GATE Herts

(Gypsy and Traveller Empowerment) Hertfordshire

(A Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

Registered Charity No 1183517

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR

01 APRIL 2024 TO 31 MARCH 2025

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GATE HERTS (GYPSY AND TRAVELLER EMPOWERMENT) HERTFORDSHIRE

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GATE Herts is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) carrying out projects of a social nature within Hertfordshire and surrounding areas. The income of the Charity for 2024/25 is £322,936.

The Trustees' Annual Report

The Report follows the order set out in the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015). The Trustees are appointed at the Annual General Meeting.

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our objectives and in our plans for future periods. In particular, the Trustees consider how planned activities contribute to the aims and objectives set.

The report refers to "a *risk management statement*" which identifies the major risks and the action taken to mitigate them. This is reviewed each year by the Board. The Charity's objects, aim, strategy and major activities undertaken are reviewed in the *objectives and activities* section.
The report concludes with a statement of the Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements.

The accounts

The Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) reports the charitable activities as a single line with an expanded analysis in the notes on pages 10-19.

Report of the Trustees for the period from 01 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

The Trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ending 31 March 2025.

The Trustees' Report covers the impact of the services delivered to the communities and people we support.

Reference and administrative details

Charity number: **1183517**

Principal Office: Suite – G5, Cuffley Place, Cuffley. EN6 4SG

Directors and Trustees

The Directors of the Charity are its Trustees for the purpose of Charity Law and throughout this report are collectively referred to as the Trustees.

The Board during 2024/2025

- Reviewed and approved its Vision, Mission, Values
- Reviewed, Developed and Approved Policies
- Set up a Risk Register and Fund-Raising Sub Committees
- Supported Fund raising activities
- Reviewed the Budgets and the Financial Position of GATE Herts

The Trustees serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees

Chair	Jacqueline Bolton
Secretary	Joe Ferris
Treasurer	Tim Hayward-Smith
Trustee	Peter Norton
Trustee	Billie-Jo Sines
Trustee	Christine Wyard

Chief Executive Officer Josie O'Driscoll

Independent Examiner:

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Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document
GATE Herts is a Charity registered with the Charity Commission (CIO).

Appointment of Trustees
Trustees are appointed in line with the Constitution. Two of the Trustees resigned in December 2024.

Trustee induction and training
New Trustees undergo an orientation to brief them on their legal obligations under Charity Law, the content of the constitution, the committee and decision-making processes, the Strategy Plan and recent financial performance of the Charity. During the induction they meet key employees and other Trustees. Trustees are encouraged to attend appropriate external training events where these will facilitate the undertaking of their role.

Organisation
The Board of Trustees administers the Charity. The Board meets bi-monthly. The Chief Executive Officer is appointed by the Trustees to manage the day-to-day operations of the Charity. To facilitate effective operations, the Chief Executive Officer has delegated authority, within terms of the delegation approved by the Trustees, for operational matters including finance and employment.

Risk management.
The Trustees have a risk management strategy which comprises.

- A quarterly review of the risks the Charity may face.
- The establishment of systems and procedures designed to mitigate those risks identified in the plan and the implementation of procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the Charity should those risks materialise a key element in the management of financial risk is the setting of a reserves policy and its regular review by Trustees.

Vision
The vision of GATE Herts is to seek to resolve issues that confront GRT communities so that they develop pride and confidence to become more included and valued at all levels of society.

Mission
The mission is to build a sustainable organisation that provides leadership both locally and nationally in addressing the disadvantage and discrimination that GRT communities experience. GATE Herts will support and empower GRT communities to bring about this change.

We seek to end racism and discrimination against Gypsies, Roma and Travellers, whatever their circumstances, whether settled or mobile, and to protect the right to pursue a nomadic way of life.

