

BARNABUS

FOR THE JOURNEY OFF THE STREETS

Trustees Report and Financial Statements

31 March 2025

- ▶ We believe in people's ability to change
- ▶ We don't give up on people
- ▶ Everything we do is founded on hope

Barnabus (Manchester)
Reference and administration information
31 March 2025

Charity number 1174410

Registered office and operational address

The Beacon
45 Bloom Street
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Trustees

Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report were as follows:

S E Best	Chair
T A R Elston	Treasurer
J Bliss	Secretary
S Lavelle	
D Fawcett	
M Lacey	
A Russo	

Key management personnel

Yvonne Hope	Chief Executive
Annette Brown	Deputy Chief Executive

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Structure and Organisation

Organisation

The organisation is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered as a charity on 29th August 2017. The charity is managed by the trustees who meet regularly to consider the progress of the charity and to consider its future direction and activities. The day-to-day operations of the charity were delegated to the Chief Executive Officer who was supported by the other members of staff and volunteers.

Trustee Appointments

The trustees were appointed by existing trustees at specially convened meetings. In selecting persons to be appointed as trustees, the existing trustees took into account the benefits of appointing a person who through residence, occupation, employment or otherwise had special knowledge of the area of benefit or who was otherwise able by virtue of his or her personal or professional qualifications to make a contribution to the pursuit of the objects or the management of the charity.

Risk Management

The Trustees were aware of the recommendations to examine the major strategic, business and operational risks which the Trust faces. Procedures were in place for the following: business interruption, public liability, key person absence, market assessment and safety.

Objectives and Activities

- To promote the preservation and protection of the good health of homeless persons.
- To relieve the poverty of homeless persons, in particular, by the provision of food, clothing and temporary shelter.
- To advance the Christian religion

Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have had due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit. The Trustees believe that this report demonstrates the extent of the charity's benefit to the public.

Financial Review

At 31st March 2025 the charity had funds totalling £671,676 (2024: £816,221) of which £513,432 (2023: £503,169) were unrestricted funds. £810,006 (2024: £842,534) had been raised during the year and £954,551 (2024: £895,053) has been expended as detailed in the notes to the accounts.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees sought to maintain adequate reserves to enable us to continue to function for at least 3 months. The trustees review the level of the reserves at regular trustees' meetings. At 31 March 2025 the charity has unrestricted reserves equivalent to 7.5 months. The trustees are reviewing the charity's reserve policy to ensure it reflects a growing organisation during the next financial year.

Principal Funding Source

The principal funding sources were from grants and donations.

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Investment Policy

The charity holds excess funds on instant access cash deposits accounts. The trustees consider that there are no funds available for long term investment.

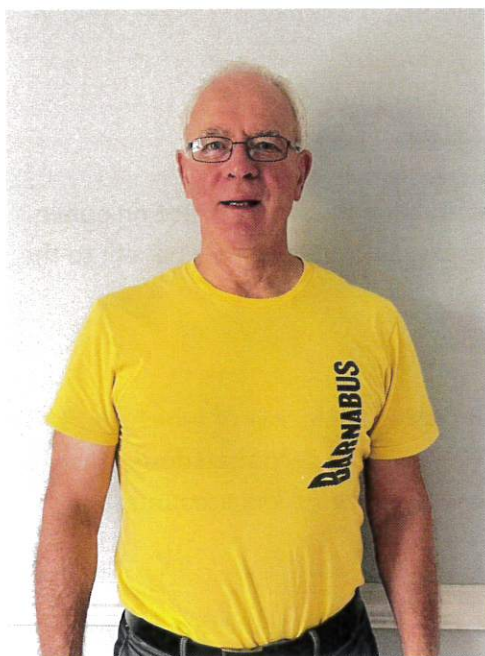
Future Plans

Through both our Beacon Support Centre and our support office, we will continue to serve our guests with compassion and empathy. Upskilling our staff to provide the best possible care and support.

We will strive to create new pathways for our guests to achieve their goals and aspirations. This will be achieved by building on existing partnerships with statutory and other organisations as well as building new partnerships across the Manchester area.

Over this next financial year, the trustees plan to add another 2 bed supported house onto our portfolio, giving us 12 supported beds. Our long term plan for housing is to have 50 beds, in 2-4 bedroom houses, by the end of March 2029.

Foreword from our Chair of Trustees, Steve Best



Another amazing year for Barnabus! I'm very proud of all the achievements you will read about later in this report.

It is pleasing to see the number of people benefitting from our social housing program. My fellow trustees and I are so grateful for the efforts of our highly motivated staff and volunteers who have made this progress possible.

I want to highlight the contribution of the senior team and in particular, our CEO Yvonne Hope. As I enter my last year as Chair of the Board of Trustees, I can say that it's been a real privilege to work closely with her over the past four years.

Finally I want to say a big thank you to the trustee board for all their support. Plans are well under way to continue strengthening the board. We aim to exhibit the diverse mix of skills needed for our growing operation, while maintaining our key objective of sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.

The trustees are committed to growing our social housing project, providing hope and permanent solutions for homeless people. To this end we are stepping up our fundraising efforts to find the money we will need.

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Introduction from our CEO, Yvonne Hope

2024-25 has been a challenging year for us in many ways. Demand for our services continued to be high, as more people found themselves homeless due to private landlords selling up, developers moving people out or life events happening to people who were already struggling to survive: relationship breakdown, addiction and poor mental health, often as a result of trauma and poverty. We are deeply grateful to everyone who has funded us to make this work possible. It's utterly inconceivable that we should ever have to cut services when the people we support need our help more than ever to navigate their way out of a broken housing system.

