

# BEACON DEMENTIA AND WELLBEING

England & Wales · Charity number 1189109

## Details

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Other names	MADE IN HASLINGDEN
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	<a href="#">10625900</a>
Registered	2020-04-17
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE CHARITY'S OBJECTS ("OBJECTS") ARE SPECIFICALLY RESTRICTED TO THE FOLLOWING: TO DEVELOP THE CAPACITY AND SKILLS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOCIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITY OF HASLINGDEN IN SUCH A WAY THAT THEY ARE BETTER ABLE TO IDENTIFY AND HELP MEET THEIR NEEDS AND TO PARTICIPATE MORE FULLY IN SOCIETY, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY: (A) THE DELIVERY OF EDUCATIONAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES THAT PROMOTE AND SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS AND WIDER COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT; (B) THE PROVISION OF EDUCATION TO RAISE AWARENESS IN HASLINGDEN AND BEYOND OF LONELINESS, ISOLATION AND DEMENTIA ISSUES; (C) COLLABORATION WITH OTHER CHARITIES , VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS AND PUBLIC SERVICES IN PURSUANCE OF THE CHARITYÆS WIDER OBJECTS; (D) ANY OTHER CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES AS MAY BE DETERMINED FROM TIME TO TIME AND THAT SUPPORT THE PRIMARY PURPOSE.

**Activities:** Delivery of craft-based activities to promote and support the development of new community relationships and wider community engagement; provision of education to raise awareness in Haslingden,

Lancashire and beyond about loneliness, isolation and dementia issues; collaboration with other charities, voluntary organisations and public services in pursuance of the wider charity objectives.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Disability, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Defined Groups

## Geography

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- Lancashire

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£51,695	£73,670	-	-
2024-03-31	£120,837	£67,920	-	-
2023-03-31	£59,942	£6,078	-	-
2022-03-31	£5,510	£3,256	-	-
2021-03-31	£4,403	£2,631	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Rachel Ann Yates Hoyles	Chair	2017-02-17
ELIZABETH JANE RILEY		2017-02-17
Elizabeth Baker		2025-08-15
Janet O'Driscoll		2019-11-01
Ryan Godwin		2025-08-15

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# Accounts

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**REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 10625900 (England and Wales)**  
**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1189109**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025  
FOR  
BEACON DEMENTIA AND WELLBEING**

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**BEACON DEMENTIA AND WELLBEING**

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

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## **BEACON DEMENTIA AND WELLBEING**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

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The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 2019).

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Objectives**

Our aim is to support and empower people living with dementia, their carers and those who may feel lonely or isolated, enabling them to enrich their lives and enhance their wellbeing.

We do this through offering opportunities to connect with others and take part in activities, whilst creating a culture where everyone can contribute and is included.

We provide a service that wraps around the whole family, providing support and information when they need it.

We do this through:

- providing a welcoming and friendly environment where people can come to meet friends, make new friends, share skills, learn skills, have fun and have a meaningful purpose in supporting their local community;
- connecting younger and older people;
- reducing social isolation and loneliness;
- providing a sense of support and of belonging to community life for participants;
- supporting families affected by dementia with information and time for them to be themselves;
- providing opportunities for volunteering.

Additionally, we work to increase awareness of dementia and contribute to making Rossendale more dementia friendly.

## **BEACON DEMENTIA AND WELLBEING**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

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#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Review of activities**

##### **The Beacon Shed**

We opened the Beacon Shed in May 2023 and it was the first dementia-friendly community shed in the UK, enabling people living with dementia to work alongside people without these challenges, pursuing their interests in a safe and welcoming environment. Our aim was to work with participants to find out what they enjoy and help them to maintain a connection to things they love.

Throughout the year, our participants have worked alongside our volunteers, taking part in a range of activities, including making bird, bat, hedgehogs and cat boxes, planters, wooden Christmas trees, coat hooks, bread boards and candle holders; restoring a garden bench and a dressing room chair; planting seeds and growing flowers and herbs; making bags, collages, fabric flowers, pompom rings and decorating bottle lamps; walking in Whitaker Park; bird watching, squirrel watching; playing games and enjoying socialising. We were pleased to be asked by Civic Pride Rossendale to renovate a giant chair for their entry into Britain in Bloom and we worked with our participants to complete the renovation together. The chair was then placed at the East Lancashire Railway for the Britain in Bloom judging, with the aim of being a friendship chair for people to sit on and chat together.

We opened the Beacon Shed during the first Rossendale Pride event, held at The Whitaker Museum and Art Gallery, and organised by Spectrum Inclusion. This provided an opportunity for people visiting the event to come and get information about dementia and find out about our services.

The first year implementing this new model of care at the Beacon Shed has been a rich learning experience. We have consulted regularly with participants and their families, have learned about the activities each of our participants enjoy and have been able to tailor our programme to meet their needs. We know that family carers have met each other through the Beacon Shed and that these supportive relationships have grown and thrived and carers have helped each other navigate the challenges faced by families affected by dementia.

We have received lots of feedback about the Beacon Shed, which helps us to evaluate the impact of our work and to shape future services:

‘I really love it here I really do everyone is so nice - If I could come to the shed every day I would I just love it!’

‘It’s good to be back I feel like I’m home again.’

We have maintained an active presence on social media to showcase what we do at the Beacon Shed. This helps families to see what their loved ones are doing. One family member provided the following feedback:

‘Thank you so much for sharing. We’ve come to look forward to seeing these videos of dad - he’s just like his old self and is smiling in every one, which is priceless and lovely for us to see. It’s also helpful as we can prompt a conversation with him because we can see what he’s been doing. Dad is really loving these sessions and it is giving him a real sense of purpose. So glad we found out about the work you do.’

##### **Carers' Group**

Our Dementia Carers’ Group is a peer support group which brings family Carers of people living with dementia together to meet others in a similar situation and enables them to access information and offer support to each other. These face to face sessions ran until July 2024, and some sessions included a speaker to provide advice on issues such as managing stress within the caring role.

The face-to-face meetings ran alongside the Beacon Activity group, and this facilitated attendance at the Carers Group, as Carers were able to bring their loved ones along to participate in social time and activities with others.

Our ‘virtual’ Carers’ Group continued to run monthly online throughout the year. Carers often find it difficult to attend face-to-face meetings because of their caring responsibilities, so the virtual group proved beneficial for these carers and for carers who live further away.

##### **Carer Support**

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## BEACON DEMENTIA AND WELLBEING

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

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#### OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Funding from the Community Foundation for Lancashire Red Rose Responding Fund, secured during the previous financial year enabled us to run a programme of wellbeing sessions specifically for Carers. These continued this year, and provided opportunities for family Carers to take a short time out from their caring responsibilities and take part in activities to enhance their own wellbeing. Sessions included flower arranging; a felt workshop; painting, pasta making and Tai Chi. Feedback from the sessions was very positive and included:

Thank you for organizing the carers wellbeing sessions I've really enjoyed them - getting out meeting people and just having some time for me, it means a lot

I have really enjoyed the felt workshop and getting out of the house for a while.

The carers' well-being sessions have enabled me to meet other carers in a safe group as others in similar situations to myself, and I am able to enjoy the lovely activities that have been professionally arranged. Since attending, I feel that my confidence has increased, I have made friends, widened my support circle and increased my knowledge of other community services.

In December 2024, we were successful in obtaining a grant from one of our local County Councillors, which will provide funding to run further carer wellbeing sessions into the next financial year.

During this year, we have put in place welfare calls to the family carers who access our services. This enables us to check that they are not feeling overwhelmed with their caring role, provide signposting to other local services and build a trusted relationship with them. These calls have been very much appreciated by carers and are now a key part of the support we provide.

#### Dementia-Friendly Activity Group

We ran our monthly dementia-friendly activity group at The Whitaker up to July 2024. This group provided a safe space for people living with dementia to take part in a range of activities and to socialise. Participants attended either independently, or with their carers, and Carers were able to attend their own support group, which ran alongside these sessions.

