THE LYMM SANCTUARY HUB LIMITED

England & Wales · Charity number 1181812

Details

Other names	LYMM SANCTUARY HUB LIMITED
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	08441190
Registered	2019-01-31
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE CHARITY'S OBJECTS ('OBJECTS') ARE FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, IN PARTICULAR, BUT NOT LIMITED TO PEOPLE LIVING IN LYMM AND THE SURROUNDING AREA BY:(1) THE RELIEF OF POVERTY, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY THE PROVISION OF FINANCIAL COUNSELLING AND ADVICE SERVICES TO THOSE STRUGGLING WITH THEIR FAMILIES AND THOSE IN DEBT.(2) THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY THE PROVISION OF A MENTORING AND TUITION SERVICE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULTS.(3) THE PROMOTION OF SOCIAL INCLUSION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY PREVENTING PEOPLE FROM BECOMING SOCIALLY EXCLUDED, RELIEVING THE NEEDS OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE SOCIALLY EXCLUDED AND ASSISTING THEM TO INTEGRATE INTO SOCIETY.FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS CLAUSE 'SOCIALLY EXCLUDED' MEANS BEING EXCLUDED FROM SOCIETY, OR PARTS OF SOCIETY, AS A RESULT OF ONE OF MORE OF THE FOLLOWING FACTORS: UNEMPLOYMENT; FINANCIAL HARDSHIP; YOUTH OR OLD AGE; ILL HEALTH (PHYSICAL OR MENTAL); SUBSTANCE ABUSE OR DEPENDENCY INCLUDING ALCOHOL AND DRUGS; DISCRIMINATION ON THE GROUNDS OF SEX, RACE, DISABILITY, ETHNIC ORIGIN, RELIGION, BELIEF, CREED, SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER RE-ASSIGNMENT; POOR EDUCATIONAL OR SKILLS ATTAINMENT; RELATIONSHIP AND FAMILY BREAKDOWN; POOR HOUSING (THAT IS HOUSING THAT DOES NOT MEET BASIC HABITABLE STANDARDS; CRIME (EITHER AS A VICTIM OF CRIME OR AS AN OFFENDER REHABILITATING INTO SOCIETY).(4) THE PROMOTION OF GOOD HEALTH, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY THE PROVISION OF AN AFFORDABLE COUNSELLING SERVICE FOR THOSE WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AND SUPPORT TO THOSE WITH DEMENTIA.(5) THE PROVISION OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE.(6) SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT AS ARE EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE ACCORDING TO THE LAWS OF ENGLAND AND WALES AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME DETERMINE.

Activities: Lymm Sanctuary Hub provides a range of community support programmes aimed at people with special needs, including the young, vulnerable and the elderly. It does this by delivering activities such as affordable counselling, help with reducing household bills, support for dementia sufferers and their carers, IT systems/support for the elderly, It operates out of the annexe to Lymm Library.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Warrington

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Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£119,101	£130,197	-	-
2023-12-31	£117,461	£115,873	-	-
2022-12-31	£56,027	£74,756	-	-
2021-12-31	£58,806	£54,104	-	-
2020-12-31	£56,434	£34,951	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
MR RICHARD PEARCE	Chair	2019-01-31
Alexander Alan Langley		2022-08-01
DAVID EADON		2019-01-31
KENNETH ALBERT ROGERS LL.B FCA		2019-01-31
SIMON FAWCETT		2018-09-19

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Accounts

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Company Limited by Guarantee

Unaudited Financial Statements

31 December 2024

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Trustees' Annual Report

Year Ending 31 December 2024

1. Objectives and Activities

Lymm Sanctuary Hub (LSH), based in the Lymm Library Annexe, provides a range of community services to local people, including those with special needs, the young, elderly and vulnerable. Our charitable objects are to promote any charitable purpose for the benefit of the community as the trustees see fit in particular but not exclusively by the following means:

- To provide information and advice to people in need, especially the elderly, through a drop-in centre and workshops, designed to cover all areas of need that they may face.
- To provide an affordable counselling service for those with mental health and relational issues and support to those with dementia.
- To provide a mentoring and tuition service for young people and adults.
- To provide a support network and services for young families, particularly those new to the village and those without local family support, and to those who find themselves isolated after breakdown in family relationships.
- To provide financial counselling and advice services to those struggling with their finances and those in debt.

LSH has two operating subsidiaries:

- Lymm Business Centre Ltd (Reg. No. 11480852) provides affordable office space and hot-desking, event/meeting room space and business support services from its base on first floor of the Lymm Library Annexe.
- Sanctuary Café Lymm CIC (Reg. No. 11861482) is an ecumenical, community-based initiative, supported by the churches in the Lymm area, which provides high quality food, drinks and cakes at reasonable prices and also selling books, cards and gifts. It is based in the Lymm United Reformed Church Hall adjacent to the Lymm Library.

This Report & Accounts does not include the accounts for the above subsidiaries which are prepared separately.

2. Achievements and Performance in 2024

- Increased participation in most of our core projects. The number of local residents, who are actively engaged with us, has risen five-fold since we started our Reaching Communities Project in 2023;
- Strengthened our volunteer base. We now have 45 volunteers who contributed an impressive 3,320 hours to Lymm Sanctuary Hub in 2024;
- Developed a Volunteer Recruitment Strategy;
- Reviewed our TLC project, with a view to expanding it in 2025;
- Ran successful community engagement sessions and responding to issues raised by local residents;
- Prepared to launch two new projects in 2025:
    - Vantry, to reduce food waste and help with the cost of living;
    - Talking Point, to offer free advice on a range of issues including transport, carer support, help with accessing benefits, and accessing community activities;
- Set-up a network of local groups that offer support within our community, and working with them to produce a comprehensive guide to weekly social activities available within the area, helping to reduce social isolation for adults.

Our projects, which have been running for a few years, continue to go well:

Memory Café provides support for those living with dementia, including their families and carers. Its main objectives are to provide a stimulating and enjoyable afternoon for those living with dementia in a safe, welcoming and familiar setting, and to support those caring for loved ones living with dementia. The Café also offers regular advice sessions for carers, and the opportunity to spend time with others who understand the challenges they face. It celebrated its 5th birthday in 2024. The number of core participants remains consistent, with several new members joining us over the year. Sadly, in 2024/25 we lost several long-standing members of the group, and at least one Memory Café volunteer chose to attend every funeral. One of the families decided to raise funds for local groups that had supported their loved one and they very kindly donated £200 to Memory Café in his memory.

Singing for the Brain is an hour of singing and fun for people living with or affected by dementia or other forms of memory loss. Families and carers are also welcome. The group meets twice a month during term time in the Sanctuary Café for singing, friendship and refreshments. The group leader
is a local singer and musician who has trained with the Alzheimer's Society. Holding the sessions in the Sanctuary Cafe has proved to be very successful and we often find that local residents visiting the cafe join in with the fun.

Digital Café offers free weekly drop-in sessions and monthly tutorials, aimed at tackling digital isolation, primarily targeted at the over-55s. Regular feedback from people attending Digital Café sessions mentions how friendly and welcoming the volunteers are, and how the project has really had a positive impact on attendees. The monthly tutorials are also extremely popular. These are open to anyone in our community wanting to explore a particular issue in more depth and are run by the Digital Café volunteers. Topics covered this year have included safe use of the internet, using Microsoft Office, linking devices, using internet banking safely and playing Bridge online.

The Sanctuary Counselling Service has grown significantly over the year. The number of clients and counselling sessions have more than doubled compared with last year, thanks to the great work of the Project Lead and its volunteer counsellors. We now have 11 active counsellors and the waiting list have been halved. Our Project Lead has continued to improve and document our administrative and functional processes, making them more robust and fit for purpose.

Lymm Parents & Carers (LymmPac) was established in March 2023 to offer a safe, friendly space for parents and carers of children and young people on the Special Educational Needs (SEN) pathway to meet and offer peer support. It is led by a volunteer who has lived experience of the challenges that many such parents face, including loneliness, isolation and frustration with education and medical systems. It consists of a small core group of parents whose children attend schools in Lymm and Thelwall. During sessions they discuss current issues and challenges, share information and advice and just offer support in a completely non-judgmental atmosphere.

The Lymm Companions (TLC) aims to reduce social isolation and loneliness in our community. The project links members of the community with a local TLC volunteer. The volunteers meet up with their partners once a week on average and either sit at home with them having a chat, playing games and reminiscing, or they go out with them to various activities. Currently, there are 5 active partnership which are going well but we don't have a project leader at present so this role is being fulfilled by our Community Projects Manager. We have carried out a review of the project and decided to put it on hold until we can recruit a project leader. The existing partnerships will continue to run in the meantime.

Lymm Environmental Action Forum (LEAF) provides information and support on environmental issues and organises events and activities in the Lymm and local area. It is not a core Hub project but is supported by the Hub with administration, finance and marketing services. LEAF ran a number of highly successful events over the past year, including stalls during Lymm Festival focusing on the reduction of food waste and an energy advice event in the Village Hall offering advice and information about reducing energy use and costs. LEAF has purchased a second, more powerful thermal camera which is available on loan to local residents to identify internal and external heat loss areas in their homes. The group has donated books about the environment to Lymm Library and has undertaken a survey, completed by 66 residents, to assess awareness of LEAF and topics for future focus.

Towards the end of the year, we worked on plans for two new projects which were due to be launched early in 2025:

Talking Point: a free weekly service in our community where residents can access help and advice about a range of issues including housing, carer support, travel and transport, cost of living support and access to community services.

Vantry: a collaboration between the Lymm Sanctuary Hub, Warrington Foodbank and Warrington Voluntary Action (WVA). Its main aims are to reduce food waste and provide access to staple foodstuffs at an affordable level. It is being set up in response to a growing number of referrals to the Foodbank from Lymm and the surrounding area.

We also worked on plans to set up an informal network of local community organisations to raise awareness of social events which people can attend each week for a warm welcome, a friendly chat and refreshments.

Other activities are described under the following headings:

Volunteers: Over the year, we recruited 11 new volunteers resulting in a total of 45 volunteers, alongside our 3 part-time members of staff. Our volunteers play an essential role in delivering Lymm Sanctuary Hub's various projects.

Following the introduction of a new induction procedure, volunteer role descriptions for each project and a Volunteer Handbook, new joiners now follow a set procedure, including informal introductory meetings, an induction checklist, completion of an information form and volunteer agreement confirming they understand the importance of maintaining the confidentiality of our clients. We have a safer recruitment policy which includes collecting references for new applicants, and we also complete DBS checks for certain projects.

Other volunteer activities included:

- Setting- up a WhatsApp Community to manage communication with our volunteers, and to help with data protection of their private numbers.
- Producing a volunteer newsletter (The Hub Post) every few months, to update volunteers on our existing projects and new projects and we also highlight other local projects which offer volunteering opportunities.
- Training to our volunteers internally on topics such as safeguarding and organising a Dementia Awareness workshop which was delivered by The Alzheimer' Society.
- Organising a Christmas social event which enables our volunteers to meet people from other projects.

Community Engagement: Community engagement is essential to the work that we do. We engaged with our community in several different ways:

- meeting members of our community at all of our projects and in the building where the Hub is centred, which we share with the Library. We receive a lot of positive verbal and written feedback from our projects throughout the year.
- holding a Community Engagement event as part of the National Lottery Open Week in March 2024, and inviting local residents to offer ideas for new projects to support our community. t.
- running a gift campaign for local residents who are likely to be on their own or caring for a loved one over Christmas;
- developing and implementing a marketing campaign to raise awareness of the Hub and our projects. This included work on our website, press releases and adverts in Lymm Life, posters for local noticeboards, distribution of flyers and social media posts.

External Stakeholders: We continue to build strong relationships with external stakeholders and the number of agencies with which we have good relationships is growing. We work closely with Warrington Voluntary Action (WVA) in several key areas and other stakeholders include:

- Our Social Prescriber
- The South Warrington Primary Care Network (NHS)
- Warrington Foodbank
- Churches Together Lymm & District
- Oughtrington Community Centre
- Lymm Youth & Community Centre (LYCA)
- Lymm Repair Café.

Community Projects Team: The Community Projects Team consists of Joyce Murdoch (Projects Manager), Ceri Chamberlain (Volunteer Coordinator) and Sally Mbousia (Administrator). The Trustees would like to thank the Team for all their hard work and dedication over the year and for delivering such as strong performance. This has included having to step-in to lead some of our projects on top of their normal workload.

The Trustees are kept informed of progress through a comprehensive quarterly report, prepared by the Projects Manager, which forms the basis for this report.

3. Financial Review

The total income for the year was £119,101 which was comprised of £52,796 in grants (mainly from Reaching Communities), £57,624 in donated time by volunteers and providers of professional services, £6,001 in donations and grants & donations and £2,680 from the counselling service and sundry income.

Total expenditure was £130,197 which comprised £45,928 in salaries, £50,782 in direct projects costs, £15,000 in governance costs and £18,487 in office overheads and marketing.

The overall loss for the year was £11,096. This loss includes an accrual of £10,683 for rent and service charge which is currently under discussion with the building owner, Warrington Borough Council.

Total charity funds stood at £22,379 at the year end.

4. Activities to-date in 2025

We produced our second annual report on the Reaching Communities project early in April and discussed it at a meeting with our National Lottery Projects Officer early in June. She was very pleased with the progress made and we agreed the budget for this year which is similar to the original total annual budget but with some changes to the amounts allocated to the various funding categories. Our current 3-year project funding finishes at the end of February 2026 so we also discussed the submission of a new

application to Reaching Communities for continuation of the community programme. Our Projects officer encouraged us to submit a Stage 1 application as soon as possible due to the large number of applications Reaching Communities has received for its new programme. As a result, we submitted our Stage 1 application, which is for 5 years' funding, in the middle of July and are still waiting for a response. If successful, we will be asked to develop and submit a much more detailed Stage 2 application as soon as possible to allow time for evaluation and a decision early in the New Year.

Our two new projects were launched earlier this year:

Vantry opened as a 'pop-up' shop on Monday afternoons in the Hub's community room. The layout is specifically made to look like a farm shop to encourage residents to want to visit. Each week a range of staple foods, such as cereals, rice, pasta, bread and tinned goods, as well as fresh fruit and vegetables are available for anyone in the community to buy at low cost. We also provide free hot drinks and cakes or biscuits and a place to sit, to encourage people to sit and chat. Since the start, it has proved to be very popular and we now have 206 households registered with the project, supporting around 550 people. One of the really positive things about the project is the number of people who are staying for refreshments after their shopping is done. We are engaging with residents that we have never met before, chatting with them and getting to know them in a relaxed atmosphere.

Talking Point was launched at the end of March and takes place weekly in the Lymm Youth & Community Association (LYCA) building, running alongside their Thursday morning Market Breakfast Club. The service is volunteer led and advisors have been trained by WVA and by LSH so that they can deliver the project knowledgeably and confidently. Talking Point client numbers are small growing slowly, in line with all of the other sites across the town. All three of our current volunteers have proved to be excellent in their customer care roles, and the clients have been very positive about the support they have been shown. We have recruited three more volunteers to work on the project, and they will start the training and shadowing process as soon as possible.

We also launched the **Social Network** by publishing a calendar showing free and low-cost opportunities for adults where they can go for refreshments and an opportunity to socialise. We have included groups that offer casual opportunities to meet other people each week, rather than groups which are based on a particular theme. Partners in this project include Lymm Youth and Community Association, Oughtrington Community Centre and the local churches. It has been published in Lymm Life and we also post the information on village noticeboards, in GP surgeries, in local churches and online via Facebook and local websites.

Key developments in our core projects have been as follows:

Memory Café is going well but is now without a leader again. None of the current team is willing to take on the role, so we are looking for a new volunteer to join us as Project Lead. Until that happens Joyce and Ceri are managing the project. We have bought new dementia friendly jigsaws and replaced some of the old board games that we use in our termly social sessions. These purchases were made using the donation received from the family of one of our participants who died earlier this year. There has been a big re-organisation of resources and the installation of a storage unit at the back of the church. We are planning to run a bereavement workshop with the Counselling Service this Autumn. We have lost so many of our Memory Café guests this year, and it is deeply upsetting for the volunteers, some of whom have known them since the project began.

Singing for the Brain continues to be a brilliant project, run with great energy and enthusiasm by Helen Elliott. The feedback that we receive is universally positive. Responses from members of the community are also great, other café customers who are visiting for lunch often comment how lovely it is to see and hear so many people not only singing along but laughing, chatting, reminiscing and enjoying themselves.

