



**AID BOX COMMUNITY**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

Charity Number 1172697

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Charity Name	Aid Box Community		
Charity Number	1172697		
Registered office	174b Cheltenham Rd, Montpelier, Bristol, BS6 5RE		
Trustees	Trustees holding office over the reporting period and newly appointed Trustees:		
	Richard Annandale	Trustee	22.10.20
		Chair from	01.02.22
	Gillian Nineham	Trustee	13.10.18
	Irene Zikusoka	Trustee	22.10.20
	Clare McKeown	Trustee	16.06.22
	Mariia Burlaka	Trustee	23.01.24
	Shelly Ann Deonarine	Trustee	01.01.24
	Patricia Ogri	Trustee	23.01.24
	Thomas Fallows	Trustee	01.05.24
	Joanna Killick	Trustee	23.07.24
	Peter Kent	Trustee to	13.10.24
	Lucy Middelboe	Trustee	14.10.24
Key Personnel	Imogen McIntosh	Founder and Director of Strategy	
	Clare Chislett	Director of Operations left on 10.06.25	
Bankers	Lloyds Bank Victoria Branch 98 Victoria Street London SW1E 5JL		
Independent Examiner	Joanne Trowbridge MAAT Bristol Community Accountants CIC The Park, Daventry Road, Bristol BS4 1DQ		

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## CHAIR'S REVIEW

In their response to our latest annual survey, 100% of participants said that ABC made them feel happier.

**"I WAS SO LONELY AND HOPELESS. NOW I FEEL SO MUCH BETTER. THANK YOU."**

**"THEY TREAT US LIKE FAMILY — A VERY  
LOVELY FAMILY"**

**"I DON'T FEEL LIKE I AM BEING  
IMAGINARY"**

Over the past year, over 4,000 people, both individuals and families, benefited from our Free Shop and Welcome Hub, with 9,524 recorded visits, and more than 580 people joined our support groups and community trips.

Our Connections Programme, now in its fifth year, has matched 400 people in meaningful friendships. We have distributed well over 414,000 essential items through our Free Shop, most of which were donated, recycled, and rehomed.

We also provided almost 4,500 bus tickets to help people access our services and supported 53 individuals through our Crisis Fund with direct emergency financial aid. Our newly launched Get Help page has already received nearly 2,000 views.

This vital work has only been possible thanks to our amazing 351 volunteers who gave their time and energy to ABC. From our end-of-year survey, 89% of respondents said ABC had made a positive impact on their, and their families', lives.

*"When you don't understand what the future holds, it's scary. But when there's real help, you feel more confident. Problems become less overwhelming. Thank you, Aid Box Community."*  
— Service user, annual survey

All of this was achieved while we searched for a new home for our services. We are delighted to share the news that a new location has been secured, and we look forward to settling into our new home soon.

### Responding to a Changing Landscape

The past year brought significant challenges in the refugee sector. The coming into law of the Rwanda Act caused fear and uncertainty, with many people receiving deportation notices. In August, we witnessed far-right violence across the UK including in Bristol, sparking large counter-protests and deeply affecting our community. Since then, there has been a worrying rise in Islamophobic and racist incidents both locally and nationally.

However, with the change in government came the repeal of the Rwanda Act and an acceleration in asylum claim processing. This has led to increased dispersal of people to Bristol and greater movement in and out of the city, impacting our services and requiring us to adapt quickly to meet shifting needs.

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**"I FEEL A DEEP LONGING FOR MY FAMILY AND MY COUNTRY.  
SPENDING TIME WITH YOU MAKES ME FEEL BETTER."**

## Staffing Update

Over the past year, our team has continued to grow in strength and impact. We now have 11 part-time staff members, equivalent to 5.6 full-time roles. Each team member brings passion, skills, and expertise that ensure our work is delivered to the highest standards and that ABC remains sustainable and resilient.

In the summer of 2025, Clare Chislett will be stepping down from her role as Director of Operations. Clare has been an integral part of ABC, co-leading the charity since 2021. Her compassion, dedication, and generosity have left a lasting mark on our team and our community. We will miss her greatly. Clare has been involved with ABC since its inception, first as a volunteer and then as vital member of our staff team, and her spirit will always remain at the heart of our charity.

As we prepare to move into larger premises, we've made some changes to our staffing structure. This has created exciting new opportunities for existing team members, and we are also delighted to welcome John Aguirre as our new Operations Manager. Imogen McIntosh, our founder and Director, will continue to lead the charity.

**"ABC HELP US TO LOOK BEAUTIFUL AND KEEP US WARM FROM THE COLD"**

## Volunteers - 351 people dedicated their time

We cannot express enough our gratitude to all our fantastic volunteers who donated 23,426 hours of their time. As in previous years, the warmth, loyalty and dedication of our volunteers all continue to inspire us.

Volunteer numbers have remained steady, supported by ongoing recruitment efforts and the introduction of new roles. Sixty-four people with lived experience volunteered their time. Our three annual compulsory training weekends offer a valuable opportunity for both new and longstanding volunteers to come together, connect, and engage in learning. These weekends include an introduction to ABC, an overview of the UK asylum system, safeguarding, professional boundaries, and powerful insights from the lived experiences of our service users.

This year, we expanded our training programme to include new sessions such as a First Aid refresher and strategies for communicating with individuals who speak English as an additional language. Regular supervision sessions promote a sense of value and belonging among our volunteers, which contribute significantly to their wellbeing and retention.

## Premises Update

After two and a half years of searching, we are thrilled to have secured a new home that will bring our Free Shop, Welcome Hub, admin offices, and community groups together under one roof.

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This move marks an exciting new chapter for ABC. We are especially looking forward to reinstating a dedicated Welcome Area, a vital space that was lost due to the increasing demand on our Free Shop and the limited size of our previous premises.

