

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025
FOR
LEEDS OLDER PEOPLE'S FORUM**

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

The trustees 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 and aims

The objects of the CIO are:

- The relief of older people in the Metropolitan District of Leeds (the area of benefit) and in particular the relief of poverty and the promotion of good health of older people, primarily, but not exclusively, by associating voluntary, statutory and other agencies and individuals in a support network.
- The advancement of the education of older people in the area of benefit in particular in relation to financial, health, housing, social and welfare entitlements.
- The advancement of the education of the public, and promotion of research concerning the needs of older people in relation to the provision of community care, and the publication of the usual results of such research.
- The promotion of the benefit of older people in the area of benefit without distinction of sex or political, religious or other opinion, by associating the statutory authorities, voluntary organisations and individuals in a common effort to provide educational, cultural, social welfare, recreational and leisure-time facilities, with the object of improving the conditions of life for older people.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Friendly Communities

Leeds Older People's Forum (LOPF) are one of the partners of Age Friendly Leeds with Leeds City Council. Each partner has developed clear roles. The LOPF role has been developed based on our strong community connections, our ability to engage with and capture the voices of older people of Leeds and our relationship with community organisations.

This work was funded by Leeds City Council and Zurich Foundation.

Through our Friendly Communities Project we have delivered:

An Age Friendly Steering Group - This group meets on a monthly basis and consists of approximately 15 older people who are consulted on age friendly matters and who help to shape services for older people and help ensure the public realm is age friendly. The group have consulted on the redesign of the Leeds Train Station. The group have also:

- presented Flash Updates of the group's activities and plans to the quarterly meetings of the Age Friendly Board;
- supported Friendly Communities at Dementia and Equalities events;
- worked intergenerationally with the Preservative Party at Leeds City Museum;
- liaised with Highways and Transportation, and Taxis;
 - Supported the production of the Leeds City Centre Access Map;
- advised on and attended Light Night Leeds;
- Saw the results of their consultation on the 'Manage My Meds Toolkit' with a hard copy produced
- Visited Hamara Healthy Living Centre to forge links and develop a satellite group.

Age Friendly Ambassadors - we have 393 Ambassadors signed up to the scheme. People do something 'age friendly' within their local community or their workplace.

Age and Dementia Friendly Businesses: The Friendly Communities have created a resource pack for local businesses and organisations to become age and dementia friendly. There are 246 businesses signed up to this scheme, including Leeds Central Library, Museums and Galleries; law firms, GP practices; Grand Theatre, City Varieties; Leeds Jewish Housing Association, Tropical World; Morrisons Wetherby; Leeds Green Party and Leeds United Football Club.

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Dementia Friendly Leeds - this is a campaign to raise awareness of dementia and make services more accessible. The aim is to ensure people who are living with dementia - along with their carers - remain an active part of the city and keep doing the things they enjoy. Our Friendly Communities team have created a listing of social opportunities for people living with dementia that is available on-line and kept up to date. We also share facilitation of the DEEP Group (Dementia Engagement and Empowerments Project) network. The group presented to WYCA's Dementia Ready Housing Taskforce on their experiences and recommendations on dementia friendly housing. They met with the Alzheimer's Society to discuss their new strategy.

Dementia Friends - The Friendly Communities team made 349 Dementia Friends this financial year.

Wise Up to Ageism - training was delivered to 15 organisations last year.

Come in and Rest - we had 291 places signed up to our Come in and Rest scheme.

International Day of Older People - we held a very successful International Day of Older People Event that was opened by the Lord Mayor of Leeds and hosted by Matt Jameson from Out Together. The theme was the contributions of older people. We had over 50 stalls showcasing age friendly work. The stalls also had representation from older workers, volunteers or members of their organisations. There were six performances from older people including dance, burlesque and music. Five talks led by older people including a very popular session by Annie Cochrane on working at 90 at Leeds United. A key aim was that the event attracted an older audience and we can say that 65% of attendees were over the age of 50! The event was covered by BBC Radio Leeds, Chapel FM and The Centre for Ageing Better.

Third Sector Support and Development

Leeds Older People's Forum is the infrastructure organisation in Leeds for third sector organisations and community groups working with older people. We aim to support these groups in a number of ways - through peer learning and good practice mentoring; development and support opportunities and grant making:

Good Practice Mentor and Peer Learning:

- Learning from our National Lottery funded, Time to Shine Programme has been documented in an easy-read catalogue of the documents and products to be more accessible to the sector.
- 44 training sessions have been run looking at loneliness, social isolation, ageism and other topics of learning from the work of Time to Shine.