Counselling: The Counselling team continues to receive very positive feedback from clients. The refurbishment of the Church Vestry to provide a warm, comfortable space is in progress. We received a donation of £400 from the Soroptomists towards the cost of the refurbishment, for which we are very grateful.

Digital Café: Our volunteer numbers have reduced as work and personal commitments have affected some peoples' ability to support the project. Currently we have only 5 active volunteers, although a new recruit has joined us in September and a further 2 people have shown interest in joining the team. The project leader had to step back from the project earlier this year due to family reasons but is now making a gradual return to his role.

LymmPaC (Lymm Parents and Carers) regularly receive unsolicited testimonials from members telling us how much they value the support and advice that they receive. We are reviewing how to increase awareness of the group within the community to increase the number of participants. This will focus on working with local referral services, making the Facebook group an open one that anyone can join and linking with Warrington Voluntary Action.

The Lymm Companions (TLC) is still on hold as we try to seek funding for the Project Lead role. Three of our participants have been with us since the project started and its effect on their wellbeing continues to be very positive. Sadly, one of our participants, who had just turned 100 years old, died in early August. His death raised a concern in terms of our duty of care to our volunteers and we are considering offering them support in future from our Counselling team if needed.

Lymm Environmental Action Forum (LEAF) volunteers ran a stall with the Hub Projects team during the Lymm Food Festival in June. The theme was reducing food waste, and we engaged with lots of people via a quiz, recipe ideas using foodstuffs that are usually thrown away and promoting the Vantry project. LEAF volunteers also supported the Liveable Lymm stall at the May Queen in July. The thermal camera proved very successful at helping residents to identify heat losses from their homes last winter and will be available again for hire in the Autumn. The group is now employing a specialist to help with marketing and social media as well as continuing to get help from the community projects team in this area.

Other activities have been as follows:

Volunteers: Our Volunteer Coordinator is busy recruiting and inducting several new volunteers, most of whom have come to us via our Hub Roadshow in June (see below). The priority is for more volunteers for Digital Café and Talking Point.

Community Engagement: We ran our first Hub Community Engagement Roadshow during National Small Charities week in June which was a great success. We set up at High Legh Garden Centre, at the Cross in Lymm and by the canal during a Talking Point session and engaged with 110 members of our community over the course of three days. We intend to continue this model throughout the year, holding more outdoor pop-up events as and when the weather allows as well as visiting local groups and organisations.

Projects Team: The biggest challenge facing us at the moment is that the Team is actively managing 5 out of the 8 Hub projects, which is taking a lot of their work hours and is not sustainable in the long term. We are seeking a new Memory Café Project Lead and we are still looking for funding for the TLC Project Lead role. We hope to be able to handover both of the newer projects, in which we are delivery partners (Vantry and Talking Point), to volunteers and partner organisations soon.

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Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account)

Year ended 31 December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 £
Income and endowments					
Donations and grants	**5**	85,538	30,883	116,421	101,754
Charitable activities	**6**	2,600		2,600	15,075
Other trading activities	**7**	80	-	80	632
Total income		88,218	30,883	119,101	117,461
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities	**8,9**	(36.368)	(29,414)	(65,782)	(67,115)
Other expenditure	**10**	(64,415)		(64,415)	(48,758)
Total expenditure		(100,783)	(29,414)	(130,197)	(115,873)
Net income		(12,565)	1,469	(11,096)	1,588
Transfer					
Net movement in funds		(12,565)	1,469	(11,096)	1,588
Reconciliation of funds					
Transfers between funds		(134)	134		
Total funds b/forward		15,807	17,668	33,475	31,887
Total funds carried forward		3,108	19,271	22,379	33,475

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

The notes on pages 11 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

31 December 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	**13**	12,311	8,960
Investments			
		12,311	8,960
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		15,685	19,171
Debtors			
Amounts owed by group companies		44,631	44,630
Other Debtors		500	500
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			
Amounts owed to group companies			
Accruals		48,934	38,251
PAYE & Wages		1,814	1,535
Net current asset		10,068	24,515
Total assets less current liabilities		22,379	33,475
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds		19,271	15,807
Unrestricted funds		3,108	,17,668
Total charity funds	**14**	22,379	33,475

For the year ending 31 December 2024 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 18th September 2024, and are signed on behalf of the board by:



Mr R C Pearce, Trustee

The notes on pages 11 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales and a registered charity in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is: Office 16, Hamilton Davies House,117 Liverpool Road, M44 5BG.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

3. Accounting policies ***(continued)***

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Tangible assets *(continued)*

An increase in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of a revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, unless it reverses a charge for impairment that has previously been recognised as expenditure within the statement of financial activities. A decrease in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, except to which it offsets any previous revaluation gain, in which case the loss is shown within other recognised gains and losses on the statement of financial activities.

Investments

Unlisted equity investments are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently measured at fair value. If fair value cannot be reliably measured, assets are measured at cost less impairment.

Listed investments are measured at fair value with changes in fair value being recognised in income or expenditure.

Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

4. Limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee. Each member is liable to make a contribution of £10 in the event of the company being wound up.

5. Donations and Grants

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2024 £**
Donation			
Donations	90	5,911	6,001
Grants			
Grants receivable (Reaching Communities, Warrington Voluntary Action)	52,046	750	52,796

5. Donations and legacies *(continued)*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2024 £**
Other donations and legacies	33,402	24,222	57,624
Exceptional income from donated time			
	85,538	30,883	116,421

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Donations			
Donations	1,061	4,486	5,547
Grants			
Grants receivable	53,578	1,784	55,362
Other donations and legacies			
Exceptional income from donations	29,221	11,624	40,845
	83,860	17,894	101,754

6. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2024 £**	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Counselling services	2,600	2,600	2,600	1,070
Profit from subsidiary and charges to subsidiaries				14,005

7. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2024 £**	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Other sundry income	80	80	80	632

8. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2024 £**
Memory Cafe		12,586	12,586
Leave No One Behind		134	134
Digital Cafe		8,601	8,601
LEAF		6,496	6,496
Garden project		1,597	1,597
		29,414	29,414

9 Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Grant funding of activities £	Governance costs £	**Total funds 2024 £**	Total fund 2023 £
Counselling and Lymm PAC and TLC	21,368		15,000	36,368	22,822

10. Other expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £
Rent and Service Charges	10,683	
Insurance	533	
Office expenses	608	
Repairs	618	
Marketing	1,293	
Just giving	180	
Misc Service costs	246	
Pension	231	
Meals and entertainment	295	
Preparation of rooms	2,511	
Sundries	1,289	
Salaries	45,928.	
	64,415	

11. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
The average head count of employees during the year was	3	3

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2023: Nil).

12 Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration was paid to any trustee in the year.

No expenses were paid to any trustee in the year.

13. Tangible fixed assets

	Plant	Tenant's Additions
		£
Cost		
At 1 January 2024		8,960
Additions	3,351	
At 31 December 2024	3,351	8,960
Depreciation		
At 1 January 2024 and 31 December 2024		–
Carrying amount		
At 31 December 2024	3,351	8,960
At 31 December 2023		8,960

14. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 January 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31December 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	15,807	88,258	(100,691)	(134)	3,240
			–		
	15,807	88,258	(100,691)	(134)	3,240

	At 1 January 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	17,514	99,567	(92,977)	(8277)	15,807
	17,514	99.567	(92,977)	(8277)	15,807

14. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

Restricted funds

	At 1 January 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	**At 31 December 2024** £
Leave No One behind				134	134
Covid Grant	1,355			(134)	1,221
Memory Cafe		12,586	12,586		
Digital Cafe	7,198	9,006	8601		7,603
LEAF	5,783	6,945	6,496		6,232
Co-Ordinator Costs					
Ukraine	1,894				1,894
Garden Project	1,438	2,346	1,597		2,187
	17,668	30,883	29,280		19,271

	At 1 January 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	**At 31 Dec 2023** £
Leave No One behind		200	396	196	
Covid Grant	1,551			(196)	1,355
Memory Cafe	4,155	2,610	6,765		
Digital Cafe	8,010	7,763	8,575		7,198
Ukraine	1,894				1,894
LEAF	4,189	5,747	4,153		5,783
Kick Start					
Garden Project	1,813	1,574	1,949		1,438
Co-Ordinator Costs	2,290		2,290		
	23,902	17,894	24,128		17,668

15. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2024 £**
Tangible fixed assets	8,960	3,351	12,311
Current assets	40,899	19,917	60,816
Creditors less than 1 year	50,748		50,748
Net assets	(889)	23,268	22,379

	Unrestricted Funds £,	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	8,960		8,960
Current assets	46,633	17,688	64,301
Creditors less than 1 year	39,786		39,786
Net assets	15,807	17,688	33,475

COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 08441190

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Trustees' Annual Report

Year Ending 31 December 2024

1. Objectives and Activities

Lymm Sanctuary Hub (LSH), based in the Lymm Library Annexe, provides a range of community services to local people, including those with special needs, the young, elderly and vulnerable. Our charitable objects are to promote any charitable purpose for the benefit of the community as the trustees see fit in particular but not exclusively by the following means:

- To provide information and advice to people in need, especially the elderly, through a drop-in centre and workshops, designed to cover all areas of need that they may face.
- To provide an affordable counselling service for those with mental health and relational issues and support to those with dementia.
- To provide a mentoring and tuition service for young people and adults.
- To provide a support network and services for young families, particularly those new to the village and those without local family support, and to those who find themselves isolated after breakdown in family relationships.
- To provide financial counselling and advice services to those struggling with their finances and those in debt.

LSH has two operating subsidiaries:

- Lymm Business Centre Ltd (Reg. No. 11480852) provides affordable office space and hot-desking, event/meeting room space and business support services from its base on first floor of the Lymm Library Annexe.
- Sanctuary Café Lymm CIC (Reg. No. 11861482) is an ecumenical, community-based initiative, supported by the churches in the Lymm area, which provides high quality food, drinks and cakes at reasonable prices and also selling books, cards and gifts. It is based in the Lymm United Reformed Church Hall adjacent to the Lymm Library.

This Report & Accounts does not include the accounts for the above subsidiaries which are prepared separately.

2. Achievements and Performance in 2024

- Increased participation in most of our core projects. The number of local residents, who are actively engaged with us, has risen five-fold since we started our Reaching Communities Project in 2023;
- Strengthened our volunteer base. We now have 45 volunteers who contributed an impressive 3,320 hours to Lymm Sanctuary Hub in 2024;
- Developed a Volunteer Recruitment Strategy;
- Reviewed our TLC project, with a view to expanding it in 2025;
- Ran successful community engagement sessions and responding to issues raised by local residents;
- Prepared to launch two new projects in 2025:
    - Vantry, to reduce food waste and help with the cost of living;
    - Talking Point, to offer free advice on a range of issues including transport, carer support, help with accessing benefits, and accessing community activities;
- Set-up a network of local groups that offer support within our community, and working with them to produce a comprehensive guide to weekly social activities available within the area, helping to reduce social isolation for adults.

Our projects, which have been running for a few years, continue to go well:

Memory Café provides support for those living with dementia, including their families and carers. Its main objectives are to provide a stimulating and enjoyable afternoon for those living with dementia in a safe, welcoming and familiar setting, and to support those caring for loved ones living with dementia. The Café also offers regular advice sessions for carers, and the opportunity to spend time with others who understand the challenges they face. It celebrated its 5th birthday in 2024. The number of core participants remains consistent, with several new members joining us over the year. Sadly, in 2024/25 we lost several long-standing members of the group, and at least one Memory Café volunteer chose to attend every funeral. One of the families decided to raise funds for local groups that had supported their loved one and they very kindly donated £200 to Memory Café in his memory.

Singing for the Brain is an hour of singing and fun for people living with or affected by dementia or other forms of memory loss. Families and carers are also welcome. The group meets twice a month during term time in the Sanctuary Café for singing, friendship and refreshments. The group leader
is a local singer and musician who has trained with the Alzheimer's Society. Holding the sessions in the Sanctuary Cafe has proved to be very successful and we often find that local residents visiting the cafe join in with the fun.

Digital Café offers free weekly drop-in sessions and monthly tutorials, aimed at tackling digital isolation, primarily targeted at the over-55s. Regular feedback from people attending Digital Café sessions mentions how friendly and welcoming the volunteers are, and how the project has really had a positive impact on attendees. The monthly tutorials are also extremely popular. These are open to anyone in our community wanting to explore a particular issue in more depth and are run by the Digital Café volunteers. Topics covered this year have included safe use of the internet, using Microsoft Office, linking devices, using internet banking safely and playing Bridge online.

The Sanctuary Counselling Service has grown significantly over the year. The number of clients and counselling sessions have more than doubled compared with last year, thanks to the great work of the Project Lead and its volunteer counsellors. We now have 11 active counsellors and the waiting list have been halved. Our Project Lead has continued to improve and document our administrative and functional processes, making them more robust and fit for purpose.

Lymm Parents & Carers (LymmPac) was established in March 2023 to offer a safe, friendly space for parents and carers of children and young people on the Special Educational Needs (SEN) pathway to meet and offer peer support. It is led by a volunteer who has lived experience of the challenges that many such parents face, including loneliness, isolation and frustration with education and medical systems. It consists of a small core group of parents whose children attend schools in Lymm and Thelwall. During sessions they discuss current issues and challenges, share information and advice and just offer support in a completely non-judgmental atmosphere.

The Lymm Companions (TLC) aims to reduce social isolation and loneliness in our community. The project links members of the community with a local TLC volunteer. The volunteers meet up with their partners once a week on average and either sit at home with them having a chat, playing games and reminiscing, or they go out with them to various activities. Currently, there are 5 active partnership which are going well but we don't have a project leader at present so this role is being fulfilled by our Community Projects Manager. We have carried out a review of the project and decided to put it on hold until we can recruit a project leader. The existing partnerships will continue to run in the meantime.

Lymm Environmental Action Forum (LEAF) provides information and support on environmental issues and organises events and activities in the Lymm and local area. It is not a core Hub project but is supported by the Hub with administration, finance and marketing services. LEAF ran a number of highly successful events over the past year, including stalls during Lymm Festival focusing on the reduction of food waste and an energy advice event in the Village Hall offering advice and information about reducing energy use and costs. LEAF has purchased a second, more powerful thermal camera which is available on loan to local residents to identify internal and external heat loss areas in their homes. The group has donated books about the environment to Lymm Library and has undertaken a survey, completed by 66 residents, to assess awareness of LEAF and topics for future focus.

Towards the end of the year, we worked on plans for two new projects which were due to be launched early in 2025:

Talking Point: a free weekly service in our community where residents can access help and advice about a range of issues including housing, carer support, travel and transport, cost of living support and access to community services.

Vantry: a collaboration between the Lymm Sanctuary Hub, Warrington Foodbank and Warrington Voluntary Action (WVA). Its main aims are to reduce food waste and provide access to staple foodstuffs at an affordable level. It is being set up in response to a growing number of referrals to the Foodbank from Lymm and the surrounding area.

We also worked on plans to set up an informal network of local community organisations to raise awareness of social events which people can attend each week for a warm welcome, a friendly chat and refreshments.

Other activities are described under the following headings:

Volunteers: Over the year, we recruited 11 new volunteers resulting in a total of 45 volunteers, alongside our 3 part-time members of staff. Our volunteers play an essential role in delivering Lymm Sanctuary Hub's various projects.

Following the introduction of a new induction procedure, volunteer role descriptions for each project and a Volunteer Handbook, new joiners now follow a set procedure, including informal introductory meetings, an induction checklist, completion of an information form and volunteer agreement confirming they understand the importance of maintaining the confidentiality of our clients. We have a safer recruitment policy which includes collecting references for new applicants, and we also complete DBS checks for certain projects.

Other volunteer activities included:

- Setting- up a WhatsApp Community to manage communication with our volunteers, and to help with data protection of their private numbers.
- Producing a volunteer newsletter (The Hub Post) every few months, to update volunteers on our existing projects and new projects and we also highlight other local projects which offer volunteering opportunities.
- Training to our volunteers internally on topics such as safeguarding and organising a Dementia Awareness workshop which was delivered by The Alzheimer' Society.
- Organising a Christmas social event which enables our volunteers to meet people from other projects.

Community Engagement: Community engagement is essential to the work that we do. We engaged with our community in several different ways:

- meeting members of our community at all of our projects and in the building where the Hub is centred, which we share with the Library. We receive a lot of positive verbal and written feedback from our projects throughout the year.
- holding a Community Engagement event as part of the National Lottery Open Week in March 2024, and inviting local residents to offer ideas for new projects to support our community. t.
- running a gift campaign for local residents who are likely to be on their own or caring for a loved one over Christmas;
- developing and implementing a marketing campaign to raise awareness of the Hub and our projects. This included work on our website, press releases and adverts in Lymm Life, posters for local noticeboards, distribution of flyers and social media posts.