Our housing project has seen some amazing transformations, thanks to our support team. From the trauma-informed approach of our team, to the hope and belief that they instil in our residents, it's a privilege to be able to watch our team empower people to become who they want to be. Our fabulous landlords and the team at Green Pastures have been pillars in our housing project - thank you for all you do to support our residents.

Behind the scenes are our unsung heroes - fundraising, accounts, logistics and our managers. None of this vital work can happen without the people to make it happen. At a time when charities are consistently being devalued, I am proud to say that almost two thirds of our budget goes on our people, so that they can carry out the work to help our guests and residents. Because we work with people who are economically and socially disadvantaged, we will always offer a face to face service. That means paying people who are fully trained to provide our services. We're proud to be an Accredited Real Living Wage Employer at long last!

And our ministry work is really flourishing. As a Christian charity, we're open to everyone and anyone, and we never push our beliefs on anyone. But the number of people wanting to know about Jesus is growing, and the number of people giving their lives to Him is also growing. Faith brings amazing transformation in people's lives, as we witness daily.

With our sincere thanks for your support, every blessing to you,

Yvonne



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Partnerships tackling Homelessness

Neil Cornthwaite, Partnerships Manager

During this last year our church partners across the city have continued to support us with volunteers, prayer, donations and financial support. I have had the privilege to share about Barnabus' work and vision to end homelessness for good with congregations across the city. We hosted our first Church partner days, inviting church leaders into our Support Centre to pray for our work, see our facilities and to hear from our CEO Yvonne about how we can work together to support communities.

This year I stepped away from the Real Change Manchester Homeless Partnership Action Group, giving my space at the panel to another charity in the city. This has allowed me to join other action groups, including the Strategy Scrutiny Group which holds the Local Authority to account over how well it is fulfilling its homelessness strategy for the city. I have also taken up the Chair role at the GMTHINK Database Steering Group, a key action group for the partnership in being able to share data effectively across services, remaining client-centred in all our work.

Fundraising partnerships are a key income stream for Barnabus and I have enjoyed developing relationships with grant making organisations, as well as people who have a heart to see real change in our city and who want their donations to make an impact.

Over this last year we have continued to partner with many different ministries, including The Message, The Nazarene Theological College and the Mosaic Justice Network. In addition, Barnabus hosted a missional team from Teen Challenge UK. This team worked alongside us to reach people who were street homeless, offering them the opportunity to attend their Christian rehab projects. We also had the privilege of hosting Pastor Titus who came over from Nigeria to minister with us. We continue to look for partners to grow our Christian outreach in the city.



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The Journey off the Streets

Amy Godden, Support Centre Manager

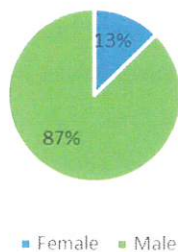
For most of the people who come to Barnabus for help, the journey begins with a visit to our Beacon Support Centre. Situated on Bloom Street in the heart of Manchester city centre, it is within walking distance for most people who find themselves street homeless in Manchester.

1010 clients have been supported this year.

This year, over 50% of the people we saw at the Beacon had never been street homeless. We continue to see more people rough sleeping in Manchester who have recently been granted a positive immigration status. Often people want to move to bigger cities for work and community; however if

someone doesn't have a local connection to Manchester, it's difficult to find housing for them unless they can afford private rented accommodation. We are also supporting more people who have quite severe mental health conditions and more people who have high care and support needs. This means we are working more closely with adult social care, completing more frequent safeguarding referrals and attending more multidisciplinary team meetings. 13% of those we have seen are women, most of whom have major trauma and mental health issues.

Gender of Guests



Support Session

These sessions focus on supporting people to move on in their journey. Showers, clothing and snacks are available during these sessions. our priority is to help our guests put everything in place to get ready for moving into accommodation. The support on offer includes:

- Referrals to emergency, supported and private rented accommodation.
- Applying for benefits.
- Ensuring that guests know how to keep on track with their benefits.
- Applying for bank accounts.
- Ensuring guests are registered with a G.P.
- Referrals to Care Grow Live (drug and alcohol service)
- Referrals to Mental Health services

Morning

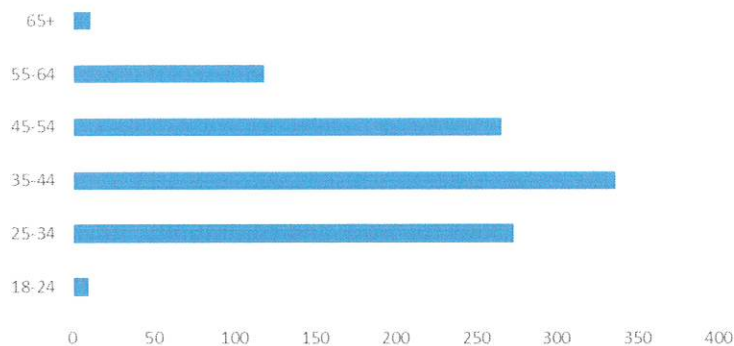


417 people were successfully referred into accommodation

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- Helping guests to access classes and training courses to help them learn tools and coping mechanisms to help with trauma and stress, as well as to help them to use their time in a more meaningful way.