Development and support opportunities:

- **Leeds Neighbourhood Networks:** Our partnership with Older People's Commissioning continued through ongoing funding of the Third Sector Development Manager role. This enabled us to continue our work with the Leeds Neighbourhood Networks. Quarterly meetings with LNN's continued in partnership with Leeds City Council. We worked with LNN's across a range of projects including UKSPF funding to promote digital inclusion, Enhance and peer learning.

- **Creativity in Ageing:** Creative Healthy Ageing is a partnership between Leeds Older People's Forum and community organisations, including The Performance Ensemble, funded by Leeds City Council Public Health. Testing out different ways of delivering Public Health's 'healthy ageing' messages, it's based on a 'test, learn, develop' ethos. A Creative Healthy Ageing toolkit was published in June 2024 to support organisations in their work with people 55 and over. In the first year 25 creative sessions were delivered, 212 attended sessions and over 45% were 80 and older. Partners and attendees reported that focusing on creative activities fosters trust and leads to new friendships, as well as boosting mood and improving self-confidence. Attendees and partners noticed increased sense of confidence and overall improvements to health and wellbeing from increased physical exercise to eating better and improved mood.

- **Transport - Travel Connections:** LOPF secured funding from the Motability Foundation to work in three areas: age and dementia friendly taxis, travel confidence and strategic influence. This work started in April 2024. Travel Connections brings together third-sector delivery partners, older people, disabled people and other stakeholders in Leeds to focus on 3 transport themes.

Travel with Confidence: Five third sector delivery partners are funded to enable older people and disabled people to increase their confidence in travelling independently; providing travel trainer / buddy for up to 12 weeks to support independent travel.

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Age & Dementia Friendly Taxis: LOPF has delivered Age & Dementia Awareness Training to the hackney taxi firm CityCabs. CityCabs also signed up to become an age and dementia friendly business and pledged as a business ambition to support Leeds to be the best city to grow old in.

Lets Talk Transport: LOPF provides different approaches to how we engage, share and represent the voices of older adults and people with disabilities around Transport related topics.

We conduct facilitated consultation sessions both formal and informal with people that often find it difficult to have the opportunity to share their insights and experiences of our city's transport system.

We have successfully built relationships with strategic organisations to provide our knowledge and experience to help influence future transport development with WYCA and Leeds City Council.

- **Enhance:** LOPF secured funding for a third year of the Enhance programme from Leeds Community Healthcare, retaining the same 13 third sector delivery partners who were involved in year two. The aim of the programme is to support people through a safe and sustainable discharge from hospital and Neighbourhood Teams into a secure home environment. The programme links third sector delivery partners with Neighbourhood Teams to avoid delayed discharges and readmissions for individuals, and to enhance capacity throughout the system.

In its third year the Enhance programme received 1,013 referrals, taking the total number of referrals received to date to 2,599. In year three 935 individual people were supported, taking the total number of people supported to date to 2,427.

An independent evaluation led by Professor Anne-Marie Bagnall at Leeds Beckett University was commissioned in year three. Its purpose was to focus on Enhance's value for money and return on investment so that this data could inform the business case to LCH for continued funding. The report also incorporated data from quantitative and qualitative evaluations conducted in the two previous years, and an LCH staff survey.

Key findings included:

- Enhance had a 39% to 49% positive Return on Investment for the wider health system
- 85% of participants live with frailty (29% severe)
- 40% live in IMD 1&2 areas
- 82% (n=33) LCH referrers said Enhance saved time for LCH staff
- In the executive summary the report stated "Therefore, Enhance, even at the most conservative estimate of cost vs benefit, represents a good return on investment and good value for money."

The business case was presented to LCH in November 2024 and funding for year four was secured, based on a reduced number of delivery partners working with fewer Neighbourhood Teams and a revised delivery model. The remainder of the year was spent winding down Enhance provision in eight areas of Leeds and designing the new model - focused on increasing attendance at community-based LCH health hubs and integrated clinics - in five areas in preparation for year four.

- **Men's Health Unlocked:** Men's Health Unlocked is the Leeds-based network for any individual, project or organisation supporting men's health and wellbeing in Leeds.