Having all our services in one location will not only improve accessibility and coordination but also strengthen the sense of community and belonging at the heart of everything we do. We aim to be relocating in September 2025.

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## OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

### Charitable Objectives

The purposes of the Charity as set out in its governing document are as follows:

The relief of financial hardship, and assistance of, refugees, asylum seekers and their dependants in the UK by providing free essential living items, emergency support, opportunities for community engagement, recreation, preparation for employment and access to other necessary support services.

Working with other organizations to enhance the positive impact of services supporting refugees and people seeking asylum.

Undertaking such other charitable purposes for the public benefit and for the benefit of those seeking asylum, and for those granted refugee status, and their dependants as the trustees shall determine.

### Vision, mission, values

#### Vision

We envision a world where the rights of refugees and those seeking asylum are respected so that they have the opportunity to achieve financial and emotional independence.

#### Mission

We provide a warm welcome to people seeking asylum in Bristol and offer the support they need to access living essentials, emotional support, recreation, shelter, community, legal advice, health care and employment.

#### Values

We treat everyone with respect, compassion and love and seek to offer hope, advocacy and a space to belong. We welcome all displaced people regardless of their faith, race, ethnicity, culture, age, disability, gender and sexuality.

### Public Benefit

Aid Box Community exists to support some of the most vulnerable members of our society - individuals and families who have experienced forced migration and are seeking safety, stability, and a sense of belonging.

We provide a safe, welcoming space where people can connect with others, access both practical and emotional support, and begin to build new lives in Bristol. Through our services, we help individuals feel seen, valued, and empowered, while also reducing isolation and increasing wellbeing. In doing so, we create opportunities for connection, community, and personal growth, all benefiting the wider community as well as our beneficiaries.

By offering support to a large and diverse number of people through our Free Shop and Welcome Hub, we are uniquely positioned within the city's refugee and asylum sector to provide effective signposting to partner organisations for additional specialised support. This

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collaborative approach enhances our overall impact and ensures our service users are supported holistically.

## Summary of Main Activities for Public Benefit

The charity carries out a wide range of activities in pursuance of its charitable aims. The trustees believe that these activities, summarised below, provide benefit both to those seeking asylum and to those granted refugee status and their dependants as well as to the wider community of Bristol.

In line with the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, the following core activities were delivered throughout the year:

- **Free Shop and Welcome Hub:** Open five days a week (Monday–Friday), providing free essential items, a warm welcome, and a safe space for connection.
- **Activity Groups and Community Trips:** Facilitating social inclusion and wellbeing through regular group activities and outings.
- **'Connections' Befriending Programme:** Supporting long-term social connections by matching individuals with local volunteers.
- **Welfare and Crisis Support:** Offering practical and financial assistance through our Crisis Fund, including essential resources and emergency relief.
- **Transport Assistance:** Distributing bus tickets to remove barriers to accessing our services and other key appointments.
- **Signposting:** Directing individuals to appropriate services and partner organisations for additional support.

All our services are free and open to those in need, and are designed to be inclusive, responsive, and rooted in dignity and respect.

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.



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## STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

### Organisational structure

On 31st March 2025, the Aid Box Community team consisted of 11 staff members (5.6 FTE) and one freelance worker (0.4 FTE). The Strategic Director manages strategic development and fundraising, supported by a fundraising team, charity administrator and finance manager (2.5 FTEs). The Operations Director manages the delivery of charitable activities supported by delivery staff (3.1 FTEs).

### Management

The Charity Trustees manage the affairs of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation and exercise all its powers. The Trustees delegate the day-to-day operation of the charity to the Director, who is in turn accountable to the Trustees through our Chair.

### Trustee Board

On 31st March 2025, Aid Box Community was governed by a Board of 10 Trustees, who bring a diverse range of skills and experience to the organisation. Four of our Trustees have lived experience of the UK's asylum system. All Trustees are initially appointed by a formal resolution for a three-year term. They can serve as a trustee for three consecutive terms and only beyond this maximum period in exceptional circumstances for such further period as the trustees shall approve.

Trustees are appointed by the existing trustees normally after open advertisement and interview. This is undertaken by a combination of key governance information and practical sessions. New Trustees are involved in an Induction Plan under which they receive key charity documents, required reading material and training.

### Governing document

The organisation is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) governed according to the rules of its CIO Foundation Constitution, registered on 24 April 2017, most recently amended on 26 September 2024.

### Governance

Members of the Trustee Board meet quarterly to discuss strategic matters, review the risk register, and make key decisions. The Board delegates certain responsibilities to three sub-committees as detailed below. The first two sub-committees meet quarterly, in advance of Trustee meetings.

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SUB COMMITTEE	RESPONSIBILITIES
Finance Audit and Fundraising	Meets quarterly to approve budgets, for recommendation to the Trustee Board; approval of fundraising contracts; the monitoring of financial health and the liquidity of the charity.
Health & Safety and Safeguarding	Meets quarterly recognising the important role that safeguarding plays in supporting the safety and wellbeing of our service users. Ensures all procedures are being followed correctly. Also reviews any health and safety issues especially in relation to our premises.
Human Resources Committee	The Human Resources Sub-Committee makes recommendations to the Board on matters relating to remuneration policy, senior staff appointments and staff remuneration and terms and conditions of service. It meets each February to carry out a review of staff remuneration and, at other times, when the need arises.

## Lived Experience Working Group

An essential part of the governance and strategic planning of our CIO is the Lived Experience Working Group, which plays a vital role in shaping the direction and values of Aid Box Community.

