



Springfield Domestic Abuse Support Annual Report



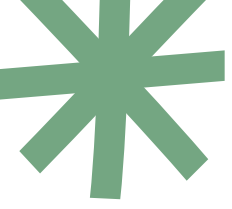
April 2024 - March 2025



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Values

Everything we do is built on our strong foundation of values and principles:

- Respect
- Trust
- Inclusion
- Empowerment
- Adaptable
- Impartial
- Creative



Survivors' voices are at the heart of everything we do; we are person centred, holistic, committed, non-judgemental, confidential and trauma informed in our approach.

Vision

Our vision is for all communities to be free from domestic abuse.

Mission

Our mission is to empower everybody to be safe from domestic abuse, supporting people in their recovery to rebuild their lives and preventing abuse by raising awareness and challenging stigma.



Our Trustees



Stephen Wilkinson
Chair of Trustees



Sue Tomlinson
Vice Chair of Trustees



Dr Liz Riley



Liz Slater



Our Team

Tori O'Callaghan CEO

Tori joined Springfield in September 2022, bringing over 18 years of experience supporting and empowering society's most vulnerable. With extensive experience in the VAWG sector, she has managed a wide range of domestic abuse services across Greater Manchester, including IDVA provision, community outreach, and refuges. Since joining Springfield, Tori has successfully guided the charity through significant growth and change.



Clare Feeney-Johnson Community Services Manager

Clare has been our Community Services manager, managing the Community Support Team based in Stricklandgate House, since 2022. Clare is Safelives IDVA manager trained, providing specialist support to victims and survivors of domestic abuse. The community team's work focuses on helping individuals understand their experiences, begin their recovery journeys, rebuild confidence, and establish healthy personal boundaries. Clare and her team support survivors to recover from trauma, be empowered to seek help and guidance when needed, and make informed choices in future relationships, including the use of Clare's Law. Their overall aim is to enable survivors to move forward with increased safety, resilience, and self-awareness.