A third of the guests we see are aged 35-44



Rachel, the mental health social worker from Greater Manchester Homeless Mental health team visits Barnabus every week. Her case load is growing because almost everyone we support now has mental health support needs.

Our Homeless Outreach Nurse Helen, provided by Urban Village Medical Practice, continues to come in twice a week and is one of the busiest services in the Beacon. She

deals with everything from minor injuries to acute and chronic conditions. Sexual health is a difficult subject for most people but Helen makes it a priority for the women who come to see her.

It often takes a long time to get people into accommodation, and some of the people we support have been through years and years of trauma, so encouraging some individuals to trust us and other services can be a long process.

Ahmed's story

Ahmed first came to Barnabus in April. At first he didn't want to tell us too much about his situation but after attending a few times, he told us that he had been living and working in Liverpool, lost his job and relationship and was homeless. He came to Manchester as his sister lives here. He was struggling with his mental health and stayed with his sister for a while but that didn't work out. He was on the streets for a while, coming in occasionally for showers, food and a chat. He said he was okay for the time being staying on the streets and didn't want support to get accommodation.

We told him we were here if he changed his mind. When the weather got cold in January 2025 we referred Ahmed into emergency SWEP Sit Up accommodation. We supported him with food and bus passes to get there and back to us in the day as it was just from 7pm till 7am. We explained to Ahmed if he continued to use the sit up accommodation he would then hopefully be moved into somewhere more permanent.

After a couple of weeks he was allocated a bed in one of the A Bed Every Night Projects. Ahmed came back to us a couple of weeks later and said he was grateful to have his own space again but was struggling with attending all his appointments and the job centre. He was struggling to adjust to the new routine after being on the streets for so many months and was thinking about leaving. We advised him it would take a while to get used to things

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but talked to him about the benefits of staying in the accommodation for his physical and mental health. He decided he would give it another go staying in the accommodation and would come back to see us every week for a chat and to check in. He has now been moved on to some longer term supported accommodation.

Our door is always open to people even when they get into accommodation as we know having a roof over your head isn't going to solve everything overnight.

Breakfast

Breakfast is one of the most important meals of the day and is vital for the guests attending The Beacon, as it can be tough sleeping on the cold streets of Manchester at night. We offer a hot sandwich, a hot drink, toast and cereal to kick start the day ahead. Guests can make an appointment to attend the morning support session where they can be assessed and given the support they need. The breakfast session is often the start of people's journeys off the streets, where they start to trust our team and talk about the issues that caused their homelessness.



Activity sessions



These sessions are aimed at helping our clients to build their self esteem and well being; Music Therapy is our most popular session by far. Cat from Nordoff Robins comes into our centre weekly to lead sessions where participants learn to play instruments, sing and write their own songs. We have a very creative cohort who benefit greatly from this session. The group came into our Christmas party and put on a show for everyone encouraging a sing along and creating a lot of smiles and laughter.

At our allotment project participants have grown vegetables which have been used to create meals in the Beacon. We find that watching plants grow is very good for well being. Haircuts for Homeless held regular sessions in the Beacon; one of our Resettlement clients is volunteering with them to make sure everyone who wants to can get their hair and/or beards trimmed. Digital Skills sessions encourage people to check UC journals or bid for social housing, learn to use email and social media to keep in touch with friends and family.

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Volunteers

We could not run any of our sessions without our regular volunteers. Volunteers find us through our website, through Freshers Fairs, corporate volunteering, churches, and many other routes.

We are keen to train and support our volunteers; from the first time they attend their main training, we also offer triaging and signposting training for those volunteers who want to learn more about how to help people out of homelessness.

To show our appreciation for all the hours and dedication our volunteers commit to Barnabus we hold two volunteer socials each year. This is a rare chance for our volunteers to meet others who are not in on the same days. We had a barbeque at our allotment in Longsight in June 2024, unfortunately it rained but we still all had a great time! And we had a great Pizza and Quiz night thanks to Bier Keller in the Printworks.



Our regular volunteers have put in more than 3475 hours this year.

Corporate volunteers have added another 1995 hours of helping out.

That's 5470 hours of time spent helping our community

On Monday and Thursday mornings our corporate volunteers come to help out. Small teams of 2-4 people come into the Beacon to make drinks and sandwiches as well as giving out clothes and toiletries to those who are making use of the showers. This gives corporate volunteers a chance to find out more about the issues facing both those who find themselves without a home to call their own and also the difficulties around supporting people out of homelessness.

John's story

John came to breakfast in January. He wanted advice as he was not currently working, had run out of money and was sleeping rough at various sites across Manchester. He was very cold and wet; he was offered breakfast, a hot drink and then registered to attend the main session and booked a warm shower/change of clothes. He was very grateful to have found a place where he could receive support, advice and guidance.

At the morning support session he was supported to apply for Universal Credit. John really wanted to work; this can make it difficult to afford to pay for rented accommodation on a single salary with a private landlord. John was referred to Barnabus' Housing Team and has been accommodated in shared accommodation. He is receiving support from the housing team to manage day to day tasks such as budgeting. He also has a link to get work in some of the hotels in Manchester when he feels more stable.