LOPF co-ordinates the project and has three delivery partners operating across the city, each employing an outreach worker to link men to the network members and strategy, and vice versa. They began delivering for MHU between April and June 2024.

Our links with communities, alongside our relationships with members of the network including academics, the Third Sector, private business and statutory bodies, enable us to authoritatively represent men's health at a strategic level.

In the last year we have:

- Collaborated with 117 organisations (cumulative) including via outreach events, newsletters, a gambling awareness community-based project, and a women's safety project. This created a conduit for engaging over 200 men.
- Directly engaged 722 men about their health and wellbeing via our outreach strands.
- Directly engaged 161 organisations (cumulative), of whom 61 were supported with policy or best practice.
- Partnered with the LCC Lead Member for Men's Health and the LCC Health and Wellbeing Lead to develop a joint submission to the Men's Health Strategy Call for Evidence.
- Joined by invitation a 30-strong national partnership led by Movember to support the development of the Strategy
- Recruited 55 small businesses as "Manbassadors", who share health care messages with their regular customers via our co-produced "zine".
- Delivered three editions of this zine ("made by men, for men") across the city, with a circulation of 5,500.

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- Led the successful request to change LCC's domestic abuse forum's Terms of Reference so that men had equal status with women.

- **Strategic representation:** LOPF represents the third sector at a strategic level in Leeds, with representation on the Frailty Population Health Board, which is part of the Leeds Office of the Integrated Care Board as well as the Strategic Estates Board. We also have represented our members at the Proactive Care Programme Steering Group; the Prevention Diagnostic Steering Group; Third Sector Leaders Group; Third Sector Partnership; West Yorkshire Dementia Ready Housing Task Force; Leeds Carer Partnership; Leeds Community Healthcare Third Sector Strategy Group and the CST -mCST group (Cognitive Stimulation Therapy / maintaining Cognitive Stimulation Therapy). This forms part of our work with Volition on the Forum Central partnership.

Grant making:

LOPF supported the third sector and older people by having a number of grant programmes as follows:

- **The Household Support Fund** was launched via our Forum Central Partnership with Volition. LOPF led on the development and oversight of this project which aimed to allocate £623,000 to third sector organisations to support those struggling with fuel and food costs over the winter period. We allocated funds to 99 community groups who awarded funding or support to 9,799 households. 1,605 of these awards were made to households including pensioners.

- **International Day of Older People:** with funding from Leeds City Council and LOPF, we funded 13 organisations to celebrate International Day of Older People, with the theme of 'Celebrating Resilient Women'.

Hey Neighbour:

- Leeds City Council (LCC) commissioned us, using funding from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, to run Hey Neighbour for a third successive year. The project distributes grants to projects that bring people together for the common good. It uses a process that meets the needs of the project, rather than the other way around.

- Hey Neighbour distributed £38,070 worth of grants to 40 organisations across several areas of the city including Drighlington, Morley, Harehills, Seacroft, Hyde Park, Pudsey and Armley.

- 2,968 Leeds residents benefited from the grant.

- The Celebration Event was attended by several of the funded projects.

- The Deputy Lord Lieutenant of West Yorkshire, Sue Barker, commended the project for its flexibility to respond to not only the diverse communities of Leeds but also to the "unique yet collective situations in which people can find themselves."

Membership:

LOPF has 99 members. All our members are invited quarterly to the Age Friendly Partnership, which we manage in collaboration with the City Council's Public Health team. They are also invited to the quarterly Third Sector Health and Care Leaders Network which LOPF organises in collaboration with Volition as part of our Forum Central partnership. The Network keeps members updated on the developments in the Health and Care system.

Equalities Hub for Older People: Tackling Ageism in Leeds

Leeds Older People's Forum (LOPF) has hosted four meetings for older people to meet with City leaders on topics that are important to older people. These topics were identified by asking older people themselves..

Conversations were lively particularly when it comes to making our streets and public space accessible. We were delighted to welcome Care and Repair Leeds to talk about home adaptations and Green Doctor to talk about preparing your home for winter. Leeds City Council were super helpful discussing finances for care.

We're looking forward to next year's sessions on housing and age friendly hospitals - both topics important to older people.