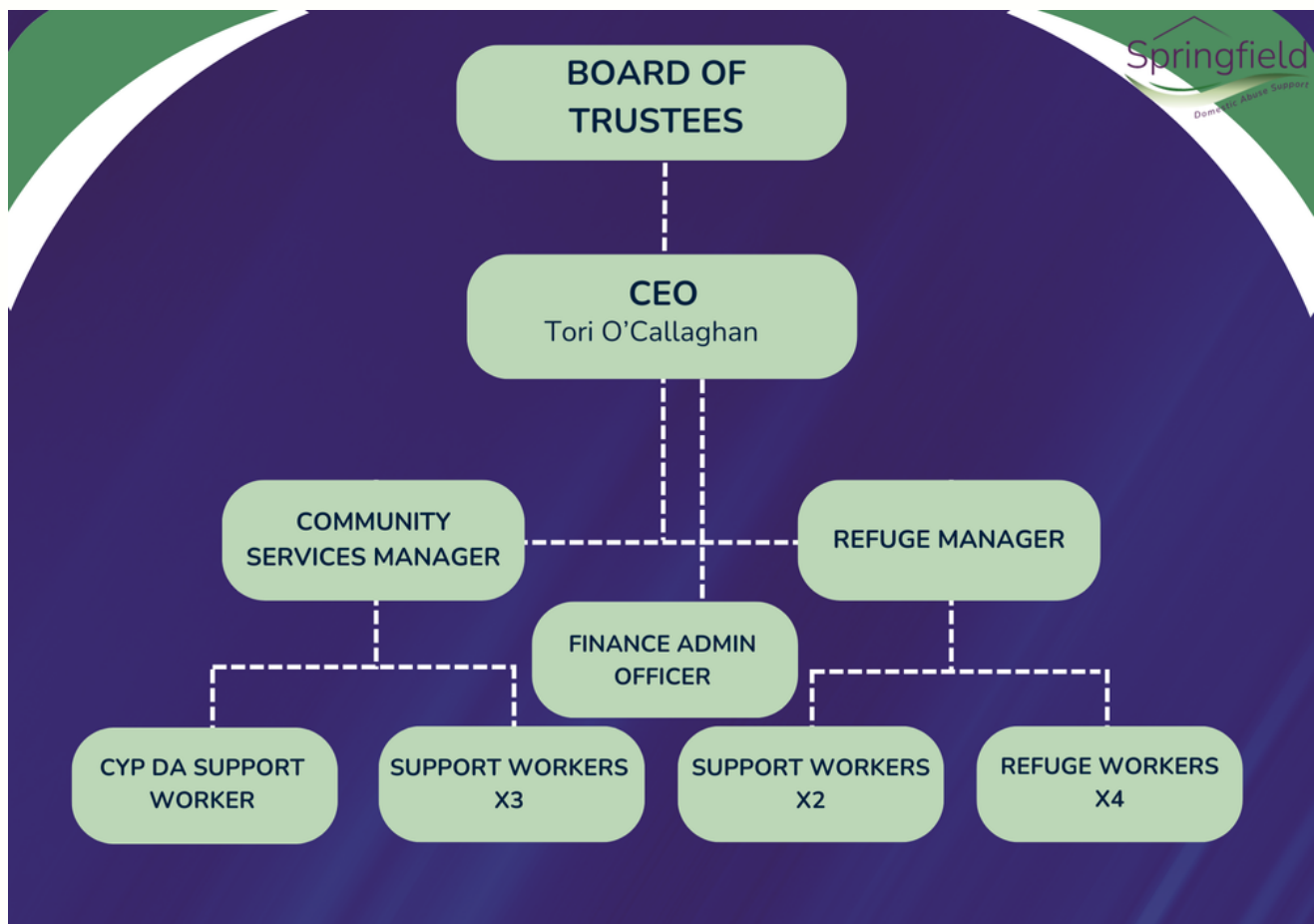
Kelly Jackson

Refuge Manager

Kelly is our Refuge Manager, who has been with Springfield for almost 4 years. Kelly is a trained IDVA and supports all the survivors at refuge with her empathy, experience and knowledge. Kelly is a wonderful addition to the Springfield team and is committed to the growth and development of the charity and invaluable service Springfield provides.



Organisational structure





Supporters, Funders & Donors

**Thanks go to the following individuals and
organisations for their financial support making delivery
of our service possible in 2024/2025**

Westmorland and Furness Council
Lloyds Bank Foundation
The Stephenson Trust
Lupton Tower Trust
John Slater Foundation
Kelly Family Trust
The Hadfield Trust
Cumbria Community Foundation
Cumberland Building Society
Garfield Weston Foundation
Sir John Fisher Foundation
The Albert Hunt Trust
Chairman's Fund
Lakeland Limited
Charles Hayward Foundation
Global, Make Some Noise
B&Q Foundation

Baywind Energy Community Trust
The Masonic Charitable Foundation
Dowager Countess Eleanor Peel
The Screwfix Foundation
Roselands Trust
Mothers Union
Kendal Town Council
All local WI groups
Kendal Lions
Kendal Rotary
Soar With Us
The Quakers
The Friends of Springfield
Numerous Individual Supporters



Christmas Party

Christmas 2024 we hosted an amazing children's party on 23rd December. Father Christmas arrived in his sleigh, Magic Mark entertained the children with his magic tricks and there was a doughnut stand giving away free hot sugary doughnuts!

We need to thank Kendal and District Lions, Kendal Town Council, Suzanne and Trevor and their wedding guests for their generous donations – all of whom helped us to give the families a lovely morning.



Coffee morning Kendal Unitarian Chapel

Friends of Springfield hosted a wonderful coffee morning at the Kendal Unitarian Chapel in March, raising vital funds and awareness for Springfield. We are forever grateful to the Friends of Springfield group.



International Womens Day



To celebrate International Women's day on 8th March, the Lakeland Wild Swimmers along with Springfield staff had a sunrise swim, raising over £200 for Springfield.



