

ecoACTIVE

Report and Financial Statements
For the year ended 31st March 2025
(Charity Number: 1180582)

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 31st March 2025

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Reference and Administrative Information	
Charity Name	ecoACTIVE
Charity Registration Number	1180582
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TRUSTEES' REPORT
For the year ended 31st March 2025

The Trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity ecoACTIVE for the period ended 31st March 2025. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1. of the accounts and comply with its memorandum, the Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Structure, Governance and Management:

Constitution

The object of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation ("CIO") is:

To advance the education of the public in sustainable development and the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment in particular but not exclusively by the provision of information and education in:

- a) Subjects relating to all aspects of sustainability- social, environmental and economic;
- b) Environmental conservation and the prudent use of resources.

ecoACTIVE provides activity programs and workshops with schools, in community settings and at public events, addressing themes of sustainability, nature conservation, and encouraging awareness of prudent use of resources e.g. waste, energy, water and food.

We support schools in becoming more sustainable through practical environmental initiatives and encourage individuals and young people to take personal responsibility for their own behaviours, as well as encouraging their participation in the decision and policymaking for sustainable futures.

We work in partnership with relevant organisations to encourage understanding of sustainable development. We work with families, youth clubs and community groups to engage individuals in thinking about sustainable use of resources and appreciation and protection of the natural world, through creative and hands-on activities. We support residents to create sustainable, thriving community gardens, and run forest schools for young people who greatly benefit from opportunities to explore a local green space. Our new project, the Hackney Buzzline, is creating a 4 km ecological corridor for pollinators, connecting parks with green spaces on housing estates, schools and in other community settings.

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Trustees are recruited from the local community, ecoACTIVE's membership and the membership of relevant professional networks having regard to the requirement for any specialist skills needed. References are taken up to ensure the suitability of potential new trustees.

Induction and training of new trustees

When new trustees are appointed, they are given a copy of the charity's Constitution and they meet with the Director who gives them a detailed insight into the running of the organisation. Our Co-Chairs recently

attended Trustee training and Emerging Chairs training provided by Cause4. The trustee training is offered to any new trustees who would like to take part.

Trustee Board and meetings

Trustee meetings are held every two months, either online or in-person. The Trustees agree on the strategy, policies and terms and conditions for the day-to-day running of the organisation, and support the Director. ecoACTIVE's Staff Handbook outlines information for staff on all aspects of our operations, and they are provided with Terms and Conditions of Employment and Policies. Policies and procedures in place include:

- Anti-slavery and Human Trafficking Policy
- Health and Safety Policy
- Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Policy
- Safeguarding Children and Adults at Risk Policy
- Reserves Policy
- Environmental Policy
- Social Media & Digital Communications procedures
- Absence Policies including: Annual leave, Sickness Absence, Flexible Working, Maternity, Paternity, Adoption and Shared Parental Leave Policies
- Carers leave Policy
- Redundancy Policy
- Stress and Mental Wellbeing at Work Policy
- Neonatal Care Leave Policy
- Homeworking / Hybrid Working Policy
- Menopause Policy
- Harassment & Bullying Policy
- Monitoring Equal Opportunities and Dignity at Work Policy
- Pensions Procedures
- Confidentiality Policy
- Data Protection Policy
- Quality Assurance Policy
- Staff Conflicts of Interest Policy
- Trustee Conflicts of Interest Policy
- Whistle Blowing Policy
- Complaints Procedure
- Disciplinary Procedure & Grievance Procedure
- Recruitment Procedure (including handling of DBS Disclosure Information)
- Policy Statement on the Recruitment of Ex-Offenders

Staff

At period end, ecoACTIVE had the equivalent of 4.4 full time employees. This was supplemented with support from a pool of freelance session workers and volunteers, who helped run sessions and activities. During the period, an average of 6 members of employed staff were working for ecoACTIVE each month.

Risk management

The Trustees have a risk management strategy which comprises:

- A risk register
- A quarterly review of the risks the charity may face;
- The establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified; and
- The implementation of procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise.