Campaigning:

- **Manifesto for Change** - LOPF produced a Manifesto for Change to amplify the needs and concerns of older people in Leeds and to influence politicians and policy-makers, in the run-up to the general election of 2024 and beyond. Our Manifesto for Change was sent to all candidates for election in Leeds, in collaboration with Age UK Leeds and the national Age UK calls for change.

- **Pensioner Poverty Inquiry** - LOPF submitted written evidence from Age Friendly Leeds to the cross-party Work and Pensions Committee on Pensioner Poverty Inquiry. This resulted in our CEO and Leeds City Council's Financial Inclusion Manager being invited to give oral evidence to the Inquiry.

People's History of Leeds

LOPF secured funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund to tell the stories of the city through the voices of its older citizens. Through sharing the testimonies of ordinary and extraordinary people we tell an alternative history of the city and a more personal story. A team of older and younger writers are working together to uncover stories, including traders from Kirkgate Market; Leeds is the 'birthplace of Goth'; the first 'Reclaim the Night' protest; and the 1975 European Cup Final.

Building Research Capacity

LOPF secured funding from Dunhill Medical Trust (now Vivensa Foundation) to build our capacity to participate in research with academic colleagues. We used the funding to interview 21 academics and hold a focus group with academics from the 'Reimagining Ageing Network'. These interviews provided evidence of the types of support academics need from smaller community organisations and older people themselves. We then held four workshops with older people to understand how they want to be involved in research and what areas of research they're interested in. We are developing our website to promote our offer to academics. Since doing this work we have secured funding from the NIHR to work with the Centre for Community Rehabilitation.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The net deficit for the year was £177,961 (2024: surplus £142,475), including a net surplus of £98,220 (2024: £68,137) on unrestricted funds and net deficit of £276,181 (2024: surplus £83,577) on restricted funds. As at the year end the charity's funds amounted to £541,686 (2024: £719,647).

Investment policy and objectives

The Trustees have considered the most appropriate policy for the investment of funds and have decided that any funds that are held for immediate cash flow needs are held in cash or short term deposits. Any remaining funds can be held as a medium term investment.

Reserves policy

The charity takes a risk based approach in setting the level of reserves. A minimum level (lower band) and maximum level (upper band) of reserves is set and reserves are maintained between the lower and upper band limits. This ensures that the charity holds enough reserves for an orderly winding up if faced with unexpected closure, whilst also ensuring the charity does not maintain unnecessary high surplus reserves.

The lower band level is set with reference to funds needed in order to conduct an orderly winding up of the Charity in the face of unexpected closure. This has been set at 6 months of operating costs plus redundancy and other known committed expenditure and equates to £90,000.

The upper level includes an allowance for any additional or designated items - specifically £62,500 contingency for unexpected cash flow considerations and £112,000 allocated for 1 year to maintain Leeds Older People's Forum activities running if replacement funding is needed. The upper band level has therefore been set at £264,959.

Actual free reserves as at the year end were £320,083, which is above the upper limit. The Trustees continually monitor the level of reserves, having regard to anticipated future funding and projects, and expect the Charity to return to target levels over the course of the new financial year.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

Leeds Older People's Forum (LOPF) is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) (number 1191030). Its governing document is an Association Constitution.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Organisational structure

The charity trustees shall manage the affairs of the CIO and may for that purpose exercise all the powers of the CIO. There must be at least six charity trustees. If the number falls below this minimum, the remaining trustee or trustees may act only to call a meeting of the charity trustees, or appoint a new charity trustee. The maximum number of charity trustees is 20. The charity trustees may not appoint any charity trustee if as a result the number of charity trustees would exceed the maximum. A minimum of 75% of the charity trustees must be older people. For the purpose of this Constitution, an older person is defined as a person aged 60 years of age and over.

At every annual general meeting of the members of the CIO, one-third of the charity trustees shall retire from office. If the number of charity trustees is not three or a multiple of three, then the number nearest to one-third shall retire from office. The charity trustees to retire by rotation shall be those who have been longest in office since their last appointment or reappointment. If any trustees were last appointed or reappointed on the same day those to retire shall (unless they otherwise agree among themselves) be determined by lot. At the first meeting of the trustees following the AGM the charity trustees shall elect a Chair, two Vice Chairs and a Treasurer from amongst their number.

LOPF's Board of Trustees meets on a bi-monthly basis, with additional monthly meetings of the LOPF Officers of the board.

The board of trustees together with the CEO and senior management team are considered to be the key management personnel of the Charity.