At ABC, we believe it is imperative that individuals with lived experience of the asylum system are not only represented but meaningfully involved in decision-making. We are committed to providing opportunities for people with lived experience to volunteer, contribute to leadership, and gain employment both within ABC and beyond. This year sixty-four of our volunteers had lived experience.

We also see the tangible benefits of having four trustees with lived experience on our Board. Their insights have been instrumental in identifying areas where we can improve inclusivity and accessibility across the charity. Informed by their perspectives, along with research conducted by BRASP and the University of the West of England (UWE), we have revised our recruitment policies to remove barriers and promote equity in hiring practices.

Our Lived Experience Working Group has continued to grow in strength and purpose. The group is committed to ensuring its input is impactful and never tokenistic. To deepen engagement and effectiveness, the group will now meet bi-monthly rather than quarterly and will be led by our new staff member, John Aguirre, who brings both professional expertise and his own lived experience to the role.

We are determined that this group remains a genuine and empowering space where lived experience is not only heard but actively shapes the charity's development. This is central to our mission to be inclusive, equitable, and community led.

**“IT A BEAUTIFUL FEELING THAT I CAN COME TO YOU,  
TALK TO YOU AND YOU'D LISTEN TO ME.”**

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## WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

We work very closely with the other main refugee support services in the city as part of the **Bristol Refugee and Asylum Seeker Partnership (BRASP)**.

Aid Box Community is proud to be one of 14 partner organisations of BRASP - a collaborative network that has been developing since 2020. BRASP was established to formalise our ways of working together, enhance communication, reduce duplication and competition for funding, and improve overall efficiency across the sector. Through this collaborative approach, we all aim to deliver more effective, joined-up services, share resources and achieve better outcomes for refugees and asylum seekers in Bristol.

### BRASP Vision:

All refugees and asylum seekers enjoy healthy and fulfilling lives in Bristol, have a voice, and their needs are met by an effective, unified, and sustainable sector.

Over the past year, BRASP has been working on developing a sustainable partnership, focused on Lived Experience Leadership, including the development of a peer support network for staff with lived experience across member organisations.

Additionally, the BRASP Influencing, Advocacy, and Campaigning Working Group has identified three key priority areas based on what matters most to the people we support:

- Access to public transport
- The right to work
- Access to free legal services

These priorities will guide collective advocacy efforts across the partnership in the year ahead, ensuring that the voices and needs of refugees and asylum seekers remain central to our work.

## Collaborations

In addition to our work with BRASP partners, Aid Box Community is proud to collaborate with a wide range of local organisations, community groups, schools, churches, and individuals. These partnerships play a vital role in raising awareness about the experiences of refugees and asylum seekers, sharing knowledge and skills, and enriching the lives of our service users through inclusive and engaging activities.

We are deeply grateful to everyone who has contributed their time, resources, and expertise to support our work. It would be impossible to name everyone, but we would like to acknowledge just a few of the many wonderful collaborators who have helped make a difference this year: **Coexist Cookery, Bristol Ferries, We the Curious, Open Minds Active, Lockleaze Sports Centre, Bristol Cow Folk, Bristol Old Vic, Travelling Kitchen, Bridge Farm, Trinity Centre.**

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## ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

### Free Shop and Welcome Hub – visited by 2,103 adults

This year, our Free Shop has seen an increase in demand, with daily visitor numbers now averaging 40–50 people. Managing this consistently high footfall is a challenge our dedicated staff and volunteers rise to daily, balancing efficiency, fairness, and above all, a warm, respectful welcome for every individual who walks through our doors.

Ensuring equitable distribution of aid remains a priority, and over the past year we have reviewed our systems and implemented several additional measures to help maintain fairness while preserving dignity and choice for our service users.

Thanks to the generosity of our local community and donors, we maintain a rapid flow of high-quality donations, which are quickly sorted and made available on our shelves. Our teams of eight volunteers daily play a vital role in keeping the Free Shop running smoothly and compassionately.

Many of those we support are relocated within or beyond Bristol at very short notice. We make every effort to respond practically, ensuring essentials like luggage are available while also supporting the emotional wellbeing of our staff and volunteers during these often-upsetting transitions.

The Free Shop continues to be a lifeline, not only meeting basic needs but also offering a rare sense of stability, kindness, and emotional support. For many, we are a constant in a life full of change. One of the most common questions we hear when someone is moved to a new location is: **“IS THERE ANOTHER ABC IN THAT CITY?”**

### Outreach

This winter we responded to an outbreak of scabies in one of the hotels and were funded by the council to purchase clothes for the residents who had been affected. We were able to do this very efficiently and the remaining funds were added to our essential aid fund to be spent by the end of the financial year.

### Activity Groups and Trips Programme – enjoyed by 588 individuals

#### Women's Group (161 participants)

Our weekly activity groups offer a safe, welcoming space where women can enjoy a relaxed morning with food, creative activities, and the chance to connect, build friendships, and learn new skills.

A highlight of the year was our Winter Party, which brought together over 60 women for a joyful celebration. We also welcomed guest facilitators from Love Well Training, Second Step, and Bristol City College, who led inspiring skill-building workshops. Creative sessions, including macramé, tie-dye, clay modelling, and bracelet making, filled our mornings with laughter, learning, and connection.

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Women’s weekly Multisport (33 participants)

This year, we launched our weekly Women’s multisport sessions in response to high demand from our service users and the need for a modest, welcoming space where women can get active comfortably.

The sessions have been a great success, with strong engagement and positive feedback. Due to their popularity, we are now running our third consecutive 6-week long programme, and we plan to continue offering this much-valued activity.

Trauma-Informed Swimming Lessons (26 participants)

Delivered in partnership with Open Minds Active, these sessions provide a safe, supportive, and culturally sensitive space for women to learn to swim, build confidence in the water, and enjoy gentle exercise. Beyond fitness, the lessons offer an opportunity for relaxation, connection, and a sense of community, something many participants value just as much as the physical activity.