Activities included crafting, games, afternoon tea, singing and music and movement. We were delighted to receive positive feedback from these sessions, including:

'Here is the photo I took of my husband with his turkey that he made. He had a really good time on Friday and thought he wouldn't sleep because he was so excited about what he made! Thank you!'

We were delighted for the opportunity to visit Woodnook Farm in Dunsop Bridge by Sandra from the Forest of Bowland. The farm is home to the Wood End Alpacas. We took a group of our participants and family carers to the farm and enjoyed patting pigs, grooming a pony, looking at sheep and stroking the wonderful alpacas. The farm was wheelchair accessible which opened the visit up to some of our less mobile participants. We had a wonderful afternoon, enjoying the different sensory activities and learning about alpacas and their wool. The visit finished with a delicious afternoon tea. Visits like these are so important in enabling families affected by dementia to access experiences together that they might otherwise not be able to, and they also help to create precious memories.

#### Wellbeing Group

Our two weekly wellbeing groups continued to run throughout the year. These social groups bring people together to knit and crochet in a friendly environment. The benefits on personal wellbeing from knitting and crocheting are widely known and these groups continue to attract regular and new members.

The group have undertaken several projects within the year, which have benefited others. They worked with a local charity Veterans in Communities to make poppies to contribute to a display commemorating D-Day in France. They also continued to knit hats for newborns for the Royal Oldham Hospital Warm Baby Scheme, where every newborn baby is given a hand-knitted hat. The group also knitted bereavement hearts to give to families at both Rossendale and Pendleside Hospices, which both accept patients from Rossendale.

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## **BEACON DEMENTIA AND WELLBEING**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

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#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Beacon at Home**

Following our pilot delivering the Beacon at Home service, kindly funded by the NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board, we evaluated the Beacon at Home service. This service aims to build a trusting relationship through providing a series of one-to-one sessions, delivered in the participant's home. These sessions are structured and tailored to each individual's interests and over time, and aim to build rapport and increase wellbeing. Activities are tailored to each individual's preferences and needs.

Our evaluation showed that participants and their carers benefitted from this service and that trusting relationships were made, so that family carers felt comfortable and safe in leaving their loved one with our Beacon team member. Participants were able to receive care from a dedicated team member, which assisted with consistency and helped participants to feel comfortable. Feedback included:

'Thank you so much - you don't know what it has meant to me to be able to walk my dog without rushing and worrying about my mum and dad. It's been the best 2 hours I've had in a long time!'

'I can honestly say without a shadow of a doubt he really looks forward to your visit and the fact that he remembers that makes us really happy. He's perked up - he was very down before you started coming. He has bad days, but he seems more positive'

'Dad really looks forward to his time with the staff member - they have built a good friendship over the time they've been coming. It helps his mental health and wellbeing. We as a family really appreciate all that Beacon have done for dad and mum whilst she was alive.'

This service has continued throughout the year and provides some income for the charity.

##### **Rossendale Dementia Information Event**

We delivered the third Rossendale Dementia Information event in September 2024, choosing to run this in Bacup – a different part of the Borough. This has now become an annual event which brings dementia services and community groups together in one place to enable families to access the information they need more easily. The event was again well-supported by a wide range of statutory and non-statutory services and community organisations. The event was supported by an extended visit by the Worshipful Mayor of Rossendale, and there was musical entertainment which was sponsored through a Local Member Grant from County Councillor Samara Barnes.

Visitors expressed that it was great to have all the services under one roof, as it was often difficult to access. Stallholders also valued the opportunity to network and learn about the range of services available to people living with dementia and their families.

##### **Volunteering**

We have retained our volunteers and increased the number of volunteers during the year. We celebrated Volunteer's Week to express our gratitude for the time and skills they give freely to the charity. We are extremely grateful to all our volunteers for their consistent work for our beneficiaries.

##### **Fundraising and Grants**

Our main aim for grant funding and fundraising this year was to enable us to continue to provide and develop our services for families affected by dementia across Rossendale and East Lancashire. We were fortunate to have received substantial donations during 2023 from Mr John and Mrs Yvonne Malley, to staff the Beacon Shed for two years. Our focus during the year has been to look forward to raising grant funding to help with staffing the Beacon Shed and our services, and at the end of the financial year, we were awaiting a decision on a grant from the National Lottery Reaching Communities Programme, to support this and to create three dementia information hubs.

We received a National Lottery Awards for All grant in year to deliver our Carer's Groups for a period of 2 years, both online and face-to-face, and we are very grateful for players of the National Lottery for supporting our work in this area.

## **BEACON DEMENTIA AND WELLBEING**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

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#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

We were delighted to have been chosen as one of the Mayor of Rossendale's nominated charities for the 2023-24 Mayoral year, and in May 2024, we were presented with a wonderful donation by the Worshipful Mayor of Rossendale, Councillor Andrew Walmsley. His successor, Councillor Judith Driver was also tremendously supportive during the year, attending the Beacon Shed and also opening our Rossendale Dementia Information event.

The Lancashire Police and Crime Commissioner awarded us a grant to install CCTV to cover both the Shed and the area at the rear of The Whitaker, and to improve the security of the gates to the area. Work was completed to install all these security measures in year, and we are very grateful for the improvements.

We were successful in obtaining a grant from the ASDA Foundation to help to create the Beacon Garden which borders the Beacon Shed. This will provide an area which will not only be lovely to look at, but will include sensory plants and a seating area for our beneficiaries to enjoy. It will also contribute to improving this area of the grounds of The Whitaker Museum and Art Gallery. At the end of the year, we also received the news that we had secured a further grant from the Tesco Stronger Starts campaign to provide further funding to create the Beacon Garden. One of our Trustees, Mrs Janet O'Driscoll, sadly lost her mother and her brother at the beginning of the year, and kindly donated the funeral collections to the charity to provide plants for the new Beacon Garden. Our thanks go to her and her family and friends for their kind donations.

Thanks also go to the family and friends of Mrs Yvonne Gledhill, who kindly chose Beacon as the recipient of her funeral donations.

We have been fortunate to work throughout the year with the Community Champions from both ASDA and Tesco stores in Rossendale. We are grateful for the use of the community room at ASDA Rawtenstall for our Friday Wellbeing Group and to all the Community Champions for their donations of food and drink to support our Beacon Shed participants, raffle prizes, and the opportunity to fundraise in store.

We received a range of other donations from local businesses, beneficiaries, and online platforms, all of which have contributed towards running our services. We and our beneficiaries are incredibly grateful for these.

#### **Connections**

We are firmly rooted within the Rossendale community and have continued to work with the Rossendale Connected movement to maintain and strengthen the connections we have with statutory services and other groups in the VCFS sector.

Our Rossendale Dementia Information Event enabled us to continue to build positive relationships with statutory services and VCFS organisations across East Lancashire to help to link and co-ordinate services for families affected by dementia.

#### **Public benefit**

The trustees are confident that the charity offers services of real and practical use to the local population and therefore complies with the responsibility placed on all charities under the Charities Act 2011, to demonstrate a public benefit.

## **BEACON DEMENTIA AND WELLBEING**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

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#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Plans for the future**

We aim to continue to run our services, but will try to expand our reach to enable more beneficiaries to access our services. We will do this by moving away from delivery in one area and run groups and activities across the Borough. We intend to do this through pop-up events and information stands at accessible locations.

Our beneficiaries have told us that they like to be involved in activities where both people living with dementia and their carers can participate together. We intend to run a series of social events where this can be achieved and where we can provide signposting and support as appropriate.

We will continue to run our Dementia Carers Group online and re-introduce face-to-face meetings for carers. Our programme of Carers wellbeing sessions will extend into the next year, providing opportunities and activities which enable Carers to take time out for their own wellbeing.

We will continue to develop our Beacon at Home Service to enable more beneficiaries to access the service, take part in home-based meaningful activity and to provide respite for their family Carers.

Families of people living with dementia continue to tell us that they struggle to access information easily and in one place. We will deliver the fourth Rossendale Dementia Information Event in September 2025, and will, subject to funding, open a weekly dementia hub at the Beacon Shed, to provide a consistent place to access information on dementia and the services available locally.