Risks within ecoACTIVE are regularly monitored by the Trustees at trustee meetings. A key element in the management of financial risk is the setting of a reserves policy and its regular review by the Trustees. The Charity is committed to safeguarding all those who participate in its activities, and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Commitment is implemented through appropriate checks, training and procedures.

Achievements and Performance:

In total, across our projects and fee-paying service, ecoACTIVE provided **302 sessions** over the year April 2024 to March 2025, with **3,113** young people and **646** adults. Most of the sessions took place in London (across **9** different London Boroughs), with **3** sessions taking place outside of London and **1** remote international session.

Forest School: ecoACTIVE's forest school project benefited from support from Portal Trust, Bupa Foundation, Hiscox Foundation, donations and fee income, which allowed us to deliver **seven long-term forest school programmes (80 sessions)** at adventure playgrounds in Hackney and at a Hackney Primary school (**involving a total of 145 young people**). Our team of staff and volunteers carried out regular observations of the young people, alongside questionnaires conducted with the participants, the staff and their parents and carers. Impacts for those involved included helping beneficiaries gain confidence, enhance their social skills and improve their well-being.

Social skills: *"Child B is now aged 9, and they have assumed a leader role among their Forest School and playground friends, and have learned lots of new skills in getting along well with others and fostering friendships. They made some fascinating contributions about nature to circle time, while also listening to others and not dominating discussions."* (Staff observation)

"Over the sessions, child BH started to learn to recognise her own needs, negotiate with others, and give others space when needed." (Staff observation)

"If they fall I help them up. If they are sad I cheer them up." (child)

"I talk to my mum at home or my dad if I feel upset. At Forest School I talk to [ecoACTIVE staff member] but I don't get upset." (child)

Wellbeing: *"Child B seemed very joyful this term, smiling a lot with his friends, and was very open to new learning experiences."* (Staff observation)

"Child F often displays a mix of curiosity and anxiety around wildlife. Their fear/fascination with foxes and other wildlife has been a theme of their attendance since the beginning, and the Forest School staff are supporting Child F in expressing and understanding these emotions by supporting F's interests and offering a safe space for expression." (Staff observation)

"I felt excited and happy" (child)

"I enjoyed everything today and felt amazing" [at Forest School] (child)

Confidence: *"Child B has really blossomed this term. Their outward confidence has grown into a quieter inner self-confidence and self-respect - and an increasing respect for others."* (Staff observation)

"Over the course of the sessions, Child H became more and more relaxed and confident, showing increasing resilience with challenging tasks, being aware of and helping others ("I can give you tips") and sharing skills with others as soon as they learned new ones, such as with the fire lighting activity." (Staff observation)

"I liked being the leader of the fox tracking" (child)

"Sometimes I don't want to do things. But I like trying out new things, especially climbing high up." (child)

"I faced my fears!" [with the fire lighting] (child)

Community Garden Network: This project, funded by Badur Foundation, Bupa Foundation, City Bridge Foundation, Clarion Futures, Hiscox Foundation, Julia Rausing Trust, London Borough of Hackney and Sanctuary Housing Association has continued to thrive. Between April 2024 and March 2025 we supported **8 community garden groups** (run by residents volunteering at the gardens). We provided **45 training/consultation sessions** with these groups, including providing sessions at various sites across Clapton Park estate (helping residents to build raised beds and benches, tidy up Gilpin Square and improve access to growing spaces); running a community volunteer day on Linzell Garden, in collaboration with Hackney Homes; and offering a series of family-friendly gardening sessions at Evergreen Square. In addition to these volunteer sessions, we helped the groups to run **19 events**, supporting them to engage with their wider communities. In total we engaged **158 adults and 163 young people**.

We measured the impact of the community garden project by gathering surveys and questionnaires with volunteers and participants at events. **92% of respondents** said they gained new skills as a result of being involved and **75% of respondents said they shared skills with other people**, as a result of being involved at a community garden.

"I have learnt new carpentry skills by helping to make raised beds."

"[I learnt] about summer under planting"

"Lots about gardening, taking the weeds out, and about insects."

"You taught us how to take cuttings, which I didn't know before."

"[I learnt the] best time to plant and harvest various vegetables."

"I have shared my vast knowledge of horticulture with the other volunteers and visitors to the garden."