External Stakeholders: We continue to build strong relationships with external stakeholders and the number of agencies with which we have good relationships is growing. We work closely with Warrington Voluntary Action (WVA) in several key areas and other stakeholders include:

- Our Social Prescriber
- The South Warrington Primary Care Network (NHS)
- Warrington Foodbank
- Churches Together Lymm & District
- Oughtrington Community Centre
- Lymm Youth & Community Centre (LYCA)
- Lymm Repair Café.

Community Projects Team: The Community Projects Team consists of Joyce Murdoch (Projects Manager), Ceri Chamberlain (Volunteer Coordinator) and Sally Mbousia (Administrator). The Trustees would like to thank the Team for all their hard work and dedication over the year and for delivering such as strong performance. This has included having to step-in to lead some of our projects on top of their normal workload.

The Trustees are kept informed of progress through a comprehensive quarterly report, prepared by the Projects Manager, which forms the basis for this report.

3. Financial Review

The total income for the year was £119,101 which was comprised of £52,796 in grants (mainly from Reaching Communities), £57,624 in donated time by volunteers and providers of professional services, £6,001 in donations and grants & donations and £2,680 from the counselling service and sundry income.

Total expenditure was £130,197 which comprised £45,928 in salaries, £50,782 in direct projects costs, £15,000 in governance costs and £18,487 in office overheads and marketing.

The overall loss for the year was £11,096. This loss includes an accrual of £10,683 for rent and service charge which is currently under discussion with the building owner, Warrington Borough Council.

Total charity funds stood at £22,379 at the year end.

4. Activities to-date in 2025

We produced our second annual report on the Reaching Communities project early in April and discussed it at a meeting with our National Lottery Projects Officer early in June. She was very pleased with the progress made and we agreed the budget for this year which is similar to the original total annual budget but with some changes to the amounts allocated to the various funding categories. Our current 3-year project funding finishes at the end of February 2026 so we also discussed the submission of a new

application to Reaching Communities for continuation of the community programme. Our Projects officer encouraged us to submit a Stage 1 application as soon as possible due to the large number of applications Reaching Communities has received for its new programme. As a result, we submitted our Stage 1 application, which is for 5 years' funding, in the middle of July and are still waiting for a response. If successful, we will be asked to develop and submit a much more detailed Stage 2 application as soon as possible to allow time for evaluation and a decision early in the New Year.

Our two new projects were launched earlier this year:

Vantry opened as a 'pop-up' shop on Monday afternoons in the Hub's community room. The layout is specifically made to look like a farm shop to encourage residents to want to visit. Each week a range of staple foods, such as cereals, rice, pasta, bread and tinned goods, as well as fresh fruit and vegetables are available for anyone in the community to buy at low cost. We also provide free hot drinks and cakes or biscuits and a place to sit, to encourage people to sit and chat. Since the start, it has proved to be very popular and we now have 206 households registered with the project, supporting around 550 people. One of the really positive things about the project is the number of people who are staying for refreshments after their shopping is done. We are engaging with residents that we have never met before, chatting with them and getting to know them in a relaxed atmosphere.

Talking Point was launched at the end of March and takes place weekly in the Lymm Youth & Community Association (LYCA) building, running alongside their Thursday morning Market Breakfast Club. The service is volunteer led and advisors have been trained by WVA and by LSH so that they can deliver the project knowledgeably and confidently. Talking Point client numbers are small growing slowly, in line with all of the other sites across the town. All three of our current volunteers have proved to be excellent in their customer care roles, and the clients have been very positive about the support they have been shown. We have recruited three more volunteers to work on the project, and they will start the training and shadowing process as soon as possible.

We also launched the **Social Network** by publishing a calendar showing free and low-cost opportunities for adults where they can go for refreshments and an opportunity to socialise. We have included groups that offer casual opportunities to meet other people each week, rather than groups which are based on a particular theme. Partners in this project include Lymm Youth and Community Association, Oughtrington Community Centre and the local churches. It has been published in Lymm Life and we also post the information on village noticeboards, in GP surgeries, in local churches and online via Facebook and local websites.

Key developments in our core projects have been as follows:

Memory Café is going well but is now without a leader again. None of the current team is willing to take on the role, so we are looking for a new volunteer to join us as Project Lead. Until that happens Joyce and Ceri are managing the project. We have bought new dementia friendly jigsaws and replaced some of the old board games that we use in our termly social sessions. These purchases were made using the donation received from the family of one of our participants who died earlier this year. There has been a big re-organisation of resources and the installation of a storage unit at the back of the church. We are planning to run a bereavement workshop with the Counselling Service this Autumn. We have lost so many of our Memory Café guests this year, and it is deeply upsetting for the volunteers, some of whom have known them since the project began.

Singing for the Brain continues to be a brilliant project, run with great energy and enthusiasm by Helen Elliott. The feedback that we receive is universally positive. Responses from members of the community are also great, other café customers who are visiting for lunch often comment how lovely it is to see and hear so many people not only singing along but laughing, chatting, reminiscing and enjoying themselves.

Counselling: The Counselling team continues to receive very positive feedback from clients. The refurbishment of the Church Vestry to provide a warm, comfortable space is in progress. We received a donation of £400 from the Soroptomists towards the cost of the refurbishment, for which we are very grateful.

Digital Café: Our volunteer numbers have reduced as work and personal commitments have affected some peoples' ability to support the project. Currently we have only 5 active volunteers, although a new recruit has joined us in September and a further 2 people have shown interest in joining the team. The project leader had to step back from the project earlier this year due to family reasons but is now making a gradual return to his role.

LymmPaC (Lymm Parents and Carers) regularly receive unsolicited testimonials from members telling us how much they value the support and advice that they receive. We are reviewing how to increase awareness of the group within the community to increase the number of participants. This will focus on working with local referral services, making the Facebook group an open one that anyone can join and linking with Warrington Voluntary Action.

The Lymm Companions (TLC) is still on hold as we try to seek funding for the Project Lead role. Three of our participants have been with us since the project started and its effect on their wellbeing continues to be very positive. Sadly, one of our participants, who had just turned 100 years old, died in early August. His death raised a concern in terms of our duty of care to our volunteers and we are considering offering them support in future from our Counselling team if needed.

Lymm Environmental Action Forum (LEAF) volunteers ran a stall with the Hub Projects team during the Lymm Food Festival in June. The theme was reducing food waste, and we engaged with lots of people via a quiz, recipe ideas using foodstuffs that are usually thrown away and promoting the Vantry project. LEAF volunteers also supported the Liveable Lymm stall at the May Queen in July. The thermal camera proved very successful at helping residents to identify heat losses from their homes last winter and will be available again for hire in the Autumn. The group is now employing a specialist to help with marketing and social media as well as continuing to get help from the community projects team in this area.

Other activities have been as follows:

Volunteers: Our Volunteer Coordinator is busy recruiting and inducting several new volunteers, most of whom have come to us via our Hub Roadshow in June (see below). The priority is for more volunteers for Digital Café and Talking Point.

Community Engagement: We ran our first Hub Community Engagement Roadshow during National Small Charities week in June which was a great success. We set up at High Legh Garden Centre, at the Cross in Lymm and by the canal during a Talking Point session and engaged with 110 members of our community over the course of three days. We intend to continue this model throughout the year, holding more outdoor pop-up events as and when the weather allows as well as visiting local groups and organisations.

Projects Team: The biggest challenge facing us at the moment is that the Team is actively managing 5 out of the 8 Hub projects, which is taking a lot of their work hours and is not sustainable in the long term. We are seeking a new Memory Café Project Lead and we are still looking for funding for the TLC Project Lead role. We hope to be able to handover both of the newer projects, in which we are delivery partners (Vantry and Talking Point), to volunteers and partner organisations soon.

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Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account)

Year ended 31 December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 £
Income and endowments					
Donations and grants	**5**	85,538	30,883	116,421	101,754
Charitable activities	**6**	2,600		2,600	15,075
Other trading activities	**7**	80	-	80	632
Total income		88,218	30,883	119,101	117,461
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities	**8,9**	(36.368)	(29,414)	(65,782)	(67,115)
Other expenditure	**10**	(64,415)		(64,415)	(48,758)
Total expenditure		(100,783)	(29,414)	(130,197)	(115,873)
Net income		(12,565)	1,469	(11,096)	1,588
Transfer					
Net movement in funds		(12,565)	1,469	(11,096)	1,588
Reconciliation of funds					
Transfers between funds		(134)	134		
Total funds b/forward		15,807	17,668	33,475	31,887
Total funds carried forward		3,108	19,271	22,379	33,475

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

The notes on pages 11 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

31 December 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	**13**	12,311	8,960
Investments			
		12,311	8,960
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		15,685	19,171
Debtors			
Amounts owed by group companies		44,631	44,630
Other Debtors		500	500
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			
Amounts owed to group companies			
Accruals		48,934	38,251
PAYE & Wages		1,814	1,535
Net current asset		10,068	24,515
Total assets less current liabilities		22,379	33,475
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds		19,271	15,807
Unrestricted funds		3,108	,17,668
Total charity funds	**14**	22,379	33,475

For the year ending 31 December 2024 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 18th September 2024, and are signed on behalf of the board by:



Mr R C Pearce, Trustee

The notes on pages 11 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales and a registered charity in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is: Office 16, Hamilton Davies House,117 Liverpool Road, M44 5BG.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

3. Accounting policies ***(continued)***

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Tangible assets *(continued)*

An increase in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of a revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, unless it reverses a charge for impairment that has previously been recognised as expenditure within the statement of financial activities. A decrease in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, except to which it offsets any previous revaluation gain, in which case the loss is shown within other recognised gains and losses on the statement of financial activities.

Investments

Unlisted equity investments are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently measured at fair value. If fair value cannot be reliably measured, assets are measured at cost less impairment.

Listed investments are measured at fair value with changes in fair value being recognised in income or expenditure.

Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

4. Limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee. Each member is liable to make a contribution of £10 in the event of the company being wound up.

5. Donations and Grants

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2024 £**
Donation			
Donations	90	5,911	6,001
Grants			
Grants receivable (Reaching Communities, Warrington Voluntary Action)	52,046	750	52,796

5. Donations and legacies *(continued)*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2024 £**
Other donations and legacies	33,402	24,222	57,624
Exceptional income from donated time			
	85,538	30,883	116,421

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Donations			
Donations	1,061	4,486	5,547
Grants			
Grants receivable	53,578	1,784	55,362
Other donations and legacies			
Exceptional income from donations	29,221	11,624	40,845
	83,860	17,894	101,754

6. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2024 £**	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Counselling services	2,600	2,600	2,600	1,070
Profit from subsidiary and charges to subsidiaries				14,005

7. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2024 £**	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Other sundry income	80	80	80	632

8. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2024 £**
Memory Cafe		12,586	12,586
Leave No One Behind		134	134
Digital Cafe		8,601	8,601
LEAF		6,496	6,496
Garden project		1,597	1,597
		29,414	29,414

9 Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Grant funding of activities £	Governance costs £	**Total funds 2024 £**	Total fund 2023 £
Counselling and Lymm PAC and TLC	21,368		15,000	36,368	22,822

10. Other expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £
Rent and Service Charges	10,683	
Insurance	533	
Office expenses	608	
Repairs	618	
Marketing	1,293	
Just giving	180	
Misc Service costs	246	
Pension	231	
Meals and entertainment	295	
Preparation of rooms	2,511	
Sundries	1,289	
Salaries	45,928.	
	64,415	

11. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
The average head count of employees during the year was	3	3

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2023: Nil).

12 Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration was paid to any trustee in the year.

No expenses were paid to any trustee in the year.

13. Tangible fixed assets

	Plant	Tenant's Additions
		£
Cost		
At 1 January 2024		8,960
Additions	3,351	
At 31 December 2024	3,351	8,960
Depreciation		
At 1 January 2024 and 31 December 2024		–
Carrying amount		
At 31 December 2024	3,351	8,960
At 31 December 2023		8,960

14. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 January 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31December 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	15,807	88,258	(100,691)	(134)	3,240
			–		
	15,807	88,258	(100,691)	(134)	3,240

	At 1 January 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	17,514	99,567	(92,977)	(8277)	15,807
	17,514	99.567	(92,977)	(8277)	15,807

14. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

Restricted funds

	At 1 January 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	**At 31 December 2024** £
Leave No One behind				134	134
Covid Grant	1,355			(134)	1,221
Memory Cafe		12,586	12,586		
Digital Cafe	7,198	9,006	8601		7,603
LEAF	5,783	6,945	6,496		6,232
Co-Ordinator Costs					
Ukraine	1,894				1,894
Garden Project	1,438	2,346	1,597		2,187
	17,668	30,883	29,280		19,271

	At 1 January 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	**At 31 Dec 2023** £
Leave No One behind		200	396	196	
Covid Grant	1,551			(196)	1,355
Memory Cafe	4,155	2,610	6,765		
Digital Cafe	8,010	7,763	8,575		7,198
Ukraine	1,894				1,894
LEAF	4,189	5,747	4,153		5,783
Kick Start					
Garden Project	1,813	1,574	1,949		1,438
Co-Ordinator Costs	2,290		2,290		
	23,902	17,894	24,128		17,668

15. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2024 £**
Tangible fixed assets	8,960	3,351	12,311
Current assets	40,899	19,917	60,816
Creditors less than 1 year	50,748		50,748
Net assets	(889)	23,268	22,379

	Unrestricted Funds £,	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	8,960		8,960
Current assets	46,633	17,688	64,301
Creditors less than 1 year	39,786		39,786
Net assets	15,807	17,688	33,475

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Lymm Sanctuary Hub Limited

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31/12/2024 which are set out on pages 9 to 18.

Responsibilities and basis of the report

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

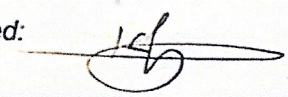
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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 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.

Signed: 

Name: KENNETH LONG

Relevant professional qualification or body: MAAT

Address: 2 CYPRESS CLOSE, WOOLSTON, WARRINGTON, WA1 4RB

Date: 28/10/2025

THE LYMM SANCTUARY HUB LIMITED

England & Wales - Charity number 1181812

Accounts

COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 08441190
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The Lymm Sanctuary Hub Limited

Company Limited by Guarantee

Unaudited Financial Statements

31 December 2023

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Trustees' Annual Report

Year Ending 31 December 2023

1. Objectives and Activities

Lymm Sanctuary Hub (LSH), based in the Lymm Library Annexe, provides a range of community services to local people, including those with special needs, the young, elderly and vulnerable. Our charitable objects are to promote any charitable purpose for the benefit of the community as the trustees see fit in particular but not exclusively by the following means:

- To provide information and advice to people in need, especially the elderly, through a drop-in centre and workshops, designed to cover all areas of need that they may face.
- To provide an affordable counselling service for those with mental health and relational issues and support to those with dementia.
- To provide a mentoring and tuition service for young people and adults.
- To provide a support network and services for young families, particularly those new to the village and those without local family support, and to those who find themselves isolated after breakdown in family relationships.
- To provide financial counselling and advice services to those struggling with their finances and those in debt.

LSH has two operating subsidiaries:

- Lymm Business Centre Ltd (Reg. No. 11480852) provides affordable office space and hot-desking, event/meeting room space and business support services from its base on first floor of the Lymm Library Annexe.
- Sanctuary Café Lymm CIC (Reg. No. 11861482) is an ecumenical, community-based initiative, supported by the churches in the Lymm area, which provides high quality food, drinks and cakes at reasonable prices and also selling books, cards and gifts. It is based in the Lymm United Reformed Church Hall adjacent to the Lymm Library.

2. Achievements and performance in 2023

Setting up two new projects (LymmPaC and TLC).

Running community engagement events; raising awareness of the support we provide in the community, resulting in new participants and volunteers in a number of our projects

Increasing participation in most of our projects; we have helped 202 people in our six core projects, plus a further 224 in our collaborative project.

Increasing our volunteer base to 45.

Appointing two part time staff: Volunteer Coordinator and Community Projects Administrator.

Reviewing our Policies and Procedures to ensure that are robust and fit for purpose in order to support our project participants, volunteers and staff.

Appointing new Project Leads for three of our projects and ensuring that they are trained in safeguarding procedures and Hub policies.