We will maintain and develop our connections with other services to help to secure a joined-up approach across the Borough.

We aim to continue to support our valuable volunteers and to recruit more volunteers to help deliver our services and support our beneficiaries. We also aim to recruit at least one further volunteer trustee.

##### **Acknowledgements**

Beacon Dementia and Wellbeing is grateful for the support received from:

Volunteers from the Rossendale Community and beyond  
The Mayor of Rossendale's Charity Fund  
The Worshipful Mayor of Rossendale Councillor Andrew Walmsley  
The Worshipful Mayor of Rossendale Councillor Judith Driver  
The Lancashire Police and Crime Commissioner  
Lancashire County Council  
County Councillor Anne Cheetham, OBE, JP  
County Councillor Samara Barnes  
Rossendale Borough Council  
The National Lottery Community Fund  
The ASDA Foundation  
ASDA Rawtenstall Community Champion  
Tesco Haslingden and Rawtenstall Community Champions  
Mrs Yvonne Malley and the late Mr John Malley  
Family and Friends of the late Mrs Yvonne Gledhill  
Family and Friends of the late Mrs Brenda Whipp  
Mrs Jane Roberts  
Rossendale Civic Pride  
Irwell Medical Practice  
The Whitaker Museum & Art Gallery  
Goofus Theatre Company  
Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector partners  
Supporters from Rossendale and beyond.

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## BEACON DEMENTIA AND WELLBEING

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

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#### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

##### Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

#### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

##### Registered Company number

10625900 (England and Wales)

##### Registered Charity number

1189109

##### Registered office

35 Dean Road  
Haslingden  
Rossendale  
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##### Trustees

Mrs E J Riley Trustee and director  
Mrs R A Yates Hoyles Trustee and director  
Mrs J O'Driscoll Trustee and director  
Dr C G Page Trustee and director (resigned 15.8.2025)  
Mr R Godwin (appointed 15.8.2025)  
Mrs E Baker (appointed 15.8.2025)

##### Independent Examiner

Mark Sunter FCA  
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 11th December 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Mrs E J Riley - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
BEACON DEMENTIA AND WELLBEING**

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**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Beacon Dementia and Wellbeing ('the Company')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st March 2025.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's 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 charity'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:

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.



Mark Sunter FCA

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11th December 2025

**BEACON DEMENTIA AND WELLBEING**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.3.25 Total funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
<b>INCOME FROM</b>					
Donations and grants	2	<b>10,109</b>	<b>26,382</b>	<b>36,491</b>	118,763
Other trading activities	3	<b>11,573</b>	-	<b>11,573</b>	-
Investment income	4	<u><b>3,631</b></u>	<u>-</u>	<u><b>3,631</b></u>	<u>2,074</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u><b>25,313</b></u>	<u><b>26,382</b></u>	<u><b>51,695</b></u>	<u>120,837</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>	5				
Charitable activities		<u><b>3,321</b></u>	<u><b>70,349</b></u>	<u><b>73,670</b></u>	<u>67,920</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>					
Transfers between funds	12	<b>21,992</b>	<b>(43,967)</b>	<b>(21,975)</b>	52,917
		<u><b>1,262</b></u>	<u><b>(1,262)</b></u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>23,254</b>	<b>(45,229)</b>	<b>(21,975)</b>	52,917
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		<b>16,416</b>	<b>100,932</b>	<b>117,348</b>	64,431
		<u><b>39,670</b></u>	<u><b>55,703</b></u>	<u><b>95,373</b></u>	<u>117,348</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><b>39,670</b></u>	<u><b>55,703</b></u>	<u><b>95,373</b></u>	<u>117,348</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**BEACON DEMENTIA AND WELLBEING****BALANCE SHEET  
31ST MARCH 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.3.25 Total funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	10	237	7,729	7,966	8,053
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Cash at bank		39,798	47,974	87,772	109,660
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(365)	-	(365)	(365)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>39,433</u>	<u>47,974</u>	<u>87,407</u>	<u>109,295</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>39,670</u>	<u>55,703</u>	<u>95,373</u>	<u>117,348</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>39,670</u>	<u>55,703</u>	<u>95,373</u>	<u>117,348</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	12				
Unrestricted funds				39,670	16,416
Restricted funds				<u>55,703</u>	<u>100,932</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>95,373</u>	<u>117,348</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st March 2025.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 11th December 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



Mrs E J Riley - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

## BEACON DEMENTIA AND WELLBEING

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

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#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

##### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

##### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

##### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

##### **Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings - 15% on cost

##### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

##### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

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

#### 2. DONATIONS AND GRANTS

	<b>31.3.25</b>	31.3.24
	£	£
Donations	<b>10,109</b>	108,258
Grants	<b><u>26,382</u></b>	<u>10,505</u>
	<b><u>36,491</u></b>	<u>118,763</u>

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**3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	<b>31.3.25</b>	31.3.24
	£	£
Beacon at home fees	<u><b>11,573</b></u>	<u>-</u>

**4. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	<b>31.3.25</b>	31.3.24
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u><b>3,631</b></u>	<u><b>2,074</b></u>

**5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

	Direct Costs	Support costs	Totals
	£	£	£
Charitable activities	<u><b>72,871</b></u>	<u><b>799</b></u>	<u><b>73,670</b></u>

**6. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	<b>31.3.25</b>	31.3.24
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	<u><b>1,879</b></u>	<u><b>1,700</b></u>

**7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st March 2025 nor for the year ended 31st March 2024.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st March 2025 nor for the year ended 31st March 2024.

**8. STAFF COSTS**

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	<b>31.3.25</b>	31.3.24
	<u><b>4</b></u>	<u><b>4</b></u>
Trustees		

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

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**9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME FROM</b>			
Donations and grants	9,358	109,405	118,763
Investment income	<u>2,074</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,074</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>11,432</u>	<u>109,405</u>	<u>120,837</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Charitable activities	<u>2,079</u>	<u>65,841</u>	<u>67,920</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	9,353	43,564	52,917
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	<u>7,063</u>	<u>57,368</u>	<u>64,431</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>16,416</u>	<u>100,932</u>	<u>117,348</u>

**10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Fixtures and fittings £
<b>COST</b>	
At 1st April 2024	11,328
Additions	<u>1,792</u>
At 31st March 2025	<u>13,120</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>	
At 1st April 2024	3,275
Charge for year	<u>1,879</u>
At 31st March 2025	<u>5,154</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31st March 2025	<u>7,966</u>
At 31st March 2024	<u>8,053</u>

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11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Accrued expenses	<u>365</u>	<u>365</u>

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.24 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.25 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	16,416	21,992	1,262	39,670
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Restricted fund	100,932	(43,967)	(1,262)	55,703
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>117,348</u>	<u>(21,975)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>95,373</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	25,313	(3,321)	21,992
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted fund	26,382	(70,349)	(43,967)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>51,695</u>	<u>(73,670)</u>	<u>(21,975)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	7,063	9,353	16,416
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted fund	57,368	43,564	100,932
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>64,431</u>	<u>52,917</u>	<u>117,348</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
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12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	11,432	(2,079)	9,353
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted fund	109,405	(65,841)	43,564
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>120,837</u>	<u>(67,920)</u>	<u>52,917</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.25 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	7,063	31,345	1,262	39,670
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Restricted fund	57,368	(403)	(1,262)	55,703
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>64,431</u>	<u>30,942</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>95,373</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	36,745	(5,400)	31,345
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted fund	135,787	(136,190)	(403)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>172,532</u>	<u>(141,590)</u>	<u>30,942</u>

