

Stockport



Pride 2025



Annual Report



Introduction

Stockport Pride continues to promote equality, diversity and inclusion, as well as increasing the profile of the LGBTQ+ community in the borough. Over the past year, this has largely been through the annual festival in the town centre, while also liaising with other organisations.

This report refers to the period from November 2024 to October 2025.



Structure and Governance

Stockport Pride operates as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation under its constitution, as registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales on 31st March 2020 - with the Charity Number 1188841. The Registered Address of Stockport Pride is 23 High Street, Stockport, SK1 1EG.

At the Stockport Pride Annual General Meeting held on 8th December 2024 there wasn't a quorum of Trustees, but the Members attending recommended the elections that were ratified at an quorate Extraordinary General Meeting of Trustees on 26th January 2025.

During the reporting period, Stockport Pride had three Trustees - Aaron Holmes-Doyle, Daniel Ekwebelem and Stephen Bowyer.

The membership of the charity is made up of individuals who have been elected at an Annual General Meeting or appointed at an intervening meeting by the Trustees and other Members of the charity.

Trustees and Members of Stockport Pride are elected or appointed, and the meetings are held, in accordance with the charity's Constitution.

Activities

Following a change of those in the posts of Trustees and Members of the charity, there was a focus largely on delivering the annual one-day festival.

Stockport Pride 2025

The latest annual Stockport Pride festival took place on Sunday 1st June 2025, with a walking parade through the town centre and a number of activities based at Stockport Market Place.



The Stockport Pride 2025 stage showcased local and LGBTQ+ performers. It was compered throughout the day by The Vegan Queens, and music provided by DJ Phil "Cee".

The programme of entertainment was headlined by the singer Nørskov, who had previously appeared on The Voice UK.

Other performers included returning acts such as Queen Bayard, The Daily Dance's Ailsa McPhee, acapella quartet Laura and the Lesbians and Scottish country dancing group Gay Gordons Manchester.

New on stage for this year were the drag comedy musical act Sister Mary and Bad Heritage who were the first rock band to ever appear on a Stockport Pride stage.

Aside from entertainment, there were also a number of speakers from the local community appearing on stage.

Speakers included representatives from LGBTQ+ housing network HouseProud North, Stockport County Community Foundation's County Pride LGBTQ+ football team and LGBTQ+ youth support organisation It Gets Better UK.

While actor Nathaniel J Hall from It's a Sin, Jay Crawford from the Sparkle Transgender Festival, and the LGBT Advisor to the Mayor of Greater Manchester Carl Austin-Behan talked about challenges faced by the community.

British Sign Language Interpreters were on stage to interpret for all those performing or speaking at Stockport Pride 2025, in order to help improve the accessibility of the event.

The Stockport Pride 2025 Parade saw hundreds of people walk from the Underbanks, through Merseyway Shopping Centre, across Suffragette Square, past Red Rock and up to Stockport Market Place - joining the rest of the day's activities.

With numerous individuals and organisations walking with us and carrying flags and banners, the parade helped increase the visibility of the LGBTQ+ community.



There were fifty-eight stallholders throughout Stockport Market Place during Stockport Pride 2025, which included local community groups, charities, food and drinks vendors, makers and other organisations.

Amongst those represented with the stalls this year were Age UK Stockport, Beacon Counselling, Citizens Advice, LGBT Foundation, Locala Sexual Health Service, Signpost Stockport For Carers, Stockport Council Fostering Service, Stockport Libraries, Stockport NHS Foundation Trust, The Proud Trust and Together Trust.

The stalls helped to connect LGBTQ+ people with local services, while also helping to promote good health and wellbeing within the community.

For families with young children attending the event, there was a Family Space based inside Stockport Museum, run by Proud 2b Parents. It included activities suitable for young children to keep them entertained.

If anyone attending found themselves overwhelmed by the crowds or noise, there was a Quiet Space, also based inside Stockport Museum. It enabled attendees to take some time out, with some relaxing activities available.

