

**Report of the Trustees and  
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024  
for  
Warrington Charities Trust CIO**

# **Warrington Charities Trust CIO**

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## **Warrington Charities Trust CIO**

### **Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Objectives and aims**

The objects of the charity are to promote any charitable purposes for the benefit of the communities in the area of Warrington, in particular, the prevention or relief of poverty, advancement of education and the protection of good health, both mental and physical, by providing grant funding that will enable charitable organisations to continue or expand their work including activities and service provision for local people.

##### **Significant activities**

The Trust's objectives are to raise funds from the Corporate Sector (industry, commerce and trade) operating in Warrington for the distribution to needy charitable activities operating in and for the benefit of the inhabitants of Warrington Borough, their quality of life and their environment. In this way the Corporate Sector (the workforce of which is mainly made up of Warrington citizens) demonstrates its support for the Warrington community in a practical and mutually beneficial way. The Trust strongly believes that charitable donations raised in Warrington should be used to benefit Warrington.

##### **Public benefit**

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aim and objectives and in planning our future activities.

##### **Grantmaking**

The charity makes small grants to local groups by an application process which are approved by the trustees at board meetings.

##### **Volunteers**

Volunteers undertake the Trust's management and the general running costs are met by sponsorship. The office space, meeting rooms and website are all provided cost free and the annual report is produced free of all charges. Administration costs are thereby kept to a minimum. Therefore, the Trust can truly state that every £ donated by local business organisations or individuals is given each year to benefit many local charitable activities. No estimate or value has been placed on the work of volunteers or included in the accounts.

#### **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

##### **Fundraising activities**

In the year, in addition to the normal incoming financial support, Warrington Charities Trust has started to benefit from an Internet based scheme for donations at the charity website at <https://warringtoncharitiestrust.org>.

The Trustees are aware that donations are required to allow the charity to continue to make grants to local groups. Towards this end, the trustees continue to liaise with other grant making bodies in the area and explore opportunities to work together

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Investment policy and objectives**

The Trustees have decided that the deposit of surplus funds with the local authority on 7 days notice best meets the requirement to maximise income, flexibility and security of capital.

##### **Reserves policy**

The Trustees have decided, because of the dependence on external donors, to set the level of reserves at £5,000.

## **Warrington Charities Trust CIO**

### **Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Going concern**

The Trustees are continually reviewing the operations of the charity and its ability to deliver its objects during the Covid 19 pandemic. The Trustees have followed Government Guidance and are seeking financial assistance where appropriate and making cost savings where possible. In the opinion of the Trustees significant financial pressure will be placed on the Charity and on the groups supported as a result of the Covid 19 pandemic but the Trustees believe they have the structure and resources to ensure the Charity remains a going concern

#### **FUTURE PLANS**

In order to reach as wide an audience as possible, the Trustees are going to re-brand and re-launch Warrington Charities Trust CIO. We are working towards developing wider networks, contacts and donors to ensure that Warrington Charities Trust continues to offer our much-needed support.

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, dated 27 November 2017, which is the constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) whose only voting members are its charity trustees.

##### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

There must be at least three charity trustees and a maximum of twelve.

Every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment, the trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

##### **Organisational structure**

At the General Meeting, the CIO will elect a Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary and such honorary officers as the CIO may from time to time determine.

##### **Induction and training of new trustees**

The trustees will make available to each new trustee, on or before his or her first appointment, a copy of the current version of the constitution and a copy of the CIO's latest Trustees' Annual Report and the statement of accounts.

#### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

##### **Registered Charity number**

1176369

##### **Principal address**

c/o Cheshire Community Foundation  
The Challenge Academy Trust  
Bridgewater High School, Broomfields Road  
Warrington  
Cheshire  
WA4 3AE

##### **Trustees**

P Taylor Chairperson  
M Barbour Secretary  
C Belshaw Treasurer  
A E Cullen (resigned 21.11.23)  
R Griffiths  
A M Morley  
J M Goodison

**Warrington Charities Trust CIO**

**Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Independent Examiner**

Voisey & Co LLP  
Chartered Accountants  
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 14 October 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

C Belshaw - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
Warrington Charities Trust CIO**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Warrington Charities Trust CIO**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Warrington Charities Trust CIO (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. 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 in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Janine Boyo FMAAT ACA BFP

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Chartered Accountants  
8 Winmarleigh Street  
Warrington  
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14 October 2024

**Warrington Charities Trust CIO**

**Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

	Notes	31.3.24 Unrestricted fund £	31.3.23 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies		7,535	6,480
Investment income	2	180	25
<b>Total</b>		<u>7,715</u>	<u>6,505</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Support of local charities and groups		15,180	9,628
Other		-	350
<b>Total</b>		<u>15,180</u>	<u>9,978</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		(7,465)	(3,473)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward		32,995	36,468
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>25,530</u></u>	<u><u>32,995</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

