

**The James Brindley Foundation Ltd
(Limited by Guarantee)**

Annual Report and Unaudited Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31st October 2024

**Charity No: 1189619
Company Registration No: 11630370**

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31st October 2024

The trustees are pleased to present their annual report together with the un-audited financial statements of the company for the year ended 31st October 2024 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes. The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association and 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 (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015).

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Name: The James Brindley Foundation Ltd

Registered Company Number: 11630370 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity Number: 1189619

Registered Office:

90 High Street
Brownhills
Walsall
WS8 6EW

Trustees and Directors

The directors of the charitable company are its Trustees for the purposes of charity law and throughout this report are collectively referred to as the Trustees.

Trustees serving during the period were as follows:

Mr M D Brindley
Mrs B K Brindley
Mrs CE Paterson
Ms J C Mountford
Mr D Miller
Mrs S Neville

Independent Examiner: Mrs SD Cooke FCCA
Rice & Co (Brownhills) Limited
90 High Street
Brownhills
Walsall
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GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Constitution and Governing Document

The association is a charitable company limited by guarantee and is governed by the terms set out in its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Appointment and Training of Trustees

New trustees are appointed by the Board. Trustee training is carried out at meetings of the Trustees and in induction training at the centre.

Statement of Trustee's Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law and law applicable to registered charities in England and Wales requires Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the Trustees have elected to prepare their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015). Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and resources expended, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- Observe methods and principles in the Charities Statements of Recommended Practice (SORP 2015).
- Make judgements and estimates which are reasonable and prudent.
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Organisation

The Foundation comprises six trustees, who are each directors of the company, limited by guarantee. There is no hierarchy of seniority within the organisation, however, management tasks and responsibilities are shared.

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31st October 2024 (cont'd)

Risk Statement

The trustees have insured the charity against physical and professional liabilities and have a risk management strategy, which comprises quarterly reviews, (or periodically, as risks change), of the risks that the Foundation may face and has established policies, procedures and systems, to mitigate those risks. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with employment, health & safety and child safeguarding requirements, for employees and volunteers, which are also periodically reviewed, to ensure that they continue to meet the needs of the Foundation.

Public Benefit Statement

The James Brindley Foundation is a registered charity. In accordance with S17(5) of the Charities Act 2011, trustees have referred to the guidance contained within The Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, when reviewing its aims and objectives and in planning future activities. In particular, trustees consider how our planned activities continue to contribute to the aims and objectives we have set. The Foundation is signed up to The Funding Regulator and complies with their fundraising code.

Volunteers

Volunteers play a key role in how the Foundation delivers its strategic aims and objectives. It is planned that volunteers will play an ever-increasing role into the future, particularly in fundraising, low risk mentee monitoring and youth engagements.

Structure

The Foundation comprises six trustees. The charity is organised so that three operational trustees meet once per month, and all six trustees meet quarterly. Currently, there is one principal trustee who oversees day to day administration of the charity, through a newly appointed Operations Manager and organises the promotion of the charity's aims & objectives and three trustees, who organise fund raising initiatives.

OBJECTIVES

The Charity's objectives are:

- To promote the prevention of crime and the saving of lives, in particular but not exclusively, by advancing the education of young people and their families, concerning the key issues of family functioning, peer pressure, anti-social behaviour, substance misuse, gang culture, child exploitation, and radicalisation & extremism, with an emphasis on the negative impact on both themselves and those affected by it.
- To advance education for the public benefit, in the key issues of family functioning, peer pressure, anti-social behaviour, substance misuse, gang culture, violent behaviour, child exploitation and radicalisation & extremism.

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31st October 2024 (cont'd)

ACTIVITIES ACHIEVEMENTS & PERFORMANCE

The Foundation's face to face fundraising activities continues to be impacted by the cost of living crisis. However, this has been almost entirely mitigated by sponsorship from local businesses, clubs and societies as well as through significant grant funding received from grant giving trusts and foundations, The Big Lottery, The Postcode Lottery and The Youth Endowment Fund.

We continue to work ever closer with local key agencies such as the West Midlands Violence Reduction Partnership and The Office of The Police & Crime Commissioner, which has also resulted in increased opportunities for grant funding. More recently we have developed a collaborative working relationship with our local authority, which we are anticipating will result in providing them with a commissioned youth service and with key local charities, at grass roots level to strengthen and broaden the reach of our services.

The Foundation continues to develop an excellent reputation for our strategic multi-faceted approach to tackling serious youth violence, which is witnessed through significantly increased demand for our services and more recently for our input into government policy on the prevention of knife crime.

Demand for our 'Full Circle' programme, particularly within education, is further extending opportunities to train professionals to deliver within their own settings and as a result, we are actively developing an on-line training platform for the programme, to create national access to training which will result in the creation of a further regular income stream. Hand in hand with this increased demand for face to face training, we are receiving increased demand for our one to one mentoring service to at risk or offending children and young people, our impactful positive outcomes from this work is further enhancing our reputation for our evidence based holistic approach to tackling serious youth violence.

With the recent rise in our charity's profile in the traditional media, and online through our social media outputs, we will be further investing in marketing ourselves, to promote our services, raise awareness and encourage donations.

OUR VISION AND MISSION STATEMENTS

Our vision

We want to live in a country, where no one walks in fear of youth violence. We believe that, when everyone accepts personal responsibility for those around them, inevitably violence will be reduced and ultimately, lives saved.

Our mission

The James Brindley Foundation, inspired by James to help others, exists to play its part in bringing about an end to serious youth violence, and to help families who suffer the trauma and pain of loss due to knife crime. It is our aspiration that, these matters be given the gravity today, so that they can be consigned to history, tomorrow.

Future objectives & activities

The Foundation plans to continue its strategy, to raise awareness of all issues surrounding serious youth violence, through engagement with all media, including the development of our YouTube channel and podcasting, to encourage families and professionals with responsibilities for young people, to be vigilant and proactive in their care.

Report of the Trustees for the year Ended 31st October 2024 (cont'd)

We shall continue to work closely with key agencies, and professionals, to expand our reach and profile and to develop the use of The James Brindley Full Circle Programme as a unique and effective way to tackle the root causes of youth offending.

Grant funding will continue to be fundamental to financing our development but will be augmented through annual face to face fundraisers, such as a youth awards evening, a local village fete. This will be further augmented by marketing to local business for specific child and youth projects as part of an increasing landscape corporate social responsibility.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Review of the Financial Period

The principle sources of income from the company's charitable activities are generated by fundraising & grants.

During the year income from grants amounted to £88,445 (2023 - £33,290) and income from charitable activities amounted to £47,075 (2023 - £53,542).

Total expenditure for the year was £96,875 (2023 - £72,615) resulting in overall net surplus of £38,645 (2023 – net surplus of £14,217).

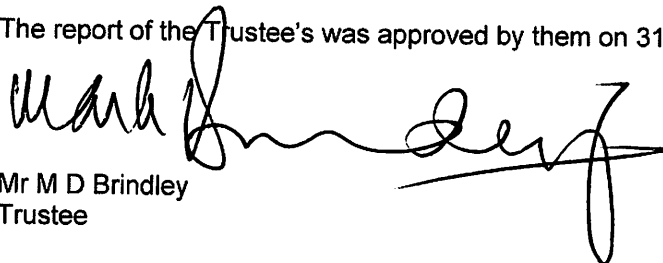
Reserves

At 31st October 2024 the organisation held total reserves of £76,162 (2023 - £37,517). The reserves are considered sufficient to guarantee the provision of uninterrupted services for the forthcoming year.

The trustees have continued to hold regular meetings during the year to monitor to fiscal positions of the Association.

This report has been prepared in the accordance with the special provisions and Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The report of the Trustee's was approved by them on 31 July 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Mr M D Brindley
Trustee

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The James Brindley Foundation Ltd

I report on the charity trustees on our examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st October 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 ourselves 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 our 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 confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of The Institute of Chartered Certified Accountants in England and Wales.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving us 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.



Mrs Susan D Cooke FCCA
For and on behalf of Rice & Co (Brownhills) Limited
Chartered Accountants
90 High Street
Brownhills
Walsall
West Midlands
WS8 6EW

Date: 31 July 2025

The James Brindley Foundation Ltd

**Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account) for the
Year Ended 31 October 2024**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £
Income:					
Grants receivable	3	62,387	26,058	88,445	33,290
Charitable activities	4	47,075	-	47,075	53,542
Investments					-
Total Income		109,462	26,058	135,520	86,832
Expenditure:					
Charitable activities	5	92,224	-	92,224	63,037
Governance costs	7	4,651	-	4,651	9,578
Total expenditure		96,875	-	96,875	72,615
Net expenditure for the year				38,645	14,217
Transfers between funds				-	-
Net Movement in funds	8	12,587	26,058	38,645	14,217
Total funds brought forward		27,617	9,900	37,517	23,300
Total funds carried forward		40,204	35,958	76,162	37,517

The statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

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Balance Sheet as at 31 October 2024

	Note	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £
Fixed assets	9	2,742			-
Current assets					
Stocks	10	6,000		6,000	
Debtors	11	4,685		2,782	
Cash at bank & in hand	12	72,351		<u>34,109</u>	
		83,036		42,891	
Liabilities					
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13	9,616		<u>5,374</u>	
The funds of the charity					
Unrestricted income funds	16		40,204		27,617
Restricted Income funds	16		35,958		<u>9,900</u>
			76,162		<u>37,517</u>

The company is entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 October 2024.