Key management remuneration

The charity's finance sub committee convenes annually as the remuneration committee in order to review salary bandings and scale points of all employees (including key management personnel). The charity's pay scales align with the pay scales of the National Joint Council for Local Government Services, and any salary increases are in line with those negotiated by the National Joint Council for Local Government Services. The remuneration committee also undertakes benchmarking comparisons using an external benchmarking company with local government experience, to review all job roles against job descriptions and compare with similar roles across the 3rd sector to ensure pay is fair and reflective of the duties carried out by employees.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that 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 charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 24th September 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

R J Harington - Trustee

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF LEEDS OLDER PEOPLE'S FORUM

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Leeds Older People's Forum (the 'charity') for the year ended 31st March 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31st March 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF LEEDS OLDER PEOPLE'S FORUM

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditors under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- We identified the laws and regulations applicable to the charity through discussions with management, and from our commercial knowledge and experience of the sector.
- We focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the accounts of the operations of the Charity, including the Charities Act 2011.
- We assessed the extent of compliance with laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence.
- Identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- Making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud.
- Considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- Performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships.
- Identified and tested journal entries and identified any significant transactions that were unusual or outside the normal course of business.
- Investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.
- Challenged assumptions and judgements made by management in determining significant accounting estimates.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed audit procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- Agreeing financial statements disclosures to underlying supporting documentation.
- Discussions with management of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- Reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.
- Reviewing available correspondence with HMRC, relevant regulators including the Charities Commission and the charity's legal advisors

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

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Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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

		Unrestricted fund £	Designated fund £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
	Notes					
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM						
Donations and legacies	2	500	-	-	500	353
Charitable activities	5					
Charitable activities		277,132	-	1,992,965	2,270,097	2,646,038
Other trading activities	3	551	-	-	551	1,297
Investment income	4	31,942	-	-	31,942	13,772
Other income		425	-	-	425	-
Total		310,550	-	1,992,965	2,303,515	2,661,460
EXPENDITURE ON						
Charitable activities	6					
Charitable activities		212,330	-	2,269,146	2,481,476	2,509,746
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		98,220	-	(276,181)	(177,961)	151,714
Transfers between funds	16	(11,211)	11,211	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		87,009	11,211	(276,181)	(177,961)	151,714
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS						
Total funds brought forward		233,074	32,249	454,324	719,647	567,933
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		320,083	43,460	178,143	541,686	719,647

The notes form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET
31ST MARCH 2025

		Unrestricted fund £	Designated fund £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
	Notes					
FIXED ASSETS						
Investments	13	-	-	-	-	10
CURRENT ASSETS						
Debtors	14	34,770	-	-	34,770	64,421
Cash at bank		<u>476,116</u>	<u>43,460</u>	<u>178,143</u>	<u>697,719</u>	<u>686,134</u>
		510,886	43,460	178,143	732,489	750,555
CREDITORS						
Amounts falling due within one year	15	(190,803)	-	-	(190,803)	(30,918)
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>320,083</u>	<u>43,460</u>	<u>178,143</u>	<u>541,686</u>	<u>719,637</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>320,083</u>	<u>43,460</u>	<u>178,143</u>	<u>541,686</u>	<u>719,647</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>320,083</u>	<u>43,460</u>	<u>178,143</u>	<u>541,686</u>	<u>719,647</u>
FUNDS	16					
Unrestricted funds					363,543	265,323
Restricted funds					<u>178,143</u>	<u>454,324</u>
TOTAL FUNDS					<u>541,686</u>	<u>719,647</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 24th September 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

R J Harington - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

LEEDS OLDER PEOPLE'S FORUM

**CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	<u>(20,357)</u>	<u>118,436</u>
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities		<u>(20,357)</u>	<u>118,436</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest received		<u>31,942</u>	<u>13,772</u>
Net cash provided by investing activities		<u>31,942</u>	<u>13,772</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		<u>11,585</u>	<u>132,208</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		<u>686,134</u>	<u>553,926</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u>697,719</u>	<u>686,134</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Net (expenditure)/income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	(177,961)	151,714
Adjustments for:		
Interest received	(31,942)	(13,772)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	29,651	(3,982)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	159,895	(15,524)
Net cash (used in)/provided by operations	<u>(20,357)</u>	<u>118,436</u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1/4/24	Cash flow	At 31/3/25
	£	£	£
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>686,134</u>	<u>11,585</u>	<u>697,719</u>
	<u>686,134</u>	<u>11,585</u>	<u>697,719</u>
Total	<u>686,134</u>	<u>11,585</u>	<u>697,719</u>

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

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, 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 Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value.