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Case work - from the streets to a safe place

Eleisha Barrow, Case Worker

This year, Case Work offered support to people who use the Beacon, as well as working closely with people in emergency or supported accommodation who need extra support to remain housed. Being able to see some of them move on to Barnabus supported housing as they become ready for more independent living has been a huge bonus

In the office, we see people who need a longer, low sensory support session. This is vital for people to feel confident that they can share and deal with their issues in a trauma-informed way and trust that someone is helping them resolve this. Outreach to the accommodation projects is critical, as we noticed that our consistent presence as trusted professionals has helped individuals to settle down and feel supported in their accommodation which is essential to preventing them from going back to the streets.

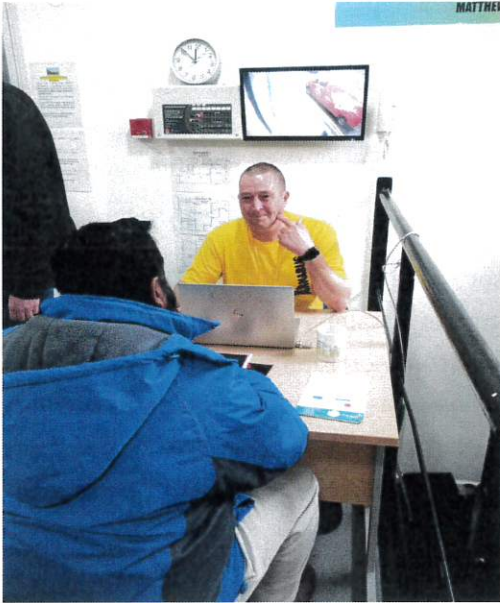
This year we have seen success with moving people on to our housing team. Sometimes this has been moving people into our own supported housing, or people who have moved into their own private rented or social housing and just need some ongoing tenancy help. By working with an individual to build up their confidence and helping them decide what they want their future plans to be, we have been able to help them to transition with confidence to the housing team.

The major roadblock to our work is finding the right accommodation to move people into at every stage of their journey. Some people who have been sleeping outside this year have either not had any accommodation options available to them, or the ones that have been available to them have been in traumatic environments. That often causes them to go back to the streets because they feel safer outside than indoors.

When we have managed to get people to a point of stability in their temporary accommodation, we have found it extremely difficult to find them any stable or affordable move-on accommodation. As a result, they have often stayed stuck in their temporary accommodation, which is detrimental to their journey away from homelessness and can cause relapses in their recovery journey. However, by continuing our offer of support regardless of the difficulties, we have seen positive results for people going through a difficult and traumatic journey out of homelessness.

I have also spent some time this year focusing on the wider homelessness landscape and working on Barnabus' public policy engagement. This has included writing blogs, keeping up to date with current affairs, attending conferences, engaging meaningfully with partners in the sector who are looking to bring about wider change, and creating a strategy for Barnabus' policy work. I have begun to develop a 'Barnabus manifesto', which is a document that frames our political hopes and outlook on the current homelessness situation.

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Sam's Story

Sam first came to us in May. He was very erratic, nervous and paranoid and had a history of trauma. He had been in prison for 10 years and had been released with no fixed abode. At the time, he was drinking heavily and was often engaging in fighting and other dangerous situations. Initially Sam did not engage much with us, and mostly came into our support centre for food and showers. He was being supported by the Engagement team in the Beacon to try to access mental and physical health support. Sam found this difficult due to his inability to organise and manage himself, and sporadic engagement in the Beacon. However, he did begin to trust the Beacon staff and he began to share some of his issues with them.

Sam was then moved into a hostel but the environment was overwhelming for him. He was also facing a court date at the time due to another offence. At this point, it was clear that he needed some long-term consistent support. I began to get to know Sam so that I could work with him. Over this time, I supported him to access the right benefits, to attend probation and attend his court dates. Sam fled before his court date and was arrested. Once he was released, he began to realise that he didn't want to live this way anymore and knew that he needed to start making changes.

We helped Sam find accommodation with support staff and a calmer environment. From this point, our relationship became more equal. Although he still struggles with impulsive behaviour and drinking, he has been able to reflect on his behaviour and has been supported to make better decisions through the trust that we have built. Sam has also said that the same person supporting him over a long period of time has been essential to him being able to make the changes he wanted to.

He developed the confidence to engage with other professionals who he previously would not trust. He has also been able to attend court positively and accepted responsibility for his actions and is making changes to his behaviour. Sam is now moving on to some more permanent accommodation. His current accommodation is the longest he has stayed in one place for many years. Sam can see the positive impact of the changes he has made and this has fuelled him to continue on the journey of recovery with us.

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Barnabus Housing - Our dream comes true

Aimee Madden, Housing Services Manager



This year our supported housing project has really taken off. Setting up two 4 bedroom houses, we co-opted the whole Barnabus team to help with decorating and cleaning. We now have 10 beds over three houses and are having some great success with our residents. Most of our residents are engaging fully with their workers and are volunteering regularly. We also have some resettlement clients who are in private rentals or social housing.

We make sure all our residents and resettlement clients are receiving the correct benefits, have I.D. and are registered with a G.P. and a dentist, wherever possible. We make every effort to ensure everyone we work with is addressing their physical and mental health needs, linking them up with specialised services and helping them to attend appointments.

One very important part of recovering from homelessness is creating a new community for themselves and filling their time with meaningful activities. We encourage all our clients to find support in their local community, joining support and activity groups that fit with their own interests and needs. Residents and resettlement clients are also encouraged to improve their chances of getting back into the workplace by gaining the qualifications they are interested in.

