of reach for them.

Example of activities and experiences on offer to support children's learning at develop are:

- team games - communication and leadership skills, cooperation, friendship and social skills
- art and crafts – improve coordination, visual processing abilities, creativity, imagination, fine motor skills along with supporting children to express themselves
- music/ drama workshops– greater confidence, fun, increase awareness of what they can achieve.
- outdoor risky play, (many of the children reside in flats), offsite trips – develop both mentally and physically, social awareness, keep healthy,
- science activities, sensory play and much more - nurture curiosity, increase confidence to try new things, learn new skills
- purpose built sensory room and garden provides therapeutic play
- Free play, an important role to a child's emotional growth. It supports children to take and manage risk and overcome challenge. Which in turn helps build self-esteem and confidence

- Cooking activities, encourage reading, following directions, measuring along with fine motors skills hand coordination

A massive thank you to all the staff for delivering an incredibly fun, safe, and successful scheme

Stay & Play

Despite many of our regular children moving on to nursery in September, our stay-and-play sessions remain busy, with Wednesday sessions being the busiest. As the weather improves, we look forward to utilizing the outdoor garden more, which will allow us to offer high-quality outdoor activities and experiences.

We continue to support new mums, dads and grandparents. For them, sessions offer an opportunity to meet new people which in turn supports them to overcome the feeling of loneliness, isolation and much more. We also support parents suffering with anxiety and depression. Our Little Doves messenger group serves as a valuable source of support for parents. Within our community, we're fortunate to have experienced grandmothers who actively participate in our sessions, offering exceptional encouragement and support to younger moms and dads. What is the saying "It really does take a village to raise a child"

Sessions provide the following;

- A place where children are able to explore and play safely.
- A place where children learn from having fun. Our sessions offer a wide-range of play activities and educational toys to assist children's developmental needs.
- Sessions provide local families with access to a wide variety of activities and opportunities
- Sessions offer fun outdoor play experience and exploring outside is keenly encouraged
- Sessions include free-play, messy play, arts and crafts sensory play in our sensory room. Opportunities and experiences on offer help children by; encouraging speech and language, encouraging sharing and turn-taking and exploring new and exciting activities.



Working in partnership with parents is central to the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) and it is widely acknowledged that developing successful relationships between parents and providers can have long-lasting and beneficial effects on children's learning and wellbeing

Research has found that 'Stay and Play' sessions where parents and their children play and learned songs, are linked to small but significant reductions in parenting stress, improvements in mothers' health, and better learning environments in the children's own homes.

Partnership Work

We have been successful in establishing new partnerships with Reducing the Risk, Domestic Abuse Services, the community platform, and the Oxford County Council Warm Spaces initiative. Additionally, we've reached out to Thames Valley Police and A2 Dominion Domestic Abuse Services, who will collaborate with us in developing services to support victims of domestic abuse. These partnerships will enhance our ability to provide crucial resources and assistance to those in need within our community. We've also formed three new partnerships with Oxford City Council, Garbbott (Specialist Web & Ecommerce Development), and Oxford University, working together set up and develop a new community website for Blackbird Leys, called 'Leys Engine'.

Strengthening of partnership work continued throughout the year with the following partners; CDI project, Migrant Children Together Project, Oxford Hub, Oxfordshire County Council HAF (Holiday Activities Funding) Team, Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Oxfordshire, Seesaw, local Schools and Blap - Blackbird Leys Adventure.

Developments

The security of lottery funding has been transformative for our project. Over the past year, it has allowed us to concentrate on what truly matters—developing the project, building partnerships, and re-engaging with vulnerable families. Without this crucial support, these essential aspects would have been at risk. Instead, our focus would have shifted entirely to the project's survival, with time-consuming fundraising applications taking priority over meaningful work.

Further development for our project this year was a launch of our SKIP (Senior & Kids Intergenerational project) project. We delivered a pilot project in September with the official launch of the project taking place Thursday 6th February 2025. We had a good attendance on the day of the launch. We are working closely with CDI to engage with more elderly residents

This scheme is being delivered in partnership with the Leys CDI over 55's project. A pilot of this unique intergenerational initiative was conducted from June to August this year. Feedback and consultation gathered during the pilot phase led to the official launch of the project on Thursday, November 7th, 2024. Sessions will take place every Thursday during term time, from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm. The need for, and the benefits of, intergenerational activities have been recognized as a vital support for the local community's health and well-being. Many local juniors and seniors lack interaction with younger or older generations in their lives. By bringing these two groups together, the sessions aim to reduce isolation and loneliness, enhance education, and promote the proven sense of happiness that arises from intergenerational connections.