Objectives and activities

The objectives of the Charity as set out in the Constitution are:
The objects of the group are for the benefit of Gypsy, Roma and Traveller (GRT) individuals and communities in Hertfordshire, (the area of benefit), in particular but not limited to the foregoing:

1. Advice, information, and advocacy service both for and provided by GRT individuals.

2. Advancing the education and training of GRT individuals to advance them in life.

3. Advancing the education of the public in general about the issues relating to GRT communities.

4. Developing the capacity and skills of GRT individuals and communities in such a way that they are better able to identify and help meet their needs and to participate more fully in society.

5. Providing facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for those persons who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship, social or economic circumstances.

6. Promoting knowledge and mutual understanding between different racial groups.

7. Raising awareness about different GRT groups to promote good relations between persons of different racial groups.

8. Working towards the elimination of discrimination on the grounds of race.

9. Advancing education and raising awareness in equality and diversity.

10. Promoting activities to foster understanding between people from diverse backgrounds.

11. Conducting or commissioning research on equality and diversity issues and publishing the results to the public.

Strategy

We are happy to report and share on a wide range of successes and opportunities achieved during the past twelve months using a combination of policy, research, law and human rights-based approach underpinned by a community advocacy strategy.

This is delivered through the theory of change model which includes:

- Submissions to key consultations, policy briefings and active research
- Public affairs and influencing
- Advocacy and campaigning
- Training
- Direct casework, victim support and outreach service
- Yearly policy seminars and roundtable events
- Celebration of Gypsy Roma Traveller History Month.

A five-year strategic plan, developed after extensive consultation with stakeholders, presents the strategy and operational plan that GATE Herts (Gypsy and Traveller Empowerment Hertfordshire), will implement to achieve its aims and objectives.

The organisation is led by Gypsies and Travellers and works in collaboration with members to support social justice and participation, and uphold all the principles of equality, diversity, and human rights. It confronts discrimination and works with other organisations to actively campaign for racial justice.

Over the year, GATE Herts has provided free, independent, and confidential advice and information to GRT communities locally undertaking casework and advocacy support to users whilst developing a model of good service that encourages participation by GRT users. We have worked in education and health across clinical commissioning and NHS hospital trusts. GATE Herts has used ICT to raise awareness amongst users and worked effectively with Local Authorities.

This work has been recognised by a range of funders including The National Lottery, Esmée Fairbairn. Hertfordshire County Council. Hertfordshire Community Foundation, Lloyds Bank Foundation We intend to consolidate and expand our operations, link with other operators, seek extra resources to enable us carry on our work, always ensuring that our users are fully involved in the development of projects and programmes that benefit them.

Engagement Work

GATE Herts organised several events throughout the year to engage directly with the Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities. These events provided a platform for community members to connect, share their experiences, and discuss issues affecting their lives. Notable events included cultural celebrations, community forums, and educational workshops. These gatherings fostered a sense of belonging and empowered individuals to take an active role in advocating for their rights.

Open Dialogue Sessions

GATE Herts facilitated open dialogue sessions between GRT communities and the Three Rivers District Council. These sessions created a space for constructive conversations on issues such as housing, education, and health. By fostering mutual understanding and collaboration, these dialogues helped to address community concerns and improve relationships between GRT communities and local authorities.

Gypsy, Roma, and Traveller History Month

In June, we hosted a series of Floristry Sessions in celebration of Gypsy, Roma, and Traveller History Month. These sessions not only offered a creative outlet but also served as a platform to discuss and reflect on the history and contributions of the Gypsy, Roma, and Traveller communities. The event was well-received, with many participants expressing a renewed sense of pride in their cultural heritage. The Community Advocate and our Mentee attended Luton Irish Forum's Gypsy, Roma & Traveller History Month event, sharing resources and flyers and having conversations with Services, locals and Gypsy, Roma and Traveller people, Our Chair Of Trustee's Jackie Bolton also attended this event.

University Placements at GATE Herts

This year, GATE Herts expanded its collaboration with universities by offering placements to students interested in working with GRT communities. These placements provided students with hands-on experience in community advocacy, policy development, and research. The students contributed valuable insights and energy to our projects, and many expressed a deepened commitment to social justice issues after completing their placements.