Helping us deliver Stockport Pride 2025 were fifty-one volunteers on the day, as well as six Trustees and Members who worked all year to organise the day.

Stockport Pride 2025 Volunteer Celebration

We invited the volunteers who helped us on the day of Stockport Pride 2025 to join us for a celebration of their contributions.

Those who attended the Volunteer Celebration at Stockroom were thanked for their assistance at this year's event, and presented with certificates and thank you cards.

Attending Conferences

During the reporting period, Stockport Pride attended two Pride conferences - in Barcelona and Hull.

Price Barcelona hosted the European Pride Organisers Association Conference and AGM. Amongst the topics covered were creating a lasting change, archiving our organisation's activities and pressures faced by Prides.

During the conference in Barcelona, we met with staff from Manchester Pride - who were presenting their bid to host EuroPride 2028. Although not successful in their bid, we had made some new contacts with the nearby Pride organisation.

Pride in Hull hosted the UK Pride Organisers Network Conference. Amongst the topics covered at this event were insurance, being more sustainable and developing

meaningful and lasting partnerships.

Financial Report

Stockport Pride's accounts cover the period
1 November 2024 to 31 October 2025.

The accounts have been calculated on a cash basis, and
figures stated below have been rounded to the nearest
pound.

Funds last year end	£	4,986
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Receipts

Advertising	£	495
Conferences	£	2
Donations	£	1,266
Grants	£	1,999
Sponsorship	£	12,322
Stall Fees	£	2,455

Total Receipts	£	18,539
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Expenditure

Accessibility	£	850
Accountants	£	480
Banners	£	746
Cleaners	£	456
Conferences	£	1,074
Contractors	£	1,400
Equipment	£	6
Equipment Hire	£	5,090
Event Delivery	£	500
First Aid	£	720
Insurance	£	814
Licensing	£	526
Memberships	£	42
Merchandise	£	829
Payment Processing	£	3
Performers	£	2,975
Photography	£	450
Postage	£	19
Publicity	£	678
Raffle	£	152
Refreshments	£	220
Security	£	1,555
Stationary	£	203
Telephone	£	20
Venue Hire	£	2,402
Waste Removal	£	360
Website & Email	£	235

Total Expenditure	£	22,806
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Funds this year end	£	720
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In the reporting period we received some outstanding sponsorship payments from Stockport Pride 2024. We also paid for the music licence for both Stockport Pride 2024 and Stockport Pride 2025 to PPL PRS Ltd during this period.

During the reporting period we received £30 from People Like Us Stockport (Stockport LGBT+ PLUS) for stall fees, as well as £80 for stall fees and £400 for sponsorship from Stockport LGBT+ Centre CIC (Stockport Forward LGBT+ / Stockport LGBTQ+ Network). Some Stockport Pride Trustees and

Committee Members have connections to these organisations, which was dealt with in accordance with the charity's Conflict of Interest Policy.



Advertising

We paid for the printing of posters and flyers to promote Stockport Pride 2025, which were distributed locally. A printed programme was produced for the event, which included information about the festival and adverts from sponsors and advertisers. Beyond that most of our publicity was organic on social media and on our website.

Sponsorship

We had a lot of interest in sponsorship of Stockport Pride 2025 from both old and new contacts. We reduced the cost of the lower tier package following feedback from previous sponsors, in order to make it more accessible to smaller businesses.

We are very grateful for the support we received from pladis, Vernon Building Society, Creative Support, Totally Stockport, Sky, Stockport Homes Group, Adoption Counts, The Ted Darling Crime Series, Mosscafe St Vincent's Housing Group, Cheshire Datasystems Limited and the Stockport LGBTQ+ Network - totalling £11,821.79 received in sponsorships in relation to Stockport Pride 2025.

Grants

Although we found it to be a difficult year overall for funding, we were successful in applying for grant of £1,999.40 from the SKyLight Community Fund.

Stallholders Fees

The fees charged for each of the stalls at Stockport Pride 2025 raised a total of £2,455, which went towards the general event costs.