Future Planned Developments 2025-2026

For over 28 years, project users and community groups have been at the heart of our development. Involving them in the design, delivery, and management of services has ensured that we address locally identified needs, rather than adhering to externally imposed priorities. This approach has been key to the effectiveness and success of our project.

Our experience has shown that face-to-face interactions are the most effective way to gather meaningful feedback. Taking the time to explain the importance of evaluation, guiding families through the process, and genuinely listening to their perspectives makes a significant impact. This practice has shaped the direction of our project, deepening our understanding of the community.

The insights we've gained have enriched our knowledge of what works, revealing how both individual and collective outcomes can transform families, neighbourhoods, and future opportunities. Looking ahead, this user-centred approach will continue to guide our efforts in creating positive, lasting change

Walking bus services from the other two main primary schools. Increase access for working for low-income families and single parents to local affordable local childcare

Development of SKIP project

Training for staff and volunteers

Creation and development of Domestic Abuse support services for local families

Empowering more local residents to become more involved with our project

Securing the long-term sustainability of Dovecote Children & Families project

Lessons learnt

My belief is that community projects have the power to teach invaluable life lessons. They help support a deeper understanding of humanity, generosity, work ethic, empathy, acceptance, faith, humility, and kindness

- Relationships, relationships, relationships. These are what are important
- Importance of supporting Trustees, staff and volunteers.
- Delegate tasks appropriately and enforce realistic deadlines. ...
- Importance of listening, really listening
- The importance of consistency of services
- The instrumental role of new partnerships and the continues firming up of existing partners
- The importance and value of multiple information sources to share and receive
- The importance of continuously reassessing project delivery to meet the evolving needs of a vulnerable community, while addressing gaps in existing service provisions

What has not gone well

Feedback and observation have shown that the cost-of-living crisis is still having a huge negative impact on families and children's physical and mental health. Many families are continuing to face high levels of anxiety and depression, which are negatively affecting their children. The lasting impact of COVID-19 and the shift to remote work continues to fuel frustration among staff. The inability to engage in face-to-face interactions, particularly with housing officers, remains a major source of frustration and is negatively affecting their mental health. As a result, many residents are feeling disconnected, unsupported, and, in some cases, abandoned.

Funding

See attached 2024/2025 financial report prepared by Peter Stevens, MA FCA

Reserves Policy of the Dovecote Voluntary Parent Committee

The purpose of the Reserves Policy for Dovecote Voluntary Parent Committee is to ensure the stability of our charity, services, employment, and ongoing operations of the organization and to provide a source of internal funds for organizational priorities such as employer's liabilities and project operational liabilities should the project be faced with winding up.

Steps taken to establish our level of reserve:

In order to make a judgment on the amount of reserve Trustees have considered the risks in respect of expenditure, unrestricted income and where appropriate restricted income. Trustees have also taken into consideration current external identified potential major risks to income and expenditure during the year ahead. A risk assessment has been undertaken for the period 2024/25 and the following has been determined:

- * Limited funding sources available
- * Level of employer's liability

How Did We Set Our Reserves Level

Appropriate level of reserves was set taking the following into consideration:

- a) discussion with manager, treasurer and trustees;
- b) analysis of cash flow;
- c) analysis of existing funds and reserves;
- d) review of future income streams with an assessment of their reliability;
- e) review of committed expenditure;
- f) examining the likely changes in funding/donations;
- g) assessment of how your charity may cope with changes in income;
- h) studying the likely effects on the beneficiaries;
- i) assessment of the risks facing the charity, and how likely these are to materialise;
- j) forecasting levels of income in future years (taking into account the reliability of each source of income, and the prospects for opening up new sources);
- k) forecasting expenditure in future years on the basis of planned activities;
- l) analysis of project organisational liabilities, contingencies or risks; and assessment of the likelihood of each of those needs arising, and the potential consequences for our charity not being able to meet them;
- m) charity income being volatile in nature and currently has high liabilities;
- n) charity is working on some financial difficulties it is facing;
- o) current climate charity is faced with, really threat of insolvency;

The reserves we have set aside ensure that our charity can cover all liabilities incurred if funding to continue the project is not secured. We intend to maintain our reserves at a level that is at least equivalent to three months' worth of project wind-down costs, as well as employer's and organizational liabilities, such as office expenses, asset disposal, and the storage of legal documents and confidential information.