"[We] held a session for kids and families."

92% of respondents said they met new people, or made new friends as a result of being involved at a community garden. This has helped some feel less isolated.

"[I've met] new people who visited because they are interested in the work of the garden."

"I've tried vegetables and herbs grown by my Vietnamese neighbour."

"[We've had] great support from young volunteers to maintain the garden."

"I met a lot of people from around the Estate who otherwise I wouldn't have had a chance to talk to."

"Have been on a few walks and chat with people I met in the garden and this has been a rewarding experience."

"Met a few locals who come in as they walk past to ask for advice or if they can have some herbs."

"It has been nice meeting people that live in different parts of the estate and forming friendships with people I would not have otherwise met."

95% of participants said that visiting their gardens had helped to improve their physical health and/or emotional wellbeing.

"It has been nice to support other members in learning to garden and who have been involved for mental health reasons."

"Just being outdoors and gardening with like minded people lifts your spirits."

"Gardening is exercise and also the ability to sit outside and relax helps a lot with mental well-being."

"[I have benefitted from] regular physical activity and mental joy and problem solving."

"Being in nature has a calming effect on me. Also getting some sun and fresh air."

Environmental Learning (Earth Education): ecoACTIVE delivered **90** Earth Education sessions during the financial year 2024-25, which included running workshops at schools, providing community-based activities, and training for employees. We worked with **2,503 young people** and **364 adults**.

We delivered sessions themed on a range of topics including waste and litter, air quality, food and nutrition, urban ecology, water scarcity and green careers. Sessions were delivered at schools/group's facilities, or participants visited us for day trips to Leaside. Our partnership with Leaside Trust continues to grow, with collaborations taking place when running events, developing the grounds at Leaside, and engaging other stakeholders.

Feedback from staff, after attending sessions includes:

What was of particular interest or enjoyment to you or the children?

"Making and trying out the musical instruments, listening to [EA staff member] and her engaging and interactive discussion with them. There was opportunities for [pupils] to speak about what they knew and they enjoyed learning more, with the help of the photos on the slides. She had a lovely engaging voice and way of speaking with the children."

"[EA Staff member] was an amazing teacher and pitched the session perfectly for the class. Thank you. I am excited to book future sessions."

"The structure was great, with a little deep dive into each of the aspects of being sustainable with textiles in a memorable way. Great opportunity for audience participation and well delivered."

Hackney Buzzline:

In March 2024, we were successful with an application to the Lottery Heritage Fund for our new Hackney Buzzline Project, which builds upon our walking and gardening club in King's Park ward, and our previous work with Friends of the Earth in the area. This is a three-year-programme, during which we will be creating a 4 km pollinator corridor between four parks in Hackney.

In year 1 we delivered six planting projects (in two parks and on three Estates), and also carried out species monitoring via transect surveys in four parks, plus moth trapping. 122 different insect species were identified in total over the year.

We delivered **69 sessions** during FY 24-25, working with **302 children** and **129 adults** from schools and children's centres, community groups, and residents on social housing estates. We are helping participants to create pollinator stops (meadow patches and planters), plus habitats and shelter for a range of pollinators. We have created a community pollinator map, for residents across the Buzzline and beyond, to add their own planting, or species identification. We have also collaborated with a wide range of local, regional, national and international partners and stakeholders, in order to share our learning, influence decision makers and strengthen our impact.

Feedback from participants, volunteers, pupils and school staff includes:

"It's created opportunities for local people to be involved in making their area better – both for them and nature. People feel good about caring for nature and seeing things grow!" (volunteer)

"I've met more people and learnt some gardening skills, both of which has been good for my mental health." (volunteer)

"We've really been talking about sustainability a lot with the children... it links with our curriculum really well. So the children can make those links with the learning outside of the classroom. Most children's interest [in nature] comes from school, as many live in areas with limited green spaces. Some children have never planted seeds or cared for plants before, but the project has helped them develop a love for nature" (teacher)

"I learned that there are lots of different types of bees" (child)

“Lots of pollinators and insects have started to be endangered, and it also helps us... we've got more bees, because they're pollinators, and it helps spread pollen so we can grow more food.” (child)

Business Development:

We have continued to diversify our income streams and explore other ways to develop the charity, build partnerships and reach more beneficiaries. Corporate income has increased significantly, thanks to our partnership building efforts and provision of more services for companies, including development of a ‘wellness walk’ along the Hackney Buzzline, which can be combined with surveying, litter picking or gardening tasks. We have also continued to provide sustainability training for employees.