Setting up DBS checking for volunteers, plus safer recruitment and induction procedures.

Creating a Volunteer Handbook and Project Lead handbook

We were delighted to learn at the start of the year that we were successful with our Reaching Communities funding application for our community activities. This has provided a grant of £53,578 for 2023 towards the costs of employing new staff (see below), site expenses and project costs. Further grant funding will be provided for the following two years. Our Community Projects Manager has introduced a system to record project information to enable us to report on project activities including the numbers of beneficiaries and volunteers, outputs and benefits achieved.

Our projects, which have been running for a few years, continue to go well:

Memory Café: Sessions follow the same pattern each time so that the routine is familiar for our guests. They include some gentle chair based physical movement, some singing and some group activities that encourage discussion. From talking to people at regular Café sessions, we know that they are seen as fun, enjoyable and stimulating. We asked carers, supporters and volunteers to respond to a survey about what motivates them to come to Memory Café, and what impact the sessions have on them and on those whom they support. The feedback is summarised in our annual report to the National Lottery's Reaching Communities Fund.

Once a month a Carers Table is set up during the meeting. Volunteers work with those living with dementia to allow carers to sit in a different part of the space (though still in the same room). Speakers are often invited to the Carer's Table– they have included people from Warrington Disability Partnership who have offered advice on a range of topics, energy advisers, the Warrington Dementia Network and local care agencies. When there is no speaker, carers are encouraged just to sit together and chat, sharing experiences and advice at peer level.

Singing for the Brain: This group alternates with Memory Café on Wednesday afternoons and most of its members attend both sessions. It is held in the Sanctuary Café and we find that participants often arrive early so that they can have lunch in the Café before the singing starts. An unexpected bonus is that some regular customers of the Café are now coming along to join in sessions because they are so much fun! It's not unusual to find pre-school children dancing and people of all ages playing tambourines during our meetings, which gives the group a real community feel.

When there are 5 Wednesdays in the month, we use the 5th week for volunteer training as neither group runs, however many of our members still meet in the Café for lunch and a chat.

Digital Café: Digital Café has been extremely popular with the local community. Problems range from people having devices that are too old to support current technology (in which case we help people to research suitable replacements), using devices that are full of unnecessary data (in which case we help them to get rid of redundant files and apps so that their devices work faster and more efficiently), learning basic functions from scratch, helping people to log on to internet banking and exploring the reasons why they are not able to achieve what they want from their devices. During 2023, we have been running monthly tutorial groups for anybody who wants to explore particular areas in more depth. Subjects have included using maps, comparison price websites, listening to music, shopping online, internet security, social media and speed-up your laptop.

Counselling: The Counselling Service is very popular and well used. Clients can self-refer, and once assessed, they simply wait for a Counsellor to become available. They are generally offered an initial block of 8 sessions, but this may be extended if appropriate. In 2023, the number of clients seen by the service was lower than anticipated because some of the volunteer counsellors either reduced their availability due to personal circumstances or left once their 100 hours was completed. This resulted in new clients having to wait long times for their appointments. To combat this, the Counselling Service is running a rolling programme of volunteer recruitment each November and February which is proving successful in reducing waiting lists. The

Project Lead worked hard to get all of the relevant policies and procedures in place during the year, as well as digitizing the system used by the counsellors.

Lymm Parents & Carers (LymmPac): This initiative started in March 2023 and it provides peer support in a safe, non- judgemental space where parents can offer advice and share experiences. LymmPac meets weekly during term time and has a small group of core participants, but its impact on members has been significant. We have received feedback from some parents who are keen to attend sessions but are unable to do so during the working day. Hence, we tried to organise an evening group with the aim of meeting once a month. However, it has proved difficult to attract sufficient numbers so we are re-assessing how to proceed with this aspect of the initiative.

The Lymm Companions (TLC): This is a befriending scheme to support members of our community who are particularly vulnerable and isolated by offering weekly contact and spotting areas of concern before they develop to crisis point. In May 2023, we started a pilot project so that we could identify need, work with familiar and experienced volunteers and develop policies and procedures. We have received advice from the Good Neighbours Scheme in Warrington and the Reach Family Project in Bolton. The project is run in accordance with the Lymm Sanctuary Hub's Safeguarding Policy and Procedures and all the volunteers are DBS checked. During the year, we recruited a cohort of 11 volunteers to provide the support and started the process of identifying members of the community who could benefit from the service.

Lymm Environmental Action Forum (LEAF): The Hub provides administration and marketing support to this initiative which provides information and advice to help local residents and businesses to reduce their carbon footprints and improve the environment in Lymm. Topics include energy efficiency, renewable energy, waste reduction, reuse and recycling, sustainable transport, local food, the natural environment and ethical finance. Since the cost-of-living crisis really took hold in 2023, LEAF has been active in offering advice to residents on understanding and reducing their energy bills. Towards the end of last year, LEAF invested in a thermal imaging camera which residents have borrowed to successfully identify cold spots in their homes.

Lymm Community Garden: During last year, the Lymm Tree sleeve was changed to commemorate Easter, the Coronation and Remembrance Day. Large wooden raised planters were constructed, lined, filled with compost and planted with shrubs and flowers to create displays in time for the Coronation and throughout the summer. A rain water collection system was installed to provide water on site. A patio area has been constructed and a border display has been planted. More work will include a corner planter which will have an environmental theme, gravel and small planters along the front wall of the library to go with the bench seating and information plaques on the front of planters covering topics such as recycling, edible plants/growing and the memorial display.

Staffing and Other Activities

Two new community project posts were advertised and filled. Both roles are part time and both successful candidates live in the village. Ceri Chamberlain is our new Volunteer Co-ordinator and started work with us in June and Sally Mbousia, our Administration Assistant, started in July. Ceri and Sally will support the regular project sessions in the Hub, the Church and the Café. Both posts are funded by the Reaching Communities grant and are managed by the Community Projects Manager, Joyce Murdoch.

We are pleased to announce that we have a new addition of our Board of Trustees. The appointment of Cathy Warner, our Memory Café Co-ordinator, was approved at our Board meeting on June 19 2023. Cathy brings a wealth of experience of working with wellbeing and health services commissioners in Warrington and in the development of policies and procedures.

We have developed a marketing plan for our Community Projects to ensure that Hub projects are recognisable to the community and each now has its own flier that fits into the overall format. We are using the new format for all marketing in local press, on village notice boards and online. We are also in the process of building a new website for the Hub.

3. Financial Review

The total income for the year was £117,461 which was comprised of £55,362 in grants (mainly from Reaching Communities), £40,845 in donated time by volunteers and providers of professional services, £5,547 in donations and grants & donations and £15,707 from the counselling service, sundry income and transfers/profit from subsidiaries.

Total expenditure was £115,873 which comprised £49,838 in salaries and support costs, £24,128 in direct projects costs, £22,822 in governance and related costs and £19,085 in office overheads and marketing.

The overall surplus for the year was £1,588.

4. Activities To-date in 2024

We produced our first annual report on the Reaching Communities project early in April and discussed it at a meeting with our National Lottery Projects Officer later that month. She was very pleased with the progress made and we have agreed the budget for this year which is very similar to the original total annual budget but with some changes to the amounts allocated to the various funding categories.

Progress on our projects this year has been as follows:

Memory Café continues to be a very popular project, with 45 participants and carers now registered. Recent themes have included Springtime, during which participants planted sunflowers and decorated pots, an Easter card making session that was led by one of our carers, St George's Day activities and a social/board games afternoon. Gentle seated exercises and singing are regular features in every session, and we continue to have a Carer's Table on the 4th Wednesday of each month to give carers a space to chat among themselves or receive advice from agencies such as Warrington Disability Partnership and the Dementia Network.

The success of the project has also thrown up a challenge, in that we are sometimes struggling to have enough volunteers available to run sessions safely. We had to cancel one of the April groups because we simply didn't have enough people to run it. Our Volunteer Coordinator is focusing on this issue and has recently recruited a new helper but we do need more volunteers for this group.

Singing for the Brain was two years old in March and the group has gone from strength to strength over the past year. They usually meet in the Sanctuary Café, and many participants choose to have lunch in the Café first so it is a real social occasion. The atmosphere when everyone is singing is so positive and joyful and the organiser's enthusiasm is truly infectious.

Counselling: Three new counsellors have been recruited to replace those who have left us for personal/family reasons or to pursue other work. The waiting list for clients has been reduced so that people are not having to wait as long for appointments. We are concentrating on supporting people who live or work within our catchment area and we are signposting those who live further afield to services which operate elsewhere in Warrington. The vestry in the United Reformed Church is being used for face-to-face consultations as it provides a small and private space for the discussions.

Digital Café continues to meet each week in the Library, providing help and support for older people who are struggling with any aspect of IT. Some people come in as a one-off visit while many others return week on week. Participants are always warmly welcomed and offered a hot drink and some cake to put them at ease, and the volunteers work patiently with people to help them overcome the issues they are facing. The monthly tutorial sessions led by volunteers are still proving popular. Recent topics have included using the internet safely and playing Bridge online.

Lymm Environmental Action Forum (LEAF) has participated with stalls at two Lymm Festival events: the Food Fest in the village on 20 June and the Family Fair at Statham Primary School on 29 June. The focus of both was on waste reduction, recycling and reuse and activities included a quiz on food waste which proved very popular and informative for both adults and children. LEAF has undertaken an on-line survey to assess awareness of the organisation and to identify priority topics for future activities. A total of 66 responses have been received. The results show high awareness of LEAF and the most important topics for the future were considered to be waste reduction & recycling, energy efficiency, enhancement of the natural environment and renewable energy technologies. A number of other suggestions for LEAF activities were suggested and over half the respondents were interested in being kept informed about LEAF and/or being involved in volunteering.

LEAF has researched and funded 17 books on environmental topics which are now available for loan from Lymm Library.

LEAF will be running a series of energy advice sessions in the autumn and will build on the experience of using the thermal camera by purchasing a second camera and organising further training for LEAF members and users. LEAF is currently looking in to the potential to set-up a Repair Café based on the model which has been operating successfully in Birchwood for a few years.

LymmPaC (Lymm Parents and Carers): The Wednesday morning group continues to meet weekly during term time and has a small number of participants, but the impact on those people is powerful. We are looking at different ways in which to make more parents aware of the group and will be working closely with PTAs in all of the local primary schools from September. We will also approach the Council to ensure that we are on their list of organisations to which residents can be signposted. We have tried to offer an evening session on the first Tuesday of each month in response to feedback from the community that some parents work full time and are unable to attend daytime sessions. However, it has proved difficult to attract people to these sessions so we are considering alternatives.

The Lymm Companions (TLC): It has taken a lot of time and effort to get this project going but we are starting to see some very positive results. We are currently supporting one lady in her 80s who has dementia, lives alone and has no family to attend Memory Café and Singing for the Brain. This has made a huge difference to her life – she is far more engaged with other people and is thoroughly enjoying her friendship with the TLC volunteer. We are also supporting a gentleman who is 98 years old and housebound. He has two 15-minute carer visits per day but apart from that he sees very few people. He uses a wheelchair and is now saying that he would like to leave his house with his TLC volunteer to go along the resurfaced part of the Trans Pennine Trail, which will make a huge difference to him in the summer months.

New Initiatives: Potential areas for new initiatives have been identified following the community consultation events earlier this year which included an opportunity during Lymm Festival for residents to vote on their priorities.

The main initiative to emerge from this process is the idea of running regular drop-in advice clinics on a range of topics including finance, legal, health and the environment. This could include working with the Council's Talking Points initiative which provides places people can go to get friendly, face-to-face information, support and guidance. We

are also considering the potential for the Hub to act as a central point for promoting and providing information on the wide range of social groups and clubs which are operating in Lymm and the surrounding area, especially those that focus on the more vulnerable and isolated members of the community.

Volunteers: Our Volunteer Coordinator has produced a comprehensive handbook for volunteers and has developed a new induction process which includes a role description. She has also produced a handbook and role description for project leads. She meets all new volunteers and is in the process of meeting all our existing volunteers to discuss their roles and how we can support them in the future.

The Lymm Sanctuary Hub Limited

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Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account)

Year ended 31 December 2023

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 £
Income and endowments					
Donations and grants	**5**	83,860	17,894	101,754	51,580
Charitable activities	**6**	15,075	–	15,075	3750
Other trading activities	**7**	632	-	632	697
Total income		99,567	17,894	117,461	56,027
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities	**8,9**	(51,264)	(15,851)	(67,115)	(58,628)
Other expenditure	**10**	(41,733)	(7025)	(48,758)	(16,128)
Total expenditure		(92,997)	(22,876)	(115,873)	(74,756)
Net income		6,570	(4,982)	1,588	(18,729)
Net movement in funds		6,570	(4,982)	1,588	(18,729)
Reconciliation of funds					
Transfers between funds		(8,277)	8,277		
Total funds b/forward		17,514	14,373	31,887	50,616
Total funds carried forward		15,807	17,668	33,475	31,887

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

The notes on pages 11 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

The Lymm Sanctuary Hub Limited

Company Limited by Guarantee

Statement of Financial Position

31 December 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	**13**	8,960	8,960
Investments			
		8,960	8,960
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		19,171	4,146
Debtors			
Amounts owed by group companies		44,630	39,852
Other Debtors		500	500
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			
Amounts owed to group companies			1,671
Accruals		38,251	19,900
PAYE & Wages		1,535	
Net current asset		24,515	22,927
Total assets less current liabilities		33,475	31,887
Funds of the charity			
Unrestricted funds		15,807	17,514
Restricted funds		17,668	14,373
Total charity funds	**14**	33,475	31,887

For the year ending 31 December 2023 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 18th September 2024, and are signed on behalf of the board by:



Mr R Pearce
Trustee

The notes on pages 11 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales and a registered charity in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is Office 16, Hamilton Davies House,117 Liverpool Road, M44 5BG.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

3. Accounting policies ***(continued)***

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Tangible assets *(continued)*

An increase in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of a revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, unless it reverses a charge for impairment that has previously been recognised as expenditure within the statement of financial activities. A decrease in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, except to which it offsets any previous revaluation gain, in which case the loss is shown within other recognised gains and losses on the statement of financial activities.

Investments

Unlisted equity investments are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently measured at fair value. If fair value cannot be reliably measured, assets are measured at cost less impairment.

Listed investments are measured at fair value with changes in fair value being recognised in income or expenditure.

Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

4. Limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee. Each member is liable to make a contribution of £10 in the event of the company being wound up.

5. Donations and Grants

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2023 £**
Donations			
Donations	1,061	4,486	5,547
Grants			
Grants receivable (Reaching Communities, Lymm Parish Council, Warrington BC)	53,578	1,784	55,362

5. Donations and legacies *(continued)*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2023 £**
Other donations and legacies			
Exceptional income from donated time	29,221	11,624	40,845
	83,860	17,894	101,754

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Donations			
Donations	408	6,651	7,059
Grants			
Grants receivable		8,567	8,567
Other donations and legacies			
Exceptional income from donations	17,712	18,242	33,594
	18,120	33,460	51,580

6. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2023 £**	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Counselling services	1,070	1,070	1,070	1,320
Profit from subsidiary and charges to subsidiaries	14,005	14,005	14,005	2,430

7. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2023 £**	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Other sundry income	632	632		697

8. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2023 £**
Memory Cafe		6,765	6,765
Leave No One Behind		396	396
IT4All		8,575	8,575
Co-ordinator's costs		2,290	2,290
Leaf		4,153	4,153
Garden project		1,949	1,949
Support Costs	20165		20,165
	20,165	24,128	44,293

9 Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Grant funding of activities £	Governance costs £	**Total funds 2023 £**	Total fund 2022 £
,57					15,912
	6,375		16,447	22,822	15,212

10. Other expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £
Rent and Service Charges	10,543	
Insurance	491	
Office expenses	418	
Memory Café		7,025
Marketing	572	
Just giving	36	
Ukraine		
Software		
Salaries	29,673	
	41,733	7,025

11. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
The average head count of employees during the year was	3	3

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2022: Nil).

12 Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration was paid to any trustee in the year.

No expenses were paid to any trustee in the year.

