



# GIVE A GIFT

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

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## Legal and administrative information

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS	
Charity Name	<b>Give A Gift</b>
Registered Charity Number	1176262
Charity's Principal Address	233-237 Roundhay Road Leeds LS8 4HS
Trustees	Habib Khan Starr Zaman Mohammed Iqbal Zaman
Accountant	HLA Accountants, 21 Hyde Park Road, Leeds, LS6 1PY, United Kingdom.
Bank	Yorkshire Bank Penny Hill Centre Hunslet Leeds LS10 2AP

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT	
Type of governing document	Model Constitution
How the charity is registered	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods and induction	Appointed by Trustees and briefed on their legal obligations under charity law, the content of the charity's constitution, and its recent performance.

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

### **Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

The objects of the CIO are:

(1)

To relieve need of people in hospital or hospice, by means of, but not exclusively, the provision or assistance in the provision of equipment and provision of items of comfort for people in care irrespective of their race, creed or cultural backgrounds;

(2)

To relieve need among refugees and asylum seekers by means of, but not exclusively, making grants or loans for providing or paying for items including the provision of food, clean water, clothing, and other basic necessities for the benefit of the said persons;

(3)

To advance in life and relieve needs of young people through:

- a) The provision of recreational and leisure time activities provided in the interest of social welfare, designed to improve their conditions of life;
- b) Providing support and activities which develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals.

(4)

To promote racial and religious harmony and community cohesion for the benefit of the public by promoting knowledge and mutual understanding between different racial and faith groups, in ways that reduces conflict and creates trust, unity and peace between them.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects are highlighted in the Trustees report.

### **TRUSTEES REPORT**

Over the past year, Give A Gift has remained true to its vision of standing alongside those most in need. This annual report captures the difference we have made together, particularly in the lives of minority communities, the destitute, and families facing disadvantage.

Our work has spanned a wide range of vital services, from distributing culturally appropriate food parcels and emergency supplies to providing advocacy, befriending, casework, mental health support, and our healthy holidays programme. Each initiative has been developed to tackle isolation, break down barriers, and give individuals the confidence to move forward with dignity and hope. A strong volunteer and user-led ethos continues to underpin all we do, ensuring that our services are shaped by the communities themselves. In the past year alone, we have partnered with more than thirty organisations to maximise our collective impact.

We are deeply grateful to everyone who has played a role in this journey—our partners, funders, donors, staff, and volunteers. Their generosity, commitment, and tireless efforts have been at the heart of every success story. Without their contributions, Give A Gift would not have been able to reach the level of impact it has today.

Despite the ongoing challenges of the economic climate, we have carefully managed our finances to protect and sustain our services. Through effective fundraising and sound stewardship, we have built greater resilience and stability, allowing us to continue to grow and serve with inclusivity, collaboration, and responsibility at the core of our work.

### **Activities & Services**

This year has seen the expansion of our projects, deeper engagement with users, and the growth of our influence within the city of Leeds and beyond. Our delivery model is now increasingly co-designed with those with lived experience, thanks to the insights from our 'Listening to Community Perspectives' report.

## **New Projects & Initiatives**

- 'Listening to Community Perspectives' Report Implementation: Based on a major co-produced report, Give A Gift adapted its delivery model to become more user-led, holding regular community listening sessions.
- 'Women Leading Change' Civic & Economic Leadership Project: Funded by the UKSPF Community Power Fund to build the leadership capacity of refugee and asylum-seeking women.
- Social Cohesion & Belonging and the 'Humans of Harehills' Campaign Launch: A storytelling project sharing lived experiences from the local community, particularly asylum seekers and women.
- New Digital Inclusion Workshops: Addressing the digital divide in refugee families by providing devices and basic digital literacy skills.