This year, ecoACTIVE has been working in partnership with a wide range of stakeholders, including Hackney Council, Housing Associations like Sanctuary, ISHA, Clarion and Clapton Park TMO, plus engaged with regional and national partners including Friends of the Earth, Butterfly Conservation, Bumblebee Conservation Trust and London National Park City.

Future Plans:

We continue to run our community garden network, forest school programmes and Buzzline project, and have secured funding from Bupa Foundation, which will allow us to develop a training programme for community garden volunteers and local residents, including sessions on pollinators, climate preparedness and general horticulture.

In 2025 we have secured a contract to deliver sustainability sessions in three Folkestone schools, as well as increasing efforts to market our sessions to other schools and colleges in London and beyond. ecoACTIVE has recently been awarded ISEP training centre status, and we have worked closely with Watts Sustainability to develop an Environmental Sustainability Skills for the Workplace course, specifically aimed at 16-25 year olds (an age group that up until now has not been catered for by ISEP). We are seeking sponsorship donations, to enable us to provide this training to young people at a reduced rate, or completely free.

Financial Review:

We used restricted grants from **17** different funders during the period. This made up around **70%** of our income over the year.

Unrestricted funding has helped cover our core costs. This included selling sessions to schools and groups (around **8%** of the total), corporate donations and sessions (around **15%**), contracts (around **3%**), and individual giving donations (around **3%**).

Our unrestricted income this year has made up around **30%** of our total. We are continuing to strengthen our financial position, and the amazing efforts of our staff and trustees are starting to pay off.

Reserves:

Our aim is to build up sufficient reserves to allow for cover for a period of running costs, maternity benefit and critical illness provision. The Trustees estimate that an adequate level of unrestricted reserves would be three months of expenditure or around **£56,000**. The unrestricted reserve balance at the year-end was **£13,679** and restricted reserves stood at **£63,056**. This is an improvement on the figures from the previous financial year, when the unrestricted reserves balance was **£7,050**.

While we haven't yet reached the long-term reserve level we believe is a necessary buffer for operational costs (as our reserves don't yet meet the level proposed under our reserves policy), we believe the incremental increase in our unrestricted reserves evidences that we are heading in the right direction.

Statements of trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

- The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period 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 charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. 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.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by the Trustees on the **18th of November 2025** and signed on their behalf by,



Sarbjit Dhariwal, Co-Chair

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
ecoACTIVE**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the period ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). You are satisfied that the accounts are not required by charity law to be audited and have chosen instead to have an independent examination.

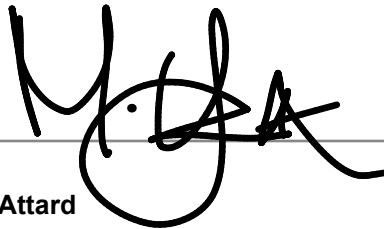
I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting 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.



Michèle Yianni - Attard

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Date: 18th November 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
For the year ended 31st March 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES					
For the year ended 31st March 2025					
		2025	2025	2025	2024
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
		£	£	£	£
INCOME FROM:					
Charitable activities: Grants and donations	2	41,149	166,354	207,503	209,489
Workshop and resources fees	2	27,346	0	27,346	27,504
Other income:					
TOTAL INCOME		68,495	166,354	234,849	236,994
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities	3	-61,866	-169,102	-230,968	-193,893
Net income/(expenditure)		6,629	-2,748	3,881	43,100
Transfers					
Total Funds brought forward		7,050	65,804	72,854	29,754
Total funds carried forward		13,679	63,056	76,735	72,853