Who Cares! Care-full Conversations Conference

The conference was designed to bring together carers from the Gypsy, Roma, and Traveller communities in Hertfordshire with professionals and practitioners to discuss health and well-being. The goal of the conference was to provide a space where participants could explore the challenges our communities face in accessing care and highlight the important role carers play in supporting both physical and mental health.
The focus was on taking a holistic approach to health, which means looking at overall well-being—physical, mental, emotional, and social. Carers and professionals shared their experiences and ideas to find better ways of providing care that takes into account the cultural needs of our communities. By bringing everyone together, the conference encouraged learning and collaboration to improve health support for Gypsy, Roma, and Traveller communities.

Report Racism GRT

GATE Herts continues to be the only third-party organisation in the UK dedicated to reporting hate and discrimination against Gypsies, Roma and Travellers. We work closely with the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS), police, and other hate crime organisations to ensure that incidents are reported, investigated, and prosecuted. Our work in this area has led to greater accountability and support for victims of hate. In response to the rising tide of hate speech and discrimination, GATE Herts authored an Anti-Hate Manifesto that outlines our commitment to combating hate against GRT communities. The manifesto calls for greater accountability for hate crimes, enhanced support for victims, and more robust education initiatives to challenge prejudice and stereotypes. The manifesto has been endorsed by several partner organisations and continues to guide our advocacy efforts.

Roma Genocide Remembrance Day: 80th Anniversary

GATE Herts held a Roma Genocide Memorial Service to honour the memory of the Roma victims of the Holocaust. This solemn event was an opportunity for reflection and remembrance, bringing together community members, local officials, and supporters to pay tribute to those who lost their lives. The service underscored the importance of preserving the history of the Roma genocide and educating future generations about the atrocities committed during World War II.

Planning Workshops

We conducted a series of planning workshops aimed at enhancing the capacity of Gypsy and Traveller people to participate in local planning processes. These workshops provided attendees with the knowledge and tools needed to effectively engage with planning authorities, ensuring that their needs and perspectives are considered in local development plans. The workshops were well-attended

and received positive feedback from participants, who appreciated the practical advice and support provided. We also had a Planning Workshop on day two, with nine district councils in attendance.

Moving for Change

The Moving For Change initiative, GATE Herts engaged with various stakeholders to promote the inclusion of GRT communities in social and economic development. A key aspect of this effort was learning and development coordination, aimed at creating opportunities for GRT individuals to participate in decision-making processes and access resources that support their well-being. To achieve this, GATE Herts provided targeted training to members of the GRT community, focusing on building their capacity and confidence. The training emphasised leadership development, community advocacy, and understanding public policies, empowering individuals to engage effectively with local authorities and influence decisions that impact their lives. This approach not only fostered collaboration with stakeholders but also enhanced the ability of GRT communities to contribute meaningfully to societal development

Small Acts of Kindness

GATE Herts were gifted and distributed 50 small acts of kindness bags to vulnerable families across Hertfordshire and surrounding areas.

Lloyds community foundation has kindly supported GATE Herts through core funding to continue our work in Hertfordshire and surrounding areas.

Department of foreign affairs Ireland has kindly provided a contribution to our project core cost under the Irish Immigrants support program.

Hertfordshire Community Foundation

GATE Herts were awarded funding for a Domestic abuse project, to work with DA services in Hertfordshire giving them an understanding of the Barriers to Seeking Help for Gypsies and Travellers.

Equitable data collection for Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities in health services Community-centred and-informed ethnicity data categorisation.

Given the limited ethnicity data from people of Gypsy, Roma, and Traveller background, this project focused on advancing current knowledge around the barriers that communities regularly face in relation to health and ethnic identity recording. Through direct engagement and co-production, this study generated new insights and thinking around how to meaningfully involve Gypsies, Roma, and Travellers in co-producing ethnic identity-based categories for healthcare services. The aim of this study was to explore community members' perspectives on ethnic categories, ethnic data collection and management in the UK health services to improve active engagement with health services. Research methods were underpinned by the principles of co-production, whereby researchers and community members work in authentic partnership from the outset through to dissemination. We established an Advisory Group at the outset of the project and regularly consulted its members regarding the progress of the project.