Acknowledgements:

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all individuals, groups, and organisations whose contributions have been instrumental in sustaining the success of the Dovecote Children & Families projects throughout the past year. Your unwavering assistance and support have been indispensable in enabling the Dovecote Voluntary Parent Committee to uphold its mission of providing high-quality, affordable play experiences and opportunities for children, including those with disabilities, as well as young people and families residing in one of Europe's largest social housing estates.

Finally

We extend immense gratitude to all our staff for their outstanding dedication in creating a fun, happy, friendly, welcoming, secure, challenging, and stimulating environment for the children.", young people and families of the Leys!

ALSO, A MASSIVE BIG THANKS TO:

Trustees and wonderful volunteers who help make

Dovecote Children & Families project happen

Funders for their valuable support

Peter Stevenson for examining the accounts

*Dovecote users, parents, carers and children and young people who
make it all worthwhile 😊😊*

Reaching Communities Lottery Community Fund



Oxford Food Hub

Oxford County Council HAF - Holiday Activities Funding

Peabody Housing Group

Garbott Specialist Web Agency

Well Together



DOVECOTE VOLUNTARY PARENT COMMITTEE CIO

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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Registered Charity No: 1172048

DOVECOTE VOLUNTARY PARENT COMMITTEE CIO
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

TRUSTEES

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Craig Logan

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DOVECOTE VOLUNTARY PARENT COMMITTEE CIO

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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

Charitable Status

Dovecote Voluntary Parent Committee is a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) registered in England, number 1172048.

Trustees

The Trustees who have held office at any point during the period ended 31 March 2025 and to the date of this report are as follows:

| | |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| Rachel Partlett (Chair) | Jessica Brain |
| Amie Prior (Secretary) | Tara Collier |
| | Craig Logan |

Structure, Governance and Management

The Committee was originally established under a Constitution adopted in 2007. The charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) formed in 2017 acquired the assets and liabilities of the former unincorporated body.

Additional trustees may be appointed by the Committee; all new trustees are offered appropriate training in order to fulfil their role.

Objectives and activities

The object of the charity is to provide facilities for the daily care, recreation and education of children during out of school hours and school holidays.

The charity also aims to advance the education and training of persons in the provision of such care, education and recreational facilities.

Achievements and performance

Thanks to a major 3-year grant from the Lottery Fund, the charity has been able to expand its activities greatly, and to develop further its plans for broadening its appeal and relevance within the local community. In the past year it has attracted grants and donations totalling £117,337 for its core work, including £86,233 from National Lottery under the Reaching Communities programme; their year runs from January to December.

In total, £73,370 of Restricted Funds has been carried forward for use in 2025/26.

Full details of achievements and future plans may be found on the charity's website.

Public benefit

The Trustees of the charity have had due regard both to the objectives of the charity, as set out above, and also to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission, in exercising their powers and duties. All activities are undertaken in furtherance of the charity's objects, as outlined above.

Risk management

The principal risks the charity may face are perceived to be inadequate future funding and the possibility of safeguarding issues arising in the children's activities. To mitigate these risks, more than sufficient future funding has been secured in the short term, and appropriate safeguarding measures have been put in place.

DOVECOTE VOLUNTARY PARENT COMMITTEE CIO

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025 (continued)**

Financial Review

Income for the year totalled £128,475 (2024 £124,218) and expenditure £93,031 (2024 £94,289). The net surplus of £35,444 (2024 £29,929) has been added to the fund balances, resulting in reserves carried forward of £222,426 of which £73,370 (2024 £49,214) were restricted funds and £75,000 (2024 £65,000) were funds designated for redundancy costs in the event of the charity being wound up.