Gardening Group (41 participants)

This year, we also ran a gardening group. During the summer months, it was well-attended. In the future, we plan to hold Garden groups within the grounds of our new premises.

Trips & Cooking Sessions

This year, we organised many exciting trips, including a ferry trip, visits to the Botanical Gardens, We the Curious, Coexist, and several farm visits.

As always, our Christmas boat trip was a big highlight, with a fantastic turnout. We also had a special Eid ferry trip, which was just as successful. These ferry trips continue to be a favourite among our members. The Coexist sessions had good attendance overall, although the first and last sessions had fewer people. Our farm trips also saw a steady turnout.

Men's Football (327 participants)

Our men’s football programme continues to thrive, with 327 participants this year across two weekly 2-hour sessions. Each session attracts around 40 men, offering not only physical activity but also a vital sense of community, belonging, and improved wellbeing. The positive impact is clear, both physically and emotionally:

“WHEN I THINK OF ABC, IT REMINDS ME	“PLAYING FOOTBALL HAS REALLY HELPED
THAT I’M A PERSON — NOT JUST AN	MY MENTAL HEALTH THROUGH PHYSICAL
ASYLUM SEEKER.”	EXERCISE.”
“YOU MAKE ME FEEL SO WELCOMED — NEVER JUDGED.”	

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### Connections – Befriending Programme

It's hard to believe that in April 2025 we will have had 5 years of ABC's Connections programme. During this time, we have connected almost 400 individuals for friendship, with several volunteers having had more than one connection.

Participants report many benefits including improved mental health and reduced isolation:

- 94% of people who took part in the Connections programme said they felt less isolated as a result.
- 83% of people participating in Connections are still friends 6 months after the programme ended.
- 84% of people report that being connected improved their mental health and sense of well-being.

### Welfare and Crisis Support

**"I WAS LUCKY ENOUGH TO MEET PEOPLE LIKE YOU IN THE HARDSHIPS OF MY LIFE  
TO REALISE THAT KINDNESS IS STILL VALUABLE IN THE WORLD"**

This year, we supported 53 individuals through our **Crisis Fund**, providing vital assistance when all other avenues of support had been exhausted. These timely interventions can make a critical difference, helping to prevent individuals from falling into deeper crisis and offering a lifeline at moments of acute need.

We have responded to referrals from several trusted partner organisations, including: BRASP partners, Unseen, NHS, Bristol City Council social services and many more. Our Crisis Fund continues to be a crucial safety net for those facing extreme hardship, allowing us to respond quickly and compassionately to urgent situations.

#### Get Help Page

Our live Get Help page on our website is a multi-language resource where service users, volunteers, staff, partner organisations and the public can find where to get help. This was our first year and the page received nearly 2000 views.

### Transport Assistance

#### Bus Fares

Transport is one of the biggest barriers to people accessing support so at ABC our policy is to only offer a service if we can provide people who need it with a bus fare. This year we distributed 4,490 bus tickets to our service users.

### Safeguarding and Health and Safety

18 incidents were reported by staff this year to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (the Director), and four were dealt with as welfare concerns. Three safeguarding referrals were made to the Council safeguarding team and one to SARI and the police. None of these met the criteria to be reported to the Charity Commission.

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## Monitoring and Evaluation

With the help of a team of volunteers we were able to collect feedback through our annual anonymous service user survey from 81 of our service users in 12 languages. We obtained feedback after individual activities, after service programmes, and through our lived experience working group. We also continued to benefit from our M&E framework which went live last year. All these factors help us to gain a comprehensive insight into our services and activities, defining measurable outcomes by utilizing the feedback from our service users. In this way we can maximise the positive impact of our work, which is reflected in information, and members' comments, provided in this report and, in more detail, in our annual Impact Report.

## Challenges

We have continued our search for new premises this year, as the growing demand for our services has made the need for additional space increasingly urgent. Managing queues in a way that maintains dignity and respect for those we support, while also safeguarding the wellbeing of our staff and volunteers, has been a significant challenge. In the current climate of rising hostility towards refugees, there has been a palpable sense of unease. This has further highlighted the importance of working in a trauma-informed manner to ensure our services remain compassionate, safe, and inclusive.

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total incoming resources for the year were £358,571 as against resources expended which were £359,158 resulting in a deficit of £587. The Charity received more than it spent in restricted funds by £11,487 and is holding a balance of £15,487 at the 31 March 2025. The deficit on unrestricted funds was therefore £12,074.

Over the past several years, Aid Box Community's income has consistently exceeded its expenditure, due to excellent fundraising performance and the continued delay in finding new premises. Hence the Charity has built up a significant level of reserves, as explained below. This is the first year that expenditure has exceeded income, as planned, and we expect there to be a significant deficit in the year ending 31 March 2026. This is a planned investment of the reserves the Charity has built up, as we move to larger and more suitable premises where we can continue to improve the vital support we provide to our beneficiaries.

## Fundraising activity

Our local fundraising income including events, individual giving, community fundraising and corporate donations, continued to grow this year totalling £83,673 (2023-24 £72,253). Together with the £31,010 gift aid donation from Aid Box Trading, our trading subsidiary, the total income from fundraising activities is £114,683 (2023-24 £102,344) which represents 32% of the total income for the charity.

As always, we are blown away by the generosity of our community and want to thank every individual, company, community group and all our volunteers for their incredible fundraising efforts again this year.