# Warrington Charities Trust CIO

## Balance Sheet 31 March 2024

	Notes	31.3.24 Unrestricted fund £	31.3.23 Total funds £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	5	-	5,000
Cash at bank		25,530	27,995
		<u>25,530</u>	<u>32,995</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>25,530</u>	<u>32,995</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		25,530	32,995
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>25,530</u>	<u>32,995</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	6		
Unrestricted funds		25,530	32,995
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>25,530</u>	<u>32,995</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 14 October 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

C Belshaw - Trustee

## **Warrington Charities Trust CIO**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

#### **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

##### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The charity has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland':

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows;
- the requirement of paragraph 3.17(d);
- the requirements of paragraphs 11.42, 11.44, 11.45, 11.47, 11.48(a)(iii), 11.48(a)(iv), 11.48(b) and 11.48(c);
- the requirements of paragraphs 12.26, 12.27, 12.29(a), 12.29(b) and 12.29A.

##### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

##### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

##### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

##### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

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.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

**Warrington Charities Trust CIO**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

<b>2. INVESTMENT INCOME</b>	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Deposit account interest	180	25
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>3. GRANTS PAYABLE</b>	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Support of local charities and groups	14,060	9,628
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

# Warrington Charities Trust CIO

## Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

### 3. GRANTS PAYABLE - continued

The total grants paid to institutions during the year was as follows:

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Friends of Longbarn Park	435	-
Friends of Christchurch Graveyard	637	-
Families United	533	-
Culcheth Methodist Church	-	300
Warrington Talking Newspaper	1,266	-
The Person Centre	-	(500)
Wild about Stockton Heath	460	-
Appleton Thorn Pre-school Playgroup	-	(500)
Peer talk Charitable Foundation	500	-
WVA - Mulan Culture	-	1,000
Warrington Craftwork Guild	-	500
Warrington Art Group	-	500
Stroke Association	-	450
The Old School	-	598
St Albans Bowling Club	600	545
Glazebury Methodist Church	-	500
MacIntyre	-	500
Christ Church Padgte PCC	-	1,002
Cromdale Way Pre-school	-	658
Friends of Glazebury Station	-	500
St Thomas PCC Stockton Heath	-	240
Pantathlon Foundation Limited	-	500
1st Locking Stumps Guides	-	940
1st Croft Guides	-	555
PCC of Holy Trinity	-	840
Footsteps 2000 Limited	-	500
1st Croft Rangers	683	-
Home Instead Senior Care Bring Joy Foundation	350	-
Park Road PFA	935	-
East Latchford Friends	890	-
WECA	1,000	-
Warrington u3A	600	-
Warrington Asylum Seekers and Refuge Support	600	-
St Josephs PFA Fr	925	-
Lime Print Works	1,104	-
Culcheth Tennis Club	760	-
Warrington and Halton Heah and Neck Cancer Support Group	700	-
The 7th Warrington Scouts (Sankey Valley)	630	-
Warrington Youth Rowing	452	-
	<u>14,060</u>	<u>9,628</u>

# Warrington Charities Trust CIO

## Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

### 4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

#### Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

### 5. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
Short term investment	-	5,000
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

### 6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	32,995	(7,465)	25,530
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>32,995</u>	<u>(7,465)</u>	<u>25,530</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	7,715	(15,180)	(7,465)
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>7,715</u>	<u>(15,180)</u>	<u>(7,465)</u>

#### Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	36,468	(3,473)	32,995
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>36,468</u>	<u>(3,473)</u>	<u>32,995</u>

# Warrington Charities Trust CIO

## Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

### 6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	6,505	(9,978)	(3,473)
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>6,505</u>	<u>(9,978)</u>	<u>(3,473)</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	36,468	(10,938)	25,530
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>36,468</u>	<u>(10,938)</u>	<u>25,530</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	14,220	(25,158)	(10,938)
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>14,220</u>	<u>(25,158)</u>	<u>(10,938)</u>

**Warrington Charities Trust CIO**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

**7. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2024.

**Warrington Charities Trust CIO**

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations	7,185	6,130
Donated services and facilities	350	350
	<u>7,535</u>	<u>6,480</u>
<b>Investment income</b>		
Deposit account interest	180	25
	<u>7,715</u>	<u>6,505</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		
	<u>7,715</u>	<u>6,505</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Subscriptions	770	-
Grants to institutions	14,060	9,628
	<u>14,830</u>	<u>9,628</u>
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Independent Examiners fees	350	350
	<u>15,180</u>	<u>9,978</u>
<b>Net expenditure</b>	<u>(7,465)</u>	<u>(3,473)</u>

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements