

Report to Trustees

In Your Shoes 2024/2025

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Community Pressures and Rising Demand

Throughout the 2024/2025 reporting period, our community has continued to face escalating challenges driven by the rising cost of living, particularly in the areas of food and energy. These pressures have led to a 15% increase in the number of families and individuals seeking our support. In response, we have expanded our provision of food, emergency energy top-ups, clothing, school uniforms, household essentials, sanitary and personal hygiene products.

Support for families with young babies has also grown significantly. We are now supplying more baby food, nappies, cots, prams, and toys than ever before—reflecting both the depth of need and our commitment to meeting it.

Unmanageable debt has emerged as a deeply concerning issue among the families and residents we serve. Many are facing financial instability that affects not only their ability to manage arrears but also their access to basic necessities. We have been able to assist by referring individuals to trusted partners such as StepChange and CVS for specialist debt advice, while continuing to ensure they have enough food to eat and appropriate clothing for the weather.

In parallel, we have seen a marked increase in women and girls turning to us as their first point of contact for support with domestic abuse. Many arrive in crisis, and we have provided immediate emotional and practical assistance while facilitating referrals to specialist agencies. This rise underscores both the trust placed in our service and the urgent need for accessible, frontline intervention.

We also continue to support elderly residents and those affected by drug, alcohol, and gambling addictions. Our team provides compassionate, practical assistance alongside supported referrals to specialist services. This includes emotional support, guidance, and help accessing essential resources—ensuring that vulnerable individuals are not left to navigate these challenges alone.

Community Safety and Crime Trends

Unlike previous years, it is a relief to report that violent organised gang activity on the estate has significantly decreased. This improvement is largely due to the detention of key gang leaders and members, which has disrupted local networks and reduced coordinated criminal behaviour.

While we continue to witness incidents of stabbings and physical assaults, it is encouraging to note that gun-related crime appears to have been resolved for the time being. This shift has brought a measure of reassurance to residents, though the persistence of other forms of violence reminds us that sustained vigilance and community support remain essential.

Building Hope Through Learning

On a more positive note, we are pleased to report a significant increase in attendance across our training courses and qualification programmes. This growth reflects a renewed sense of hope among adults in our community, many of whom are seeking to rebuild their confidence, self-worth, and future prospects. These opportunities are not only equipping individuals with valuable skills but also fostering resilience and empowerment during a time of widespread uncertainty.

IN YOUR SHOES CIO

***FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 2025***

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IN YOUR SHOES CIO

Reference and Administrative Information

Principal Activity	Provision of a community hub to support local residents
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Charity registration number:	1189145
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Address	100 Moss Lane Litherland Liverpool L21 7NJ
	Tel: 07969 431 043

Officials

Trustee	Lisa Goldsmith
Trustee	Janette Ball
Trustee & Chairperson	Mark Spanner

Accountants	Fosters Accountants Black Horse Chambers 231 Elliott Street Tyldesley, Manchester M29 8DG
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Bankers	Barclays Manchester 2 Leicester LE87 2BB
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IN YOUR SHOES CIO

**ACCOUNTANTS REPORT
for the YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 2025**

In accordance with instructions given to us we have prepared, without carrying out an audit, the Accounts of the above-named for the year ending 31st March 2025 from the books and vouchers, information and explanations afforded us by our client.

Black Horse Chambers
231 Elliott Street
Tyldesley
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Fosters Accountants
Chartered Accountants

August 2025

IN YOUR SHOES CIO**INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**
for the YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 2025

	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Grants				
Steve Morgan Foundation		4,167		0
John Moores Foundation		3,000		3,000
Community Foundation		0		37,125
PH Holt Foundation		0		10,000
Rathbone		0		1,500
Tudor Trust		30,000		32,000
Henry Smith		30,000		15,000
Donations		0		2,800
		<u>67,167</u>		<u>101,425</u>
OTHER INCOME				
Recycling Revenue		823		1,103
		<u>67,989</u>		<u>102,528</u>
less EXPENDITURE				
Wages	45,525		58,512	
Pensions	475		519	
Welfare	17,868		14,542	
Events & Excursions	5,155		2,479	
Rent	2,750		3,000	
Water & Waste	2,145		1,620	
Heat & Light	2,666		1,825	
Travelling Expenses	3,795		3,525	
Hub Refurbishment Costs	2,270		1,356	
Telephone & Internet	1,102		925	
Public Liability Insurance	715		790	
Accountancy	1,182		1,128	
Bookkeeping & Payroll	540		414	
Website & Computer costs	420		2,076	
Advertising, Postage & Stationery	207		186	
Volunteer Expenses	3,182		3,650	
Sundry Expenses	745		402	
Disposal of Fixed Assets	0		0	
Depreciation	218		275	
		<u>90,960</u>		<u>97,224</u>
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) for the YEAR		<u><u>(22,970)</u></u>		<u><u>5,304</u></u>

IN YOUR SHOES CIO**BALANCE SHEET as at 31st MARCH 2025**

	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS				
Tangible Assets		<u>880</u>		<u>1,098</u>
		880		1,098
CURRENT ASSETS				
Bank Balance		<u>5,129</u>		<u>37,432</u>
		5,129		37,432
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Trade Creditors & Accruals		4,100		11,899
PAYE/NI & Pension Contributions		<u>11,988</u>		<u>13,739</u>
		16,088		25,638
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		(10,959)		11,794
		<u>(10,079)</u>		<u>12,891</u>
RESERVES				
Reserves b/fwd		12,891		7,587
Movement in the Year		<u>(22,970)</u>		<u>5,304</u>
		<u>(10,079)</u>		<u>12,891</u>



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
In Your Shoes

On accounts for the year
ended

2024

Charity no
(if any)

1189145

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above
charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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

Independent
examiner's statement

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out
under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I
have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission
under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have
come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with
the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material
respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of
the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

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

Signed:

Alan Leah

Date:

13 SEP 2025

Name:

ALAN LEAH

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Address:

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