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### Grant income

Total grants received from trusts and foundations was £204,798 (2023-24 £236,478) and statutory grants from Bristol City Council totalled £35,000 (2023-24 £45,000). Grant income represents 67% of total income and 51% of that is restricted to specific activities. The landscape for trusts and foundations fundraising is becoming increasingly competitive, and we are incredibly grateful to all our funders for their ongoing support.

More information about our grant income is provided in the note to the accounts. We want to acknowledge significant and multi-year grants from National Lottery Reaching Communities Fund, Martin Smith Family Trust, AB Charitable Trust, Garfield Weston Foundation, Nisbet Trust, Bristol City Council City of Sanctuary, SECL Octopus and Festival Medical Services.

### Expenditure budget

We've changed the presentation of our expenditure on Charitable Activities this year to provide a clearer link between the financial statements and our achievements and performance as described on pages 10 to 13.

Total expenditure for the year was £359,158 (2023-24 £336,409), an increase of 7%. Part of this increase was due to inflation with the average Consumer Price Index across the year at 3.2%. There was also growth in all areas of our charitable work, with more people accessing the free shop, an increased activity programme, and a general increase in demand for our services.

Total staff costs were £211,706 (2023-24 £186,384) with an average monthly head count of 11 (2023-24 10). All staff are part-time and the average number of full-time equivalent staff in the year was 5.4 (2023-24 5.1). The increase in staff costs is the result of a few factors: staff were awarded a 4.5% pay increase, recognising the impact of high inflation costs in recent years; the finance function was brought in-house part way through the year with the appointment of a Finance Manager, replacing the freelance bookkeeper; and there was a small increase in staff hours due to the growth in activity.

### Independent Examiners

Joanne Trowbridge of Bristol Community Accountants CIC was appointed as the Charity's Independent Examiner during the year. Joanne Trowbridge is a member of the Association of Accounting Technicians.

## RESERVES POLICY

The Charity aims to hold six months' operating costs as free reserves to provide financial security in case there is a sudden loss of income or change in operational structure. The Trustees believe this is sufficient to allow the Charity to continue to deliver its activities in the short term, while the director and Trustees determine what action to take. The reserves policy is reviewed on an annual basis and compared with the reserves level. Depending on the level of reserves held, and the future strategy for the Charity, the Trustees may plan to grow or invest reserves as required.



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#### Level of reserves held

On 31 March 2025, the total unrestricted free reserves were £289,170. In addition, we held designated funds of £78,800 and restricted funds of £15,487.

The Trustees designated £80,000 in 2023-24 in anticipation of the significant costs anticipated by our planned premises move. The lease of our current premises expired in July 2024. Despite our best efforts, it has taken us over 2 years to find new premises. The process to move to our new home only started in March 2025 and £1,200 was incurred as costs in the year to 31 March 2025. The extensive fit-out works and then move into our new premises are expected to be finalised by late summer 2025. Once the move is complete, and all associated costs have been expended, any remaining designated funds will be released and become unrestricted funds for the Charity.

Our budgeted operating costs for the 6 months following 31 March 2025 are £183,723. As noted before, our free reserves held as at 31 March 2025 is above this figure at £289,170.

The unavoidable delay in securing our new premises has contributed to an inevitable build up in our free reserves. We had anticipated incurring much earlier, the greater operational costs for the move into new premises. The new, larger premises we have found are far more suitable for the future delivery of our services and activities.

The Trustees expect to utilise this excess reserve over future accounting periods during which we anticipate incurring managed budget deficits. These anticipated deficits will be due to higher costs, driven by growing demand and capacity of our services, especially in light of our confirmed relocation to new, more costly, premises. The Trustees also acknowledge a challenging fundraising environment in our charity sector which may adversely impact income generation from grants and trusts, our primary sources of income.

Given these budgetary conditions facing the Charity, the Trustees consider it to be responsible and appropriate to utilise current excess reserves over future accounting periods to ensure that the Charity navigates its near-term growth and mitigates financial risk.

## FUTURE PLANS

Aid Box Community will continue to empower refugees and people seeking asylum.

The move to our new larger home will allow us to offer a more dignified experience for refugees and people seeking asylum with room to rest, connect, and participate in activities. We will have a dedicated Welcome Area, separate from the Free Shop, where people can rest, share tea, join activities, or simply feel part of a community.

Our Welcome Hub and Free Shop will remain open five days a week, offering practical support in a warm, safe, and welcoming environment. We will also continue to offer a wide-ranging activity programme to support wellbeing, skill-building, and community integration. The Hub will also act as a key gateway service in the city as we see people from when they arrive in Bristol all the way through their asylum application journey and continuing after they receive their Right to Remain.

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We signpost to our partner organisations for legal advice, housing, healthcare, and more. Moving to the new venue will also give us an opportunity to engage more with the local community, invite them to take part in community events and sharing of skills and culture.

We will also build on the strength of our Lived Experience leadership team and our Lived Experience Working Group to shape the future of our services in this new space. This will include co-designing new activities, training sessions, and community events based on the needs and ideas expressed by our service users. We will begin new in-house activities and explore how the space can be used to foster deeper community connection and healing. Additionally, we will reinforce our pathways for service users to access volunteer and leadership roles within ABC.

We will continue to develop and roll out our ambassador programme, strengthen our relationships with the local community and other creative way of raising funds as we navigate the increasingly difficult fundraising climate.

This coming October, Aid Box Community will celebrate 10 years since its founding. We are immensely proud of our incredible staff team, trustee board, and the army of passionate volunteers and supporters who make our work possible. The love, dedication, and commitment everyone has poured into this vision continue to inspire us all every day.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES’ RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees of the charity acknowledge their responsibility to maintain proper accounting records, to prepare Annual Accounts which show a true and fair view of the activities of the charity and to take appropriate measures to protect the assets of the charity from major loss.

