

## Trustees' Annual Report - April 2024 – March 2025

**Charity name:** Lighthouse Community Trust Manchester

**Charity registration number:** 1187129

### **The objectives:**

For public benefit, to provide relief to those in need and promoting the rebuilding of lives in Greater Manchester and Salford by providing practical and pastoral support to the vulnerable, homeless and disadvantaged, supporting children and young people in education and in the community through separate community projects underpinned and based on the Christian faith.

### **Current Activities:**

We have continued to deliver our core projects, including the food hub, community hub family events, and weekly community meals. For a second year, we partnered with Jubilee Holidays, enabling 12 families from our community to enjoy week-long breaks over a two-week period. This year also saw the launch of our healthy eating and dental hygiene campaigns, as well as our first meal service for individuals experiencing homelessness, supporting residents from local hostels.

### **Achievements and Performance:**

- **Community Hub Fun Days:**  
We continued to host community hub fun days supporting families and individuals across Eccles and Winton. Many attendees have additional needs, including autism, ADHD, and PTSD. We tailored sensory-friendly activities to ensure an inclusive and supportive environment.
- **Health Promotion Campaigns:**  
We delivered healthy eating and dental health campaigns at both our food hub and community hub family events. These initiatives enabled us to provide practical guidance on nutritious food choices and dental care, including opportunities for children to try exotic fruits and learn about oral hygiene.
- **Themed Community Meals:**  
Our weekly community meals featured dishes from around the world, giving local residents the opportunity to explore new cuisines and learn about different cultures.
- **Family Pizza-Making Sessions:**  
Across the food hub, Saturday family hub, and community meals, we ran “make your own pizza” sessions. Families learned how to create simple, healthy, affordable meals using food club ingredients. Residents from local hostels also participated, with some preparing their own meal for the first time.
- **Food Club Growth:**  
Membership increased to over 130 members, with approximately 30 weekly shops. During the summer holidays, we provided children with lunch packs to help combat holiday hunger.
- **Jubilee Holidays Partnership:**  
Through our continued partnership with Jubilee Holidays, 12 families from our community hubs and food club were supported to take a holiday. Many of these families were navigating recovery, financial hardship, anxiety, and depression, while several children had additional needs. Parents benefited greatly from both rest and support during the trip.
- **Affordable Community Meals:**  
We continued offering our £1 community meals to support individuals and families facing financial struggles, isolation, or loneliness.

- **Christmas Support:**  
We provided over 100 full Christmas meals and gift hampers to low-income families, vulnerable adults, elderly residents, and people living in homeless hostels.
- **Forest Bank Prison Engagement:**  
We participated in family day at Forest Bank Prison, offering face painting, crafts, and Christmas gifts to children with parents in custody.
- **Street Outreach:**  
Our street teams continued to provide support to vulnerable adults experiencing homelessness and women involved in sex work in Manchester.
- **Meals for the Homeless Initiative:**  
We launched a new monthly meal service for individuals living in local hostels, offering nutritious food and community connection.

## Financial Review

This year, we received a further annual donation of over £4,000 from the Lighthouse Church. Regular contributions from individual supporters and businesses have continued to sustain our projects. Additionally, we were awarded £2,000 from the Trafford Eagles Golfing Society through their Captain's Choice Award, presented at their annual awards night.

These funds have helped maintain ongoing initiatives such as the food club, community meals, and community hubs. They also enabled us to purchase Christmas presents for children with parents in prison and to support families taking holidays through our partnership with Jubilee Holidays.

We received a £3,600 grant from the Benefact Trust, specifically designated for our community outreach hubs, which support struggling families and strengthen local community connections.

Thanks to our FareShare membership and generous donations from supermarkets, we have been able to balance costs through food club memberships and weekly subsidised fees. While these contributions help cover basic operational expenses, we continue to rely heavily on donations to sustain the full running costs of the food club, including rent and other essential expenditures.

Through our Emergency Relief Fund, we have also provided assistance to individuals facing severe financial crises.

The trustees confirm that they have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing our activities and planning future work.

**Trustees:** Alex Robertson, Faith Kapasa, Lisa Oyebande

**Declarations:** The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees

 ALEX ROBERTSON  
7/1/2026



# Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/04/2024	To	31/03/2025
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## Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
General Income and grants	9,000		-	9,000	8,908
Donations from supporters	2,001	281	-	2,282	836
Food Club income	-	5,463	-	5,463	4,660
Meal for a £1 Income	-	865	-	865	548
ERF	-	2,342	-	2,342	1,445
Gift Aid	186	-	-	186	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>11,187</b>	<b>8,951</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,138</b>	<b>16,397</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>11,187</b>	<b>8,951</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,138</b>	<b>16,397</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Community Hub and General Spending	849	3,578	-	4,427	6,630
Emergency Relief fund Spending	-	2,590	-	2,590	400
Food Club Spending	-	7,658	-	7,658	4,494
Meal for a £1 Spending	-	2,455	-	2,455	1,970
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>849</b>	<b>16,281</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,130</b>	<b>13,494</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>849</b>	<b>16,281</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,130</b>	<b>13,494</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>10,338</b>	<b>- 7,330</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,008</b>	<b>2,903</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>- 7,082</b>	<b>7,082</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>17,380</b>	<b>1,726</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>19,106</b>	<b>16,203</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>20,636</b>	<b>1,478</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>22,114</b>	<b>19,106</b>



# Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted to nearest £	Endowment to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Coop Bank	20,636	1,418	-
	Cash Box		60	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b> <small>(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))</small>	20,636	1,478	-
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	Details	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted to nearest £	Endowment to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Alex Robertson	Alex Robertson	7/1/26