National Lottery Community Fund:
Families and Communities/ Health and Wellbeing.

As one of the only local organisations that work for all Gypsies, Roma and Travellers, GATE is particularly well positioned and qualified to tackle the exclusion, discrimination and racism experienced by GRT communities. With leadership from both the Irish Traveller and Romany communities, we have worked with the Travelling communities for ten years in a way that is impossible for mainstream service providers.

As a community-led and user-focussed organisation, GATE Herts' projects and programmes respond directly to the needs of the communities. We have developed services where the needs are greatest or most pressing. These needs and solutions are based on real casework and the ongoing interaction with members of the communities at different levels.

It is this first-hand knowledge of the issues and through consultation with the communities that has resulted in our identifying the priority needs as:

- low educational attainment and attendance
- health outcomes much poorer than the general population
- critically high levels of homelessness and overcrowding
- employment disadvantage
- marginalisation and experiences of hostility and discrimination

Policy Development and Submissions

GATE Herts played a key role in feeding data and information to the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Gypsies, Travellers, and Roma. We also submitted evidence on human rights to the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD) in collaboration with other organisations. These submissions highlighted the ongoing discrimination faced by GRT communities and called for stronger protections and policy interventions at both national and international levels.

We have campaigned to raise the issue of the multiple barriers and the discrimination that can impact on the lives of Gypsies and Travellers, for example: the access difficulties for a Gypsy with physical disabilities living on Council Sites. GATE has not only raised awareness about GRT issues but has also been working in a hands-on manner in collaboration with similar and facilitating organisations to build collaborative partnerships.

Our work has had a significant impact, empowering, and strengthening the voice of community activists and campaigners, challenging, and changing policies and practices of statutory bodies and policymakers and promoting wider public awareness and empathy.
By working collaboratively, we continue to empower and strengthen the voice of the Traveller communities and sector both locally and nationally with the objective to help reduce isolation, loneliness and the recognised links with mental health and poor health & well-being.

All this work would not have been possible without the dedication and support of our board and staff team and that received by the GRT communities who are at the forefront of all our activities and projects.

We continue to work in collaboration with our partners across Hertfordshire We are available to carry out work throughout Hertfordshire, and we continue to act as advocates for Gypsies Roma and Travellers wherever it is needed. We are also incredibly pleased to have a thriving partnership with Hertfordshire County Council (HCC), which is a keen supporter of the Network and recently awarded funding for continuing our work across Hertfordshire.

We are grateful to all our funders, supporters, Trustees, staff and volunteers whose tireless commitment to achieving the very best delivery that we can for the GRT people.

Volunteering at GATE Herts

GATE Herts has three GRT volunteers, supporting the work of the organisation, we held a series of online meetings and webinars throughout 2024 to equip them in their work.

Reserves policy

The Trustees have considered the reserves (that is those funds that are freely available) that the Charity ought to hold. Reserves are needed to bridge the funding gaps between spending and receiving resources from grant and other incomes. Reserves should also cover the extent of GATE Herts' financial liabilities.
The actual reserves at 31 March 2025 were £80,000 (excluding designated reserves of £15,401).
In calculating reserves, the Trustees have excluded, from the total funds, the Restricted funds.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).
Charity Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity at the end of the financial year and of its surplus or deficit for the financial year. In doing so the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 (FRS 102);
- Make sound judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with The Charity Act 2016. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

- There is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's independent examiner is unaware; and
- The Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make them aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the independent examiner is aware of that information.



24/06/2025

Date:

Chair: Board of Trustees

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of GATE Herts (Gypsy and Traveller Empowerment) Herefordshire Charity No 1183517.

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024, which comprise the statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner
The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). The Charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed. Where the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified Fellow of the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants.

It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act, follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report
My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes 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 the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement
(1) In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which give me cause to believe that, in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Report) Regulation 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of independent examination.