This report is made under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the requirements of applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Accepted Accounting Practice).

The report was approved by the Trustees on .....17/11/2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Richard Annandale

Signed by:  
  
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Chair

Date 17/11/2025

Thomas Fallows

Signed by:  
  
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Treasurer

Date 25/11/2025

AID BOX COMMUNITY  
INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT  
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 18-27.

### Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As the Trustees of the Charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### Independent examiner's statement

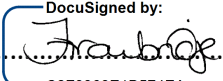
Since the Charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of The Association of Accounting Technicians, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

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

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

Joanne Trowbridge MAAT

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Date ...25/11/2025.....

Bristol Community Accountants CIC  
The Park  
Daventry Road, Bristol BS4 1DQ

**AID BOX COMMUNITY****STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (Including Income  
and Expenditure Account)****YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

		<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds 2025</b>	<b>Total Funds 2024</b>
	<b>Note</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Incoming and Endowments from:</b>					
<i>Incoming resources from generated funds</i>					
Donations and legacies	<b>3</b>	233,262	88,240	321,502	341,945
Charitable activities	<b>4</b>	-	35,000	35,000	45,000
Investments	<b>5</b>	2,069	-	2,069	1,294
<b>Total</b>		<b>235,331</b>	<b>123,240</b>	<b>358,571</b>	<b>388,239</b>
<b>Expenditure On:</b>					
Raising funds	<b>7</b>	60,046	-	60,046	56,630
Charitable activities	<b>8</b>	186,345	111,753	298,098	278,795
Other	<b>9</b>	1,014	-	1,014	984
<b>Total</b>		<b>247,405</b>	<b>111,753</b>	<b>359,158</b>	<b>336,409</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>(12,074)</b>	<b>11,487</b>	<b>(587)</b>	<b>51,830</b>
Extraordinary item	<b>10</b>	(7,086)	-	(7,086)	-
<b>Net income/(expenditure) before other gains and losses</b>		<b>(19,160)</b>	<b>11,487</b>	<b>(7,673)</b>	<b>51,830</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(19,160)</b>	<b>11,487</b>	<b>(7,673)</b>	<b>51,830</b>
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<b>387,130</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>391,130</b>	<b>339,300</b>
<b>Total Funds Carried Forward</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>367,970</b>	<b>15,487</b>	<b>383,457</b>	<b>391,130</b>

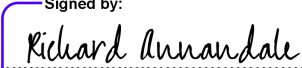
All of the activities of the charity are classed as continuing

**The notes on pages 20 to 27 form part of these financial statements**

**AID BOX COMMUNITY****BALANCE SHEET****YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	16	32,507	76,823
Cash at bank and in hand		381,872	319,645
<i>Total current assets</i>		414,379	396,468
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	17	(30,922)	(5,338)
<i>Net current assets or liabilities</i>		383,457	391,130
<b>Total net assets or liabilities</b>		383,457	391,130
<b>The Funds of the Charity</b>	19		
Restricted funds		15,487	4,000
Unrestricted funds		367,970	387,130
		383,457	391,130

These financial statements were approved by the trustees and are signed on their behalf by:

Signed by:  
  
 Richard Annandale - Chair

17/11/2025  
 Date.....

The notes on pages 20 to 27 form part of these financial statements

# AID BOX COMMUNITY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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#### 1 Basis of Preparation

- a) These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective from 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP(FRS 102)) and with the Charities Act 2011.

- b) Basis of preparation

The financial statements are prepared on the accruals basis. The trustees feel this results in the accounts providing more appropriate and relevant information about the financial performance of the charity.

- c) The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.
- d) The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

#### 2 Accounting Policies

- a) Income from donations is included in income when these are receivable, except as follows:

- i) When donors specify that donations given to the charity must be used in future accounting periods, the income is deferred until those periods.
- ii) When donors impose conditions which have to be fulfilled before the charity becomes entitled to use such income, the income is deferred until the pre-conditions have been met.

- b) In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) the general volunteer time is not recognised in the financial statements. Refer to the Trustees' annual report for more information about their contribution.

- c) Expenditure is recognised in the period in which it is incurred. Expenditure includes attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.

- d) Most expenditure is directly attributable to specific activities, and has been included in those cost categories. Support costs have been allocated 100% towards the charitable activities of the charity.

- e) Rentals applicable to operating lease agreements where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged against profits on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

- f) Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

- g) Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

- h) The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently recognised at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

- i) The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charitable company in an independently administered fund. Pension costs charged in the financial statements represent the contribution payable by the charitable company during the year.

**AID BOX COMMUNITY****NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025****Income and Endowments From:**

<b>3 Donations and Legacies</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2024 £</b>
General Donations	83,390	1,442	84,832	83,345
Grants	118,000	86,798	204,798	236,848
Fundraising Events	16,047	-	16,047	11,405
Gift Aid	13,803	-	13,803	7,634
Miscellaneous Income	2,022	-	2,022	2,713
	<u>233,262</u>	<u>88,240</u>	<u>321,502</u>	<u>341,945</u>

<i>Donations and legacies - prior year</i>	<i>Unrestricted Funds £</i>	<i>Restricted Funds £</i>	<i>Total Funds 2024 £</i>
<i>General Donations</i>	<i>83,345</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>83,345</i>
<i>Grants</i>	<i>117,370</i>	<i>119,478</i>	<i>236,848</i>
<i>Fundraising Events</i>	<i>11,405</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>11,405</i>
<i>Gift Aid</i>	<i>7,634</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>7,634</i>
<i>Miscellaneous Income</i>	<i>2,713</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>2,713</i>
	<u><i>222,467</i></u>	<u><i>119,478</i></u>	<u><i>341,945</i></u>

The Charity also benefits greatly from the involvement and enthusiastic support of its many volunteers, details of which are given in our annual report. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the economic contribution of general volunteers is not recognised in the accounts.

