

MAPA Bradford

Charity number 1180947

Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 March 2025



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Prepared by West Yorkshire Community Accountancy Service CIO

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Trustees' report for the year ended 31 March 2025

Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

The trustees during the financial year and up to and including the date the report was approved were:

Name	Position	Dates
Satnam Singh	Chair	
Kurshid Siddique		
Peter Tate	Treasurer	
Cain Lewis	Vice Chair	
Mercy Katola		
Simon Powell		Appointed 24 June 2025
Charity number	1180947	Registered in England and Wales
Registered and principal address	Bankers	
1 Coates Street	TSB Bank plc	HSBC UK Bank plc
West Bowling	4 Tyrrel Street	47 Market Street
Bradford	Bradford	Bradford
BD5 7DL	BD1 1RJ	BD1 1LW

Independent examiner

Rhys North ACA

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Structure, governance and management

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) foundation formed on 3 December 2018 and is governed by a constitution.

Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees of the charity are appointed by the trustees at a duly convened meeting.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 March 2025

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects

To further or benefit the residents of inner city Bradford and the neighbourhood, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupations with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents.

In furtherance of these objects but not otherwise, the trustees shall have power: to establish or secure the establishment of a community centre and to maintain or manage or co-operate with any statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a centre for activities promoted by the charity in furtherance of the above objects.

The charity's main activities

MAPA promotes opportunities that enrich and enhance the personal and social development of young people and the community. Using youth work and community arts principles at our core, we provide opportunities for groups to express themselves in a safe and dynamic environment. MAPA provides young people and the community the opportunity to empower themselves and each other through creative participation and our work aims to bring about change, encourage positive activity and develop positive voices of social action.

Public benefit statement

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our Trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular the advancement of education as well as training and social development for young people and the local community.

Achievements and performance

The Trustees would like to thank all our staff, partners, and community in supporting each other in achieving our programme during 2024/2025. We, like the Chair are particularly impressed with our efforts in reducing our carbon footprint and encouraging more environmental projects.

This report gives the reader a comprehensive view of our commitment to our community.

Food Support Programme HSF in partnerships with Bradford Council.

The Food Support Programme, established in partnership with Bradford Council, successfully distributed 614 food parcels (51 parcels per month for 12 months), assisting a total of 215 individuals. Among those supported, 26 were pensioners (12%), and 201 individuals (10%) identified as having a disability. Despite the programme's success, we faced a reduced budget this year, even as demand for support significantly increased. This highlights the growing need for assistance among families, pensioners, and individuals in need. In response to this situation, MAPA Bradford provided valuable advice and information regarding additional support networks that offer similar assistance

GOOD Fellows project, a men's mental health initiative for individuals aged 40 and over, was run in partnership with both the NHS and Bradford Trident. The group commenced in July 2023 continued until June/July 2024. Despite reaching out to both NHS and Bradford Trident to support the continuation of this excellent project. MAPA Trustees took the decision to continue the project until March 2025 (where a review will take place about its future).

As a result of this the group will now be called **MAPA's Men's Health Group** and opened to All men age 18+.

Over the past 12 months, the group has met every Wednesday from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm at two community sites, providing alternative provisions. Parkside Community Centre, operated by Bradford Trident, (joint working ended in July 24) offered activities such as Cook and Eats, group discussions, and indoor games including bowls. Meanwhile, MAPA provided opportunities for upcycling, DIY skills, gardening, one-on-one and group discussions, outings, walking, and games like pool and table tennis.

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Achievements and performance continued

As part of our ongoing **Carbon Reduction Challenge**, we continue to assess and implement changes aimed at reducing our carbon footprint while simultaneously cutting energy costs.

This year we completed a mammoth task of insulating all roof space throughout the building which took 11 months to complete. This was only made possible by a combination of staff and volunteers who carried out most of the work – an extended thank you to Greg Lucas who managed the project from start to finish. The total cost of the work amounted £15,000 of which £11,500 was a kind grant from the West Yorkshire Mayors office.