Our biggest issue has been trying to find accommodation for our resettlement clients and move-on accommodation for those who have been through our supported programmes. This is mainly because the rental market is so expensive and housing benefits will not cover the rent. Social housing lists are very long and many of our clients would not be a high priority. We have had some success with those who are a little older being placed in social housing specifically for over 55s.



We've had some great days out with the residents and tenants. We visited a local Animal Park and had a day trip out and a picnic. We also hosted our first Housing Social, where some of our Befriending volunteers and residents came to one of our supported houses for a games night. One of the residents made an impressive meal for everyone who attended. It was a night filled with good laughs and plenty of competitiveness, rounded off by a fun quiz.

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Journey of Faith - The Dwell Project

Angela van Dinter, Faith Co-ordinator

The Dwell Project is Barnabus' faith ministry, which works in partnership with local Christians and churches to help people find their way to faith. As a charity whose beginnings came out of our founders' accepting Christ as their saviour, we always offer people the chance to find out more for themselves about our Christian faith.

In the last year we have seen 15 people make a step forward in their spiritual journey and make a confession of faith in Jesus in the Beacon and in outreach. We have given out 140 copies of Word for Today and 20 bibles and more gospels and books on spiritual matters.



Our weekly Christian centred meeting every Thursday (formerly known as 'The God Slot' and now called The Light Session) welcomed over 100 guests. We prayed with most of our guests, and had the opportunity to speak hope and life over them as they faced uncertain futures on the streets. The Light Session draws on our local church partnerships; we have had the pleasure of hosting different leaders and pastors from churches across Manchester who have shared a life giving message from the Bible to our guests.

We were blessed by the energy and enthusiasm of the Message School of Evangelism students from The Message in Wythenshawe, as they gave a day a week to volunteer and support us in coming alongside the guests listening to their stories and sharing the gospel with them. We also welcomed Alex, an intern from the Nazarene College, who has joined our staff team in the Beacon.

Recently a Teen Challenge team volunteered with us and went on outreach to engage with our guests. This has allowed us to run extra sessions after the Light Session, such as the Alpha course which had a high level of engagement. Many of the guests have asked for us to run an Alpha course again.

It has been a great year for Dwell in general and we can see how God is leading us to both expand and develop, we look forward to what is in store for dwell in the year ahead.

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Admin and Logistics - Keeping Barnabus running

Adam Williams, Office Administrator



This year has really highlighted how important it is for Barnabus to have up-to-date and functioning laptops. It is now apparent that our stock of laptops are too old to handle what our support workers and admin staff need, in order to help and support the people that come to Barnabus for help. There is also an upcoming Microsoft software update that will make half of our stock defunct as they don't have the necessary RAM to download the update. We have spent a lot of time trying to source affordable laptops that are fit for purpose as well as sourcing the funding for these necessities.

What has become very apparent is that without funding for a charity's infrastructure, there is a huge impact on the quality of work that the front line staff can achieve.

Although donations of food and clothing have reduced this year, fortunately, for the most part we have been able to provide good clean clothes, toiletries and food for our clients. Occasionally we have needed to go out and buy socks, underwear and tracksuit bottoms as we had very empty shelves, which we can only put down to the increasing impact of poverty and cost of living across our city.

Alan Hewitson, our van driver and store keeper says:

"One of the standout moments for me in 2024 was to see a lad that we have supported for years move from one of Barnabus's supported houses, into his own tenancy. I helped him move his belongings in the van to his new home and it was great to see how someone can be supported by Barnabus, off the street, into one of our supported houses and then finally be ready to become independent."

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Fundraising - Making our work possible

Carol Price, Fundraising Manager



The Manchester Dragon Boat Race has become one of our favourite fundraising events each year. This year we had 8 teams from various organisations paddling for Barnabus, raising a tremendous £17,000 for our work.

Corporate volunteers often raise funds for us through the year as well as helping out in the Beacon and sorting out donations. BNY Mellon sent a great team to help with our Christmas party.



The Phoenix Boys, including our Chair Steve Best, put on a gig to raise funds.

The Annual Santa Dash at Heaton Parkrun is our longest standing fundraising event, which the staff compete to help at because it's so much fun. Hundreds of Santas, Elves, Reindeer all running through the park make the perfect festive fundraiser.



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Finance - Stewarding your Donations for Change

Annette Brown, Deputy CEO

Over the fifteen years I have worked at Barnabus, we have grown from a team of 8 to 21: amazing people who work very hard to ensure we can fulfil our goals. This means that the biggest expense we have is our salary bill; being a people charity, we can't run the service without the staff being on site to meet people where they are and paying them properly for the work that they do.

People often ask if we could get volunteers to do this work instead of paid staff. The clients we serve have been through many traumas and have many different support needs. To gain their trust and to understand how to navigate a broken housing system means having consistent, well trained staff who can foster relationships and work positively with colleagues in other services.