<b>4 Charitable Activities</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2024 £</b>
Statutory Grants	-	35,000	-	45,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>35,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>45,000</u>

<b>5 Investments</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2024 £</b>
Bank interest receivable	2,069	-	2,069	1,294
	<u>2,069</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,069</u>	<u>1,294</u>

*Investments prior year - all unrestricted*

**AID BOX COMMUNITY****NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025****6 Government Grants**

The charity receives government grants, defined as funding from Bristol City Council to fund charitable activities. The total value of such grants in the period ending 31 March 2025 was £35,000 (2024: £40,000). There are no unfulfilled conditions or contingencies attaching to these grants in the year ended 31 March 2025.

**Expenditure on:**

<b>7 Raising Funds</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2024 £</b>
Fundraising staff costs	54,113	-	54,113	50,809
Fundraising costs	5,933	-	5,933	5,821
	<u>60,046</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>60,046</u>	<u>56,630</u>
<b><i>Raising Funds prior year</i></b>	<b><i>Unrestricted Funds £</i></b>	<b><i>Restricted Funds £</i></b>	<b><i>Total Funds 2024 £</i></b>	
<i>Fundraising staff costs</i>	<i>23,230</i>	<i>27,579</i>	<i>50,809</i>	
<i>Fundraising costs</i>	<i>5,821</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>5,821</i>	
	<u><i>29,051</i></u>	<u><i>27,579</i></u>	<u><i>56,630</i></u>	
<b>8 Charitable Activities</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2024 £</b>
Staff costs	104,606	52,987	157,593	135,575
Free shop, activities and volunteer costs	45,661	57,433	103,094	100,817
Bus tickets for beneficiaries	13,948	985	14,933	11,518
Room hire and meeting costs	1,868	-	1,868	-
Internet, phone and IT	5,139	-	5,139	3,089
Insurance	1,687	-	1,687	2,128
Repairs and Equipment	1,194	-	1,194	478
Marketing and Subscriptions	1,593	-	1,593	4,450
Bookkeeping and Payroll	7,586	-	7,586	16,040
Professional Fees	-	-	-	371
Training and supervision	1,376	348	1,724	3,326
Recruitment costs	740	-	740	1,003
Governance costs	947	-	947	-
	<u>186,345</u>	<u>111,753</u>	<u>298,098</u>	<u>278,795</u>



**AID BOX COMMUNITY****NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025****Charitable Activities analysed by activity basis:**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2025 £</b>
Hub, free shop and volunteer costs	58,924	84,657	143,581
Activities and connections	77,370	7,178	84,548
Welfare costs	8,574	70	8,644
Core operational costs	41,477	19,848	61,325
	<u>186,345</u>	<u>111,753</u>	<u>298,098</u>

<i>Charitable Activities - prior year</i>	<i>Unrestricted Funds £</i>	<i>Restricted Funds £</i>	<i>Total Funds 2024 £</i>
<i>Staff costs</i>	<i>62,131</i>	<i>73,444</i>	<i>135,575</i>
<i>Free shop, activities and volunteer costs</i>	<i>20,948</i>	<i>79,869</i>	<i>100,817</i>
<i>Bus tickets for beneficiaries</i>	<i>11,518</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>11,518</i>
<i>Internet, phone and IT</i>	<i>3,084</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>3,089</i>
<i>Insurance</i>	<i>925</i>	<i>1,203</i>	<i>2,128</i>
<i>Repairs and Equipment</i>	<i>478</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>478</i>
<i>Marketing and Subscriptions</i>	<i>4,400</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>4,450</i>
<i>Bookkeeping and Payroll</i>	<i>16,040</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>16,040</i>
<i>Professional Fees</i>	<i>371</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>371</i>
<i>Training and supervision</i>	<i>806</i>	<i>2,520</i>	<i>3,326</i>
<i>Recruitment costs</i>	<i>1,003</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>1,003</i>
	<u>121,704</u>	<u>157,091</u>	<u>278,795</u>

<b>9 Other</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2024 £</b>
Independent Examination	649	-	649	590
Statutory accounts preparation	365	-	365	394
	<u>1,014</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,014</u>	<u>984</u>

*Other prior year - all unrestricted***10 Extraordinary item**

In the reporting period, the charity incurred costs of £7,086 related to a resurfaced corporation tax liability from 2018-19 trading activities, prior to the incorporation of Aid Box Trading Limited. This cost is not expected to recur in future periods.

**AID BOX COMMUNITY**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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**11 Net incoming resources for the year**

This is stated after charging:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Independent Examiner's fee	649	590

**12 Staff Costs and numbers**

The aggregate payroll costs were:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and Salaries	198,643	175,881
Social Security Costs	9,204	7,286
Pension Costs	3,859	3,217
	211,706	186,384

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 (2024: £Nil)

The average monthly head count was 11 staff members (2024: 10)

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the board of trustees & two directors. The total employee benefits of key management personnel, during the year, total £72,121 (2024: £68,860).

**13 Related Party Transactions**

The charity trustees were not paid or received any other benefits from employment with the charity in the year (2024: £nil) neither were they reimbursed expenses during the year (2024: £nil). No charity trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity (2024: £nil).

Aid Box Trading Ltd (Company number 12319337) is the wholly owned subsidiary of Aid Box Community. During the year Aid Box Trading Ltd gifted profits from its trading activities to Aid Box Community of £31,010 (2024: £30,091). During the year, Aid Box Community charged Aid Box Trading Ltd £2,033 (2024: £2,174) for staff time. This year, there was no service charge on an intercompany loan (2024: £500).