Donations and Raffle Sales

On the day of Stockport Pride 2025 we held a raffle, which included prizes that were donated by a number of local organisations. Members of the public were invited to buy raffle tickets and donate money in cash using donation buckets and by card using handheld electronic payment terminals.

We received donations in relation to Stockport Pride 2025 through our Eventbrite and Outsavvy online event listings.



Throughout the year, a number of donations have been received online through a link to PayPal on our website, and through the PayPal Giving Fund.

Also during the reporting period, we received a donations from Cale Green WI, Coffee Block and Viaduct Care CIC,

A total of £1,266.14 was raised by raffle ticket sales and donations combined across the reporting period.

Future Plans

Discussions have started within the committee about plans for Stockport Pride 2026, which will take place at Stockport Market Place on Sunday the twenty-sixth of July.

We aim to continue providing a voice for the local LGBTQ+ community, and to ensure their voices are heard and represented at Stockport Pride events - while promoting equality, diversity and inclusion.

"The ability to discuss lived experiences in a supportive and open environment was really important to me and I felt this was done well"

"Seeing everyone out and about was lovely even if the weather was disappointing. We had a good day engaging with the Stockport community"

"I felt valued, seen and appreciated. I was very moved this year"

"Just an amazing event, we met so many wonderful people"



Photographs used in this report are from Stockport Pride 2025 and have been provided by Pride Pics and Saz Media.





CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Stockport Pride

No (if any)
1188841

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01-Nov-24		31-Oct-25

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 £
A1 Receipts					
Advertising	495	-	-	495	140
Conferences (Travel Cost Refunds)	2	-	-	2	109
Donations	1,266	-	-	1,266	782
Event Delivery Partners	-	-	-	-	266
Grants	-	1,999	-	1,999	11,636
Sponsorships	12,322	-	-	12,322	10,250
Stall Fees	2,455	-	-	2,455	2,480
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	16,540	1,999	-	18,539	25,662
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	16,540	1,999	-	18,539	25,662
A3 Payments					
Accessibility	850	-	-	850	900
Accountants	480	-	-	480	-
Advertising	-	-	-	-	400
Banners	746	-	-	746	852
Cleaners	456	-	-	456	658
Conferences	1,074	-	-	1,074	592
Contractors	1,400	-	-	1,400	1,200
Equipment	6	-	-	6	247
Equipment Hire	5,090	-	-	5,090	4,851
Event Delivery Partners	500	-	-	500	500
First Aid	-	720	-	720	950
Insurance	814	-	-	814	684
Licensing	265	261	-	526	221
Memberships	42	-	-	42	44
Merchandise	730	99	-	829	767
Payment Processing	3	-	-	3	4
Performers	2,375	600	-	2,975	5,138
Photography	450	-	-	450	483
Postage	19	-	-	19	-
Publicity	358	320	-	678	776
Raffle	152	-	-	152	52
Refreshments	220	-	-	220	311
Security	1,555	-	-	1,555	1,928
Stall Fees Refunded	-	-	-	-	141
Stationary	203	-	-	203	53
Telephone	20	-	-	20	90
Venue Hire	2,402	-	-	2,402	4,225
Waste Collection	360	-	-	360	-
Website & Email	235	-	-	235	208
Sub total	20,806	1,999	-	22,806	26,273
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	20,806	1,999	-	22,806	26,273
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 4,266	-	-	- 4,266	611
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	4,986	-	-	4,986	5,596
Cash funds this year end	720	-	-	720	4,986

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Account Surplus 2024/2025	720	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	720	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
		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
			STEPHEN BOWYER Don Holmes - Date	30/11/25 30/11/25



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Stockport Pride

On accounts for the year
ended

Oct 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1188841

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/10/2025.

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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [] if not applicable.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives 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 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: J. GWESHE

Date: 05/12/2025

Name: JOSEPHINE GWESHE

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

ACCA

(if any):

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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