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



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Date: 24th June 2025

GATE Herts (GYPSY AND TRAVELLER EMPOWERMENT)

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(Incorporating the Income and Expenditure account)

For the year ended 31 March 2025

	Note	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025 Totals	2024 Totals
		£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:					
Grants	***2***	28,082	294,854	322,936	318,619
Investment Income		-	-	-	-
Total Income	***12***	**28,082**	**294,854**	**322,936**	**318,619**
Resources expended					
Charitable activities		- 12,862	290,985	278,123	271,110
Total Resources expended	***12***	**- 12,862**	**290,985**	**278,123**	**271,110**
Net incoming/outgoing resources before transfers		40,945	3,868	44,813	47,509
Transfers		-	-		-
Net movement of funds		**40,945**	**3,868**	**44,813**	**47,509**
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		114,876	141,539	256,415	208,906
Balances carried forward at 31 March 2025		**155,821**	**145,407**	**301,228**	**256,415**

The charity has no recognised gains or losses other than the net incoming resources for the year.

The notes on page 14 form part of these financial statements

SOFA for the year 2023-24 for a comparative analysis is on page 21 (Note 17)

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BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 March 2025

	Note	2025 £	£	2024 £
Fixed Assets				
Tangible Fixed Assets	*8*		-	-
Current Assets				
Debtors	*9*	-		-
Cash at Bank and Cash equivalents		303,741		258,566
		303,741		258,566
Current Liabilities				
Creditors falling due within one year	*11*	2,513		2,151
Net Assets			**301,228**	**256,415**
Financed by				
Unrestricted Funds				
General Fund	*12*	140,420		99,411
Designated Fund	*12*	15,401		15,466
			155,821	114,877
Restricted Funds	*12*		145,407	141,538
			301,228	**256,415**

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board and were signed on its behalf on 24/06/2025

Jaqueline Bolton
Chairman

Tim Hayward-Smith
Board Member

The notes on pages 17 to 18 form part of the financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 March 2025

1 Accounting Policies

General information

Gypsy & Traveller Empowerment Hertfordshire is a charitable Incorporated Organisation in Hertfordhsire. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity. The address of the registered office is **Suite G5 - Cuffley Place, Sopers Road, Cuffley, EN6 4SG**. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are to be an advocate for communities in Hertfordshire.

Basis of Accounts

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

Sundry receipts, including donations, are recorded on a receivable basis. Grant income is recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Tax

The CIO is a registered Charity, registration number 1183517 and in consequence it is exempt from taxation on income arising from and expended on its charitable activities.

Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Grants and donations are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities once they are approved for payment by the Directors.

Costs that are directly attributable are allocated on a charitable activity basis and support costs then added. Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include office costs, governance costs, administrative payroll costs. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity. Where central administration and office support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they are apportioned to the charitable activities on a reasonable and consistent basis.

Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost (or deemed cost) or valuation less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended.

Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual values, of equipment, fixtures and fittings, over their estimated useful lives at 20% per annum on a straight line basis.

Debtors receivable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Fund Accounting (cont.)

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements. The charity has decided to allocate some of the unrestricted funds as designated for the purpose of covering potential future redundancy costs.

Going Concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

Due to the simple operations of the entity, the trustees do not consider there to be any key accounting judgements or estimates that have a material impact on the financial statements.

Financial Instruments

The Charity only holds basic financial instruments as defined in FRS 102. The financial assets and financial liabilities of the Charity and their measurement as follows.

Financial Assets

Trade and other debtors are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost. Prepayments are not financial instruments.