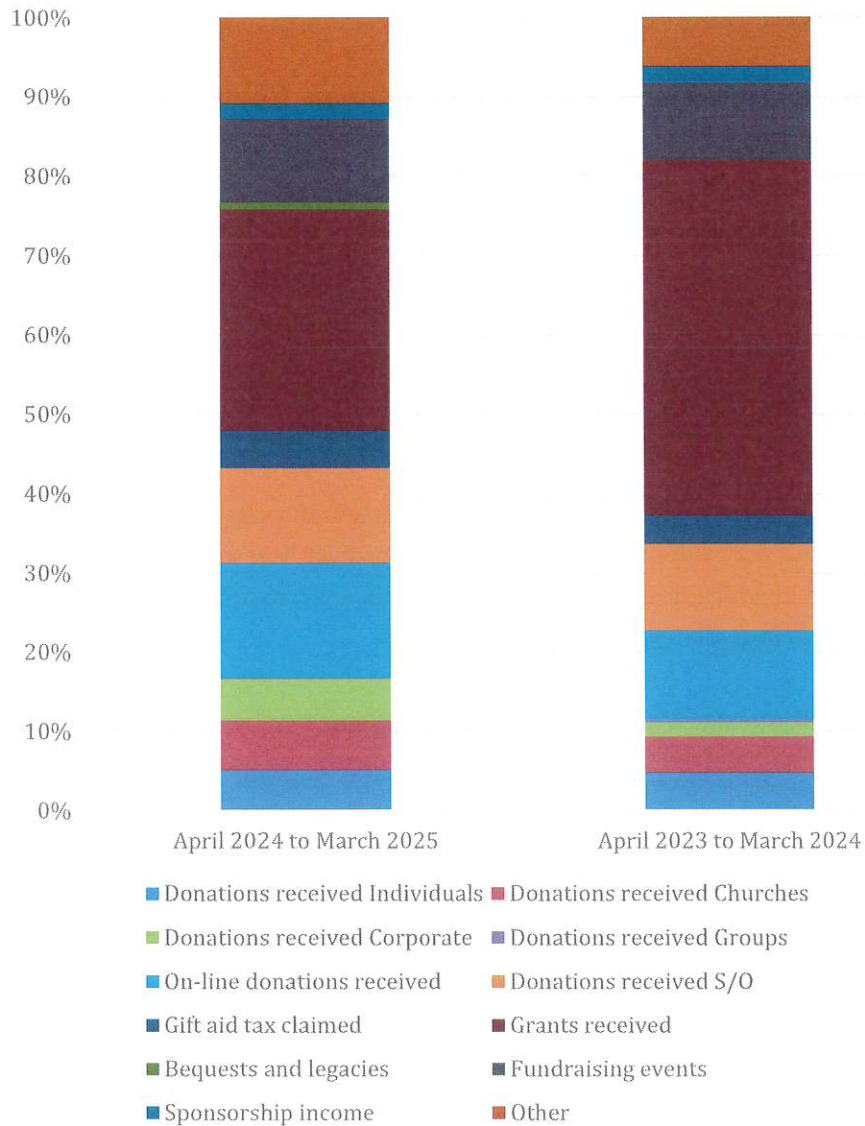
This year we have run a deficit of £144,545. This has largely arisen through expending restricted funds raised the previous year for our supported accommodation project. We set up two supported houses with 8 beds in total, both of which needed upgrades to comply with regulations as well as decorating and furniture to turn them into nice places to live.

As can be seen in the chart on page 17, the sources of our funding are changing. We have secured less in grant funding this year than we did the previous one. This means we have to develop other sources to fulfil our financial goals.

Our supported houses are funded through housing benefit; this funds the on-going direct costs of the buildings. We fundraise for the cost of housing support workers to deliver the support and help our residents work towards independent living.

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Where does funding come from?



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Statement of responsibilities of the trustees

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable group for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. 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.

Signed on behalf of the trustees



S E Best (chair)

Date:

13/11/25

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Independent Examiner's Report
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I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 set out on pages 20 to 34.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accounts England and Wales (ICAEW).

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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 Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave 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.

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Barnabus (Manchester)
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2024 £
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	3	592,963	28,837	621,800	548,464	142,604	691,068
Charitable activities	4	3,778	-	3,778	7,418	600	8,018
Other trading activities	5	104,986	59,350	164,336	79,756	43,712	123,468
Investments	6	20,092	-	20,092	19,980	-	19,980
Total income		721,819	88,187	810,006	655,618	186,916	842,534
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	8	44,925	-	44,925	47,044	-	47,044
Charitable activities	9	744,934	164,692	909,626	748,572	99,437	848,009
Total expenditure		789,859	164,692	954,551	795,616	99,437	895,053
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	9	(68,040)	(76,505)	(144,545)	(139,998)	87,479	(52,519)
Transfer between funds		78,303	(78,303)	-	19,425	(19,425)	-
Net movement in funds for the year		10,263	(154,808)	(144,545)	(120,573)	68,054	(52,519)
Reconciliation of funds							
Total funds brought forward		503,169	313,052	816,221	623,742	244,998	868,740
Total funds carried forward		513,432	158,244	671,676	503,169	313,052	816,221

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

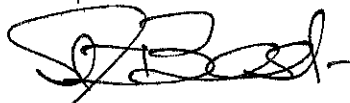
Barnabus (Manchester)

Balance sheet as at 31 March 2025

	Note	2025	2024
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	14	147,195	170,742
Total fixed assets		147,195	170,742
Current assets			
Debtors	15	46,301	40,474
Cash at bank and in hand	16	492,448	650,954
Total current assets		538,749	691,428
Liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due in less than one year	17	(14,268)	(45,949)
Net current assets		524,481	645,479
Total assets less current liabilities		671,676	816,221
Net assets		671,676	816,221
The funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds	18	158,244	313,052
Unrestricted income funds	19	513,432	503,169
Total charity funds		671,676	816,221

The notes on pages 23 to 34 form part of these accounts.