Preparation of consolidated financial statements

The financial statements contain information about Leeds Older Peoples Forum as an individual charity and do not contain consolidated financial information as the parent of a group. The charity is exempt under Section 402 of the Companies Act 2006 from the requirements to prepare consolidated financial statements as its subsidiary undertaking, Shine Leeds Ltd, has ceased activity and is dormant and is not material to the Charities financial statements.

Going concern

The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorizing these financial statements, having prepared detailed income and expenditure forecasts and having reviewed actual activity since the year end, and consider that the charity will have sufficient funds to meet its obligations as and when they fall due.. Accordingly the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. .

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.

Grants and donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Where grants are related to performance and specific deliverables, they are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

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.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from 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.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Financial instruments

The company only enters into transactions in 'basic' financial instruments which result in the recognition of assets and liabilities; these include trade and other debtors and creditors, bank balances, loans from banks and other third parties, and loans to related parties. These are recognised in the company's balance sheet when it becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial assets (other than those classified as payable within one year) are initially measured at cost and are subsequently carried at cost or amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses. Basic financial assets classed as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities (other than those classified as payable within one year) are initially measured at present value of future cash flows and subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Basic financial liabilities classed as payable within one year are not amortised.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amount reported in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Gifts	<u>500</u>	<u>353</u>

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Fundraising events	<u>551</u>	<u>1,297</u>

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2025	2024
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>31,942</u>	<u>13,772</u>

5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2025	2024
	Charitable activities	Total activities
	£	£
Grants	2,024,275	2,383,682
Contracts	<u>245,822</u>	<u>262,356</u>
	<u>2,270,097</u>	<u>2,646,038</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES - continued

Grants received included in the above are as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Enhance	834,288	898,000
National Lottery - Men's Health	197,168	158,806
LCC Household Support Fund	650,000	650,000
Age and Dementia Friendly Programme	86,600	87,517
Third Sector Support	83,276	77,126
Digital Inclusion and Online safety	57,586	113,433
Transport Connections	-	296,591
Other Health related awards	21,450	55,000
Good Practice Mentoring awards	47,470	45,209
Other	46,437	18,600
	2,024,275	2,400,282

Grants received are grouped according to the category of activity to which they relate.

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs (see note 7) £	Grant funding of activities (see note 8) £	Support costs (see note 9) £	Totals £
Charitable activities	735,423	1,737,432	8,621	2,481,476

7. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Staff costs	552,964	516,494
Rates and water	11,273	12,395
Insurance	3,231	3,393
Telephone	2,109	2,303
Room hire	3,390	2,675
Travel	3,938	4,100
Office and admin costs	16,805	16,073
Training	6,649	4,814
Refreshments	1,045	1,405
Other expenses	12,405	3,394
Freelance workers and consultants	102,844	51,245
IT costs	12,577	7,593
Direct project delivery costs	6,193	25,968
Website	-	375
	735,423	652,227

The direct costs are allocated to activities on a basis consistent with their use.

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

8. GRANTS PAYABLE

	2025	2024
	£	£
Charitable activities	<u>1,737,432</u>	<u>1,849,240</u>

The total grants payable to institutions during the year was:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Enhance	805,000	847,515
Men's Health	126,719	116,088
Household Support Fund	623,466	645,985
Third sector support	38,070	51,496
Digital Inclusion and online safety	-	30,500
Transport Connections	97,942	21,607
Other Health related	28,000	128,749
Other	18,235	7,300
	<u>1,737,432</u>	<u>1,849,240</u>

Enhance - grants to organisations to support older people in receipt of community healthcare and/or with health problems to avoid admission, or readmission, to hospital.

Mens Health - grants to organisations to support men in ways which would improve their health.

Household Support Fund - grants to organisations to support people experiencing hardship, as a result of the cost of living increases, with food and fuel.

Third Sector Support - grants to support the development of Third sector support networks and their service provision.

Digital Inclusion and online safety - grants to organisations to support media literacy skills and enhance protection from online disinformation.