**13. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st March 2025.

**BEACON DEMENTIA AND WELLBEING**

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.25 Total funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
<b>INCOME</b>				
<b>Donations and grants</b>				
Donations	10,109	-	10,109	108,258
Grants	<u>-</u>	<u>26,382</u>	<u>26,382</u>	<u>10,505</u>
	10,109	26,382	36,491	118,763
<b>Other trading activities</b>				
Beacon at home fees	11,573	-	11,573	-
<b>Investment income</b>				
Deposit account interest	<u>3,631</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,631</u>	<u>2,074</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>25,313</b>	<b>26,382</b>	<b>51,695</b>	<b>120,837</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
<b>Charitable activities</b>				
Insurance	328	-	328	61
Postage and stationery	61	-	61	684
Sundries	404	-	404	740
Events and consumables	-	66,664	66,664	60,268
Refreshments and room hire	1,049	158	1,207	1,672
Computer costs	187	-	187	210
Repairs and renewals	442	1,699	2,141	1,710
Depreciation	<u>51</u>	<u>1,828</u>	<u>1,879</u>	<u>1,700</u>
	2,522	70,349	72,871	67,045
<b>Support costs</b>				
<b>Management</b>				
Advertising	109	-	109	245
<b>Governance costs</b>				
Accountancy and legal fees	<u>690</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>690</u>	<u>630</u>
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b><u>3,321</u></b>	<b><u>70,349</u></b>	<b><u>73,670</u></b>	<b><u>67,920</u></b>
<b>Net income</b>	<b><u>21,992</u></b>	<b><u>(43,967)</u></b>	<b><u>(21,975)</u></b>	<b><u>52,917</u></b>

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**BEACON DEMENTIA AND WELLBEING**

England & Wales - Charity number 1189109

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# Accounts

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REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 10625900 (England and Wales)  
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1189109

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024  
FOR  
BEACON DEMENTIA AND WELLBEING**

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**BEACON DEMENTIA AND WELLBEING**

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

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The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 2019).

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Objectives**

Our aim is to support and empower people living with dementia, their carers and those who may feel lonely or isolated, enabling them to enrich their lives and enhance their wellbeing.

We do this through offering opportunities to connect with others and take part in activities, whilst creating a culture where everyone can contribute and is included.

We provide a service that wraps around the whole family, providing support and information when they need it.

We do this through:

- providing a welcoming and friendly environment where people can come to meet friends, make new friends, share skills, learn skills, have fun and have a meaningful purpose in supporting their local community;
- connecting younger and older people;
- reducing social isolation and loneliness;
- providing a sense of support and of belonging to community life for participants;
- supporting families affected by dementia with information and time for them to be themselves;
- providing opportunities for volunteering.

Additionally, we work to increase awareness of dementia and contribute to making Rossendale more dementia friendly.

## OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

### Review of activities

#### The Beacon Shed

We started the year making finishing touches to our long-awaited dementia-friendly community shed, ready for its opening in May 2023. Thanks to a kind donation from Mr John Malley and Mrs Yvonne Malley in the previous financial year, we were able to engage a contractor to run the Shed for two days a week, alongside volunteers. The 'Head Sheddie' project will enable this staffing for the first two years operation of the Beacon Shed, and our Head Sheddie joined us in April 2023 to assist in finishing the fit-out and planning activities for the Beacon Shed.

The opening day of the Beacon Shed was a joyful celebration, with the Mayor of Rossendale in attendance, together with our local community radio station Rossendale Radio; representatives from our hosts at The Whitaker; Rossendale Leisure Trust; Rossendale Borough Council; Rossendale NHS Social Prescribing Team; and representatives from the many charity and community partners we work with. Central to our celebrations was the ribbon cutting by one of our beneficiaries and a Carer, who officially opened this unique facility.

The Beacon Shed is the first dementia-friendly community shed in the UK, which enables people living with dementia to work alongside people without these challenges, pursuing their interests in a safe and welcoming environment. We work with participants to find out what they enjoy and help them to maintain a connection to things they love. Throughout the year, participants have been able to experience activities which mean something to them, without feeling judged or excluded, and to feel supported and valued. They have worked alongside our volunteers to create a wide range of items. Activities have included woodwork, painting, gardening, making and restoring items; music and singing; and a wide variety of craft projects. We have received lots of feedback from participants, including 'It's a lovely place to come, the people are so nice and make me feel really welcome'; 'Dad is loving the Shed and always says he's been laughing and smiling whilst he's there'; 'The Beacon Shed is the only worthwhile thing to happen to me since I've been on this memory loss journey'; 'Thank you - you've made such a difference to our and many other peoples' lives'.

Carers have also been supported at the Beacon Shed and have told us that the time they spend whilst their loved one is attending the Shed has enabled them to create friendships and socialise with other Carers, leaving them feeling less isolated. Feedback has included 'Those two hours when my husband is at the Shed are so precious to me, and he really enjoys his time there'.

We also hosted visits from the local MP, NHS organisations and another local group hosting day care sessions for people living with dementia. Feedback included 'A truly wonderful place, a credit to Rossendale' and 'You have the courage to do things here that other groups don't - this should happen more often!'

We have continued to work with our participants throughout the year to ensure they play a key part in directing the content of activities at the Beacon Shed and have adapted activities to enable participation.

#### Carers' Group

Our Dementia Carers' Group continued to run twice monthly, with both face-to-face meetings and virtual online meetings. This peer support group brings family Carers of people living with dementia together to meet others in a similar situation and enables them to access information and support each other.

The programme of speakers this year covered topics including financial considerations; coping strategies to avoid stress; navigating the benefits system; supporting our own wellbeing; and making decisions. Carers also came up with helpful tips, which have been shared through our newsletter.

The face-to-face meetings were held at the same time as the Beacon Activity group, enabling Carers to take some time out to create connections with others in a similar situation, whilst their loved ones were able to participate in social time and activities with others.

## OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

### Carer Support

This year we secured funding from The NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board to help support our Dementia Carers' Group and to provide wellbeing boxes to Carers, with the aim of boosting their self-esteem and wellbeing and providing some small treats. We received nominations from all over Rossendale and distributed twenty wellbeing boxes to Carers, which were very much appreciated.

We received funding from the Community Foundation for Lancashire Red Rose Responding Fund which has enabled us to start to run some wellbeing sessions specifically for Carers. These will continue during the next financial year.

### Dementia-Friendly Activity Group

We continued to run our monthly dementia-friendly activity group at The Whitaker throughout the year. The group provides a safe space for people living with dementia to take part in a range of activities and they can attend with a Carer or independently.

Activities this year have included celebrating the coronation of our new King; games; crafting; decorating Easter biscuits; a beetle drive and afternoon tea; painting; music and singing; watching a play; and gentle exercise to music. Activities have provided our beneficiaries with meaningful activity and opportunities to build new social connections.

Funding from the NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board enabled us to pilot a new dementia-friendly activity group in a different part of Rossendale to improve access for more beneficiaries. These sessions were well received, particularly as people living with dementia and their Carers were able to attend together. We provided a range of activities, which the beneficiaries helped to choose, including making wind chimes, pomanders and hedgehogs; planting seeds; decorating plant pots and watching a play. Feedback from beneficiaries included 'Thank you, it's been lovely to get out of the house and do something different and meet and talk to new people'.

We were fortunate to be invited to Northwood Farm in Higham by Sandra from the Forest of Bowland, for our first Beacon trip. Our beneficiaries and volunteers were treated to a wonderful afternoon filled with sensory activities, such as stroking sheep and donkeys and crafting with raw sheep's wool. We saw calves and tried the milking simulator and the lambing simulator. We had a wonderful time, and the visit really benefitted everyone's wellbeing. It was an afternoon filled with fun, laughter, fresh air, tea, cake, and great company, which helped to create some wonderful memories.

### Wellbeing Group

Our regular wellbeing group 'Knits at Fitz' continued to run throughout the year. This weekly social group brings people together to knit and crochet in a friendly group, which positively benefits their mental health and wellbeing. The group have undertaken several projects within the year, including yarn bombing in a local park to celebrate the King's coronation and working with Rossendale Civic Pride to design and produce crocheted flower panels for their entry into Britain in Bloom.

The group also knitted teddy bears for foster children and continued to support knitted hats for newborns - knitted hats were made and sent to the Royal Oldham Hospital for use by families with premature newborns.