Approved by the trustees on 13 November 2025 and signed on their behalf by:


S E Best (Trustee)

Barnabus (Manchester)
Statement of Cash Flows
for the year ending 31 March 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Cash used in operating activities	22	(175,023)	(22,495)
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<i>Cash flows from investing activities:</i>			
Interest received		20,092	19,980
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(3,575)	-
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Cash provided by investing activities		16,517	19,980
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Decrease in cash and cash equivalents in the year		(158,506)	(2,515)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		650,954	653,469
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Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		492,448	650,954
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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025

1 Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgments and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

a Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 (as updated through Update Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Barnabus (Manchester) meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

b Judgments and estimates

The trustees have made no key judgments which have a significant effect on the accounts.

The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

c Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

d Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the charity that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Income received in advance of a provision of a specified service is deferred until the criteria for income recognition are met.

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

e Donated services and facilities

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), general volunteer time is not recognised; refer to the trustees' annual report for more information about their contribution.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

f Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

g Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

h Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

- Costs of raising funds comprise costs associated with attracting voluntary income, including costs of trading for fundraising purposes including the charity's textile recycling.
- Expenditure on charitable activities comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

i Operating leases

Operating leases are leases in which the title to the assets, and the risks and rewards of ownership, remain with the lessor. Rental charges are charged on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

j Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £500 or more are capitalised at cost and are depreciated over their estimated useful economic lives using the following basis:

Freehold Property and Improvements	4% Straight Line
Plant and Equipment	25% Reducing Balance
Motor vehicles	25% Reducing Balance

k Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

l Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

m Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

n Financial Instruments

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 measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

o Pensions

Employees of the charity are entitled to join a defined contribution 'money purchase' scheme. The charity's contribution is restricted to the contributions disclosed in note 10. There were £3,155 (2024: £2,563) contributions outstanding at the year end. The costs of the defined contribution scheme are included within charitable activity expenditure.

2 Legal status of the charity

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered with the charities commission.

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £
Donations	338,682	12,102	350,784	274,436	8,925	283,361
Gift Aid	33,634	4,261	37,895	28,859	1,281	30,140
Grants	213,892	12,474	226,366	245,169	132,398	377,567
Legacies	6,755	-	6,755	-	-	-
Total	592,963	28,837	621,800	548,464	142,604	691,068

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £
Contractual Income	(110)	-	(110)	1,450	-	1,450
Fees Income	2,590	-	2,590	2,760	-	2,760
Support Related Income	1,298	-	1,298	3,208	600	3,808
Total	3,778	-	3,778	7,418	600	8,018

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

5 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £
Clothes Recycling	1,839	-	1,839	2,008	-	2,008
Housing Benefit Income	26,616	34,407	61,023	15,171	7,349	22,520
Fundraising Events	60,541	24,943	85,484	45,267	36,363	81,630
Sponsorship Income	15,990	-	15,990	17,310	-	17,310

6 Investment Income

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £
Interest Received	20,092	-	20,092	19,980	-	19,980

7 Cost of raising funds

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2025 £	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2024 £
Donation Admin costs	3,601	-	3,601	3,041	-	3,041
Professional fees	10,697	-	10,697	10,950	-	10,950
Other fundraising costs	30,627	-	30,627	33,053	-	33,053
	44,925	-	44,925	47,044	-	47,044

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

8 Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Wages	485,126	429,916
Social security	38,119	38,186
Pension costs	16,382	15,036
Rent and office costs	85,557	78,932
Insurance	10,311	10,154
Light and heat	10,902	21,013
Telephone	11,075	32,236
Cleaning and hygiene	9,757	8,824
Other administrative expenses	12,264	12,200
Postage and stationery	4,321	4,667
Sundries	5,963	1,506
Travel & subsistence	7,961	5,512
Accommodation	99,692	49,100
Training	4,280	13,959
Vehicle running costs	4,469	4,238
Benevolence	30,129	46,857
Repairs and renewals	11,116	7,710
Depreciation - freehold property	14,899	14,899
Depreciation - imp. to property	2,355	3,139
Depreciation - motor vehicles	4,518	6,024
Depreciation - plant and equipment	1,466	1,303
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	3,884	-
Advertising	13,913	14,115
Bank charges	399	333
Accountancy and legal fees	20,768	28,150
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	909,626	848,009
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Unrestricted	744,934	748,572
Restricted	164,692	99,437
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	909,626	848,009
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9 Net income/(expenditure) for the year

This is stated after charging/(crediting):	2025 £	2024 £
Depreciation	23,238	25,365
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	3,884	-
Operating lease rentals:		-
Property	90,945	58,832
Other	2,680	2,680
Independent examiner's fee	1,500	3,500
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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

10 Staff costs

Staff costs during the year were as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	485,125	429,916
Social security costs	38,119	38,186
Pension costs	16,382	15,036
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	539,626	483,138
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No employees has employee benefits in excess of £60,000 (2024: Nil).

The average number of staff employed during the period was 20 (2024: 21).

The average full time equivalent number of staff employed during the period was 20 (2024: 20).

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees, Chief Executive Officer and Deputy Chief Executive Officer. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £72,074 (2024: £72,617).

11 Trustee remuneration and expenses, and related party transactions

Neither the trustees nor any persons connected with them received any remuneration or reimbursed expenses during the year (2024: Nil).