Transport Connections - grants to organisations to support older people to access and use a variety of transport methods and thereby reduce isolation and loneliness

Other health related - grants to organizations to support a range of health issues including Covid programmes, general health inequality amongst older people and well being programmes

Other - awards to organizations providing services in line with the charities overall objectives of assisting older people

9. SUPPORT COSTS

	Governance costs
	£
Charitable activities	<u>8,621</u>

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

9. SUPPORT COSTS - continued

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

	2025	2024
	Charitable activities	Total activities
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	<u>8,621</u>	<u>8,279</u>

10. 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.

11. STAFF COSTS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	487,712	454,537
Social security costs	44,257	41,872
Other pension costs	<u>20,995</u>	<u>20,085</u>
	<u>552,964</u>	<u>516,494</u>

The charity considers its key management personnel (in addition to the board of trustees) to be the CEO, programme managers and the third sector development manager. The total remuneration (including employer social security and pension contributions) of the key management personnel was £194,145 (2023: £193,652).

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

	2025	2024
	<u>16</u>	<u>15</u>
Office and service staff		

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

The average full time equivalent for the average number of employees is 11 (2024:11).

12. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund	Designated fund	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM				
Donations and legacies	353	-	-	353
Charitable activities				
Charitable activities	262,356	-	2,383,682	2,646,038
Other trading activities	1,297	-	-	1,297
Investment income	<u>13,772</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,772</u>
Total	<u>277,778</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,383,682</u>	<u>2,661,460</u>

EXPENDITURE ON

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

12. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted fund £	Designated fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Charitable activities				
Charitable activities	209,641	-	2,300,105	2,509,746
NET INCOME	68,137	-	83,577	151,714
Transfers between funds	(8,240)	8,240	-	-
Net movement in funds	59,897	8,240	83,577	151,714
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward	173,177	24,009	370,747	567,933
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>233,074</u>	<u>32,249</u>	<u>454,324</u>	<u>719,647</u>

13. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Shares in group undertakings £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1st April 2024	10
Impairments	(10)
At 31st March 2025	-
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31st March 2025	-
At 31st March 2024	10

There were no investment assets outside the UK. The wholly owned subsidiary, Shine (Leeds) Ltd ceased activity at 31st March 2024 and accordingly has been written off in the accounts.

14. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	31,319	52,975
Other debtors	-	10,011
Prepayments and accrued income	3,451	1,435
	<u>34,770</u>	<u>64,421</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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15. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	33,477	10,754
Taxation and social security	22,359	310
Other creditors	134,967	19,854
	<u>190,803</u>	<u>30,918</u>

16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/24 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/3/25 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	233,074	98,220	(11,211)	320,083
Designated funds - redundancy	<u>32,249</u>	-	<u>11,211</u>	<u>43,460</u>
	265,323	98,220	-	363,543
Restricted funds				
Enhance	62,891	(62,446)	-	445
National Lottery - Men's Health	88,197	17,344	-	105,541
LCC Household Support Fund	1,130	(493)	-	637
Age and Dementia Friendly Programme	38,572	(12,190)	-	26,382
Third sector support	7,310	(1,724)	-	5,586
Transport Connections	249,316	(244,282)	-	5,034
Other health related awards	771	20,679	-	21,450
Good Practice Mentoring	2,726	2,571	-	5,297
Other	<u>3,411</u>	<u>4,360</u>	-	<u>7,771</u>
	454,324	(276,181)	-	178,143
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>719,647</u>	<u>(177,961)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>541,686</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	310,550	(212,330)	98,220
Restricted funds			
Enhance	801,532	(863,978)	(62,446)
National Lottery - Men's Health	197,839	(180,495)	17,344
LCC Household Support Fund	650,000	(650,493)	(493)
Age and Dementia Friendly Programme	86,750	(98,940)	(12,190)
Third sector support	83,276	(85,000)	(1,724)
Digital inclusion and online safety	57,586	(57,586)	-
Transport Connections	-	(244,282)	(244,282)
Other health related awards	21,450	(771)	20,679
Good Practice Mentoring	47,594	(45,023)	2,571
Other	<u>46,938</u>	<u>(42,578)</u>	<u>4,360</u>
	1,992,965	(2,269,146)	(276,181)
TOTAL FUNDS	2,303,515	(2,481,476)	(177,961)