13. Tangible fixed assets

	Tenant's Additions £
Cost	
At 1 January 2023	8,960
At 31 December 2022	8,960
Depreciation	
At 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2023	–
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2023	8,960
At 31 December 2022	8,960

14. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 January 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	17,514	99,567	(92,997)	(8,277)	15,807
	17,514	99,567	(92,997)	(8,277)	15,807

	At 1 January 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	29,699	22,567	(34,752)		17,514
	29,699	22,567	(34,752)		17,514

14. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

Restricted funds

	At 1 January 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	**At 31 December 2023** £
Leave No One behind		200	396	196	
Covid Grant	1,551			(196)	1,355
Memory Cafe	4,155	2,610	6,765		
IT4All	8,010	7,763	8,575		7,198
Kick Start					
Leaf	4,189	5,747	4153		5,783
Co-Ordinator Costs	2,290		2290		
Ukraine	1,894				1,894
Garden Project	1,813	1,574	1,949		1,438
	23,902	17,894	24,128		17,668

	At 1 January 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	**At 31 Dec 2022** £
Leave No One behind	220	1,011	2,900	1,669	
Covid Grant	3,220			(1669)	1,551
Memory Cafe		6,605	2,450		4,155
IT 4 All	7,492	7,579	7,061		8,010
Garden Project		2,930	1,117		1,813
Ukraine		4,499	2,605		1,894
Leaf		4075	-114		4,189
Kick Start		4,809	4,809		
Co-Ordinator Costs	9,985		7,695		2,290
	20,917	31,508	28523		23,902

15. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2023 £**
Tangible fixed assets	8,960		8,960
Current assets	46,633	17,668	64,301
Creditors less than 1 year	39.786		39.786
Net assets	15,807	17,668	33,475

	Unrestricted Funds £,	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	8,960		8,960
Current assets	20,956	23,902	49,108
Creditors less than 1 year	21,571		21,571
Net assets	7,985	23,902	31,887

COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 08441190
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1181812

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Trustees' Annual Report

Year Ending 31 December 2023

1. Objectives and Activities

Lymm Sanctuary Hub (LSH), based in the Lymm Library Annexe, provides a range of community services to local people, including those with special needs, the young, elderly and vulnerable. Our charitable objects are to promote any charitable purpose for the benefit of the community as the trustees see fit in particular but not exclusively by the following means:

- To provide information and advice to people in need, especially the elderly, through a drop-in centre and workshops, designed to cover all areas of need that they may face.
- To provide an affordable counselling service for those with mental health and relational issues and support to those with dementia.
- To provide a mentoring and tuition service for young people and adults.
- To provide a support network and services for young families, particularly those new to the village and those without local family support, and to those who find themselves isolated after breakdown in family relationships.
- To provide financial counselling and advice services to those struggling with their finances and those in debt.

LSH has two operating subsidiaries:

- Lymm Business Centre Ltd (Reg. No. 11480852) provides affordable office space and hot-desking, event/meeting room space and business support services from its base on first floor of the Lymm Library Annexe.
- Sanctuary Café Lymm CIC (Reg. No. 11861482) is an ecumenical, community-based initiative, supported by the churches in the Lymm area, which provides high quality food, drinks and cakes at reasonable prices and also selling books, cards and gifts. It is based in the Lymm United Reformed Church Hall adjacent to the Lymm Library.

2. Achievements and performance in 2023

Setting up two new projects (LymmPaC and TLC).

Running community engagement events; raising awareness of the support we provide in the community, resulting in new participants and volunteers in a number of our projects

Increasing participation in most of our projects; we have helped 202 people in our six core projects, plus a further 224 in our collaborative project.

Increasing our volunteer base to 45.

Appointing two part time staff: Volunteer Coordinator and Community Projects Administrator.

Reviewing our Policies and Procedures to ensure that are robust and fit for purpose in order to support our project participants, volunteers and staff.

Appointing new Project Leads for three of our projects and ensuring that they are trained in safeguarding procedures and Hub policies.

Setting up DBS checking for volunteers, plus safer recruitment and induction procedures.

Creating a Volunteer Handbook and Project Lead handbook

We were delighted to learn at the start of the year that we were successful with our Reaching Communities funding application for our community activities. This has provided a grant of £53,578 for 2023 towards the costs of employing new staff (see below), site expenses and project costs. Further grant funding will be provided for the following two years. Our Community Projects Manager has introduced a system to record project information to enable us to report on project activities including the numbers of beneficiaries and volunteers, outputs and benefits achieved.

Our projects, which have been running for a few years, continue to go well:

Memory Café: Sessions follow the same pattern each time so that the routine is familiar for our guests. They include some gentle chair based physical movement, some singing and some group activities that encourage discussion. From talking to people at regular Café sessions, we know that they are seen as fun, enjoyable and stimulating. We asked carers, supporters and volunteers to respond to a survey about what motivates them to come to Memory Café, and what impact the sessions have on them and on those whom they support. The feedback is summarised in our annual report to the National Lottery's Reaching Communities Fund.

Once a month a Carers Table is set up during the meeting. Volunteers work with those living with dementia to allow carers to sit in a different part of the space (though still in the same room). Speakers are often invited to the Carer's Table– they have included people from Warrington Disability Partnership who have offered advice on a range of topics, energy advisers, the Warrington Dementia Network and local care agencies. When there is no speaker, carers are encouraged just to sit together and chat, sharing experiences and advice at peer level.

Singing for the Brain: This group alternates with Memory Café on Wednesday afternoons and most of its members attend both sessions. It is held in the Sanctuary Café and we find that participants often arrive early so that they can have lunch in the Café before the singing starts. An unexpected bonus is that some regular customers of the Café are now coming along to join in sessions because they are so much fun! It's not unusual to find pre-school children dancing and people of all ages playing tambourines during our meetings, which gives the group a real community feel.

When there are 5 Wednesdays in the month, we use the 5th week for volunteer training as neither group runs, however many of our members still meet in the Café for lunch and a chat.

Digital Café: Digital Café has been extremely popular with the local community. Problems range from people having devices that are too old to support current technology (in which case we help people to research suitable replacements), using devices that are full of unnecessary data (in which case we help them to get rid of redundant files and apps so that their devices work faster and more efficiently), learning basic functions from scratch, helping people to log on to internet banking and exploring the reasons why they are not able to achieve what they want from their devices. During 2023, we have been running monthly tutorial groups for anybody who wants to explore particular areas in more depth. Subjects have included using maps, comparison price websites, listening to music, shopping online, internet security, social media and speed-up your laptop.

Counselling: The Counselling Service is very popular and well used. Clients can self-refer, and once assessed, they simply wait for a Counsellor to become available. They are generally offered an initial block of 8 sessions, but this may be extended if appropriate. In 2023, the number of clients seen by the service was lower than anticipated because some of the volunteer counsellors either reduced their availability due to personal circumstances or left once their 100 hours was completed. This resulted in new clients having to wait long times for their appointments. To combat this, the Counselling Service is running a rolling programme of volunteer recruitment each November and February which is proving successful in reducing waiting lists. The

Project Lead worked hard to get all of the relevant policies and procedures in place during the year, as well as digitizing the system used by the counsellors.

Lymm Parents & Carers (LymmPac): This initiative started in March 2023 and it provides peer support in a safe, non- judgemental space where parents can offer advice and share experiences. LymmPac meets weekly during term time and has a small group of core participants, but its impact on members has been significant. We have received feedback from some parents who are keen to attend sessions but are unable to do so during the working day. Hence, we tried to organise an evening group with the aim of meeting once a month. However, it has proved difficult to attract sufficient numbers so we are re-assessing how to proceed with this aspect of the initiative.

The Lymm Companions (TLC): This is a befriending scheme to support members of our community who are particularly vulnerable and isolated by offering weekly contact and spotting areas of concern before they develop to crisis point. In May 2023, we started a pilot project so that we could identify need, work with familiar and experienced volunteers and develop policies and procedures. We have received advice from the Good Neighbours Scheme in Warrington and the Reach Family Project in Bolton. The project is run in accordance with the Lymm Sanctuary Hub's Safeguarding Policy and Procedures and all the volunteers are DBS checked. During the year, we recruited a cohort of 11 volunteers to provide the support and started the process of identifying members of the community who could benefit from the service.

Lymm Environmental Action Forum (LEAF): The Hub provides administration and marketing support to this initiative which provides information and advice to help local residents and businesses to reduce their carbon footprints and improve the environment in Lymm. Topics include energy efficiency, renewable energy, waste reduction, reuse and recycling, sustainable transport, local food, the natural environment and ethical finance. Since the cost-of-living crisis really took hold in 2023, LEAF has been active in offering advice to residents on understanding and reducing their energy bills. Towards the end of last year, LEAF invested in a thermal imaging camera which residents have borrowed to successfully identify cold spots in their homes.

Lymm Community Garden: During last year, the Lymm Tree sleeve was changed to commemorate Easter, the Coronation and Remembrance Day. Large wooden raised planters were constructed, lined, filled with compost and planted with shrubs and flowers to create displays in time for the Coronation and throughout the summer. A rain water collection system was installed to provide water on site. A patio area has been constructed and a border display has been planted. More work will include a corner planter which will have an environmental theme, gravel and small planters along the front wall of the library to go with the bench seating and information plaques on the front of planters covering topics such as recycling, edible plants/growing and the memorial display.

Staffing and Other Activities

Two new community project posts were advertised and filled. Both roles are part time and both successful candidates live in the village. Ceri Chamberlain is our new Volunteer Co-ordinator and started work with us in June and Sally Mbousia, our Administration Assistant, started in July. Ceri and Sally will support the regular project sessions in the Hub, the Church and the Café. Both posts are funded by the Reaching Communities grant and are managed by the Community Projects Manager, Joyce Murdoch.

We are pleased to announce that we have a new addition of our Board of Trustees. The appointment of Cathy Warner, our Memory Café Co-ordinator, was approved at our Board meeting on June 19 2023. Cathy brings a wealth of experience of working with wellbeing and health services commissioners in Warrington and in the development of policies and procedures.

We have developed a marketing plan for our Community Projects to ensure that Hub projects are recognisable to the community and each now has its own flier that fits into the overall format. We are using the new format for all marketing in local press, on village notice boards and online. We are also in the process of building a new website for the Hub.

3. Financial Review

The total income for the year was £117,461 which was comprised of £55,362 in grants (mainly from Reaching Communities), £40,845 in donated time by volunteers and providers of professional services, £5,547 in donations and grants & donations and £15,707 from the counselling service, sundry income and transfers/profit from subsidiaries.

Total expenditure was £115,873 which comprised £49,838 in salaries and support costs, £24,128 in direct projects costs, £22,822 in governance and related costs and £19,085 in office overheads and marketing.

The overall surplus for the year was £1,588.

4. Activities To-date in 2024

We produced our first annual report on the Reaching Communities project early in April and discussed it at a meeting with our National Lottery Projects Officer later that month. She was very pleased with the progress made and we have agreed the budget for this year which is very similar to the original total annual budget but with some changes to the amounts allocated to the various funding categories.

Progress on our projects this year has been as follows:

Memory Café continues to be a very popular project, with 45 participants and carers now registered. Recent themes have included Springtime, during which participants planted sunflowers and decorated pots, an Easter card making session that was led by one of our carers, St George's Day activities and a social/board games afternoon. Gentle seated exercises and singing are regular features in every session, and we continue to have a Carer's Table on the 4th Wednesday of each month to give carers a space to chat among themselves or receive advice from agencies such as Warrington Disability Partnership and the Dementia Network.

The success of the project has also thrown up a challenge, in that we are sometimes struggling to have enough volunteers available to run sessions safely. We had to cancel one of the April groups because we simply didn't have enough people to run it. Our Volunteer Coordinator is focusing on this issue and has recently recruited a new helper but we do need more volunteers for this group.

Singing for the Brain was two years old in March and the group has gone from strength to strength over the past year. They usually meet in the Sanctuary Café, and many participants choose to have lunch in the Café first so it is a real social occasion. The atmosphere when everyone is singing is so positive and joyful and the organiser's enthusiasm is truly infectious.

Counselling: Three new counsellors have been recruited to replace those who have left us for personal/family reasons or to pursue other work. The waiting list for clients has been reduced so that people are not having to wait as long for appointments. We are concentrating on supporting people who live or work within our catchment area and we are signposting those who live further afield to services which operate elsewhere in Warrington. The vestry in the United Reformed Church is being used for face-to-face consultations as it provides a small and private space for the discussions.

Digital Café continues to meet each week in the Library, providing help and support for older people who are struggling with any aspect of IT. Some people come in as a one-off visit while many others return week on week. Participants are always warmly welcomed and offered a hot drink and some cake to put them at ease, and the volunteers work patiently with people to help them overcome the issues they are facing. The monthly tutorial sessions led by volunteers are still proving popular. Recent topics have included using the internet safely and playing Bridge online.

Lymm Environmental Action Forum (LEAF) has participated with stalls at two Lymm Festival events: the Food Fest in the village on 20 June and the Family Fair at Statham Primary School on 29 June. The focus of both was on waste reduction, recycling and reuse and activities included a quiz on food waste which proved very popular and informative for both adults and children. LEAF has undertaken an on-line survey to assess awareness of the organisation and to identify priority topics for future activities. A total of 66 responses have been received. The results show high awareness of LEAF and the most important topics for the future were considered to be waste reduction & recycling, energy efficiency, enhancement of the natural environment and renewable energy technologies. A number of other suggestions for LEAF activities were suggested and over half the respondents were interested in being kept informed about LEAF and/or being involved in volunteering.

LEAF has researched and funded 17 books on environmental topics which are now available for loan from Lymm Library.

LEAF will be running a series of energy advice sessions in the autumn and will build on the experience of using the thermal camera by purchasing a second camera and organising further training for LEAF members and users. LEAF is currently looking in to the potential to set-up a Repair Café based on the model which has been operating successfully in Birchwood for a few years.

LymmPaC (Lymm Parents and Carers): The Wednesday morning group continues to meet weekly during term time and has a small number of participants, but the impact on those people is powerful. We are looking at different ways in which to make more parents aware of the group and will be working closely with PTAs in all of the local primary schools from September. We will also approach the Council to ensure that we are on their list of organisations to which residents can be signposted. We have tried to offer an evening session on the first Tuesday of each month in response to feedback from the community that some parents work full time and are unable to attend daytime sessions. However, it has proved difficult to attract people to these sessions so we are considering alternatives.

The Lymm Companions (TLC): It has taken a lot of time and effort to get this project going but we are starting to see some very positive results. We are currently supporting one lady in her 80s who has dementia, lives alone and has no family to attend Memory Café and Singing for the Brain. This has made a huge difference to her life – she is far more engaged with other people and is thoroughly enjoying her friendship with the TLC volunteer. We are also supporting a gentleman who is 98 years old and housebound. He has two 15-minute carer visits per day but apart from that he sees very few people. He uses a wheelchair and is now saying that he would like to leave his house with his TLC volunteer to go along the resurfaced part of the Trans Pennine Trail, which will make a huge difference to him in the summer months.

New Initiatives: Potential areas for new initiatives have been identified following the community consultation events earlier this year which included an opportunity during Lymm Festival for residents to vote on their priorities.

The main initiative to emerge from this process is the idea of running regular drop-in advice clinics on a range of topics including finance, legal, health and the environment. This could include working with the Council's Talking Points initiative which provides places people can go to get friendly, face-to-face information, support and guidance. We

are also considering the potential for the Hub to act as a central point for promoting and providing information on the wide range of social groups and clubs which are operating in Lymm and the surrounding area, especially those that focus on the more vulnerable and isolated members of the community.

Volunteers: Our Volunteer Coordinator has produced a comprehensive handbook for volunteers and has developed a new induction process which includes a role description. She has also produced a handbook and role description for project leads. She meets all new volunteers and is in the process of meeting all our existing volunteers to discuss their roles and how we can support them in the future.

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Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account)

Year ended 31 December 2023

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 £
Income and endowments					
Donations and grants	**5**	83,860	17,894	101,754	51,580
Charitable activities	**6**	15,075	–	15,075	3750
Other trading activities	**7**	632	-	632	697
Total income		99,567	17,894	117,461	56,027
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities	**8,9**	(51,264)	(15,851)	(67,115)	(58,628)
Other expenditure	**10**	(41,733)	(7025)	(48,758)	(16,128)
Total expenditure		(92,997)	(22,876)	(115,873)	(74,756)
Net income		6,570	(4,982)	1,588	(18,729)
Net movement in funds		6,570	(4,982)	1,588	(18,729)
Reconciliation of funds					
Transfers between funds		(8,277)	8,277		
Total funds b/forward		17,514	14,373	31,887	50,616
Total funds carried forward		15,807	17,668	33,475	31,887

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

The notes on pages 11 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

31 December 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	**13**	8,960	8,960
Investments			
		8,960	8,960
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		19,171	4,146
Debtors			
Amounts owed by group companies		44,630	39,852
Other Debtors		500	500
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			
Amounts owed to group companies			1,671
Accruals		38,251	19,900
PAYE & Wages		1,535	
Net current asset		24,515	22,927
Total assets less current liabilities		33,475	31,887
Funds of the charity			
Unrestricted funds		15,807	17,514
Restricted funds		17,668	14,373
Total charity funds	**14**	33,475	31,887

For the year ending 31 December 2023 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 18th September 2024, and are signed on behalf of the board by:



Mr R Pearce
Trustee

The notes on pages 11 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales and a registered charity in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is Office 16, Hamilton Davies House,117 Liverpool Road, M44 5BG.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

3. Accounting policies ***(continued)***

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Tangible assets *(continued)*

An increase in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of a revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, unless it reverses a charge for impairment that has previously been recognised as expenditure within the statement of financial activities. A decrease in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, except to which it offsets any previous revaluation gain, in which case the loss is shown within other recognised gains and losses on the statement of financial activities.