National Lotteries – ASB/Sport/Health project.

During the last year we have worked both on site and detached with young people who have been involved in ASB. This includes gathering outside specific facilities in the community and causing both threatening and very challenging behaviour towards community members and facilities. (includes local schools, homeless project). The main concerns for both residents and community facilities are the fear of gangs of young people gathering, the use of illegal drugs, driving electric powered scooters and bikes. MAPA have been working with the Youth Service and Bradford Foyer and local Ward Officer to look at ways of reducing this behaviour. We are happy that we have managed to reduce the overall ASB in the locality.

During the summer we ran a sports camp for 1 week - with young people - aimed at working with young people 11 to 19 years engaging them with a range of sports activities including gym and dance.

Girls and Women's only project

November 2024 finally saw the launch of the Girls group – (**MAPA Soul Sisters**) it runs every Thursday 4.30pm to 6.30pm.

It is staffed by Tanya and Amelia and volunteers.

Building repair/improvement programme

- Funding for insulation of the building (£11,500 WYMC) has now been completed – We have managed to insulate the entire roof space of building.
- The exterior of the building has now been repaired and rendered.
- Roofing work and guttering has now been repaired/replaced.
- All walls throughout the centre have had kick boards installed to prevent shoe and other marks.
- New heater installed.

Partnerships for 2025/2026

Bradford Youth Service: We continue to work with the Youth Service, engaging young people in a variety of social activities. We are pleased to report a steady increase in female membership with a membership of 70+ and an average of 35+ attending each week.

PHAB Bradford: Our support for PHAB remains strong, providing staff and resources. Currently, over 30 members attend weekly sessions.

Centre Point: We have agreed to work on Climate/Eco project with youth people.

REN (Racial Equality Network): We continued to work closely with REN, who kept the organisation updated on all matters of inequality and training during the year.

WBYI (West Bowling Youth Initiative): We have established a new working relationship with WBYI, which includes meetings to share resources and collaborate effectively.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 March 2025

Achievements and performance continued

Bradford 2025:

- The Mural project was completed in August 2024 – It was seen as a major piece of permanent Art that reflected local communities.
- We continue to work closely with the Art Connector and local Artist who support both the Youth Session and Girls only session.
- Playable Structure – We have now agreed the outline design of the structure and will continue to review and agree a final piece of Art in April/May 2025.

Black History Month

In partnership with Science Museum, we ran a very successful day that included arts workshops, food, music and African Caribbean archives displays to celebrate Black History month.

Social Media Platforms

- We have a MAPA Facebook account- sharing MAPA's projects and events.
- WEB page - mapabradford.com: has now started and will be fully operational in 2025.

Future developments – 2025/2026

- Increase partnership with youth and community partnership.
- Set up joint programmes/activities with Centre Point.
- Increase staffing levels to accommodate increased demands.
- Further develop our social media platforms.
- Continue to improve the building internal/external structure.
- Black History/Windrush room development programmes.
- Food Programme.
- Men's mental health programme.
- Community – Potting Shed – Artwork, Tools Library, potting plants and building more community sized planters.
- Continue to develop more ways of reducing our carbon footprint.
- Appoint new trustees.
- Peoples Day Event August 2025.
- Funding exploration with Arts England and Heritage Lottery Fund.
- Source relevant funding to continue our varied programmes and support.

Final note from Satnam (Chair of MAPA)

It has been an incredible year for MAPA. As highlighted in the report, we have achieved significant success with many partners joining us to further develop our organisation. I want to express my appreciation to BD25 for having faith in us to deliver projects in partnership, contributing to the City of Culture.

I would also like to extend our gratitude to all our funders, Bradford Council and our partners for their support in helping us deliver essential services to the African Caribbean community citywide and the local community.