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

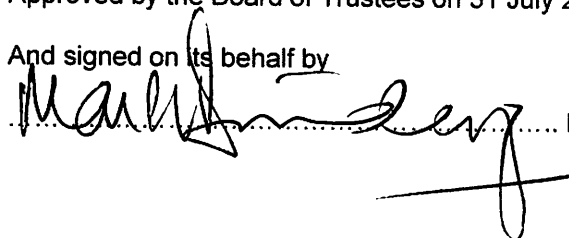
The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (a) ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statement which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of each financial year and of its profit or loss 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 is applicable to the company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act applicable to companies' subject to the small companies' regime.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 31 July 2025

And signed on its behalf by

 Mr M D Brindley – Trustee

The James Brindley Foundation Ltd**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 October 2024**

1 STATUTORY INFORMATION

The James Brindley Foundation Ltd is a charitable company, limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales. The company's and charity's registered numbers and registered office address can be found on the Company information page 1.

The presentation currency of the financial statements is the Pound Sterling (£).

2 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) – Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Incoming resources

Incoming resources have been included in the financial statements on the following bases:

Grants are recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measure with sufficient reliability.

Charitable activities – income from charitable activities is included in the financial statements in the period in which the goods or services are provided resulting in the charitable company obtaining the right to consideration.

Other income – all other income is included in the financial statements when the amount and entitlement to the income can be measure with reasonable certainty.

Resources expended

Resources expended have been included in the financial statements when an obligation to transfer value to a third party has been entered into. Unless there is an earlier legal obligation, donations and grants are included on the date of payment.

Resources expended have been allocated in the Statement of Financial Activities as follows:-

- Charitable activities – all expenditure directly and indirectly associated with meeting the objectives of the charitable company.
- Governance costs – all expenditure relating directly and indirectly to the general running of the charitable company.

Pensions

The charity acts as an agent in collecting and paying over employee pension contributions. The contributions made for the accounting period are treated as an expense.

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3 INCOME FROM GRANTS

	Total 2024	Total 2023
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Unrestricted funds	88,445	33,290
	<u>88,445</u>	<u>33,290</u>

4 INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Total 2024	Total 2023
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Unrestricted funds	47,075	53,542
	<u>47,075</u>	<u>53,542</u>

5 EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Wages & Salaries 2024	Travel Costs 2024	Insurance 2024
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Main Governance – Unrestricted funds	59,259	5,684	481
Total allocated to direct charitable expenditure	<u>59,259</u>	<u>5,684</u>	<u>481</u>
	Sponsorship & Advertising 2024	Office Costs 2024	Fundraising Costs 2024
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Main Governance – Unrestricted funds	948	17,237	7,703
Total allocated to direct charitable expenditure	<u>948</u>	<u>17,237</u>	<u>7,703</u>

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	Depreciation	Total
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2024</u>
	£	£
Main Governance – Unrestricted funds	912	92,224
Total allocated to direct charitable expenditure	<u>912</u>	<u>92,224</u>

6 GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Accountancy & book-keeping	2,536	3,933
Legal & Professional fees	2,115	5,645
Total charitable expenditure	<u>4,651</u>	<u>9,578</u>

7 STAFF NUMBER AND COSTS

The average number of employees during the year were as follows:-

	2024 £	2023 £
Administration	2	2
	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:-

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages & Salaries	57,851	34,793
Pension Costs	1,408	718
	<u>59,259</u>	<u>35,511</u>

No trustee received any employments from the charitable company (2023 - £NIL)

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8 MOVEMENT IN TOTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Movement in total funds for the year is stated after charging/(crediting):		

Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	912	-
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Net movement in funds	<u>38,645</u>	<u>14,217</u>
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9 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant and Machinery	Fixtures and Fittings	Computer equipment	Total
Cost				2024
Additions	212	1,444	1,998	3,654
As at 31 October 2024	<u>212</u>	<u>1,444</u>	<u>1,998</u>	<u>3,654</u>
Depreciation				
Charge for the year	53	361	498	912
As at 31 October 2024	<u>53</u>	<u>361</u>	<u>498</u>	<u>912</u>
Net Book Value				
As at 31 October 2024	159	1,083	1,500	2,742
As at 31 October 2023	-	-	-	-

10 STOCKS

	2024 £	2023 £
Finished goods	<u>6,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>

11 DEBTORS

	2024 £	2023 £
Other	<u>4,685</u>	<u>2,872</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements
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12 CASH AT BANK

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
Current accounts	<u>72,351</u>	<u>34,109</u>

13 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
Trade Creditors	422	1,338
Taxation & social security	5,217	2,424
Other creditors & accruals	3,497	1,462
Pension Contributions	480	150
	<u>9,616</u>	<u>5,374</u>

14 TAXATION

No taxation is payable for the current financial year as all surpluses arise from activities furthering the charitable objects of the charitable company and are utilised for charitable purpose, therefore leading to exemption from taxation.

15 CONSTITUTION

The charitable company is limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital.

16 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Balance at 31 October 2023	27,617	9,900	37,517
Net surplus for the year	<u>12,587</u>	<u>26,058</u>	<u>38,645</u>
Balance at 31 October 2024	<u>40,204</u>	<u>35,958</u>	<u>76,162</u>

17 PENSIONS

The employers' contributions made to The Peoples' Pension in the year were £1,408 (2023 £718) with an employers' contribution rate of 3% of pensionable pay and an employee's contribution of 5% of pensionable pay.