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1/4/23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/3/24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	173,177	68,137	(8,240)	233,074
Designated funds - redundancy	<u>24,009</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,240</u>	<u>32,249</u>
	197,186	68,137	-	265,323
Restricted funds				
Enhance	27,406	35,485	-	62,891
National Lottery - Men's Health	85,965	2,232	-	88,197
LCC Household Support Fund	25,674	(24,544)	-	1,130
Age and Dementia Friendly Programme	37,995	577	-	38,572
Third sector support	27,479	(20,169)	-	7,310
Digital inclusion and online safety	24	(24)	-	-
Transport Connections	61,612	187,704	-	249,316
Other health related awards	100,730	(100,730)	-	-
Good Practice Mentoring	-	2,726	-	2,726
Other	<u>3,862</u>	<u>320</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,182</u>
	<u>370,747</u>	<u>83,577</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>454,324</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>567,933</u>	<u>151,714</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>719,647</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	277,778	(209,641)	68,137
Restricted funds			
Enhance	898,000	(862,515)	35,485
National Lottery - Men's Health	158,806	(156,574)	2,232
LCC Household Support Fund	650,000	(674,544)	(24,544)
Age and Dementia Friendly Programme	85,617	(85,040)	577
Third sector support	73,276	(93,445)	(20,169)
Digital inclusion and online safety	113,433	(113,457)	(24)
Transport Connections	296,591	(108,887)	187,704
Other health related awards	45,000	(145,730)	(100,730)
Good Practice Mentoring	45,209	(42,483)	2,726
Other	<u>17,750</u>	<u>(17,430)</u>	<u>320</u>
	<u>2,383,682</u>	<u>(2,300,105)</u>	<u>83,577</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>2,661,460</u>	<u>(2,509,746)</u>	<u>151,714</u>

Designated redundancy fund - represents funds set aside to cover future anticipated redundancy costs on cessation of certain services.

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

16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Restricted funds represents grant and contract income received towards specific projects under the charities overall objectives. A separate record is maintained in respect of each of these for the purposes of managing the project and reporting to the provider as appropriate, but for overall disclosure purposes these have been grouped together in these financial statements as follows:

Enhance fund - to support safe and sustainable transfer of older people from health provision to a secure home environment

National Lottery Mens Health Fund - to develop a city-wide network that supports mens health

Household Support Fund - to support people struggling with the cost of living.

Age and Dementia Friendly programme fund - to deliver programmes focussing on dementia friendly practices that support older people

Third sector support - to support the development and service skills provision of local networks within Leeds

Digital Inclusion and online safety fund - to support media literacy skills and enhance protection from online disinformation.

Transport Connections fund - to support older people in using the transport networks and reduce isolation and loneliness.

Other Health Related awards fund - to help support programmes to enhance well being of older people

Good Practice Mentoring fund - to deliver mentor training sessions on loneliness, isolation and ageism.

Other funds - a range of funds towards specific projects within the overall objectives of the charity

17. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

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

18. TAXATION

The charitable incorporated organization is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities by virtue of section 505 of the income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

LEEDS OLDER PEOPLE'S FORUM

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

	2025 £	2024 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Gifts	500	353
Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	551	1,297
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	31,942	13,772
Charitable activities		
Grants	2,024,275	2,383,682
Contracts	<u>245,822</u>	<u>262,356</u>
	2,270,097	2,646,038
Other income		
Sundry income	<u>425</u>	<u>-</u>
Total incoming resources	2,303,515	2,661,460
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	487,712	454,537
Social security	44,257	41,872
Pensions	20,995	20,085
Rates and water	11,273	12,395
Insurance	3,231	3,393
Telephone	2,109	2,303
Room hire	3,390	2,675
Travel	3,938	4,100
Office and admin costs	16,805	16,073
Training	6,649	4,814
Refreshments	1,045	1,405
Other expenses	12,405	3,394
Freelance workers and consultants	102,844	51,245
IT costs	12,577	7,593
Direct project delivery costs	6,193	25,968
Website	-	375
Grants to institutions	<u>1,737,432</u>	<u>1,849,240</u>
	2,472,855	2,501,467
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Auditors' remuneration	<u>8,621</u>	<u>8,279</u>
Total resources expended	<u>2,481,476</u>	<u>2,509,746</u>
Net (expenditure)/income	<u>(177,961)</u>	<u>151,714</u>

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