All the above results derive from continuing charitable activities.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL					
ACTIVITIES					
For the year ended 31st March 2024					
		2024	2024	2024	2023
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
		£	£	£	£
INCOME FROM:					
Charitable activities: Grants and donations	2	63,194	146,295	209,489	124,845
Workshop and resources fees	2	27,504	0	27,504	33,283
Other income:					
Job Retention Scheme					
TOTAL INCOME		90,698	146,295	236,993	158,128
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities	3	-89,666	-104,2280	-193,893	-187,760
Net income/(expenditure)		1,033	42,067	43,100	-29,631
Transfers					
Total Funds brought forward		6,017	23,737	29,754	59,385
Total funds carried forward		7,050	65,804	72,854	29,754

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31st MARCH 2025

ecoACTIVE BALANCE SHEET			
as at 31st March 2025			
	Notes	2025	2024
		£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets	7	4,647	Nil
Current Assets			
Debtors	8	6,535	13,157
Cash at bank and in hand		71,386	71,472
NET CURRENT ASSETS		82,568	84,629
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due within one Year	9	-5,833	-11,775
TOTAL ASSETS		76,735	72,854
LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY	10		
Unrestricted Funds		13,679	7,050
Restricted Funds		63,056	65,804
TOTAL FUNDS		76,735	72,854

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102.

The financial statements were approved, and authorised for issue, by the Board of Trustees on 18th November 2025 and signed on their behalf by: **Sarbjit Dhariwal, Co-Chair**



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31st March 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted are as follows:

(a) Basis of Preparation

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 presentational currency of the financial statements is Pound Sterling (£).

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. These are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently valued at their carrying value.

The charity has taken advantage of the disclosure exemption permitted by FRS 102, The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland, and has not prepared a Statement of Cash Flows.

(b) Incoming Resources

Incoming resources are recognised in the Statement of Financial Accounting ("SOFA") once the organisation becomes entitled to the resources, it is probable that the resources will be received and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income), the incoming resources and related expenditure are stated gross in the SOFA. Grants and donations are only included in the SOFA when the organisation has unconditional entitlement to the funds.

Investment income is included when receivable.

(c) Resources Expended

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Charity to the expenditure or to pay out resources. Resources expended include attributable VAT which cannot be recovered. Support costs, which include governance cost (costs for the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of Management Committee meetings and costs of any legal advice to the Management Committee on governance or constitutional matters) include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

(d) Tangible Fixed Assets, Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £1,000. They are stated at cost less depreciation.

Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets less their estimated residual value

on a straight line over their expected useful life, which in all cases is estimated to be four years.

(e) Restricted and Unrestricted Funds

The accounts distinguish between restricted and unrestricted funds. Restricted funds are received from donors and are subject to restrictions on the purpose for which they may be used. Unrestricted funds are those where there are no externally imposed restrictions and are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

(f) Short-term debtors and creditors

Debtors are recognised when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received. Creditors are recognised when the charity has a present legal or constructive obligation resulting from a past event to make payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

(g) Judgments and key sources of estimation uncertainty

No judgement (apart from those involving estimates-) have been made in the process of applying the above accounting policies that have a significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements. ·

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 31st March 2025

2. GRANTS AND DONATIONS 2025	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025
	£	£	£
Badur Foundation		4,000	4,000
BUPA Foundation		13,000	13,000
City Bridge Foundation		12,900	12,900
Community Safety & Partnerships (LB Hackney)		4,064	4,064
Donations - Unrestricted	41,149		41,149
Friends Of the Earth		2,500	2,500
Grant Income - Zen		2,500	2,500
Hiscox Foundation		13,000	13,000
Heritage Fund		71,150	71,150
Julia Rausing Trust		25,000	25,000
King Charles III Charitable Trust		1,500	1,500
KPMT		2,500	2,500
Other Revenue		130	130
Portal Trust		12,360	12,360
Sanctuary Housing Association		1,750	1,750
Grants and Donations Total	41,149	166,354	207,503
Workshops and Resource Fees	27,346	0	27,346
Total Income	68,495	166,354	234,849