Self Defence Classes

Silpa and Libby from 'Soar With Us' delivered practical personal safety and self defence training to both clients and staff



Partners

Westmorland and Furness Council
Cumbria Constabulary
Community Mental Health team
Barnardo's
SLDC Homeless Team
Eden Housing
Social Prescribers
GP's
CADAS
Health Liaison Officers
Cumbria County Council - Adult and
Children's services
Women's Aid members
Mankind
South Lakes Housing
Tim Farron MP Constituency Office
Simon Fell MP Constituency Office
Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service
Lancashire and South Cumbria NHS
Foundation Trust
Barrow-in-Furness Housing team
Cumbria Alcohol and Drug Advisory
Service (CADAS)
Safenet Domestic Abuse Support
Cumbria Cruse
Sight Advice
Cumbria Deaf Association

Victim support
LGBT+ Carlisle
Dignity in Dementia
Station house surgery
Bridgeway SARC
Self harm Awareness For All (SAFA)
GAMCARE
Kendal Job Centre/The Foyer
Manna House
Kendal college
Town View Fields Hostel
All Churches Together
Birchall Trust
Manna House
Recovery steps
Early Help
The Well
Action for Children
Women's Community Matters
Gateway 4 Women
Women Out West
Freedom Project



Chair Of Trustees' Report

Stephen Wilkinson

The Financial Year April 2024 to March 2025 was one of continued growth in the activities of our now medium size Charity.

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Staff Development continues to be a major feature of our commitment to continual improvement, this is of a very specific focused and often accredited nature, but also by the informal shadowing and sharing of best practice among the team. Trustees see the development and welfare of our fantastic staff team as being fundamental to our success and we have made every effort to review and improve our conditions of service for our employees.

Trustees met on 5 occasions over the year and the Chair and Vice Chair met regularly with the Senior Staff Team. In addition, Staff and Trustees had a very productive Strategy Day facilitated by a consultant to help finalise our review of our Mission, Values, Aims and Objectives. As a result, we were able to publish our Strategic Plan for the next 5 years.

The Leadership Team and Trustees were ably supported by our expert accountant who also attended Trustee meetings and engaged in our decision-making process. We are grateful for her excellent support, advice and challenge.

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Stephen Wilkinson Chair of Trustees

Friends of Springfield Review



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All this has been made possible by the generosity of donations throughout the year by FoS which makes such a significant difference to the running of the Charity. The Trustees are extremely grateful for the FoS for all their support.

Sue Tomlinson - Vice Chair of Trustees



Financial Review



During the financial year of 2025 as noted above it was a year of growth and continuation of the charity work and delivery of services which was only possible due to the grants received and because of the continued hard work put in by our CEO, staff members and the trustees.

We are extremely grateful for all donations and support we have received from many local and national organisations as well as all the extra help provided by staff, volunteers and individuals.

Income for the year exceeded £500k which is an amazing achievement. Income was higher than the previous financial year, due to an increase in the housing benefit, helped by Samworth House starting to take clients and the refuge being at full capacity for the majority of the year.

The DASA contract with Westmorland and Furness Council also doubled compared to the previous year. Voluntary income was also higher which included a legacy and also some very generous donations from individuals and companies. Expenditure also increased compared to the previous financial year. This is predominantly due to staff salaries as staff numbers have increased, there were also some unforeseen refurbishment/maintenance costs at the refuge and inevitably an increase in staff and property overheads.

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Financial Statement



Springfield Domestic Abuse Support South Lakeland
Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

		Unrestricted fund		Restricted fund	Year ended 31.3.25 Total funds	Year ended 31.3.24 Total funds
	Notes	General £	Designated £	£	£	£
INCOME						
Incoming resources from						
Charitable activities						
Voluntary income	2	81,378	5,350	-	86,728	35,562
Trust and grant income	3	93,578	-	85,600	179,178	256,565
Other charitable income	4	236,433	-	-	236,433	152,530
Investment income		<u>3,122</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,122</u>	<u>4,982</u>
Total income and endowments		414,511	5,350	85,600	505,461	449,639
EXPENDITURE						
Charitable activities	5	287,604	1,275	69,439	358,318	307,000
Overheads	6	<u>114,940</u>	<u>456</u>	<u>47,239</u>	<u>162,635</u>	<u>151,957</u>
Total expenditure		402,544	1,731	116,678	520,953	458,957
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) FOR THE YEAR BEFORE TRANSFERS		11,967	3,619	(31,078)	(15,492)	(9,318)
Gross transfers between funds		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net income/(expenditure) for the year		11,967	3,619	(31,078)	(15,492)	(9,318)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS						
Total funds brought forward		358,819	6,055	51,672	416,546	425,864
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>370,786</u>	<u>9,674</u>	<u>20,594</u>	<u>401,054</u>	<u>416,546</u>