0 members of the management committee received travel and subsistence expenses during the year of £0 (2024:£0).

Aggregate donations from related parties were £2,325 (2024: £1,592).

There are no donations from related parties which are outside the normal course of business and no restricted donations from related parties.

Percy Westhead & Co. a firm in which T A R Elston is a partner received £576 (2024: £576) for payroll services in the year. No other trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity, including guarantees, during the year (2024: nil).

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

12 Government grants

The government grants recognised in the accounts were as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Manchester City Council	106,345	67,592
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	106,345	67,592
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There are no unfulfilled conditions and contingencies attaching to the grants.

13 Corporation tax

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within Chapter 3 of Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the charity.

14 Fixed assets: tangible assets

Cost	Property £	Improvements to Property £	Motor Vehicles	Plant and Equipment £	Total £
At 1 April 2024	372,479	31,394	39,779	62,397	506,049
Additions	-	-	-	3,575	3,575
Disposals	-	-	(9,779)	(62,396)	(72,175)
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At 31 March 2025	372,479	31,394	30,000	3,576	437,449
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Depreciation					
At 1 April 2024	233,137	21,977	21,707	58,486	335,307
Charge for the year	14,899	2,354	4,518	1,467	23,238
Disposals	-	-	(8,881)	(59,410)	(68,291)
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At 31 March 2025	248,036	24,331	17,344	543	290,254
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Net book value					
At 31 March 2025	124,443	7,063	12,656	3,033	147,195
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At 31 March 2024	139,342	9,417	18,072	3,911	170,742
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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

15 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	650	1,270
Gift Aid Reclaims	41,063	35,334
Prepayments and other debtors	4,588	3,870
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	46,301	40,474
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16 Cash at bank and in hand

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash at bank and on hand	492,448	650,954
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	492,448	650,954
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17 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	1,778	31,868
Taxation and social security	7,835	8,018
Other creditors	4,655	6,063
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	14,268	45,949
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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

18 Analysis of movements in restricted funds

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Resettlement Funds	2,563	-	(137)	137	2,563
Dwell Project	12,829	18,830	(19,901)	3,480	15,238
Housing Projects	59,569	49,963	(80,447)	(7,580)	21,505
Restricted Salaries	229,806	8,750	(64,207)	(74,340)	100,009
Renovation Beacon	8,285	-	-	-	8,285
Activities at the Beacon	-	10,644	-	-	10,644
	<hr/> 313,052	<hr/> 88,187	<hr/> (164,692)	<hr/> (78,303)	<hr/> 158,244

Comparative period

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Resettlement Funds	2,870	-	(1,751)	1,444	2,563
Dwell Project	12,111	14,634	(12,592)	(1,324)	12,829
Housing Projects	82,148	7,949	(27,341)	(3,187)	59,569
Restricted Salaries	147,868	156,049	(57,753)	(16,358)	229,806
Renovation Beacon	-	8,285	-	-	8,285
	<hr/> 244,997	<hr/> 186,917	<hr/> (99,437)	<hr/> (19,425)	<hr/> 313,052

Name of restricted fund	Description, nature and purposes of the fund
Resettlement Funds	Funds to help with household items for people moving into their own tenancies
Dwell Project	Dwell expenditure inc. salary
Housing Projects	Funds raised to set up housing and to cover ongoing running costs
Restricted Salaries	Funds raised for specific salaries
Renovation Beacon	Funds raised to upgrade the Beacon
Activities at the Beacon	Funds to run activities at the Beacon

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

19 Analysis of movement in unrestricted funds

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	As at 31 March 2025 £
General fund	503,169	721,819	(789,859)	78,303	513,432
	<u>503,169</u>	<u>721,819</u>	<u>(789,859)</u>	<u>78,303</u>	<u>513,432</u>
Comparative period					
	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	As at 31 March 2024 £
General fund	623,743	655,617	(795,616)	19,425	503,169
	<u>623,743</u>	<u>655,617</u>	<u>(795,616)</u>	<u>19,425</u>	<u>503,169</u>

Name of

unrestricted fund

Description, nature and purposes of the fund

General fund

The free reserves after allowing for all designated funds

20 Analysis of net assets between funds

	General fund £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £
Tangible fixed assets	147,195	-	-	147,195
Net current assets/(liabilities)	366,237	-	158,244	524,481
	<u>513,432</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>158,244</u>	<u>671,676</u>
Comparative period				
	General fund £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	170,742	-	-	170,742
Net current assets/(liabilities)	332,427	-	313,052	645,479
	<u>503,169</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>313,052</u>	<u>816,221</u>

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

21 Operating lease commitments

The charity's total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases is as follows for

	Property		Equipment	
	2025	2024	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Less than one year	108,169	65,922	2,680	2,680
One to five years	231,226	153,276	4,020	6,700
Over five years	71,121	75,582	-	-
	<u>410,516</u>	<u>294,780</u>	<u>6,700</u>	<u>9,380</u>

22 Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Net expenditure for the year	(144,545)	(52,519)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charge	23,238	25,365
Loss on sale of fixed assets	3,884	-
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(20,092)	(19,980)
Increase in debtors	(5,827)	(601)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(31,681)	25,240
	<u>(175,023)</u>	<u>(22,495)</u>
Net cash (used in) operating activities	<u>(175,023)</u>	<u>(22,495)</u>