2. Cont.			
Comparative Grants and donations 2024			
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024
	£	£	£
Awards for all		10,000	10,000
City Bridge Trust		31,650	31,650
Community Safety & Partnerships (LB Hackey)		4,677	4,677
Clarion Futures	6,376	7,495	13,871
Friends of the Earth		2,500	2,500
Garfield Weston Grant	20,000		20,000
Heritage Fund		35,473	35,473
KPMT		15,000	15,000
L&Q Foundation		10,000	10,000
Ninevah Trust		2,500	2,500
Ovo Foundation		25,000	25,000
Sanctuary Housing Association		2000	2000
The Robert Gavron Trust	3000		3000
The Leaside Trust	11,491		11,491
Donations	22,327		22,327
Grants and Donations Total	63,194	146,295	209,489
Workshops and Resource Fees	27,504		27,504
Total Income	90,699	146,295	236,994

3. DETAILED ANALYSIS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES EXPENDITURE			
2025	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2025
	Funds	Funds	
	£	£	£
Charitable Activities			
Wages and salaries	44,390	101,228	145,618
Social security costs		6,156	6,156
Sessional workers and consultants	15,625	23,767	39,393
Recruitment and promotion		363	363
Training		1,085	1,085
Rent		9,030	9,030
Travel expenses		293	293
Insurance	218	4,460	4,678
Telephone and internet		1,323	1,323
Printing, postage and stationery		136	136
IT costs		1,575	1,575
Conferences and subscriptions		2,153	2,153
Miscellaneous		200	200
Resources	913	10,788	11,701
Accountancy	719	6,545	7,264
Total expenditure	61,866	169,102	230,968
2024	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2024
	Funds	Funds	
	£	£	£
Charitable Activities			
Wages and salaries	43,197	61,351	104,547
Social security costs	2,484	5,892	8,376
Sessional workers and consultants	16,907	28,691	45,598
Recruitment and promotion	396		396
Training	200	222	422
Rent	7,288		
Travel expenses	495	412	908
Insurance	1,903		1,903
Telephone and internet	136	120	256

Printing, postage and stationery	278	362	640
IT costs	1,365		1,365
Other office costs	1,201		1,201
Conferences and subscriptions	1,503		1,503
Miscellaneous	5		5
Resources	5,340	7,177	12,517
Accountancy	6,968	0	6,968
Total expenditure	89,666	104,228	193,893

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS			
There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the period ended 31st March 2025.			
	2025	2024	2023
	£	£	£
The reimbursement of expenses paid to the Trustees were	nil	nil	£ nil

5. STAFF COSTS				
	2025	2024	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Wages and salaries	139,971	99,699	117,794	111,830
Social security costs	6,156	8,376	5,902	2,825
Pension Costs	5,647	4,849	4,252	4,426
Total Staff Costs	151,774	112,924	127,948	119,081
The average number of employees during the period was 6.				
No member of staff was paid in excess of £60,000 for the period ended 31st March 2025.				
The key management personnel of the charity are those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the charity, directly or indirectly, including any trustee of the charity and, in the case of the charity, includes the Chief Executive. Total employee benefits paid to key management personnel in the period amounted to				
£32,546 (2024 £31,294)				

6. TAXATION

As a charity, ecoActive is exempt from liability to taxation on non-trading income and capital gains provided these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the Charity.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS-CONTINUED				
For the period ending 31st March 2025				
7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS				
Office Equipment and Plant and Machinery	2025	2024	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 31st March 2024 and 31st March 2025	4,647	nil	nil	nil
Depreciation				
At 31st March 2024 and 31st March 2025	nil	nil	nil	nil
Net Book Value				
At 31st March 2024 and 31st March 2025	4,647	nil	nil	nil
8. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR				
	2025	2024	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Grants Receivable & Debtors	6,535	13,157	425	5,766
Other Debtors	6,535	13,157	425	5,766
9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR				
	2025	2024	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Accrued Expenses	1,268			1,230
Other Creditors	4,655	11,775	-3,461	2,397
	5,833	11,775	-3,461	3,627