## **Events & Celebrations**

- Annual Community Eid Celebration 2024: Attended by over 300 individuals, featured food, children's activities, and distribution of over 500 Eid gifts.
- Winter Wellbeing Festival 2024: Delivered a collaborative event bringing together multiple charities, with health stalls, crafts, and warm packs for 300+ attendees.
- Ramadhan Community Iftars 2025: Served over 2,000 meals across 12 community iftars, including interfaith sessions.

## **Partnerships & Recognition**

- Recognised as a key delivery partner by Leeds City Council in the asylum support and food aid network.
- Delivered cross-sector projects in partnership with PAFRAS, RETAS, HELP, LCC, Islamic Relief, Fareshare, and NHS Leeds.
- Received the Kings Award for Voluntary Services and local media coverage on multiple campaigns and events.

## **Core Activities and Impact**

### **Casework**

We again supported several hundred individuals and families through complex casework, including advocacy, referrals, and crisis intervention. Common issues included access to education, housing instability, no recourse to public funds (NRPF), and domestic violence. We worked closely with schools, the Council, PAFRAS, Citizens Advice, and others.

## **Mental Health and Wellbeing**

Now in its third year, our mental health programme supported 60+ women from BAME backgrounds. Weekly wellbeing groups included peer support, creative sessions, and religiously and culturally informed guidance. New counselling support was added this year.

## **Cultural Food Hub and Food Support**

We distributed over 300 food parcels weekly to over 2000 beneficiaries as the cultural food hub for East Leeds supporting over 20 partners. Food was tailored to religious and cultural dietary needs and included fresh fruit, vegetables, and vouchers, supported by Fareshare and LCC.

## **Healthy Holiday Activities and Food**

Across Easter, Summer, and Winter 2024-25, we engaged over 90 children from asylum-seeking families in culturally appropriate activities. We also distributed food packs to six organisations supporting children on free school meals.

## **Women Leading Change**

Our UKSPF-funded project supports refugee and asylum-seeking women to gain civic and economic leadership skills. The programme includes mentoring, skills development, and pathways into volunteering and enterprise.

**IR Partnership Project** – Year 2 of poverty-relief programme delivered vouchers, food, advocacy, and cooked meals to over 200 families and individuals

## **Strategic Direction and Partnerships**

In 2025, we embedded a new user-led delivery model and deepened our collaboration with Leeds City Council, and community partners. We continued to act as a critical access point for new arrivals and destitute individuals in Leeds.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

### **Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

The charity works towards keeping a surplus in the range of 6 months running costs equating to £300,000 for unforeseen financial circumstances at the end of each year.

### **Statement of trustees' responsibilities**

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). Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year. 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 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements and;
- 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 which 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 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. 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.

On behalf of the board

.....*M Zaman*.....

**Mr M Zaman (Trustee)**

**Date: 26<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

## **Independent Examiners Report**

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I report on the accounts of Give A Gift for the year ended 31 March 2024 set out on pages 11 to 17.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees**

As the trustee of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

### **Basis of independent examiner's statement**

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements 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**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act or;
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records or;
3. the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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 or

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

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**Mr. Haroon Latif FCCA**  
**Independent Examiner**

**HLA Accountants**  
**21 Hyde Park Road**  
**Leeds**  
**LS6 1PY**

**Date: 26<sup>th</sup> September 2025**



**GIVE A GIFT**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2025	2024
		£	£	£	£
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>					
Donations		21,230	41,207	62,437	25,005
Fundraising		4,000	10,638	14,638	19,253
Grants		-	578759	578759	529101
Gift Aid / Other Income		15,655	-	15,655	131347
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		<b>40,885</b>	<b>630604</b>	<b>671489</b>	<b>704706</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>					
Gross Wages and NI	3	-	123421	123421	97,379
Project Activities		23,712	304431	328143	223595
Events		3,110	7,114	10,224	624
Equipment & Supplies		-	2,553	2,553	1,824
Travel Training& Expenses		-	4,408	4,408	3,754
Printing & Marketing		-	548	548	1,277
Grants & Donations	4	-	62,983	32,983	142315
Rent, Insurance & Overheads		-	23,470	23,470	10,475
Legal and professional		-	7,177	7,177	2,695
Other		-	174	174	332
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		<b>26,822</b>	<b>536,279</b>	<b>563101</b>	<b>484270</b>
Net incoming/outgoing resources before transfers					
Transfers between Funds		14,063	94,325	108388	220436
Other recognised gains/(losses)		-	-	-	-
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<b>14,063</b>	<b>94,325</b>	<b>108388</b>	<b>220436</b>
Total Funds Brought Forward		87,052	580,798	667850	447414
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	9	<b>101,115</b>	<b>675123</b>	<b>776238</b>	<b>667850</b>