Investments

Unlisted equity investments are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently measured at fair value. If fair value cannot be reliably measured, assets are measured at cost less impairment.

Listed investments are measured at fair value with changes in fair value being recognised in income or expenditure.

Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

4. Limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee. Each member is liable to make a contribution of £10 in the event of the company being wound up.

5. Donations and Grants

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2023 £**
Donations			
Donations	1,061	4,486	5,547
Grants			
Grants receivable (Reaching Communities, Lymm Parish Council, Warrington BC)	53,578	1,784	55,362

5. Donations and legacies *(continued)*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2023 £**
Other donations and legacies			
Exceptional income from donated time	29,221	11,624	40,845
	83,860	17,894	101,754

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Donations			
Donations	408	6,651	7,059
Grants			
Grants receivable		8,567	8,567
Other donations and legacies			
Exceptional income from donations	17,712	18,242	33,594
	18,120	33,460	51,580

6. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2023 £**	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Counselling services	1,070	1,070	1,070	1,320
Profit from subsidiary and charges to subsidiaries	14,005	14,005	14,005	2,430

7. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2023 £**	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Other sundry income	632	632		697

8. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2023 £**
Memory Cafe		6,765	6,765
Leave No One Behind		396	396
IT4All		8,575	8,575
Co-ordinator's costs		2,290	2,290
Leaf		4,153	4,153
Garden project		1,949	1,949
Support Costs	20165		20,165
	20,165	24,128	44,293

9 Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Grant funding of activities £	Governance costs £	**Total funds 2023 £**	Total fund 2022 £
,57					15,912
	6,375		16,447	22,822	15,212

10. Other expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £
Rent and Service Charges	10,543	
Insurance	491	
Office expenses	418	
Memory Café		7,025
Marketing	572	
Just giving	36	
Ukraine		
Software		
Salaries	29,673	
	41,733	7,025

11. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
The average head count of employees during the year was	3	3

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2022: Nil).

12 Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration was paid to any trustee in the year.

No expenses were paid to any trustee in the year.

13. Tangible fixed assets

	Tenant's Additions £
Cost	
At 1 January 2023	8,960
At 31 December 2022	8,960
Depreciation	
At 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2023	–
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2023	8,960
At 31 December 2022	8,960

14. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 January 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	17,514	99,567	(92,997)	(8,277)	15,807
	17,514	99,567	(92,997)	(8,277)	15,807

	At 1 January 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	29,699	22,567	(34,752)		17,514
	29,699	22,567	(34,752)		17,514

14. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

Restricted funds

	At 1 January 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	**At 31 December 2023** £
Leave No One behind		200	396	196	
Covid Grant	1,551			(196)	1,355
Memory Cafe	4,155	2,610	6,765		
IT4All	8,010	7,763	8,575		7,198
Kick Start					
Leaf	4,189	5,747	4153		5,783
Co-Ordinator Costs	2,290		2290		
Ukraine	1,894				1,894
Garden Project	1,813	1,574	1,949		1,438
	23,902	17,894	24,128		17,668

	At 1 January 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	**At 31 Dec 2022** £
Leave No One behind	220	1,011	2,900	1,669	
Covid Grant	3,220			(1669)	1,551
Memory Cafe		6,605	2,450		4,155
IT 4 All	7,492	7,579	7,061		8,010
Garden Project		2,930	1,117		1,813
Ukraine		4,499	2,605		1,894
Leaf		4075	-114		4,189
Kick Start		4,809	4,809		
Co-Ordinator Costs	9,985		7,695		2,290
	20,917	31,508	28523		23,902

15. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2023 £**
Tangible fixed assets	8,960		8,960
Current assets	46,633	17,668	64,301
Creditors less than 1 year	39.786		39.786
Net assets	15,807	17,668	33,475

	Unrestricted Funds £,	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	8,960		8,960
Current assets	20,956	23,902	49,108
Creditors less than 1 year	21,571		21,571
Net assets	7,985	23,902	31,887

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Lymm Sanctuary Hub Limited

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended ~~(date)~~ 31/12/2023 which are set out on pages 9 to 18

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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

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 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.

Signed

Name KEANNETH LEAK

Relevant professional qualification or body MIAAT

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Date 16/10/2024

THE LYMM SANCTUARY HUB LIMITED

England & Wales - Charity number 1181812

Accounts

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Unaudited Financial Statements

31 December 2022

The Lymm Sanctuary Hub Limited

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Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2022

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Trustees' Annual Report (incorporating Directors' Report) 2022

1. Objectives and Activities

Lymm Sanctuary Hub (LSH), based in the Lymm Library Annexe, provides a range of community services to local people, including those with special needs, the young, elderly and vulnerable. Our charitable objects are to promote any charitable purpose for the benefit of the community as the trustees see fit in particular but not exclusively by the following means:

- To provide information and advice to people in need, especially the elderly, through a drop-in centre and workshops, designed to cover all areas of need that they may face.
- To provide an affordable counselling service for those with mental health and relational issues and support to those with dementia.
- To provide a mentoring and tuition service for young people and adults.
- To provide a support network and services for young families, particularly those new to the village and those without local family support, and to those who find themselves isolated after breakdown in family relationships.
- To provide financial counselling and advice services to those struggling with their finances and those in debt.

LSH has two operating subsidiaries:

- Lymm Business Centre Ltd (Reg. No. 11480852) provides affordable office space and hot-desking, event/meeting room space and business support services from its base on first floor of the Lymm Library Annexe.
- Sanctuary Café Lymm CIC (Reg. No. 11861482) is an ecumenical, community-based initiative, supported by the churches in the Lymm area, which provides high quality food, drinks and cakes at reasonable prices and also selling books, cards and gifts. It is based in the Lymm United Reformed Church Hall adjacent to the Lymm Library.

2. Achievements and performance in 2022

Our priorities during 2022 were to consolidate and further improve our existing community projects whilst working on the future development of our activities aimed at building a stronger, more resilient community which empowers people to overcome their problems and live better lives.

In May, we appointed Joyce Murdoch as our Community Projects Co-ordinator to lead this work funded by the Awards for All grant. She worked with the leaders of all our community projects to understand their activities and to provide guidance on their future development and funding opportunities. She also led our engagement with the community in Lymm and the surrounding area to raise awareness of the Hub's activities and to identify new community projects which meet our objectives. This included production of our newsletter and organisation of a series of community engagement sessions in the Hub and Library.

In terms of our existing projects, the Memory Café continued to operate successfully in the United Reformed Church with its regular fortnightly sessions and has introduced 'Singing for the Brain' sessions on alternate weeks which have proved very popular. A grant of £600 was secured from Barchester Charities to continue these sessions for next few months.

The IT4All project was renamed the 'Digital Café' and operated every Thursday afternoon in Lymm Library with support from our team of volunteers. Comprehensive records of client feedback are kept and this has been very positive. A progress report to the funder, Cheshire Community Foundation, was submitted in June which confirmed results and project expenditure to-date and explained how the rest of the funding was going to be spent.

The Counselling Service delivered 171 counselling sessions to 31 clients over the year. The team consisted of an average of 4 volunteer counsellors at any one time, an assessor, a supervisor and a line manager. Our line manager, Deb Instone, left in October and was replaced by another experienced counsellor, Jeanette Barr from Lymm Baptist Church. We are very grateful to Deb for setting-up the Service and for running it so successfully over the past few years.

During the year, LSH has provided administration, marketing and financial support to the Lymm Environmental Action Forum (LEAF), an umbrella organisation representing a wide range of local environmental groups, which provides information and advice to residents to help them to reduce their carbon footprints. A series of events were delivered covering energy, waste/recycling, food and transport and an orienteering event was held in collaboration with Friends of Spud Wood. A Green Christmas Fair in collaboration with the Warrington United Reformed Church (URC) Pastorate was held on November at Lymm URC. Lymm Parish Council has kindly provided a grant of £1,000 towards the costs of delivering these events.

We continued to deliver frozen meals from the Sanctuary Café to a small number of Lymm residents who are in need and are appreciative of the service and the regular contact.

LSH supported the initiative in Lymm to help Ukrainian Refugees who have been placed with local families and in the provision of humanitarian aid. This has included setting-up Just Giving pages to collect donations and managing the disbursement of funds. English language lessons were delivered in the Hub and funds have been used for books and materials.

The community engagement sessions identified some priority areas for future development including setting-up:

- a Befriending Scheme to support members of our community who are particularly vulnerable and isolated by offering weekly contact and spotting areas of concern before they develop to crisis point. The need for this has arisen from our work to support the Leave No One Behind in Lymm Meals Scheme during the pandemic which involved regular contact with such people;
- a support group for parents and carers of children & young people with Special Educational Needs.

Towards the end of the year, we worked on a proposal to design, landscape and maintain the unused garden area beside Lymm Library to create a community garden with a memorial, sensory and educational remit. This included the installation of the Lymm Tree - a solar-powered lit up tree comprising wire frame and a sleeve of crochet squares made by the community. Funding for the project has been raised from a variety of sources including a Parish Council grant and Just Giving donations. The Tree and a Christmas-themed sleeve were completed in time for an official opening early in December 2022.

During the latter half of the year, we developed a major funding application to the Big Lottery's Reaching Communities Fund with help from Warrington Voluntary Action. This covered core and project funding for our community work over a 3-year period and was submitted early in December following a successful initial submission earlier in the year.

3. Financial Review

The total income for the year was £56,027 which was comprised of £35,954 in donated time by volunteers and providers of professional services, £15,626 grants & donations and £4,447 from the counselling service, sundry income and profit from subsidiaries.

Total expenditure was £74,756 which comprised £35,952 in donated time from volunteers and providers of professional services, £23,714 in direct projects costs, £9,870 in administration wages and £5,220 in other expenditure.

The overall loss for the year was £18,729 which was anticipated since the two major grants received during the previous year were being spent - £9,984 from Awards for All for our Community Projects Co-ordinator costs and £9,998 from Cheshire Community Foundation for the Digital Café project.

4. Current Activities

We were delighted to learn at the start of the year that we were successful with our Reaching Communities funding application for our community activities. This provides a grant of £53,578 for 2023 towards the costs of employing new staff (see below), site expenses and project costs. Further grant funding will be provided for the following two years. Our Community Projects Manager has introduced a system to record project information to enable us to report on project activities including the numbers of beneficiaries and volunteers, outputs and benefits achieved.

Our projects, which have been running for a few years, continue to go well:

- Memory Café: Cathy Warner, a recently retired state mental health nurse, has taken over from Alison Summersfield to co-ordinate the group. The Café was awarded funding by Warrington Borough Council and Grappenhall Parish Council to hold a Coronation Tea Party in May. Over 40 people guests and carers attended alongside Trustees and external stakeholders including the Dementia Network. Other Memory Café themes have included Australia Day, Valentines Day, Holidays, Pets and Memories.

- Singing for the Brain's leader, Helen Elliott, is now running the sessions on alternate Thursday afternoons in the Sanctuary Café rather than the Church and this is working well although the impact on regular Café customers needs to be carefully monitored. The group received funding recently from the Barchester Charitable Foundation and has used the money to buy instruments and sensory accessories and to market the sessions more widely.

- Counselling: Jeannette Barr has been doing a huge amount of work behind the scenes to streamline policies and procedures and to make everything accessible to all counsellors. The Counselling service also has a new venue, they are now working in the vestry in the United Reformed Church which is much more appropriate than the Community Events Room in the Hub. On-line counselling sessions continue to be delivered.

- The Digital Café continues to meet weekly in the Library. New clients visit each month along with a number of people who make return visits. The Café is very well established and successful. Volunteers are now running monthly tutorial sessions alongside the regular drop-in support service. Topics have included using comparison price websites, listening to music and using maps.

- Lymm Environmental Action Forum (LEAF): Events this year have covered topics on energy, recycling and food. LEAF had a stall at the Eco Event at St Mary's Church hall on 16 July along with other stall holders including Fairtrade, U3A, Co-op soft plastic recycling and St Mary's crafts. An event on ethical finance is planned for later this year. LEAF has applied for further funding from the Parish Council to train volunteers to carry out domestic energy efficiency audits and to raise awareness of its activities.

Our new projects have been launched during the year:

- LymmPaC (Lymm Parents and Carers): This group was established in response to an approach by a member of our community to help families who have children with special educational needs. It received a lot of support at our Community Matters engagement events in September 2022. A working party was formed, parents of children at primary schools were consulted and we worked with SENCOs in local schools who gave advice and agreed to signpost parents of children on SEN registers to us. The group launched in March 2023. Feedback from participants has been very encouraging, with one person telling us that the group has given her the confidence to approach her child's school to query the provision they have made as she feels it is inappropriate.

- The Lymm Companions (TLC): This project arose from Leave No One Behind in Lymm, which was formed as a response to the pandemic in 2020/21, to support vulnerable and isolated residents. We agreed to run a small pilot project lasting 8 – 12 weeks initially so that we could identify need, work with familiar and experienced volunteers and develop policies and procedures. We have received advice from the Good Neighbours Scheme in Warrington and the Reach Family Project in Bolton. The pilot project was delayed because of a difficulty in recruiting experienced volunteers from Leave No One Behind in Lymm but eventually started in May 2023. Anna Leaver has agreed to be the project lead with Kirsty James and Joyce Murdoch providing support.

- Lymm Community Garden: The Lymm Tree sleeve has been changed to commemorate Easter and then the Coronation with a Remembrance Day poppy sleeve due to be added soon. Large wooden raised planters have been constructed, lined, filled with compost and planted with shrubs and flowers to create displays in time for the Coronation and throughout the summer. A rain water collection system has been installed to provide water on site. A patio area has been

constructed and a border display has been planted. More work will include a corner planter, which will have an environmental theme, gravel and small planters along the front wall of the library to go with bench seating and information plaques on the front of planters covering topics such as recycling, edible plants/growing and the memorial display.

On the staffing front, Sanah Bulhari, our Office Administrator, left us at the end of August to pursue her academic interests. Sanah has been a great asset to the Business Centre and to our community projects where she has been an enthusiastic and friendly contributor.

Two new community project posts have been advertised and recruited. Both roles are part time and both successful candidates live in the village. Ceri Chamberlain is our new Volunteer Co-ordinator and started work with us in June and Sally Mbousia, our Administration Assistant, started in July. Ceri and Sally will support the regular project sessions in the Hub, the Church and the Café. Both posts are funded by the Reaching Communities grant and will be managed by the Community Projects Manager, Joyce Murdoch.

We are pleased to announce that we have a new addition of our Board of Trustees. The appointment of Cathy Warner, our Memory Café Co-ordinator, was approved at our Board meeting on June 19. Cathy brings a wealth of experience of working with wellbeing and health services in Warrington and in the development of policies and procedures.

We have developed a marketing plan for our Community Projects to ensure that Hub projects are recognisable to the community and each now has its own flier that fits into the overall format. We are using the new format for all marketing in local press, on village notice boards and online. We are also in the process of building a new website for the Hub.