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS-CONTINUED			
For the year ended 31st March 2025			
10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS			
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025
	£	£	£
As at 1st April 2024	7,050	65,804	72,854
Incoming Resources	68,495	166,354	234,849
Resources Expended	-61,866	-169,102	-230,968
Transfers			
As at 31st March 2025	13,679	63,056	76,735
For the year ended 31st March 2024			
10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS			
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£
As at 1st April 2023	6,017	23,737	29,754
Incoming Resources	90,699	146,295	236,994
Resources Expended	-89,666	-104,228	-193,893
Transfers			
As at 31st March 2024	7,050	65,804	72,854
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£
As at 1st April 2022	653	58,732	59,385
Incoming Resources	83,194	74,934	158,128
Resources Expended	-77,831	-109,929	-187,760
Transfers			
As at 31st March 2023	6,016	23,737	29,753

Restricted funds 2025					
	At 31st	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	As at 31st
	Mar-24				Mar-25
	£	£	£	£	£
Awards for all	5,286		-5,286		0
Badur Foundation		4000	-2,438		1,562
BUPA Foundation		13,000	-5,213		7,787
City Bridge Foundation	6,450	12,900	-19,350		0
Community Safety & Partnerships (LB Hackey)	1,228	4,064	-5,292		0
Clarion Futures	7,495		-7,495		0
Friends Of the Earth		2,500	-2,500		0
ZEN		2,500	0		2,500
Lottery Heritage Fund	32,620	71,150	-73,633		30,137
Hiscox Foundation		13,000	-13,000		0
Julia Rausing Trust		25,000	-5,676		19,324
King Charles III Charitable Fund		1,500	-1,500		0
Kings Park Moving Together	4,612	2,500	-7,112		0
Other Revenue		130	-130		0
Ovo Foundation	5,845		-5,845		0
Portal Trust		12,360	-12,360		0
Sanctuary Housing Association	2,267	1,750	-2,267		1,750
Total	65,804	166,354	-169,102	0	63,056
Restricted funds 2024	At 31st	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	As at 31st
	Mar-23				Mar-24
	£	£	£	£	£
Our Space Award	1,114		-1,114		0
Sanctuary Housing Association	2,050	2000	-1,783		2,267
Kings Park Moving Together	5,687	15,000	-16,075		4,612
Portal Trust	11,860		-11,860		0
Partnerships for People & Place	1,286	0	-1,286		0
Ernest Cook Trust	1,740	0	-1,740		0
Awards for all		10,000	-4,714		5,286
City Bridge Foundation		31,650	-25,200		6,450
Community Safety & Partnerships (LB Hackey)		4,677	-3449		1,228
Clarion Futures		7,495	0		7,495
Friends of the Earth		2,500	-2500		0

Lottery Heritage Fund		35,473	-2,853		32,620
L&Q Foundation		10,000	-10,000		0
Nineveh Trust		2,500	-2,500		0
Ovo Foundation		25,000	-19,155		5,845
Total	23,737	146,295	-104,228	0	65,804

11. PURPOSE OF RESTRICTED FUNDS

The purposes of the significant restricted funds received during the period are as follows:

Awards for All

To support the provision of family friendly activities as part of the gardening and walking club, as well as the session worker fees for delivering these activities. In 2024-25 this acted as match funding for our Hackney Buzzline gardening activities in King's Park ward.

Badur Foundation

A grant from Badur Foundation allowed ecoACTIVE to do planting and gardening sessions on Clapton Park Estate, consult with residents, and run sessions with young people and adults at Pedro Club. This acted as match funding for the Hackney Buzzline project, which included working extensively on Clapton Park Estate, creating a pollinator corridor by linking planting on the estate to nearby Daubeney Fields.

Bupa Foundation

In 2024 we received a grant from Bupa Foundation which enabled us to work with Harris Science Academy in Newham, supporting students to create a sensory garden in a disused courtyard. Funding was also provided for forest school programmes, which we delivered at Shoreditch Park Primary School and Shoreditch Adventure Playground in summer 2025.

City Bridge Foundation

City Bridge Foundation provided funding and support for ecoACTIVE's community garden project, allowing us to work with and support a network of community gardens across Hackney. We came to the end of our grant period in December 2024.

Clarion Futures Green Grant

We received a grant from Clarion Futures to allow us to carry on supporting a community gardening project on Evergreen Square. We delivered a series of family-friendly gardening sessions and two community events on the square during 2024-25, which were well attended by local residents.