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operation for at least 12 months from the date of signing this report, and have therefore continued to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Plans for Future Periods

With the Reaching Communities support, the charity plans to develop further its partnership and outreach work, and to provide more offsite facilities for local families. It will develop and expand its holiday playscheme and its specialist facilities, whilst maintaining its core services, as described on the charity's website.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the Trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under charity law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently; make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

So far as the Trustees are aware, there is no relevant information (information needed by the independent examiner in connection with preparing his report) of which the charity's examiner is unaware, and each Trustee has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken in order to make himself aware of any relevant information and to establish that the examiner is aware of that information.

Independent Examiner

Peter J Stevenson has signified his willingness to continue in office and a resolution to re-appoint him as examiner will be proposed at the forthcoming annual general meeting.

Approved by the Trustees on 13 May 2025

And signed by order of the Trustees by



Amie Prior
Trustee and Secretary

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Dovecote Voluntary Parent Committee CIO

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025, which are set out on pages 5 to 9.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. You consider that the audit requirement of section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply, and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to state on the basis of Procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145 of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanation from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act

have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Peter J. Stevenson

Peter J. Stevenson

Flat 25, Cherwell Court,
Banbury Road,
Kidlington
OX5 2BG

Date: 13th May 2025

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

| | Restricted Funds £ | Unrestricted Funds £ | 2025 Totals £ | 2024 Totals £ |
|--|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| INCOME | | | | |
| Grants and donations | 117,187 | 257 | 117,444 | 109,164 |
| Activities for generating funds: Fees and hirings | 0 | 9,971 | 9,971 | 12,812 |
| Other income | | | | |
| Refunds | 0 | 959 | 959 | 1,686 |
| Interest | 0 | 101 | 101 | 556 |
| TOTAL INCOME | 117,187 | 11,288 | 128,475 | 124,218 |
| EXPENDITURE (Note 3) | | | | |
| Fundraising and publicity | 5,859 | 0 | 5,859 | 5,785 |
| Charitable activities | | | | |
| Staff costs | 71,259 | 0 | 71,259 | 68,080 |
| Activity costs | 10,970 | 0 | 10,970 | 15,330 |
| Property costs | 2,565 | 0 | 2,565 | 3,155 |
| Office costs | 1,084 | 0 | 1,084 | 804 |
| Professional fees | 1,294 | 0 | 1,294 | 1,135 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE | 93,031 | 0 | 93,031 | 94,289 |
| NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS | 24,156 | 11,288 | 35,444 | 29,929 |
| Funds b/f at 1st April 2024 | 49,214 | 137,768 | 186,982 | 157,053 |
| Total funds c/f at 31st March 2025 | £73,370 | £149,056 | £222,426 | £186,982 |

The notes on page 3 form part of these accounts.

All activities are continuing; there are no gains and losses other than those recognised through the Statement of Financial Activities.


BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2025

| | Note | 2025 £ | 2024 £ |
|----------------------------|------|------------------------|------------------------|
| FIXED ASSETS | | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | |
| Debtors and prepayments | 4 | 500 | 1,120 |
| Bank deposit accounts | | 88,483 | 86,157 |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | <u>134,853</u> | <u>100,985</u> |
| | | 223,836 | 188,262 |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES | 5 | | |
| Creditors | | <u>1,410</u> | <u>1,280</u> |
| NET CURRENT ASSETS | | <u>222,426</u> | <u>186,982</u> |
| NET ASSETS | | <u>£222,426</u> | <u>£186,982</u> |
| FUND BALANCES | | | |
| Restricted funds | 6 | 73,370 | 49,214 |
| Designated funds | | 75,000 | 65,000 |
| Other unrestricted funds | | <u>74,056</u> | <u>72,768</u> |
| | | <u>£222,426</u> | <u>£186,982</u> |

NB Designated funds represent a provision for redundancy costs
in the event of the charity being wound up

These accounts were approved by the Management Committee on 13 May 2025

SIGNED: 
Rachel Partlett

SIGNED: 
Amie Prior

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

1. Basis of accounting

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). The statements should be read in conjunction with the accompanying Annual Report. All the assets and liabilities of the former unincorporated body were transferred in at 1st April 2017.

2. Accounting policies

(a) **Income** is included in the SoFA when:

the entity becomes entitled to the resources, it is probable that the income will be received, and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

(b) **Liabilities** are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the entity to pay out resources.