The Trustees of MAPA would like to extend a tremendous thank you to the following individuals, without whom we would not be able to operate:

- Paul Bose (CEO)
- Vincent Destouche (Caretaker/Youth Work)
- Greg Lucas (Manager/Youth Engagement)
- Tanya Henderson (Girl Work Coordinator)
- Amelia (Girl Work Volunteer)

We would also like to acknowledge all the volunteers and friends and partners of MAPA for their invaluable contributions.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication!

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 March 2025

Financial review

The net payments for the year were £37,784, including net payments of £3,917 on unrestricted funds and net payments of £33,867 on restricted funds, after transfers.

Reserves policy

The charity's free reserves, at the year end were £108,959.

The trustees have determined that reserves should be held to enable the CIO to both continue operations should income reduce and have funds available to meet any closure costs and building related maintenance costs. Based on 2024/2025 costs the trustees have assessed that this would equate to a minimum of £53,400, equivalent to six months costs. The trustees recognise actual reserves exceed the target level but are aware of the need to invest in the centre's infrastructure and will be re-visiting the reserves policy once this spend has been incurred.

Approved by the board of trustees on 16/9/2025

Satnam Singh (Trustee)

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of MAPA Bradford

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 8 to 12.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the CIO 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 CIO's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. 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

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 charity as required by section 130 of the Charities Act;
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Rhys North ACA

30/9/2025

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Receipts and payments account
for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025 Unrestricted funds £	2025 Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
Receipts					
Grants and donations	(2)	1,000	42,938	43,938	100,484
Room and equipment hire		18,942	-	18,942	13,188
Bank interest		134	-	134	109
Other income		5,268	755	6,023	1,171
Total receipts		25,344	43,693	69,037	114,952
Payments					
Salaries NI and pensions		5,397	7,565	12,962	13,372
Payroll charges		246	-	246	190
Freelance and consultancy fees		11,058	9,492	20,550	18,713
Activities and events costs		557	38,895	39,452	23,099
Building improvements		4,922	13,536	18,458	2,621
Travel costs		147	345	492	339
Equipment		992	1,865	2,857	3,391
Utilities		255	2,762	3,017	2,863
Rates		230	-	230	249
Insurance		-	1,255	1,255	958
Telephone, printing and postage		313	973	1,286	754
Independent examination		400	526	926	882
Training		638	38	676	24
Marketing and publicity		4,031	262	4,293	-
Subscriptions and licences		-	-	-	75
Other costs		75	46	121	206
Total payments		29,261	77,560	106,821	67,736
Net receipts / (payments)		(3,917)	(33,867)	(37,784)	47,216
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(3,917)	(33,867)	(37,784)	47,216
Fund balances brought forward		112,876	54,954	167,830	120,614
Fund balances carried forward	(3)	108,959	21,087	130,046	167,830

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Statement of assets and liabilities
as at 31 March 2025

	2025 Unrestricted funds £	2025 Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
Cash funds				
Cash at bank	108,958	21,087	130,045	167,854
Cash in hand	1	-	1	(24)
Total cash funds	<u>108,959</u>	<u>21,087</u>	<u>130,046</u>	<u>167,830</u>

Debtors and prepayments	2025 £
Prepayments	842
	<u>842</u>

Liabilities	2025 £
Accruals	926
Deferred income	2,500
	<u>3,426</u>

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 16/9/2025

Satnam Singh (Trustee)

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Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31 March 2025

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The trustees have taken advantage of section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and have prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.

No changes have been made to the accounts for previous years.