A second wellbeing crafting group was formed in year and this has met at the Beacon Shed, a coffee shop and in the community room at a local supermarket. The beneficiaries come together socially to craft and enjoy each other's company, with the impact being increased social connections and a greater feeling of wellbeing.

### Beacon at Home

The family Carers we support told us that they struggle to get time to themselves and would like more support at home that was not 'care'. Thanks to funding from the NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board, we began to pilot a home-based service - Beacon at Home. This service aims to build a trusting relationship through providing a series of one-to-one sessions, delivered in the participant's home. These sessions are structured and tailored to each individual's interests and over time, aim to build rapport and increase wellbeing. Activities are tailored to each individual's preferences and needs. The service began in the final quarter of the year and will be evaluated early into the new financial year.

## OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

### **Rossendale Dementia Information Event**

Following the success of the first Rossendale Dementia Information Event in 2022 and assisted by a grant from the Rossendale Community Partnerships, we ran a second event in September 2023. Our beneficiaries repeatedly told us that when families suspect a loved one is living with dementia, or are newly diagnosed, they often find it difficult to easily obtain information and find out about statutory and community services to help them.

The event was designed to be a 'One Stop Shop' where people living with dementia and their Carers and families could access the information they needed in one place. We invited a range of statutory services, community groups and service providers to have information stalls at the event, and this enabled families to come to one place to obtain the information they needed.

Local businesses generously contributed prizes for a free raffle for visitors to the event. We also arranged wellbeing activities, such as hand massage, a Tai Chi taster session, crafting and singing so that families could attend together and take part in these activities together.

Feedback from visitors was positive, with several commenting that they had found out about new activities, or were now in touch with organisations who could help them.

### **Volunteering**

We have increased our number of volunteers during the year and have partnered with The Whitaker to access their volunteer registration and rewards system. As a volunteer-lead charity, our volunteers are key to the successful development and sustainability of our charity. We are extremely grateful to all our volunteers for their consistent work for our beneficiaries.

### **Fundraising and Grants**

Our main aim for grant funding and fundraising this year was to support the work at the Beacon Shed, maintain our existing services, and enhance these in line with the wishes of our beneficiaries.

Some of the grants received have been mentioned above, but we were also fortunate to receive funding from The Duchy of Lancaster to create a patio area at the side of the Beacon Shed, garden furniture and plants, seeds, and compost for gardening activities. Our wellbeing groups also received a donation to support materials for their yarnbombing to celebrate the King's coronation.

We were delighted to have been chosen as one of the Mayor of Rossendale's nominated charities for the 2023-24 Mayoral year and have taken part in several of the Mayor's fundraising events to support all the nominated charities.

A donation to support two further contractors for two years to help in the running of existing services and the development of services to support dementia Carers was received from Mr John and Mrs Yvonne Malley. The 'Malley Community Project' has enabled work to start within year and will progress throughout the next financial year.

Following a theft from our storage shed, we received several kind donations of gardening tools and money from supporters, local community groups and a local church. These were very gratefully received and enabled us to replace everything that was stolen.

Our Head Sheddie, Mr Phil Speddy, undertook a walking challenge around the front of The Whitaker Museum and Art Gallery to raise funds for an air conditioning unit for the Shed. Another supporter, Mr Elliott Crookes undertook a walk from his home in Cumbria to the Shed to raise funds for our charity. This involved wild camping, blisters, and a nasty horsefly bite, but his challenge was completed successfully. We very much appreciated these fundraising challenges and the funds they raised.

Mrs Jane Roberts collected for Beacon at her neighbourhood's Coronation Street Party, and our Trustee Mrs Janet O'Driscoll collected donations for Beacon in lieu of birthday presents. She also crocheted a beautiful blanket for us to raffle.

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

We sadly lost two of our longstanding beneficiaries in year - Mr John Malley and Mr Wayne Cooper. Their families and friends donated to Beacon in memory of their loved ones. Our gratitude is extended to both families for their kind donations.

We have been fortunate to work with the Community Champions from both ASDA and Tesco stores in Rossendale. We are grateful for their donations of food and drink to support our Beacon Shed participants, raffle prizes, use of their community rooms and the opportunity to fundraise in store.

We received a range of other donations from local businesses, beneficiaries, and online platforms, all of which have helped us to raise funds to run our activities and to contribute to running the Beacon Shed. We and our beneficiaries are incredibly grateful for these.

**Connections**

We are firmly rooted within the Rossendale community and have continued to work with the Rossendale Connected movement, attending the monthly meetings to maintain the connections we have with statutory services and other groups in the VCFS sector.

We have strengthened connections with Rossendale Civic Pride, restoring planters for them and contributing to their entry into Britain in Bloom.

We have continued to work with The Whitaker Museum and Art Gallery, contributing to a new model of working with community space in an Arts venue. We have built and installed planters at the front of the museum to protect their forecourt and look forward to continuing this productive working relationship.

Our Rossendale Dementia Information Event enabled us to continue to build positive relationships with statutory services and VCFS organisations across East Lancashire to help to develop and co-ordinate services for dementia.

**Public benefit**

The trustees are confident that the charity offers services of real and practical use to the local population and therefore complies with the responsibility placed on all charities under the Charities Act 2011, to demonstrate a public benefit.

## OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

### Plans for the future

As we approach our first full year of running the Beacon Shed, we have no doubt of the positive impact of this innovative model of care to our beneficiaries and plan to continue to develop activities here, based on feedback from those who use our services, and to share good practice.

We plan to change the model for our dementia-friendly activity groups to increase accessibility for beneficiaries living with dementia in other parts of Rossendale.

We know from our engagement that Carers in particular struggle to find wellbeing activities to attend with the person they care for and that their wellbeing is often adversely affected by the demands of their caring responsibilities. We will continue to run our Dementia Carers Group online and increase the opportunities we provide for Carers to take time out for their own wellbeing, through dedicated activities.

We will develop our Beacon at Home Service to enable more beneficiaries to access the service, take part in home-based meaningful activity and to provide respite for their family Carers.

Our two weekly wellbeing groups will be maintained and will continue to take part in a range of projects which benefit others or contribute to community cohesion in Rossendale and enable social connection.

Families of people living with dementia have told us that they struggle to access information easily and in one place. We will deliver the fourth Rossendale Dementia Information Event, in response to the needs of our beneficiaries, and aim to reach additional people and families who are encountering the challenges dementia brings, through utilising a 'pop up' model.

We plan to continue to contribute actively to the Rossendale Connected movement and will also work with VCFS groups and statutory services to increase collaboration between those providing dementia services.

Our volunteers are at the heart of our organisation, and we will aim to recruit more volunteers to help deliver our services and support our beneficiaries. We will continue to enhance the support and training they receive to ensure they are equipped for and valued in their role.

## OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

### Acknowledgements

Beacon Dementia and Wellbeing is grateful for the support received from:

Volunteers from the Rossendale Community and beyond  
Rossendale Borough Council Community Partnerships  
Community Foundations for Lancashire  
The Duchy of Lancaster  
Goofus Theatre Company  
The Mayor of Rossendale's Charity Fund  
The Worshipful Mayor of Rossendale Councillor Anne Cheetham OBE JP  
The Worshipful Mayor of Rossendale Councillor Andrew Walmsley  
ASDA Rawtenstall Community Champion  
Tesco Haslingden and Rawtenstall Community Champions  
Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board  
Burnley, Pendle and Rossendale Council for Voluntary Services  
Mr John Malley and Mrs Yvonne Malley  
Mrs Jane Roberts  
Mrs Janet O'Driscoll  
Mr Phil Speddy  
Mrs Janet North  
Mr Elliott Crookes  
Haslingden and Helmshore Civic Pride  
St Peter's Church Haslingden Parochial Church Council  
Irwell Medical Practice  
Family and Friends of the late Mr John Malley  
Family and Friends of the late Mr Wayne Cooper  
Councillor Samara Barnes  
The Whitaker Museum & Art Gallery  
Rossendale Leisure Trust  
Rossendale Radio  
JJR Video Productions  
Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector partners  
Supporters from Rossendale and beyond.

## STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

### Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

## REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

### Registered Company number

10625900 (England and Wales)

### Registered Charity number

1189109

### Registered office

35 Dean Road  
Haslingden  
Rossendale  
Lancashire  
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**BEACON DEMENTIA AND WELLBEING**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

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**Trustees**

Mrs E J Riley Trustee and director  
Mrs R A Yates Hoyles Trustee and director  
Mrs J O'Driscoll Trustee and director  
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 15th November 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Mrs E J Riley - Trustee

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BEACON DEMENTIA AND WELLBEING

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### Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Beacon Dementia and Wellbeing ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st March 2024.

### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's 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 charity'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:

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.



Mark Sunter FCA

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15th November 2024

BEACON DEMENTIA AND WELLBEING

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
<b>INCOME FROM</b>					
Donations and grants	2	9,358	109,405	118,763	59,793
Investment income	3	<u>2,074</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,074</u>	<u>149</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u>11,432</u>	<u>109,405</u>	<u>120,837</u>	<u>59,942</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>	4				
Charitable activities		<u>2,079</u>	<u>65,841</u>	<u>67,920</u>	<u>6,078</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>		9,353	43,564	52,917	53,864
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		<u>7,063</u>	<u>57,368</u>	<u>64,431</u>	<u>10,567</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>16,416</u>	<u>100,932</u>	<u>117,348</u>	<u>64,431</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

BEACON DEMENTIA AND WELLBEING

BALANCE SHEET  
31ST MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	9	288	7,765	8,053	8,923
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Cash at bank		16,493	93,167	109,660	55,873
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(365)	-	(365)	(365)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>16,128</u>	<u>93,167</u>	<u>109,295</u>	<u>55,508</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>16,416</u>	<u>100,932</u>	<u>117,348</u>	<u>64,431</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>16,416</u>	<u>100,932</u>	<u>117,348</u>	<u>64,431</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>					
Unrestricted funds	11			16,416	7,063
Restricted funds				<u>100,932</u>	<u>57,368</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>117,348</u>	<u>64,431</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st March 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 15th November 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:



E J Riley - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

**Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

**Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

**Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings - 15% on reducing balance

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

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

2. DONATIONS AND GRANTS

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Donations	108,258	42,850
Grants	<u>10,505</u>	<u>16,943</u>
	<u>118,763</u>	<u>59,793</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>2,074</u>	<u>149</u>

4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs £	Totals £
Charitable activities	<u>67,045</u>	<u>875</u>	<u>67,920</u>

5. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>1,700</u>	<u>1,575</u>

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st March 2024 nor for the year ended 31st March 2023.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st March 2024 nor for the year ended 31st March 2023.

7. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.24	31.3.23
Trustees	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME FROM</b>			
Donations and grants	2,850	56,943	59,793
Investment income	<u>149</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>149</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>2,999</u>	<u>56,943</u>	<u>59,942</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Charitable activities	<u>4,503</u>	<u>1,575</u>	<u>6,078</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	(1,504)	55,368	53,864
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	<u>8,567</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>10,567</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u><u>7,063</u></u>	<u><u>57,368</u></u>	<u><u>64,431</u></u>

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £
<b>COST</b>	
At 1st April 2023	<b>10,498</b>
Additions	<u>830</u>
At 31st March 2024	<u><b>11,328</b></u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>	
At 1st April 2023	<b>1,575</b>
Charge for year	<u>1,700</u>
At 31st March 2024	<u><b>3,275</b></u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31st March 2024	<u><u><b>8,053</b></u></u>
At 31st March 2023	<u><u><b>8,923</b></u></u>

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Accrued expenses	<u>365</u>	<u>365</u>

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.23	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.24
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	7,063	9,353	16,416
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted fund	57,368	43,564	100,932
	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>64,431</u>	<u>52,917</u>	<u>117,348</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	11,432	(2,079)	9,353
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted fund	109,405	(65,841)	43,564
	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>120,837</u>	<u>(67,920)</u>	<u>52,917</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.22	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.23
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	8,567	(1,504)	7,063
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted fund	2,000	55,368	57,368
	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>10,567</u>	<u>53,864</u>	<u>64,431</u>

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	2,999	(4,503)	(1,504)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted fund	56,943	(1,575)	55,368
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>59,942</u>	<u>(6,078)</u>	<u>53,864</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	8,567	7,849	16,416
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted fund	2,000	98,932	100,932
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>10,567</u>	<u>106,781</u>	<u>117,348</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	14,431	(6,582)	7,849
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted fund	166,348	(67,416)	98,932
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>180,779</u>	<u>(73,998)</u>	<u>106,781</u>

**12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st March 2024.

**BEACON DEMENTIA AND WELLBEING**

England & Wales - Charity number 1189109

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# Accounts

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**REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 10625900 (England and Wales)**  
**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1189109**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023  
FOR  
BEACON DEMENTIA AND WELLBEING**

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**BEACON DEMENTIA AND WELLBEING**

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## **BEACON DEMENTIA AND WELLBEING**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

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The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 2019).

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Objectives**

Our aim is to support and empower people living with dementia, their carers and those who may feel lonely or isolated, enabling them to enrich their lives and enhance their wellbeing.

We do this through offering opportunities to connect with others and take part in activities, whilst creating a culture where everyone can contribute and is included.

We do this through:

- providing a welcoming and friendly environment where people can come to meet friends, make new friends, share skills, learn skills, have fun and have a meaningful purpose in supporting their local community;
- connecting younger and older people;
- reducing social isolation and loneliness;
- providing a sense of support and of belonging to community life for participants;
- providing opportunities for volunteering.

Additionally, we work to increase awareness of dementia and contribute to making Rossendale more dementia friendly.

## BEACON DEMENTIA AND WELLBEING

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

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#### OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

##### Review of activities

The year began with a change of name for our charity. We had consulted with our beneficiaries in the previous year about a change of name for our Charity, which more accurately represented our work. Together, we decided on the new name of Beacon Dementia and Wellbeing, which our beneficiaries felt represented a guiding light when they needed it the most.

##### The Beacon Shed

Our relationship with The Whitaker Museum and Art Gallery has flourished, and this year, we reached an agreement with them which provided a site at the rear of the museum on which we could build our dementia-friendly community shed. This has been a long-term aim since our pilot of a men's shed activity in 2017, and feedback from our participants told us that a dementia-friendly community shed would be of benefit to them. We designed and commissioned a large wooden shed, with access ramps and a covered seating area. Construction took place in December 2022. We experienced delays in getting an electrical supply to the Shed, but these were resolved, and in March 2023, power and light were installed, together with dementia-friendly flooring kindly donated by Polyflor Ltd. Towards the end of the year, our volunteers were actively fitting out the Shed. As the year closes, we are looking forward to opening the Beacon Shed to beneficiaries in the very near future.

##### Carers' Group

Our Dementia Carers' Group continued to run virtually every fortnight and face-to-face on a monthly basis. The group brings family Carers of people living with dementia together to meet others in a similar situation and provides peer support. A programme of topics was delivered, including speakers who provided information on coping with stress, financial aspects of dementia and legal considerations. At the face-to-face meetings, Carers are able to take some time out whilst their loved one attends the Beacon Activity Group at the same venue. They also experience social time and have the opportunity to create connections with others in a similar situation.

The Carers' Group produced a 'Dementia Carers' Strategy' and a 'Dementia Carers' Resource' towards the end of 2022. These online documents provided helpful links to local and national information sources for Carers trying to negotiate the needs of their cared for person living with dementia, and for themselves. Our Carers' Group felt that they would like us to produce the content of these online documents in a Rossendale Carers' Information leaflet, to be widely circulated throughout the Borough. We successfully applied for funding from the Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board (LSCICB), updated the document and designed the leaflet. Once published, the leaflets were circulated to all GP Practices and libraries across Rossendale, and handed out to visitors at community events we have attended.