The Lymm Sanctuary Hub Limited

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Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account)

Year ended 31 December 2022

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	**2022 Total funds** £	2021 Total funds £
Income and endowments					
Donations and grants	**5**	18,120	33,460	51,580	56,272
Charitable activities	**6**	3,750	–	3,750	1,650
Other trading activities	**7**	697	-	697	884
Total income		22,567	33,460	56,027	58,806
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities	**8,9**	(19,662)	(38,966)	(58,628)	(45,963)
Other expenditure	**10**	(15,090)	(1,038)	(16,128)	(8,141)
Total expenditure		(34,752)	(40,004)	(74,756)	(54,104)
Net income		(12,185)	(6,544)	(18,729)	4,702
Net movement in funds		(12,185)	(6,544)	(18,729)	4,702
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		29,699	20,917	50,616	–
Total funds carried forward		17,514	14,373	31,887	4,702

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

The notes on pages 7 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

The Lymm Sanctuary Hub Limited

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Statement of Financial Position

31 December 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	13	8,960	8,127
Investments			
		8,960	8,127
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		4,146	28.354
Debtors			
Amounts owed by group companies		39,852	20,102
Other Debtors		500	500
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			
Accruals			
Amounts owed to group companies		19,900	
PAYE		1,671	477
477			
Net current assets		22,927	22,387
Total assets less current liabilities		31,887	50,616
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds		14,373	20,917
Unrestricted funds		17,514	29,699
Total charity funds	14	31,887	50,616

For the year ending 31 December 2022 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 20 September 2022, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Mr R C Pearce
Trustee

The notes on pages 7 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales and a registered charity in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is Office 16, Hamilton Davies House,117 Liverpool Road, M44 5BG.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Tangible assets *(continued)*

An increase in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of a revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, unless it reverses a charge for impairment that has previously been recognised as expenditure within the statement of financial activities. A decrease in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, except to which it offsets any previous revaluation gain, in which case the loss is shown within other recognised gains and losses on the statement of financial activities.

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Unlisted equity investments are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently measured at fair value. If fair value cannot be reliably measured, assets are measured at cost less impairment.

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For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

4. Limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee. Each member is liable to make a contribution of £10 in the event of the company being wound up.

5. Donations and Grants

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2022 £**
Donations			
Donations (Just Giving & personal donations)	408	6,651	7,059
Grants			
Grants receivable (Parish Council, Barchester, Kick Start, Warrington Charities Trust)		8,567	8,567

5. Donations and legacies *(continued)*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2022** £
Other donations and legacies			
Exceptional income from donations (volunteer and professional services donations)	17,712	18,242	35,954
	18,120	33,460	51,580

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Donations			
Donations	1,387	4,467	5,854
Grants			
Grants receivable		21,423	21,423
Other donations and legacies			
Exceptional income from donations	28,995		28,995
	30,382	25,890	56,272

6. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2022** £	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Counselling services	1.320	1,320	1,650	1,650
Profit from subsidiary	2.430	2,430		

7. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2022** £	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Other sundry income	697	697	884	884

8. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2022 £**
Memory Cafe		2,286	2,286
Leave No One Behind	–	2,900	2,900
IT4All		6,745	6,745
Co-ordinator's costs		7,695	7,695
LEAF		-258	-258
Ukraine		2,191	2,191
Garden project		1,117	1,117
Support costs (volunteer time)	3,750	16,290	20,040
	3,750	38,966	42,716

9 Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Management & Funding £	Other Governance costs £	**Total funds 2022 £**	Total fund 2021 £
Governance costs (volunteer & professional services)	–	4,320	11,592	15,912	28,995
		4,320	11,592	15,912	28,995

10. Other expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds (2022) £	Restricted Funds (2022) £
Rent and Service Charges	3,439	–
Insurance	438	–
Office expenses	308	
Memory Café		164
IT4All		316
Leaf		144
Ukraine		414
Software	1,035	
Salaries	9,870	
	15,090	1,038

11. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
The average head count of employees during the year was	3	2

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2021: Nil).

12 Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration was paid to any trustee in the year.

No expenses were paid to any trustee in the year.

13. Tangible fixed assets

	Tenant's Additions £
Cost	
At 1 January 2022	8,127
Additions (less grant)	833
At 31 December 2022	8,960
Depreciation	
At 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2021	–
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2022	8,960
At 31 December 2021	8,127

14. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 January 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 December 2022 £
General funds	29,699	24,519	(51,042)	–	3,176
	29,699	24,519	(51,042)	–	3,176

	At 1 January 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 December 2021 £
General funds	34,228	32,916	(37,445)	–	29,699
	34,228	32,916	(37,445)	–	29,699

14. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

Restricted funds

	At 1 January 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 December 2022 £
Leave No One behind	220	1,011	2,900	1,669	
Covid Grant	3,220			(1,669)	1,551
Memory Cafe	–	6,605	2,450		4,155
IT4All	7,492	7,579	7,061		8,010
Kick Start		4,809	4,809		
LEAF		4,075	-114		4,189
Co-Ordinator Costs	9,985		7,695		2,290
Ukraine		4.499	2,605		1,894
Garden Project		2,930	1,117		1,813
					23,902
	20,917	31,508	28,523		

	At 1 January 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 December 2021 £
Leave No One behind	5,626	3,716	9,122		220
Covid Grant	6,060			(2840)	3,220
Memory Cafe		250	1379	1,129	
IT4 All		9,998	2,506		7,492
Co-Ordinator Costs		9,985			9,985
LEAF		500	850	350	
Kick Start		1,441	2,802	1361	
	11,686	25,890	16,659		20,917

15. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2022 £**
Tangible fixed assets	8,960		8,960
Current assets	20,596	23,902	44,498
Creditors less than 1 year	21,571		21,571
Net assets	7,985	23,902	31,887

	Unrestricted Funds £,	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	8.127		8,127
Current assets	28,191	20,917	49,108
Creditors less than 1 year	6,142	477	6,619
Net assets	30,176	20,440	50,616

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of LYMM SANCTUARY HUB Ltd

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31st December 2022 which are set out on pages … to …

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your company's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the 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 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 company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts 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
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for 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)].

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.

Signed: 

Name KENNETH LONG

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Date 3/10/2023

THE LYMM SANCTUARY HUB LIMITED

England & Wales - Charity number 1181812

Accounts

COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 08441190
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1181812

The Lymm Sanctuary Hub Limited

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Unaudited Financial Statements

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Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2021

The Trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name: The Lymm Sanctuary Hub Limited

Charity registration number: 1181812

Company registration number: 08441190

Principal office and registered office: c/o Proud Goulbourn, Hamilton Davies House,117c Liverpool Road, Cadishead, M44 5BG

The Trustees:

Mr D Eadon
Mr S Fawcett
Mr A Langley (appointed 1st August 2022)
Mr R C Pearce
Mr K A Rogers

Structure, governance and management

Management of The Lymm Sanctuary Hub (LSH) is carried out through the Hub Management Group (HMG) which reports to the Board. This consists of 7 members including those responsible for management, co-ordination and marketing of our community programmes, finance & funding and management of our subsidiaries: Lymm Business Centre and Sanctuary Café Lymm CIC.

Policies and procedures have been drawn up covering:

- bullying & harassment,
- confidentiality,
- data protection,
- discipline,
- drugs & alcohol,
- environmental management,
- grievance,
- health & safety,
- risk management,
- safeguarding,
- security
- volunteers.

1. Objectives and Activities

Lymm Sanctuary Hub (LSH), based in the Lymm Library Annexe, provides a range of community services to local people, including those with special needs, the young, elderly and vulnerable. Our charitable objects are to promote any charitable purpose for the benefit of the community as the trustees see fit in particular but not exclusively by the following means:

- To provide information and advice to people in need, especially the elderly, through a drop-in centre and workshops, designed to cover all areas of need that they may face.
- To provide an affordable counselling service for those with mental health and relational issues and support to those with dementia.
- To provide a mentoring and tuition service for young people and adults.
- To provide a support network and services for young families, particularly those new to the village and those without local family support, and to those who find themselves isolated after breakdown in family relationships.
- To provide financial counselling and advice services to those struggling with their finances and those in debt.

LSH has two operating subsidiaries:

- Lymm Business Centre Ltd (Reg. No. 11480852) provides affordable office space and hot-desking, event/meeting room space and business support services from its base on first floor of the Lymm Library Annexe.
- Sanctuary Café Lymm CIC (Reg. No. 11861482) is an ecumenical, community-based initiative, supported by the churches in the Lymm area, which provides high quality food, drinks and cakes at reasonable prices and also selling books, cards and gifts. It is based in the Lymm United Reformed Church Hall adjacent to the Lymm Library.

2. Achievements and performance in 2021

During 2021, we gradually re-opened the community space and continued to run some of our community programmes in the Hub taking account of Covid-19 restrictions and risk assessments.

The affordable counselling service continued to operate throughout the year initially on line via Zoom but some face-to-face sessions in the Hub were started later in the year. It has helped 74 clients since it started and people genuinely feel very grateful for the affordable sessions. One couple said that the 5 sessions had saved their marriage and their family.

The Memory Café operated successfully throughout this year. Due to increasing numbers and Covid space restrictions, it has moved to holding two sessions a month in the United Reformed Church. Activities included quizzes, seated exercises, themed sessions and social afternoons with refreshments. Average attendance is 18 to 23 per session comprising those suffering from memory loss, their carers/family members and volunteers.

LSH continued to support the Leave No-one Behind in Lymm (LNOBIL) meals campaign during the year. Demand for the hot meals declined as Covid restrictions were lifted and the focus is now on delivering frozen meals which are provided by the Sanctuary Café. A 'legacy' programme is being considered to continue to provide meals for those most in need. A key aspect of the scheme is the weekly contact with customers to confirm on their orders and deliver the meals which also provides opportunities to check on their welfare.

We secured a grant of £9,980 from the Cheshire Community Foundation earlier in the year for our IT4All project which is the first phase of a programme to help isolated, elderly people who live in the Lymm and the surrounding area, especially those who are not currently taking part in online activities or able to access available online services. We recruited a co-ordinator to deliver this project, Neil McKay, with support from a steering group and volunteers. Work was undertaken on raising awareness of the project and running a series of introductory/ taster sessions.

On the staffing front, we have recently recruited an apprentice, Sanah Bukhari, who is being funded for 6 months under the DWP's Kickstart Programme to provide administration support to the Hub and Business Centre including working on some our community programmes.

We secured a grant at the end of the year from the Awards for All programme of £9,984 to contribute towards the costs of employing a Community Projects Co-ordinator to lead the development of our community activities work and started the process of recruiting a suitable candidate.

Establishing and operating LSH has only been possible through the substantial contribution of time and expertise from our volunteers and professional advisors who donated their time free-of-charge during the year. This totalled 1,464 hours in 2021.

3. Financial Review

The total income for the year was £58,806 which was comprised of £28,995 in donated time by volunteers and providers of professional services, £27,277 in grants and donations and £2,534 from the counselling service and room hire.

Total expenditure was £54,104 which comprised of £4,952 in salaries, £5,940 in rent and service charges, £8,906 in LNOBIL costs, £28,995 in donated volunteer and professional time and £5,311 in miscellaneous costs.

The overall surplus for the year was £4,702.

The Trustees consider, under a continued threat from Covid-19, that consolidated reserves sufficient to cover our activities for 6 months are required to maintain the Charity's future.

4. Current Activities and Future Plans

Our priorities this year have been to consolidate and further improve our existing community projects whilst working on the future development of our activities aimed at building a stronger, more resilient community which empowers people to overcome their problems and live better lives.

In May, we appointed Joyce Murdoch as our Community Projects Co-ordinator to lead this work funded by the Awards for All grant. Joyce has a teaching background and wide experience of managing and delivering community-based activities including working with volunteers. She lives in Lymm and has worked as a volunteer for local community organisations.

Joyce has been working with the leaders of all our community projects to understand their activities and to provide guidance on their future development and funding opportunities. She has also been working on engagement with the community in Lymm and the surrounding area to raise awareness of the Hub's activities and to identify new community projects which meet our objectives. This has included production of our newsletter and organisation of a series of community engagement sessions in the Hub and Library.

In terms of our existing projects, the Memory Café has continued to operate successfully in the United Reformed Church with its regular fortnightly sessions and has introduced 'Singing for the Brain' sessions on alternate weeks which have proved very popular. A grant of £600 has been secured from Barchester Charities to continue these sessions for next few months.

The IT4All project has been renamed the 'Digital Café' and now operates every Thursday afternoon in Lymm Library with support from a team of 9 volunteers. The number of attendees has built-up over the year with over 50 clients having been helped so far. Records of client feedback are kept and we can point to at least 75 written recommendations for the service by those who have attended. The funding from Cheshire Community Foundation runs out by the end of this year and we are looking at funding options to continue this successful project into next year.

During the year, LSH has provided administration, marketing and financial support to the Lymm Environmental Action Forum (LEAF), an umbrella organisation representing a wide range of local

environmental groups, which provides information and advice to residents to help them to reduce their carbon footprints. A series of events have been delivered covering energy, waste/recycling, food and transport and an orienteering event was held in collaboration with Friends of Spud Wood. A Green Christmas Fair in collaboration with the Warrington United Reformed Church (URC) Pastorate will be help on November 12 at Lymm URC. Lymm Parish Council has kindly provided a grant of £1,000 towards the costs of delivering these events.

We have continued to deliver frozen meals from the Sanctuary Café to a small number of Lymm residents who are in need, appreciative of the service and the regular contact. A decision will be made before the end of the year on the future of this scheme and its legacy.

LSH is supporting the initiative in Lymm to help Ukrainian Refugees who have been placed with local families and in the provision of humanitarian aid. This has included setting-up Just Giving pages to collect donations and managing the disbursement of funds. English language lessons are being delivered in the Hub and funds have been used for books and materials.

The community engagement sessions have identified some priority areas for future development including setting-up:

- a Befriending Scheme to support members of our community who are particularly vulnerable and isolated by offering weekly contact and spotting areas of concern before they develop to crisis point. The need for this has arisen from our work to support the Leave No One Behind in Lymm Meals Scheme during the pandemic which involved regular contact with such people
- a support group for parents and carers of children & young people with Special Educational Needs
- a scheme to help residents to cope with the rapid rise in the cost of living by providing information and advice on managing household bills and personal finances. This will build on the Christians Against Poverty money course, which was delivered before the pandemic, and on the energy advice sessions delivered over the past few years in the Hub.

Our Community Projects Co-ordinator is working with the Trustees, project leaders and volunteers to produce plans for the delivery of these activities next year.

The Lymm Sanctuary Hub Limited

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Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account)

Year ended 31 December 2021

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	5	30,382	25,890	56,272	55,059
Charitable activities	6	1650	–	1,650	1,375
Other trading activities	7	884	–	884	
Total income		32,916	25,890	58,806	56,434
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities	8,9	(30,390)	(15,573)	(45963)	(27,371)
Other expenditure	10	(7055)	(1086)	(8141)	(7,580)
Total expenditure		(37,445)	(16659)	(54,104)	(34,951)
Net income		(4529)	9,231	4,702	24,331
Net movement in funds		(4529)	9,231	4,702	24,331
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		34,228	11,686	45,914	–
Total funds carried forward		29,699	20917	50.616	24,331

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

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Statement of Financial Position

31 December 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	13	8,127	7,877
Investments		20,102	15,012
		28,229	22,889
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		28,354	23,107
Debtors		500	
Amounts owed to group companies		152	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			
PAYE		477	
Accruals		6,142	
Amounts owed to group companies			82
Net current assets		22,387	23,025
Total assets less current liabilities		50,616	45,914
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds		20,917	11,686
Unrestricted funds		25,699	34,228
Total charity funds	14	50,616	45,914

For the year ending 31 December 2021 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue at the Annual General Meeting on 11 October 2022, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Mr R C Pearce
Trustee

The notes on pages 7 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

The Lymm Sanctuary Hub Limited

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2021

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales and a registered charity in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is Office 16, Hamilton Davies House,117 Liverpool Road, M44 5BG.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

3. **Accounting policies** *(continued)*

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Tangible assets *(continued)*

An increase in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of a revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, unless it reverses a charge for impairment that has previously been recognised as expenditure within the statement of financial activities. A decrease in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, except to which it offsets any previous revaluation gain, in which case the loss is shown within other recognised gains and losses on the statement of financial activities.

Investments

Unlisted equity investments are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently measured at fair value. If fair value cannot be reliably measured, assets are measured at cost less impairment.

Listed investments are measured at fair value with changes in fair value being recognised in income or expenditure.

Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

4. Limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee. Each member is liable to make a contribution of £10 in the event of the company being wound up.