Cash at bank is classified as a basic financial instrument and is measured at face value

Financial Liabilities

Trade creditors, accruals and other creditors are financial instruments, and are measured at amortised cost.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 March 2025

2 Donations and legacies	2024/25 Unrestricted	2024/25 Restricted	2024/25 Totals	2023/24 Totals
Donations	-	-	-	-
Grants	28,082	294,854	322,936	318,619
	28,082	**294,854**	**322,936**	**318,619**
Total 2023/24	20,863	297,756	318,619	

3 Charitable activities	2024/25 Unrestricted	2024/25 Restricted	2024/25 Totals	2024/25 Totals
Sale of goods and services	-	-	-	-
Total 2024/25	-	-	-	

4 Governance costs	2024/25 £	2023/24 £
Auditor's remuneration		
Independent exam	660	630
Taxation services	-	-
Accounts preparation fee	-	-
Professional fees		
Payroll services	-	-
	660	**630**

5 Analysis of grants	2024/25	2023/24
Grants to individuals	-	-

6 Staff costs	2024/25	2023/24
Wages, Salaries, Redundancies & Social Security Costs	176,506	193,150
Pension costs	4,487	5,415
	180,993	**198,565**

The average number of full and part time employees during the period was 7 and No employee earned £60,000 or greater during the period (2024/25: £nil).

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 March 2025

7 Trustees' remuneration and expenses

The trustees neither received nor waived any remuneration during the year for their work (2024/25): £nil).

The trustees received no employee benefits during the year under review (2024/25: £nil).

No expenses were reimbursed during the year under review (2024/25: £nil).

8 Tangible fixed assets

	2024/25 Fixtures & fittings £	2023/24 Fixtures & fittings £
Fixed assets at April 2024	1,500	1,500
Additions/disposals	-	-
	1,500	1,500
Depreciation at 1 April 2025	1,500	1,500
Charge for the year	-	-
As at March 2025	1,500	1,500
Net book value at 31 March 2025	-	-

9 Debtors

	2024/25	2023/24
Trade debtors	-	-
Payments in advance	-	-
Other Debtors	-	-
	-	-

10 Investments

11 Creditors

	2024/25	2023/24
Accruals	1,890	1,798
Trade Creditors	623	354
	2,513	**2,152**

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 March 2025

12 Funds summary

	Funds b/fwd £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	Funds c/fwd £
Unrestricted funds					
General	114,876	28,082	12,862	(15,401)	140,420
Designated	-			15,401	15,401
Subtotal	114,876	28,082	12,862	-	155,821
Transfer from Restricted				-	-
Total	114,876	28,082	12,862	-	155,821
Restricted funds	141,539	294,854	(290,985)	-	145,407
	256,415	**322,936**	**(278,123)**	**-**	**301,228**

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

Unrestricted funds represent the core funding for the purpose of being a voice and advocate for communities in Hertfordshire.

Designated funds have been set aside for the purpose of covering potential future redundancy costs.

13 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Current Assets £	Current Liabilities £	Total £
Unrestricted fund			
General	142,933	2,513	140,420
Designated	15,401		15,401
Restricted fund	145,407		145,407
	303,741	**2,513**	**301,228**

14 Related party transactions

There are no related party transactions during the period (2023/24: £ nil).

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15 Financial instruments

The carrying amounts of the charity's financial instruments are as follows:

Financial assets

	2024/25	2023/24
Debt instruments measured at amortised cost:		
Trade debtors	-	-
Cash	303,741	258,566
	303,741	**258,566**

Financial liabilities

Measured at amortised cost:	2024/25	2023/24
Creditors	623	354
Accruals	1,890	1,798
	2,513	**2,151**

16 Financial commitments

The following operating lease payments are committed to being paid:

	2024/25	2023/24
Within one year		
Between two and five years	-	-
	-	-

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(Incorporating the Income and Expenditure account)

for the period from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024

17 Comparative Statement of Financial Activities – Analysed by Fund Type.

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2023/24 Totals £
Income and endowments from:			
	-	-	-
Grants	20,863	297,756	318,619
Investment Income	-	-	-
Total Income	**20,863**	**297,756**	**318,619**
Resources expended			
Charitable activities	357	270,753	271,110
Total Resources expended	**357**	**270,753**	**271,110**
Net incoming/outgoing resources before transfers	20,506	27,003	47,509
Transfers	-	-	-
Net movement of funds	**20,506**	**27,003**	**47,509**
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward	94,371	114,536	208,907
Balances carried forward at 31 March 2024	**114,877**	**141,539**	**256,416**