3. Expenditure

Expenditure includes the Independent Examiner's fee £500 (2024 £500); no trustees were paid or committee expenses reimbursed (2024 NIL), and there were no related party transactions in either year. No employees' emoluments exceeded £60,000 in either year; the average number of employees was 6 (2024: 6).

4. Debtors

| | 2025 £ | 2024 £ |
|----------------------|-------------|---------------|
| Payments in advance: | | |
| Insurance | 500 | 500 |
| Payroll services | 0 | 620 |
| | £500 | £1,120 |

5. Creditors

| | | |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|
| HM Revenue & Customs | 0 | 0 |
| Other creditors | 1,410 | 1,280 |
| | £1,410 | £1,280 |

6. Restricted funds

The restricted fund surplus represents the unexpended balance of fund monies at year-end.

7. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue operating for the foreseeable future. Under all scenarios reviewed the charity has sufficient reserves to continue operating as a going concern for at least 12 months from the date of signing this report, and consequently has adopted this basis in preparing the accounts.

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

FOR COMPARATIVE PURPOSES

| | Restricted Funds £ | Unrestricted Funds £ | 2024 Totals £ |
|---|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| INCOME | | | |
| Grants and donations | 107,799 | 1,365 | 109,164 |
| Activities for generating funds: | | | |
| Fees and hirings | 0 | 12,812 | 12,812 |
| Other income | | | |
| Refunds | 0 | 1,686 | 1,686 |
| Interest | 0 | 556 | 556 |
| TOTAL INCOME | 107,799 | 16,419 | 124,218 |
| EXPENDITURE | | | |
| Fundraising and publicity | 4234 | 1,551 | 5,785 |
| Charitable activities | | | |
| Staff costs | 68,080 | 0 | 68,080 |
| Activity costs | 15,330 | 0 | 15,330 |
| Property costs | 3,155 | 0 | 3,155 |
| Office costs | 0 | 804 | 804 |
| Professional fees | 0 | 1,135 | 1,135 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE | 90,799 | 3,490 | 94,289 |
| NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS | 17,000 | 12,929 | 29,929 |
| Funds b/f at 1st April 2023 | 32,214 | 124,839 | 157,053 |
| Total funds c/f at 31st March 2024 | £49,214 | £137,768 | £186,982 |

DETAILED INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

| | 2024/25 | | 2023/24 | |
|---|---------|-----------------|---------|-----------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| INCOME | | | | |
| Fees and rentals | | 7,501 | | 10,342 |
| Refunds | | 959 | | 1,686 |
| Restricted grants: | | | | |
| Oxon CC/Oxford City: holiday funding | | 19,669 | | 9,413 |
| Together Wellbeing | | 11,286 | | 0 |
| Blackbird Leys Parish Council | | 0 | | 500 |
| Reaching Communities: Lottery Fund | | 86,232 | | 91,727 |
| Other grants in 2023/24 | | <u>0</u> | | <u>6,159</u> |
| | | 117,187 | | 107,799 |
| Unrestricted grants and donations: | | | | |
| Various | | 257 | | 1,365 |
| Building Management fees | | 2,470 | | 2,470 |
| Bank interest | | 101 | | 556 |
| TOTAL INCOME | | £128,475 | | £124,218 |
| EXPENDITURE | | | | |
| Wages | | 34,392 | | 31,248 |
| Training, travel and subsistence | | 867 | | 832 |
| Services Coordinator: salary | | 36,000 | | 36,000 |
| Fundraising fee | | 5,859 | | 5,295 |
| Equipment, workshops & trips | | 8,370 | | 14,851 |
| Rent | | 2,600 | | 2,600 |
| Insurance | | 555 | | 555 |
| Sensory garden refurbishment | | 2,010 | | 0 |
| Accountancy and bookkeeping | | 500 | | 550 |
| Payroll charges | | 620 | | 585 |
| Inspection and DBS check fees | | 174 | | 479 |
| Telephone (inc. insurance) | | 653 | | 644 |
| Advertising | | 0 | | 490 |
| Miscellaneous | | 431 | | 160 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE | | £93,031 | | £94,289 |
| SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR | | £35,444 | | £29,929 |