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## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025	2024
		£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible Assets	5	-	-
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Reserves Account	6	250,000	147,000
Designated Funds		100,000	100,000
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>456,603</u>	<u>204,055</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>(30,365)</u>	<u>(3,641)</u>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		776,238	447,414
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u>776,238</u>	<u>447,414</u>
<b>Funds</b>			
Total Funds	9	776,238	447,414
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>776,238</u>	<u>447,414</u>

The financial statements were approved by the board and signed on its behalf by;

*M Zaman*

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Mr M Zaman  
Trustee

Date: 26<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Charity number: 1176262

**GIVE A GIFT  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2025**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of Accounting**

- (a) The Accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities and follow the recommendations in *Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice* issued in (SORP 2005).

**Incoming Resources**

- (b) Voluntary income is received by way of donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable.

Income from school fees represents fees earned in respect of the provision of education to pupils during the year.

Income from investments is included in the year in which it is receivable.

**Resources Expended**

- (c) Resources expended are recognised in the period in which they are incurred. Resources expended include attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.

**Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

- (d) Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets over their estimated useful lives.

Fixtures & Fittings

- (e) No depreciation is charged in respect of buildings which are included at cost.

## Fund accounting

- (f) Restricted Funds are donations and other incoming resources receivable or generated for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

## STAFF NUMBERS

The average weekly number of employees during the year, calculated based on 4.5 FTE Equivalent.

3. STAFF COSTS	2025	2024
Gross wages and Employers NI	123,421	100,622
	<u>123,421</u>	<u>100,622</u>

No Trustees have received remuneration or had expenses met by the Charity.  
There are no employees with emoluments above £60,000.

4. GRANTS & DONATIONS TO INSTITUTIONS	
Total grants and donations made during the year to Institutions amounted to £62,983. Included within this total is a grant of £30,000 to Pathways for Change, a CIC established by the charity	62,983

5. NET INCOMING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR		
This is stated after charging:	2025	2024
Trustees' remuneration	Nil	Nil
Examiners' fee		
	<u>400</u>	<u>400</u>

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS			
	Freehold Property	Fixtures & Fittings	Total
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2024	-	-	-
Additions	-	-	-
At 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1st April 2024	-	-	-
Charge for the year	-	-	-
At 31st March 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net Book Value</b>			

31<sup>st</sup> March 2025  
31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

-	-	-
-	-	-

## 7. RESERVES

Reserves accounts (6 Months running costs)

2025	2024
250,000	147,000
250,000	147,000

## 8. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

Other creditors

2025	2024
30,365	1.740
30,365	1.740

## 9. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

Tangible Fixed Assets  
Current Assets  
Current Liabilities  
Net Assets 31 March 2025

2025	2024
£	£
-	-
667,850	669,590
(30,365)	(1.740)
637,485	667,850

## 10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1st April 2024 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	At 31st March 2025 £
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
Unrestricted funds	87,052	40,885	26,822		101,115
Charity Restricted funds	580,798	630,604	536,279	-	675,123
<b>Total Funds</b>	667,850	671,489	563,101	-	776,238

### Purposes of Restricted Funds

The restricted funds represent funds which trustees are to use in accordance with the purpose outlined in the grant agreement and for the specified cause outlined in the fundraising campaigns run throughout the financial year.