Peter Kent was a trustee of Aid Box Community and a director of Aid Box Trading Ltd. He resigned from both posts on 13th October 2024

Lucy Middelboe is a trustee of Aid Box Community and was appointed as a director of Aid Box Trading Ltd on 13th October 2024.

Other than disclosed above, there were no other related party transactions during the year.

**AID BOX COMMUNITY****NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025****14 Corporation Taxation**

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

- 15** The trustees confirm, in accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012, that at year end the CIO did not have any outstanding guarantees to third parties nor any debts secured on assets of the CIO.

<b>16 Debtors</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade debtors	11,085	50,961
Other debtors	4,996	22,000
Prepayments	16,426	3,862
	<u>32,507</u>	<u>76,823</u>

<b>17 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade creditors	3,607	1,219
Social Security and Taxes	2,962	3,135
Deferred income	20,000	-
Accruals	4,353	984
	<u>30,922</u>	<u>5,338</u>

**18 Deferred income**

Deferred income comprises income from charitable activities relating to future periods.

	<b>£</b>
Balance as at 1 April 2024	-
Amount released to income earned from charitable activities	-
Amount deferred in year	20,000
Balance as at 31 March 2025 (see note 17)	<u>20,000</u>

**AID BOX COMMUNITY****NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025****18 Analysis of Charitable Funds**

	01-Apr 2024	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	At 31-Mar 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General Fund	307,130	235,331	(253,291)	-	289,170
<b>Designated funds</b>					
Premises fund	80,000	-	(1,200)	-	78,800
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<b>387,130</b>	<b>235,331</b>	<b>(254,491)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>367,970</b>
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Bristol City Council	-	35,000	(35,000)	-	-
Green Hall Foundation	-	2,000	(2,000)	-	-
AB Charitable Trust	-	4,000	(3,075)	-	925
National Lottery Community Fund	-	60,000	(60,000)	-	-
Festival Medical Services	-	9,798	(678)	-	9,120
Swan Mountain	4,000	-	(4,000)	-	-
Schroder Charity Trust	-	4,000	(4,000)	-	-
Wessex Water	-	2,000	(2,000)	-	-
SFX Foundation	-	5,000	-	-	5,000
Donations	-	1,442	(1,000)	-	442
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>123,240</b>	<b>(111,753)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,487</b>
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>391,130</b>	<b>358,571</b>	<b>(366,244)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>383,457</b>

**Purpose of restricted funds**

Bristol City Council	A one-year grant starting in September 2024 to provide essential items via the Free Shop for sanctuary seekers in Bristol, including for those in contingency hotels. To also provide community integration and social interactions for sanctuary seekers through volunteering opportunities, befriending and activity programmes. An additional grant was made available during the year to provide replacement essential items and support to hotel residents impacted by a public health incident.
Green Hall Foundation AB Charitable Trust	Towards the cost of running the Free Shop for refugees and asylum seekers in Bristol. Emergency Solidarity Fund grant to respond to the harms and threats related to the violence that took place across the UK in the summer 2024. This was used to purchase CCTV equipment, and to provide additional training and wellbeing support to staff and trustees. The remaining balance will be used for additional security measures at our new premises.
National Lottery Community Fund	Supporting Asylum Seekers and Refugees Together project over three years, starting in January 2024, and supporting The Welcome Hub and Free Shop.
Festival Medical Services	A one-year grant starting in January 2025 to provide multi-sport group activities and nature walks to refugees and people seeking asylum.
Swan Mountain	Towards the cost of providing a women's sports group and a mixed gardening group.
Schroder Charity Trust	Towards the cost of running the Free Shop for refugees and asylum seekers in Bristol.
Wessex Water	Towards the cost of running the Free Shop for refugees and asylum seekers in Bristol.

# AID BOX COMMUNITY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

#### Purpose of restricted funds continued

SFX Foundation	Funding to enhance the outdoor space at our new premises, including installing railings, a seating area, a covered buggy park and bike racks.
Donations	A donation from Bristol Celtic Supporters Club towards the cost of essential aid items at the Free Shop; and donations towards the costs of trips to the Community Farm and We The Curious.

#### 19 Analysis of net assets between funds

	General Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Cash at Bank and in Hand	287,585	78,800	15,487	381,872
Other Net Current Assets/(Liabilities)	1,585	-	-	1,585
<b>Total</b>	<b>289,170</b>	<b>78,800</b>	<b>15,487</b>	<b>383,457</b>

#### Analysis of net assets - prior year

	General Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Cash at Bank and in Hand	235,645	80,000	4,000	319,645
Other Net Current Assets/(Liabilities)	71,485	-	-	71,485
<b>Total</b>	<b>307,130</b>	<b>80,000</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>391,130</b>

#### 20 Analysis of prior year funds, as required by paragraph 4.2. of the SORP

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £
<b>Income and Endowments From:</b>			
Donations and legacies	222,467	119,478	341,945
Charitable activities	-	45,000	45,000
Investments	1,294	-	1,294
<b>Total</b>	<b>223,761</b>	<b>164,478</b>	<b>388,239</b>
<b>Expenditure On:</b>			
Raising funds	29,051	27,579	56,630
Charitable activities	121,704	157,091	278,795
Other	984	-	984
<b>Total</b>	<b>151,739</b>	<b>184,670</b>	<b>336,409</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	<b>72,022</b>	<b>(20,192)</b>	<b>51,830</b>
Transfers between funds	(3,429)	3,429	-
Net movement in funds	68,593	(16,763)	51,830
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	<b>318,537</b>	<b>20,763</b>	<b>339,300</b>
<b>Total Funds Carried Forward</b>	<b>387,130</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>391,130</b>