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Springfield Domestic Abuse Support South Lakeland (Registered Charity number: 1191650)

Balance Sheet

At 31 March 2025

		Unrestricted fund		Restricted fund	31.3.25	31.3.24
		General	Designated		Total funds	Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS						
Tangible assets	8	508,673	-	-	508,673	508,673
CURRENT ASSETS						
Debtors	9	18,256	-	-	18,256	9,523
Cash at bank and in hand		74,060	9,674	20,594	104,328	159,032
		<u>92,316</u>	<u>9,674</u>	<u>20,594</u>	<u>122,584</u>	<u>168,555</u>
CREDITORS						
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(47,573)	-	-	(47,573)	(70,154)
		<u>44,743</u>	<u>9,674</u>	<u>20,594</u>	<u>75,011</u>	<u>98,401</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS						
CREDITORS						
Amounts falling due after more than one year	12	(182,630)	-	-	(182,630)	(190,528)
		<u>370,786</u>	<u>9,674</u>	<u>20,594</u>	<u>401,054</u>	<u>416,546</u>
NET ASSETS						
FUNDS	13					
Unrestricted funds						
General					370,786	358,819
Designated					9,674	6,055
Restricted funds					<u>20,594</u>	<u>51,672</u>
TOTAL FUNDS					<u>401,054</u>	<u>416,546</u>

A Word From Our CEO



2024–2025 has been another incredible year for Springfield.

Samworth House, our new male safe accommodation, welcomed its first residents in September 2024. Each of these men shared that, before coming to Springfield, they had not received the understanding or support they needed from other services, friends, or family. Many told us we were the first organisation that truly listened to them and believed their experiences. This reinforces just how vital this provision is.

Our community service has continued to grow, supporting an increasing number of people across our area. We also delivered a record number of awareness sessions to community groups, businesses, and partner organisations, helping to strengthen understanding and prevention efforts throughout the community.

Our refuge occupancy remained high at 95%, providing safe accommodation for 22 women and 10 children this year. The average stay was 152 days, reflecting the depth of support, safety, and stability we strive to offer.

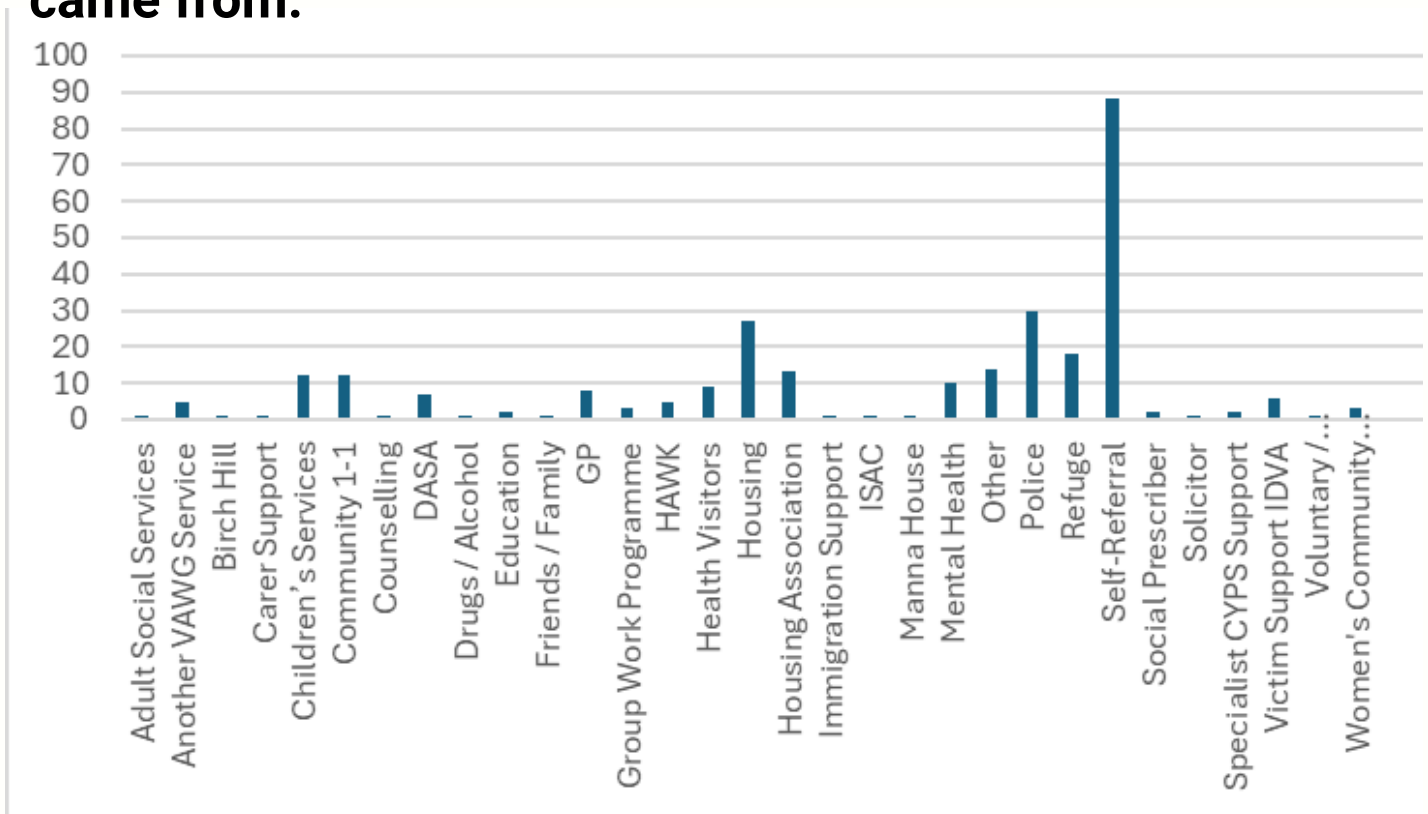
This year we also received development support from the Lloyds Foundation, which enabled us to review our values, vision, and mission with the guidance of Alan Chapman. This process provided a valuable opportunity for us to come together and reassess the future direction of our charity.