5. Donations and Grants

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2021 £**
Donations			
Donations (Just Giving, LNOBIL meals)	1,387	4,467	5,854
Grants			
Grants receivable (CCF, Awards for All, Kick Start)	–	21,423	21,423

5. Donations and legacies *(continued)*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2021 £**
Other donations and legacies			
Exceptional income from donations (Volunteer and professional time donated)	28,995	–	28,995
	30,382	25,890	56,272

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Donations			
Donations	13,580	10,121	23,701
Grants			
Grants receivable		9,060	9,060
Other donations and legacies			
Exceptional income from donations	22,298	–	22,298
	35,878	19181	55,509

6. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2021 £**	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Counselling services	1,650	1,650	1,650	1375

7. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2021 £**	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Other sundry income	884	884		

8. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2021 £**
Memory Cafe		676	676
Leave No One Behind	–	8,906	8,906
IT4All		2,339	2,339
Kick Start		2,802	2,802
Leaf		850	850
Other Direct Costs	1,395		1,395
Support costs	28995		28,995
	30,390	15,573	45,963

9 Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Grant funding of activities £	Support costs £	**Total funds 2021 £**	Total fund 2020 £
Governance costs	–	–	28,995	28,995	14,570
			28,995	28,995	14,570

10. Other expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £
Rent and Service Charges	5,940	–
Insurance	625	–
Office expenses	188	
Memory Café		703
IT4All		167
LNOBIL		216
Sundries	302	
	7,055	1,086

11. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£

The average head count of employees during the year was 2 (2020: Nil).

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2020: Nil).

12 Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration was paid to any trustee in the year.

No expenses were paid to any trustee in the year.

13. Tangible fixed assets

	Tenant's Additions £
Cost	
At 1 January 2020	7,877
Additions	250
At 31 December 2021	8,127
Depreciation	
At 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2021	–
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2021	8,127
At 31 December 2020	7,877

14. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 January 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 Decembe 2021 £
General funds	34.228	32,916	(37,445)		29,699
	–	–	–		
	34,228	32,916	(37,445)		29,699

	At 1 January 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 December 2020 £
General funds	24,331	37,253	(26,011)		35,573
Transfer Memory Cafe				(1345)	(1,345\
	–	63,129	(26111)	(1345)	(34,228)

Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

Restricted funds

	At 1 January 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 December 2021 £
Leave No One behind	5,626	3,716	9,122		220
Covid Grant	6,060			(2840)	3,220
Memory Cafe	–	250	1,379	1,129	
IT4All		9.998	2,506		7,492
Kick Start		1441	2,802	1,361	
Leaf		500	850	350	
Co-Ordinator Costs		9,985			9,985
	11,686	25,890	16,659		20,917

	At 1 January 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 December 2020 £
Leave No One behind		7,636	(2010)		5,626
Covid Grant		9,060	(3000)		6,060
Memory Cafe		485	(1830)	1,345	
Think Family Matters		2,000	(2,000)		
		19,181	8,840	1,345	11,686

Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2021 £**
Tangible fixed assets	28,229		28,229
Current assets	8,089	20,917	29,006
Creditors less than 1 year	6,142	477	6,619
Net assets	30,176	20,440	50,616

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Tangible fixed assets	22,889	–	22,889
Current assets	11,421	11,686	23,107
Creditors less than 1 year	82	–	82
Net assets	34,228	11,686	45,914

EXAMPLE EXAMINER'S UNQUALIFIED REPORT

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Lymm Sanctuary Hub Limited

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended ~~(date)~~ 31/12/2021 which are set out on pages 3 to 8

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your company's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the 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 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 company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts 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
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for 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)].

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.

Signed: [signature]

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Date 10/10/2022

THE LYMM SANCTUARY HUB LIMITED

England & Wales - Charity number 1181812

Accounts

COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 08441190
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1181812

The Lymm Sanctuary Hub Limited

Company Limited by Guarantee

Unaudited Financial Statements

31 December 2020

The Lymm Sanctuary Hub Limited

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Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2020

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The Lymm Sanctuary Hub Limited

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Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report)

Year ended 31 December 2020

The Trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name	The Lymm Sanctuary Hub Limited
Charity registration number	1181812
Company registration number	08441190
Principal office and registered Office	608, Liverpool Road Irlam Manchester M44 5AA

The trustees

Mr R C Pearce
Mr D Eadon
Mr S Fawcett
Mr K A Rogers

Structure, governance and management

Management of The Lymm Sanctuary Hub (LSH) is carried out through the Hub Management Group (HMG) which reports to the Board. This consists of 7 members including those responsible for management, co-ordination and marketing of our community programmes, finance & funding and management of our subsidiaries: Lymm Business Centre and Sanctuary Café Lymm CIC.

Policies and procedures have been drawn up covering:

- bullying & harassment,
- confidentiality,
- data protection,
- discipline,
- drugs & alcohol,
- environmental management,
- grievance,
- health & safety,
- risk management,
- safeguarding,
- security
- volunteers.

1. Objectives and Activities

Lymm Sanctuary Hub (LSH), based in the Lymm Library Annexe, provides a range of community services to local people, including those with special needs, the young, elderly and vulnerable. Our charitable objects are to promote any charitable purpose for the benefit of the community as the trustees see fit in particular but not exclusively by the following means:

- To provide information and advice to people in need, especially the elderly, through a drop-in centre and workshops, designed to cover all areas of need that they may face.
- To provide an affordable counselling service for those with mental health and relational issues and support to those with dementia.
- To provide a mentoring and tuition service for young people and adults.
- To provide a support network and services for young families, particularly those new to the village and those without local family support, and to those who find themselves isolated after breakdown in family relationships.
- To provide financial counselling and advice services to those struggling with their finances and those in debt.

LSH has two operating subsidiaries:

- Lymm Business Centre Ltd (Reg. No. 11480852) provides affordable office space and hot-desking, event/meeting room space and business support services from its base on first floor of the Lymm Library Annexe.
- Sanctuary Café Lymm CIC (Reg. No. 11861482) is an ecumenical, community-based initiative, supported by the churches in the Lymm area, which provides high quality food, drinks and cakes at reasonable prices and also selling books, cards and gifts. It is based in the Lymm United Reformed Church hall adjacent to the Lymm Library.

2. Achievements and Performance in 2020

Our activities during 2020 were severely restricted as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. The Library was closed at the end of March and we took the decision to close the Hub and Business Centre at the same time. In keeping with Government and Local Authority requirements for operating during the pandemic, we re-opened the community/event room and Lymm Business Centre in July to a limited number of business and authorised community activities. This involved undertaking a detailed risk assessment and introducing a wide range of measures to meet Covid-19 Guidelines for the safe operation of community facilities and offices/contact centres.

During the pandemic, we continued to deliver some of our community activities remotely. For example, the affordable counselling service was delivered on-line and the Memory Café attendees were contacted by telephone, email and post and sessions were organised in the Sanctuary Café when restrictions were lifted.

LSH also helped the Leave No-one Behind in Lymm (LNOBIL) meals campaign by providing administration support, space for storing the meals and food boxes and fund raising. This has included setting-up donation pages on the Just Giving platform and managing the financial

contributions. LSH has also supported the Sanctuary Café with its VE Day Cream Tea initiative which has raised over £3,000 for the Warrington and Halton Hospitals' Charity.

Catering services for the Hub were provided by the Sanctuary Café Lymm which is a subsidiary of LSH and is located in the United Reformed Church hall next door to the Library building.

A range of marketing activities were carried out during the year to raise awareness of LSH and our community programmes. This included setting-up the LSH website, promoting the Hub via social media, advertisements and press releases in the local media.

During the year, LSH received a legacy donation of £12,000 for delivering our community and business support projects, some of which has been used to upgrade office and data management systems and for the delivery of parental and carer support services. In addition, we were successful in securing a £9,060 grant from the Coronavirus Community Support Fund to cover some of our operating costs whilst the Hub and Business Centre were closed or only partially open due to the pandemic.

Establishing and operating LSH has only been possible through the substantial contribution of time and expertise from our volunteers and professional advisors who donated their time free-of-charge during the year. This totalled 1,316 hours in 2020.

3. Financial Review for 2020

The total income for the year was £56,434 which was comprised mainly of general grants & donations, LNOBIL & VE Day donations and donated volunteer time & professional fees.

Total expenditure was £34,951 which was comprised mainly of LNOBIL meal costs, charitable donations and governance costs.

The overall surplus for the year was £21,483.

The Trustees consider, in the unusual circumstances of Covid-19, that consolidated reserves sufficient to cover our activities for 6 months are required to maintain the Charity's future.

4. Activities in 2021 and Future Plans

During 2021, we have gradually re-opened the community space and continued to run some of our community programmes in the Hub taking account of Covid-19 restrictions and risk assessments.

The counselling team consists of a manager, a supervisor, 2 qualified counsellors and two trainees. It has helped 74 clients since it started and people genuinely feel very grateful for the affordable sessions. One couple said that the 5 sessions had saved their marriage and their family. The counselling sessions have mainly continued on Zoom and all the counselling team have completed training to work therapeutically online. Some clients have asked to be seen face-to-face and the sessions are being held in the Hub when suitable space is available.

The Memory Café has continued to operate successfully throughout this year. Due to increasing numbers and Covid space restrictions, it has moved to holding two sessions a month in the United Reformed Church. Activities included quizzes, seated exercises, themed sessions and social afternoons with refreshments. Average attendance is 18 to 23 per session comprising those suffering from memory loss, their carers/family members and volunteers.

LSH has continued to support the Leave No-One Behind in Lymm (LNOBIL) meals campaign

during the year. Demand for the hot meals has declined as Covid restrictions have been lifted and the focus is now on delivering frozen meals which are provided by the Sanctuary Café. A 'legacy' programme is being considered to continue to provide meals for those most in need.

We secured a grant of £9,980 from the Cheshire Community Foundation earlier this year for our IT4All project which is the first phase of a programme to help isolated, elderly people who live in the Lymm and the surrounding area, especially those who are not currently taking part in online activities or able to access available online services. We have recruited a co-ordinator to deliver this project, Neil McKay, with support from a steering group and volunteers. Work has been undertaken to-date on raising awareness of the project and running a series of introductory/ taster sessions.

On the staffing front, we have recently recruited an apprentice, Sanah Bukhari, who is being funded for 6 months under the DWP's Kickstart Programme to provide administration support to the Hub and Business Centre including working on some our community programmes.

An important activity has been to finalise and adopt of a range of policies covering bullying & harassment, confidentiality, data protection, discipline, drugs & alcohol, environmental management, grievance, health & safety, risk management, safeguarding, security and volunteers.

Next year the Hub will be hosting a series of drop-in sessions to provide information and advice to residents to address the climate change challenge and to help them to reduce their carbon footprints. They will be carried out under the banner of LEAF which is a new umbrella organisation representing a wide range of local environmental groups. Topics will include energy, waste, food, transport and the natural environment.

Our future plans include enhancing our community programmes aimed at helping the more vulnerable members of the local community. We have recently secured a grant from the Awards for All programme of £9,984 to contribute towards the costs of employing a Community Programme and Volunteer Co-ordinator to spearhead this work and are in the process of recruiting a suitable candidate.

The Lymm Sanctuary Hub Limited

Company Limited by Guarantee

Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account)

Year ended 31 December 2020

	Note	2020 Unrestricted funds £	2020 Restricted funds £	2020 Total funds £	2019 Total funds £
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	5	35,878	19,181	55,059	60,287
Charitable activities	6	1,375	–	1,375	1,190
Other trading activities	7	–	–	–	1,652
Total income		37,253	19,181	56,434	63,129
Expenditure					
Expenditure on raising funds:					
Costs of raising donations and legacies	8	–	–	–	11,982
Expenditure on charitable activities	9,10	(20,361)	(7,010)	(27,371)	–
Other expenditure	11	(5,750)	(1,830)	(7,580)	26,816
Total expenditure		26,111	8,840	34,951	38,798
Net income		11,142	10341	21,483	24,331
Transfers between funds		(1,345)	1345		–
Net movement in funds		9,797	11,686	21,483	24,331
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		24,331	–	24,331	–
Total funds carried forward		34,128	11,686	45,814	24,331

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

The notes on pages 7 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

The Lymm Sanctuary Hub Limited

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Statement of Financial Position

31 December 2020

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	**15**	7,877	7,877
Investments	**19**	15,012	15,012
		22,889	22,889
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		23,107	1,400
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		182	(42)
Net current assets		22,925	1,442
Total assets less current liabilities		45,814	24,331
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds		11,686	–
Unrestricted funds		34,128	24,331
Total charity funds	**17**	45,814	24,331

For the year ending 31 December 2020 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 14 December 2021, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Mr R C Pearce
Trustee

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales and a registered charity in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is 608, Liverpool Road, Irlam, Manchester, M44 5AA.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

3. **Accounting policies** *(continued)*

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Tangible assets *(continued)*

An increase in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of a revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, unless it reverses a charge for impairment that has previously been recognised as expenditure within the statement of financial activities. A decrease in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, except to which it offsets any previous revaluation gain, in which case the loss is shown within other recognised gains and losses on the statement of financial activities.

Investments

Unlisted equity investments are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently measured at fair value. If fair value cannot be reliably measured, assets are measured at cost less impairment.

Listed investments are measured at fair value with changes in fair value being recognised in income or expenditure.

Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

4. Limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee. Each member is liable to make a contribution of £10 in the event of the company being wound up.

5. Donations and Grants

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2020 £**
Donations			
Donations (legacy, LNOBIL Meals, Just Giving)	13,580	10,121	23,701
Grants			
Grants receivable (Covid Community Support Fund)	–	9,060	9,060

5. Donations and legacies *(continued)*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2020 £**
Other donations and legacies			
Exceptional income from donations	22,298	–	22,298
(Donated volunteer and professional time)			
	35,878	19,181	55,059

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £
Donations			
Donations	2,360	–	2,360
Grants			
Grants receivable	14,250	–	14,250
Other donations and legacies			
Exceptional income from donations	43,677	–	43,677
	60,287	–	60,287

6. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2020 £**	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £
Counselling services	1,375	1,375	1,190	1,190

7. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2020 £**	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £
Letting and licensing	–	–	1,652	1,652

8. Costs of raising donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2020 £**	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £
Costs of raising donations and grants	–	–	11,982	11,982

9. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2020 £**
V E Day	3,057		3,057
Leave No One Behind	–	5,010	5,010
Think Family Matters		2,000	2,000
Other Direct Costs	2,734		
Support costs	14,570	–	14,570
	20,361	7,010	27,371

10. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Grant funding of activities £	Support costs £	**Total funds 2020 £**	Total fund 2019 £
Governance costs	–	–	14,570	14,570	–
	10,801	2,000	14,570	27,371	–

11. Other expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2020 £**
Set-up costs	–	–	–
Training Costs	238	–	238
Caretaking	2,130		2,130
Memory Cafe		1,830	1,830
Counselling Services	2,680	–	2,680
Funding bids	374	–	374
Sundries	328		328
	5,750	1,830	7,580

11. Other expenditure *(continued)*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £
Set-up costs	26,816	–	26,816
	26,816	–	26,816

12. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2020	2019
	£	£

The average head count of employees during the year was Nil (2019: Nil).

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2019: Nil).

13. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration was paid to any trustee in the year.

No expenses were paid to any trustee in the year.

15. Tangible fixed assets

	Tenant's Additions £
Cost	
At 1 January 2020	7,877
At 31 December 2020	7,877
Depreciation	
At 1 January 2020 and 31 December 2020	–
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2020	7,877
At 31 December 2019	7,877

16. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020 £	2019 £
Amounts owed to group undertakings	3,848	(42)

17. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 January 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 December 2020 £
General funds	24,331	37,253	(26111)		35,473
Transfer Memory Cafe	–	–	–	(1,345)	(1345)
	24,331	37,253	(26,111)	(1345)	34,128

	At 1 January 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 December 2019 £
General funds	–	63,129	(38,798)	–	24,331
	–	63,129	(38,798)	–	24,331

17. **Analysis of charitable funds** *(continued)*

Restricted funds

	At 1 January 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 December 2020 £
Restricted Fund 1 Leave No One behind	–	7,636	(2,010)	–	5,626
Restricted Fund 2 Covid Grant	–	9,060	(3,000)	–	6,060
Restricted Fund 3 – Memory Cafe	–	485	(1,830)	1345	
Restricted fund 4 Think Family Matters	–	2,000	2,000		
	–	19,181	8840	1,345	11,686

18. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2020 £**
Tangible fixed assets	–	–	–
Current assets	26,318	11,686	38,005
Creditors less than 1 year	(3,748)	–	(3,748)
Net assets	22,571	11,686	34,257

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £
Tangible fixed assets	24,331	–	24,331
Current assets	–	–	–
Creditors less than 1 year	–	–	–
Net assets	24,331	–	24,331

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Lymm Sanctuary Hub Limited

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended ~~(date)~~ 31/12/20 which are set out on pages 1... to 17

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity trustees (and also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006. Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law, and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the 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
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Signed: 

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Date 29/12/2021