Taxation

As a charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

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

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

2 Grants and donations	2025 Unrestricted funds £	2025 Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
Bradford District Metropolitan Council (BDMC)	-	40,838	40,838	77,094
West Bowling Youth Initiative (Leap)	-	1,600	1,600	-
Trident Bradford	-	500	500	7,171
Yorkshire Building Society	1,000	-	1,000	-
Bradford & District Senior Power	-	-	-	1,000
Co-op	-	-	-	1,522
National Lottery Community Foundation	-	-	-	8,700
West Yorkshire Combined Authority	-	-	-	4,830
Other donations	-	-	-	167
	<u>1,000</u>	<u>42,938</u>	<u>43,938</u>	<u>100,484</u>

3 Restricted funds	Balance b/f £	Incoming £	Outgoing £	Transfers £	Balance c/f £
BDMC - ABCD Vaping	840	-	840	-	-
Centre Point - Environment	-	755	630	-	125
Men's Mental Health Project	4,288	-	2,039	900	3,149
WBYI /Leap - Gardening Project	-	2,100	795	-	1,305
BDMC - Household Support Fund	6,070	25,775	28,995	-	2,850
BDMC - Community Buildings	-	5,775	5,775	-	-
CNET Community Gardening	85	1,950	1,613	-	422
WYCA - Active Travel	1,492	-	1,492	-	-
NLCF - ASB	7,680	-	6,641	-	1,039
BDMC - Arts Heritage	20,238	-	20,238	-	-
BDMC - WY Mayor's Climate	7,059	-	7,059	-	-
Coop - Climate Actions	458	-	458	-	-
BDMC - Girls Project	-	320	78	-	242
BD5 Development Fund	4,150	-	213	-	3,937
BDSP - Men's Mental Health	1,000	-	100	(900)	-
BMDC - People's Day 2025	-	6,020	-	-	6,020
Tesco Groundwork	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
BDMC - Duke of Edinburgh Award	594	-	594	-	-
BDMC - Community Cohesion	-	998	-	-	998
	<u>54,954</u>	<u>43,693</u>	<u>77,560</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,087</u>

For fund descriptions see next page.

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3 Restricted funds continued

Fund name	Purpose of restriction
BDMC - ABCD Vaping	To work with young people concerning the dangers of vaping.
Centre Point - Environment	To be used for environmental projects.
Men's Mental Health Project	To support the delivery of a men's mental health project. The transfer is concerning unspent funds from the BDSP Men's mental health fund.
WBYI /Leap - Gardening Project	To support gardening project costs.
BDMC - Household Support Fund	For the provision of a healthy food parcel programme.
BDMC - Community Buildings	To contribute towards the running costs of the Centre.
CNET Community Gardening	To support the installation and operation of a community growing garden.
WYCA - Active Travel	To support an Out and About Walking/Cycling/Wheeling project.
NLCF - ASB	To work with young people at risk of anti social behaviour.
BDMC - Arts Heritage	To develop a new wall mural for the Centre as part of the BD25 celebrations.
BDMC - WY Mayor's Climate	Funding to support carbon reduction actions, including support with insulation costs.
Coop - Climate Actions	To support improvements to the centre concerning climate action.
BDMC - Girls Project	To support the delivery of a girls group.
BD5 Development Fund	To support youth activity work.
BDSP - Men's Mental Health	To support mental health support for the men's group. The transfer is to allow all men's mental health funds to be managed within a single fund.
BMDC - People's Day 2025	To contribute to the running costs of the MAPA 2025 People's Day festival.
Tesco Groundwork	To support environmental and carbon reduction initiatives.
BDMC - Duke of Edinburgh Award	To contribute towards the costs of running the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.
BDMC - Community Cohesion	To support activities connected to the community cohesion wall.

4 Related party transactions

Trustee expenses

No trustee received any expenses during this year or the previous year.

Trustee remuneration and benefits

No trustee received any remuneration or benefit during this or the previous year.

Other transactions with trustees or related parties		2025 £	2024 £
Name of trustee or related party	Description of transaction		
Youth Street 14	Provides key management personnel services via a service level agreement.	12,000	12,000
		<u>12,000</u>	<u>12,000</u>

5 Funds held as agent

	Balance b/f £	Incoming £	Outgoing £	Balance c/f £
Thornton Bantam Rooter	631	-	631	-
	<u>631</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>631</u>	<u>-</u>