As always, I am extremely proud of the entire Springfield team and the compassion, dedication, and professionalism they bring to our work every day. We are especially grateful to our supportive and passionate trustee board, who nurture not only the charity but our staff as well.

Finally, I would like to thank our supporters, funders, and partners for their continued commitment. Your dedication ensures Springfield can continue to provide life-changing support to survivors of domestic abuse.

Our Impact

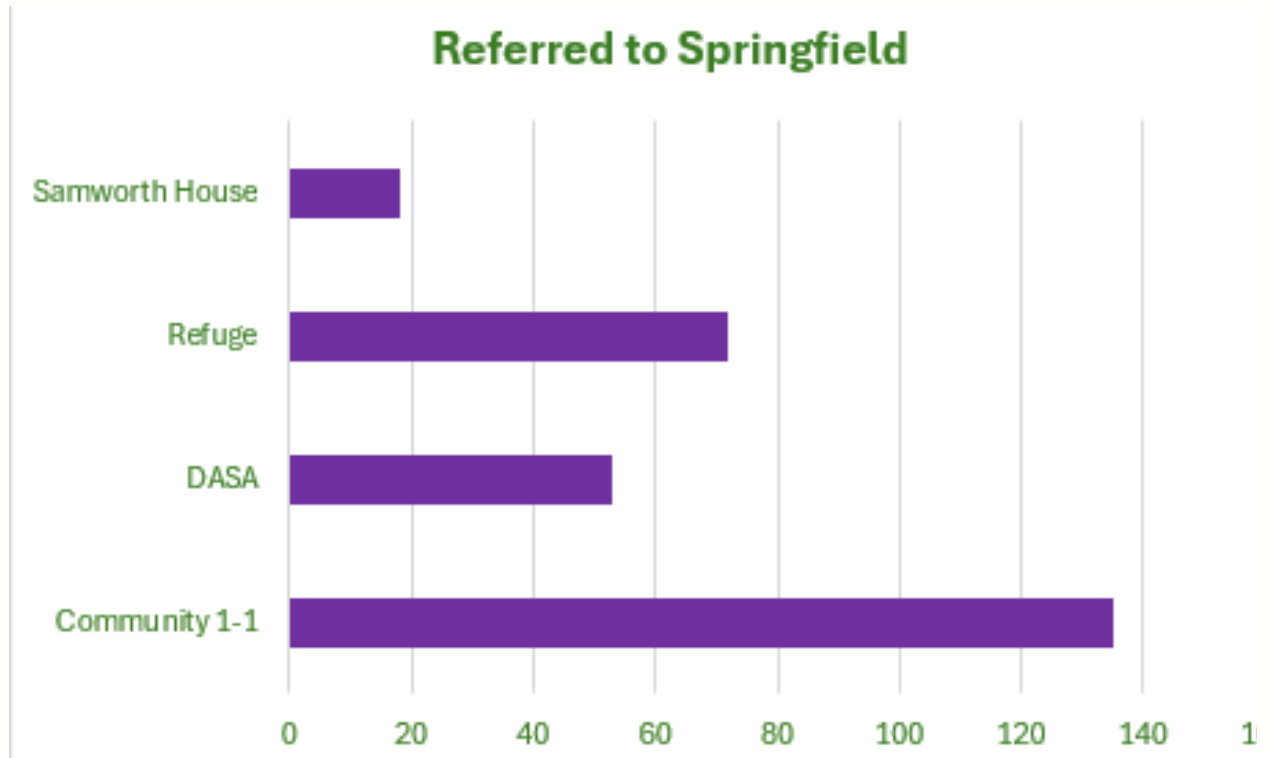
252 people were referred into Springfield services in 2024-2025 - Referrals came from:



We provided one-off advice and support on 189 occasions to survivors and/or partner agencies, in addition to the clients we had open to us.

22 women and 10 children supported at refuge during 2024-2025; average stay: 152 days.

Our Impact



Samworth House received 18 referrals this year. While capacity limitations meant we could not accommodate 13 of these referrals, all were supported to access alternative safe accommodation. The average resident stay was 120 days.

A total of 72 women were referred to our refuge this year. Due to capacity constraints, we were unable to accommodate 59 of these referrals; however, all were assisted in securing alternative safe accommodation.

Service User Feedback

"I have a new home and I am excited about my future. I don't feel alone. The staff have been phenomenal"

"It felt good to come and be able to open up about my situation and I was never judged"

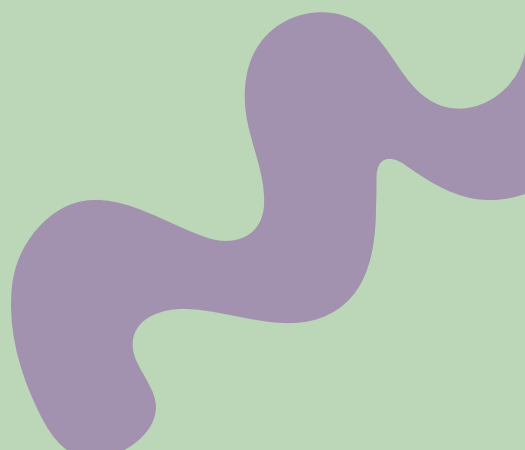
"I was listened to, I was able to open up about things I didn't feel that I could open up about myself and my lived experiences. I felt empowered throughout."

"I feel more at peace (since being supported by Springfield), I understand more about DV, I'm confident in myself, I'm sleeping better, I'm not existing I'm living my life now."

"It (Springfield support) helped me understand what was happening to me and also helped me to seek help for me and my son."

"Main Difference is that I was given a safe place to stay while I got back on my feet and That what happened to me was real and was abuse."

"Thank you so very much Springfield, All Friends of Springfield & the staff for helping me turn our life around this year. I have my values, stead & you guys amongst yourselves have really helped me out of a great big mammoth hole. It's been so turbulent that I didn't see it coming! Thank you for helping me get food in my home. For being a voice of reason in only a phone call or email away. Thank you for the months of helping me see what I have been living in and giving me the tools for my mind to process and to keep moving. I will be forever in your debt for helping me get CHIVA with victim support for my young son to receive specialise support regarding the domestic abuse, this I am hoping will put him in good stead for reaching a grounded & secure adult. Thank you very much for helping me get a cake & my son's wanted presents and much more for him. I was blown away with my larl stash of birthday presents also... You did make me cry & still do! But tears of love, compassion & strength. Thank you. Thank you also for helping us get away in the holidays, this means so much. You have helped me cushion my strong, resilient son & given me space to keep nurturing & thriving."