##### Dementia-Friendly Activity Group

We have continued to run our monthly dementia-friendly activity group at The Whitaker throughout the year. This group provides a safe space for people living with dementia to take part in a range of activities and they can attend with a Carer or independently. Family Carers also have the opportunity to attend the Dementia Carers Group at the same venue during these sessions. Activities this year have included planting sunflowers; reminiscing about HM The Queen's 70 year reign and her coronation and talking about the Platinum Jubilee celebrations; foraging in the park and learning about the plants and berries we found; discussing what our perfect day looks like and making a wish to hang on our wish tree; taking part in a Sensing Nature art workshop, where we picked flowers and used them to produce a coloured flower picture in a bell jar shape; contributing to a crochet flower panel for Remembrance Day. We also celebrated our sixth birthday with tours round the new Beacon Shed, before a buffet and birthday cake. At our December group, we were joined by the Dementia Carers' Group for a Christmas party and we watched a production of Moonsmile by The Goofus Theatre, which was very well received. We continue to ask our beneficiaries about the activities they enjoy and try to provide these as much as possible, as well as exploring new activities.

##### Wellbeing Group

Our regular wellbeing group 'Knits at Fitz' continued to run throughout the year. This weekly social group brings people together to knit and crochet in a friendly group, which positively benefits their mental health and wellbeing. In an active year, the group has contributed to several projects which benefit others:

- Making and donating Easter Bunny chocolate orange covers for the children at Derian House Hospice;
- Making and donating knitted and crochet items for Rossendale Hospice, as part of their Handmade
- Heroes fundraising campaign. These were then sold to raise funds for our local Hospice.

## BEACON DEMENTIA AND WELLBEING

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

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#### OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

- Knitting scarves as part of the Cumbrian Way Scarf Challenge. The scarves were then donated to the homeless.
- Continuing to support knitted hats for newborns - knitted hats were made and sent to the Royal Oldham Hospital for use by families with premature newborns.
- Making and donating knitted hearts for the Royal Blackburn Hospital for donating to families of long stay patients and those undergoing end of life care.
- Decorating a local park with handmade flowers in support of Rossendale Civic Pride's first entry into Britain in Bloom.
- Making and decorating a panel of crochet poppies to display in Rawtenstall for the Remembrance Day commemoration.

The group also completed their "Valley of Hope" artwork which they had started last year. This crochet banner, made of granny squares, is a modern-day depiction of Rossendale, inspired by a stained glass window from the old Haslingden Grammar School, which had been displayed at the Whitaker Museum. The Valley of Hope was displayed in the Art Gallery at the museum in the early part of this year and has subsequently been displayed at several other locations in Rossendale.

Our trustee who runs this group was recognised with a nomination for Rossendale Woman of the Year in the Pride of Rossendale Awards this year and was a finalist in this category.

#### Rossendale Dementia Information Event

We knew from talking with our beneficiaries that when families suspect a loved one is living with dementia, or are newly diagnosed, they often find it difficult to easily obtain information and find out about statutory and community services to help them. They also feel that they cannot always appreciate how dementia feels for their loved one and what practical challenges they face.

In response to these needs, we successfully applied to the LSCICB for funding to run 'The Virtual Dementia Experience' training. This evidence-based simulation training allows participants to experience what it is like to live with dementia, by temporarily altering their physical and sensory abilities. The training consists of the simulation experience and then a debrief session, which looks to foster greater understanding and empathy and show how small changes in practice, or the environment can really make a difference to people living with dementia.

Combined with this, we planned and delivered the first Rossendale Dementia Information Event, designed to be a 'One Stop Shop' where people living with dementia and their Carers and families could access the information they needed in one place. We invited a range of statutory services, community groups and service providers to have information stalls at the event.

36 people undertook the training and there were over 100 visitors to the Information Event. Feedback was excellent from both the public and from the statutory services, community groups and dementia organisations that attended:

"This will really help me make some changes to help Mum." Participant in the Virtual Dementia Training

"What an amazing event, thank you for organising. It's not easy finding out who can help though it's all under one roof here." Visitor to the Information Event

"How did you get it so right? Please can we have a stall again next year!" Stallholder at the Information Event.

#### Fundraising and Grants

Our main aim for grant and fundraising income this year was to secure sufficient funding to enable us to build a dementia-friendly community shed. This has been a long-term aim, for which we have been fundraising since 2017, but this was delayed by the Covid 19 Pandemic. We were grateful to secure grants from The National Lottery Community Fund and the B&Q Foundation, via Neighbourly. These supplemented a grant from the Dymphna Pepper legacy received last year, together with donations, including a donation from one of our volunteers, Mrs Jane Roberts, who made and sold craft items, and the money we had raised through fundraising activities.

A further grant was received from the ASDA Foundation, which provided wall heaters and work stools for the Shed, as well as funding a Christmas party for our beneficiaries. We were also fortunate to receive a donation of insulating materials for the Shed, which were subsequently installed by volunteers.

## BEACON DEMENTIA AND WELLBEING

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

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#### OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Our local Credit Union, First Choice Credit Union held an Elf Day on the run up to Christmas. Staff came into work in fancy dress, and they ran several competitions with clients. We were very grateful for the donation we received from this fundraiser.

Two of our beneficiaries, Mr John and Mrs Yvonne Malley celebrated their Pearl wedding anniversary this year and chose to receive donations for Beacon, rather than presents. We were delighted to receive £1605 as a result of their very kind donation.

We received a range of other donations from local businesses, beneficiaries and online platforms, all of which have helped us to run our activities and to contribute to the Beacon Shed. We and our beneficiaries are grateful for these.

Towards the end of the year we received a donation to enable us to appoint a contractor to run the Beacon Shed when it opens early next year. This donation will secure the contract for two years and enable the Beacon Shed to run for two days each week, extending the number of beneficiaries who will be able to attend. We appreciate the support for this project and extend sincere thanks to our donors.

#### Connections

We have continued to work with the Rossendale Connected movement - a connection between VCFS groups and statutory agencies in Rossendale. One of our trustees has been an integral member of this movement since it came together during the Covid-19 Pandemic and has continued to attend the monthly Rossendale Connected meetings to maintain the connections we have with statutory services and other groups in the VCFS sector.

We contributed to the development of 'Our place, Our Plan', a plan which aims to improve the health and wellbeing of Rossendale residents. As part of the implementation, our trustees attended the Rossendale Connected mental health event, which brought together a range of community organisations, all with an interest in mental health service provision. This was designed to enable networking and to discuss the implementation of the health and wellbeing plan. The event enabled us to make new connections and will enable us to signpost our beneficiaries to additional groups which may be of benefit to them.

Rossendale Council's Lead Member for Communities, Health and Wellbeing has a keen interest in dementia and a desire to bring all the local VCFS groups together with statutory services to raise awareness of best practice and influence strategy. This Rossendale Dementia Steering Group began in year and we have been key members of this new collaboration. The group has enabled us to promote our services and share best practice and expertise on dementia with others.

The Whitaker Museum and Art Gallery have embraced a new model, providing accommodation space for our charity and another local charity, to the rear of the museum building. This innovative model aims to bring the three organisations together on joint projects and also allow each space to run their own activities. We look forward to building this working relationship in the years ahead.

#### Public benefit

The trustees are confident that the charity offers services of real and practical use to the local population and therefore complies with the responsibility placed on all charities under the Charities Act 2011, to demonstrate a public benefit.

## BEACON DEMENTIA AND WELLBEING

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

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#### OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

##### Plans for the future

Having achieved our aim of building our physical dementia-friendly community shed, we look forward to opening this early in the next year. This will be the only one in the UK and will offer an innovative model of care for people living with dementia, enabling them to pursue activities that are often denied to people living with the condition. We will engage a contractor to manage the Shed activities and aim to recruit more volunteers to support our beneficiaries. We aim to learn from this innovative approach and combine this with feedback from our beneficiaries to develop best practice and continuously improve our service.

We will continue to run our monthly dementia-friendly activity group at The Whitaker and aim to start another group within Rossendale to reach more people and to increase accessibility for beneficiaries living with dementia in other parts of Rossendale.