Friends of the Earth

The second part of a grant from Friends of the Earth allowed us to explore future income-generating possibilities for the Hackney Buzzline project during 2024-25.

The Hiscox Foundation

In 2024, The Hiscox Foundation supported ecoACTIVE with a grant to cover some of our core costs. They also provided funding for our environmental learning and forest school programmes, plus supported our community garden network project. In return we have provided a number of volunteering opportunities for Hiscox employees, who have assisted our Hackney Buzzline activities.

Julia Rausing Trust

The Julia Rausing Trust has provided funding for ecoACTIVE's community garden network project, allowing us to work with and support a network of community gardens groups for a further three years. We will provide training/consultation sessions, support groups to run community events, and provide networking opportunities across the gardens.

King Charles' III Charitable Fund

ecoACTIVE received a grant supporting our pollinator planting activities on Kingsmead and Clapton Park estate. We worked in collaboration with residents and community groups, offering gardening sessions for local people, supporting nature conservation and biodiversity and the creation of a pollinator corridor.

King's Park Moving Together (London Borough of Hackney and Sport England)

We finished delivering a two-year grant from King's Park Moving Together, which provided an exercise and gardening club. In 2024-25 this match funded our gardening activities in the ward for our Hackney Buzzline project.

London Borough of Hackney (Community Safety & Partnerships team)

A grant from Hackney allowed ecoACTIVE to do planting and gardening sessions on Clapton Park Estate, consult with residents, and run sessions with young people and adults at Pedro Club.

Lottery Heritage Fund

In 2024-25 ecoACTIVE delivered the first year of our three-year Hackney Buzzline project, supported by Lottery Heritage Fund. In year 1 we delivered 6 planting projects with the community, carried out pollinator surveys, recruited and trained local volunteers, and encouraged more local people to learn about natural heritage and get involved in helping to care for wildlife in their neighbourhood.

Ovo Foundation

In 2024-25 we finished delivering a one-year grant from Ovo Foundation, which supported the delivery of environmental learning sessions at Leaside. The grant covered salary costs, the delivery of some staff training, the creation of learning materials, and subsidised sessions for schools and groups visiting the site.

Portal Trust

In 2024-25 we delivered the second year of a two-year grant from Portal Trust. Thanks to the Trust, we were able to run Forest School programmes at two Adventure Playgrounds in Hackney.

Sanctuary Housing Association Community Programme

ecoACTIVE received a grant from Sanctuary towards our Hackney Buzzline project, enabling us to do pollinator friendly planting on Kingsmead Estate and create a memorial garden in partnership with local residents. At the end of the year, we also received a new grant to support Westmead and Eastmead community gardens on Kingsmead Estate.

Zero Emissions Network (ZEN)

In 2024 ecoACTIVE received a grant to allow us to purchase an electric cargo bike. This has been used by our staff, particularly our Postcode Gardener, for transporting tools and materials between our office space at Leaside, and the various planting sites on the Hackney Buzzline, without needing to use taxis.

12. PENSION COSTS

The charity contributes to a stakeholder pension scheme on behalf of employees who have elected to join the scheme. All of the charity's employees may elect to join the scheme. The Charity's liability to the pension scheme is limited to paying across to the scheme the contributions due and pension costs are charged as payments fall due and are disclosed in Note 5 to the accounts. Amounts due to the pension scheme at 31st March 2025 amounted to £936.02.

13. COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES				
INCOME FROM: Funds	Unrestricted Funds 2024	Unrestricted Funds 2024	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£		£
Charitable activities:				
Grants and donations	63,194	146,295	209,489	124,845
Workshop and resources fees	27,504		27,504	33,283
TOTAL INCOME	90,699	146,295	236,994	158,128
EXPENDITURE ON:				
Charitable activities	-89,666	-104,228	-193,893	-187,760
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	-89,666	-104,228	-193,893	-187,760
Net income/(expenditure)	1,033	42,067	43,100	-29,632
Transfers				
Total Funds brought forward	6,017	23,737	29,754	59,385
Total funds carried forward	7,050	65,804	72,854	29,754