We know from our engagement that Carers in particular struggle to find wellbeing activities to attend with the person they care for and that their wellbeing is often adversely affected by the demands of their caring responsibilities. We will continue to run our Dementia Carers Group to provide peer support and aim to increase opportunities for Carers to take time out for their own wellbeing. We aim to run wellbeing sessions for Carers and will develop ways to enable them to access these.

The weekly wellbeing group will be maintained and will continue to take part in a range of projects which benefit others or contribute to community cohesion in Rossendale. We aim to start another group to increase access for those who wish to improve their skills or increase their social contacts.

Families of people living with dementia have told us that they struggle to access information easily. We will deliver another Rossendale Dementia Information Event, in response to the needs of our beneficiaries, and aim to reach additional people and families who are encountering the challenges dementia brings.

We will continue our work with other VCFS groups across Rossendale on the implementation and development of services which impact on our beneficiaries. We will do this by continuing to contribute actively to the Rossendale Connected movement and will also work with VCFS groups and statutory services to increase collaboration between those providing dementia services and to develop quality standards based on best practice.

Our volunteers are at the heart of our organisation and we will aim to recruit more volunteers to help deliver our services and support our beneficiaries. We will work to provide further support and training for them. We plan to deliver a programme of freely accessible training across Rossendale to increase knowledge of dementia in statutory services, VCFS organisations and the public to help our community become more dementia friendly.

## BEACON DEMENTIA AND WELLBEING

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

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#### OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

##### Acknowledgements

Beacon Dementia and Wellbeing is grateful for the support received from:

Volunteers from the Rossendale Community and beyond  
The National Lottery Community Fund and players of The National Lottery  
The B&Q Foundation  
Neighbourly  
The ASDA Foundation  
ASDA Rawtenstall Community Champion  
Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board  
The Trustees of the Dymphna Pepper legacy  
Mr John Malley and Mrs Yvonne Malley  
Mrs Jane Roberts  
Mrs Janet O'Driscoll  
Lancashire Dementia & Training Consultancy  
Ilex View Medical Practice  
First Choice Credit Union  
Polyflor Ltd  
Goofus Theatre  
The Whitaker Museum & Art Gallery  
Rossendale Leisure Trust  
Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector partners.

#### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

##### Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

#### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

##### Registered Company number

10625900 (England and Wales)

##### Registered Charity number

1189109

##### Registered office

35 Dean Road  
Haslingden  
Rossendale  
Lancashire  
BB4 4DS

##### Trustees

Mrs E J Riley Trustee and director  
Ms R A Yates-Hoyles Trustee and director  
Mrs J O'Driscoll Trustee and director  
Dr C G Page

**BEACON DEMENTIA AND WELLBEING**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Independent Examiner**

Mark Sunter  
Ainsworths Limited  
Charter House  
Stansfield Street  
Nelson  
Lancashire  
BB9 9XY

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 21st November 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Mrs E J Riley - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
BEACON DEMENTIA AND WELLBEING**

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**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Beacon Dementia and Wellbeing ('the Company')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st March 2023.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's 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 charity'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:

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.



Mark Sunter

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21st November 2023

**BEACON DEMENTIA AND WELLBEING**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.3.23 Total funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £
<b>INCOME FROM</b>					
Donations and grants	2	2,850	56,943	59,793	5,509
Investment income	3	<u>149</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>149</u>	<u>1</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u>2,999</u>	<u>56,943</u>	<u>59,942</u>	<u>5,510</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Charitable activities	4	<u>4,503</u>	<u>1,575</u>	<u>6,078</u>	<u>3,256</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		(1,504)	55,368	53,864	2,254
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		<u>8,567</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>10,567</u>	<u>8,313</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>7,063</u>	<u>57,368</u>	<u>64,431</u>	<u>10,567</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

BEACON DEMENTIA AND WELLBEING

BALANCE SHEET  
31ST MARCH 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.3.23 Total funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	9	-	8,923	8,923	-
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Cash at bank		7,428	48,445	55,873	10,932
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(365)	-	(365)	(365)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>7,063</u>	<u>48,445</u>	<u>55,508</u>	<u>10,567</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>7,063</u>	<u>57,368</u>	<u>64,431</u>	<u>10,567</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>7,063</u>	<u>57,368</u>	<u>64,431</u>	<u>10,567</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	11				
Unrestricted funds				7,063	8,567
Restricted funds				<u>57,368</u>	<u>2,000</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>64,431</u>	<u>10,567</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st March 2023.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 21st November 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:



E J Riley - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

**Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

**Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

**Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings - 15% on reducing balance

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

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

**2. DONATIONS AND GRANTS**

	<b>31.3.23</b>	31.3.22
	£	£
Donations	<b>42,850</b>	1,309
Grants	<b><u>16,943</u></b>	<u>4,200</u>
	<b><u>59,793</u></b>	<u>5,509</u>

**BEACON DEMENTIA AND WELLBEING****NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023****3. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>149</u>	<u>1</u>

**4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

	Direct Costs £	Support costs £	Totals £
Charitable activities	<u>5,688</u>	<u>390</u>	<u>6,078</u>

**5. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>1,575</u>	<u>-</u>

**6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st March 2023 nor for the year ended 31st March 2022.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st March 2023 nor for the year ended 31st March 2022.

**7. STAFF COSTS**

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.23	31.3.22
Trustees	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

BEACON DEMENTIA AND WELLBEING

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME FROM</b>			
Donations and grants	3,009	2,500	5,509
Investment income	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>3,010</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>5,510</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Charitable activities	<u>2,756</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>3,256</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	254	2,000	2,254
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	<u>900</u>	<u>(900)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	1,154	1,100	2,254
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	<u>7,413</u>	<u>900</u>	<u>8,313</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>8,567</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>10,567</u>

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

<b>COST</b>	Fixtures and fittings £
Additions	<u>10,498</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>	
Charge for year	<u>1,575</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31st March 2023	<u>8,923</u>
At 31st March 2022	<u>-</u>

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Accrued expenses	<u>365</u>	<u>365</u>

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.22	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.23
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	8,567	(1,504)	7,063
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted fund	<u>2,000</u>	<u>55,368</u>	<u>57,368</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>10,567</u>	<u>53,864</u>	<u>64,431</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	2,999	(4,503)	(1,504)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted fund	<u>56,943</u>	<u>(1,575)</u>	<u>55,368</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>59,942</u>	<u>(6,078)</u>	<u>53,864</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.21	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 31.3.22
	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	7,413	254	900	8,567
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Restricted fund	<u>900</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>(900)</u>	<u>2,000</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>8,313</u>	<u>2,254</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,567</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	3,010	(2,756)	254
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted fund	2,500	(500)	2,000
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>5,510</u>	<u>(3,256)</u>	<u>2,254</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	7,413	(1,250)	900	7,063
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Restricted fund	900	57,368	(900)	57,368
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>8,313</u>	<u>56,118</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>64,431</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	6,009	(7,259)	(1,250)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted fund	59,443	(2,075)	57,368
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>65,452</u>	<u>(9,334)</u>	<u>56,118</u>

**12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st March 2023.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £
<b>INCOME</b>				
<b>Donations and grants</b>				
Donations	2,850	40,000	42,850	1,309
Grants	-	16,943	16,943	4,200
	2,850	56,943	59,793	5,509
<b>Investment income</b>				
Deposit account interest	149	-	149	1
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>2,999</b>	<b>56,943</b>	<b>59,942</b>	<b>5,510</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
<b>Charitable activities</b>				
Insurance	112	-	112	112
Postage and stationery	460	-	460	81
Sundries	179	-	179	13
Events and consumables	1,358	-	1,358	2,266
Refreshments and room hire	604	-	604	-
Computer costs	224	-	224	394
Training	1,176	-	1,176	-
Depreciation	-	1,575	1,575	-
	4,113	1,575	5,688	2,866
<b>Support costs</b>				
<b>Governance costs</b>				
Accountancy and legal fees	390	-	390	390
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b>4,503</b>	<b>1,575</b>	<b>6,078</b>	<b>3,256</b>
<b>Net income</b>	<b>(1,504)</b>	<b>55,368</b>	<b>53,864</b>	<b>2,254</b>

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