A heartfelt thank you goes out to all our supporters, our dedicated Trustees, and every member of our hardworking Springfield team.

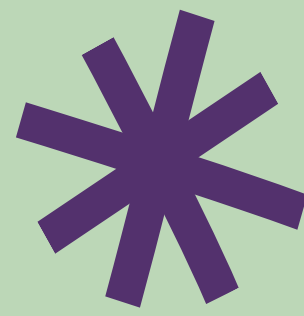
Your commitment, compassion, and belief in our mission make everything we achieve possible.

Our supporters continue to stand beside us, offering encouragement, resources, and trust that allow us to grow and reach those who need us most.

Our Trustees give their time, wisdom, and guidance to ensure Springfield remains strong, grounded, and forward-thinking.

And to our staff, thank you for showing up every day with unwavering dedication, empathy, and resilience.

Together, you create the foundation that enables survivors to rebuild their lives with dignity, hope, and safety. We are deeply grateful for each and every one of you.



REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1191650

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025
for
Springfield Domestic Abuse Support in South Lakeland

Springfield Domestic Abuse Support in South Lakeland
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for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

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Springfield Domestic Abuse Support South Lakeland (Registered Charity number: 1191650)
Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' effective 1 January 2019.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number 1191650

Business Address
Stricklandgate House
92 Stricklandgate
Kendal
LA9 4PU

Trustees

E Riley	
C Roberson	Appointed 10 March 2025
E Slater	
S Tomlinson	Vice chair
S Wilkinson	Chair

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

Springfields aims per its constitution are:

1. To relieve the needs of and protect and preserve good health among persons who are experiencing or have experienced domestic abuse by providing them with housing, associated amenities and/or support to help them to develop their ability to live independently, to rebuild their lives and to integrate into society.
2. To relieve the needs of and protect and preserve good health among persons who suffer from, or are affected by, domestic abuse in all its forms by providing support, advice, assistance and training on, and raising awareness of, domestic abuse.'

Public benefit

The trustees have had due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

CHAIR'S REVIEW

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Reserves policy

The reserves policy is calculated to accommodate a 6-month gradual wind down of the charity in the event of the lack of available funding support to deliver services. It would cover salaries, rent, utilities, redundancy, and removal/relocation costs. Our reserves policy is currently set at £175k. As at the 31 March 2025 our unrestricted reserves were £371k which includes property. If property is excluded the unrestricted reserves would be £53k. This is considerably lower than the calculated level of reserves but to enable growth and an increase of services investment was needed and the Trustees were aware that reserves would be reduced in the short term. However, the security that having 2 properties provides in terms of the charity continuing in operation is huge and it allows the charity to be able to consider a variety of options if needed. The trustees would like to build the 'cash' reserves to the required level over the coming years but wish to balance this with current operational needs and future strategic aims of the charity.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity was registered on 6 October 2020; it operates as a CIO and is controlled by its governing document. It began operating on 1 April 2021 when all assets and liabilities were transferred from the unincorporated charity (number 231434) as at 31 March 2021.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

There is a documented process for recruitment, induction and training for trustees that includes terms of reference and a documented job role and responsibilities. This gives prospective trustees a clear understanding of the role and expectations. Vacancies are advertised, including any specific skills, experience or knowledge required. Candidates are interviewed by at least 2 trustees, one of which is the chair or treasurer. The trustees who conduct the interview make a recommendation to the board, based on suitability, skills etc. Training offered to new trustees includes a DBS check and safeguarding as a minimum.

Risk Management

To mitigate risk in the charity there is a documented risk register identifying Financial, Operational, External and Governance related risks. The trustees and Manager review this on a quarterly basis to understand if the risk level has changed. There are also actions that take place to mitigate or reduce the risk level and impact, these are also reviewed by the trustees and manager quarterly.

From a safeguarding point of view, all prospective clients are interviewed to determine risk before a referral takes place, this ensures staff safety and wellbeing.

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 requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS 102), effective 1 January 2019;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the governing document. 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.

Trustees Report and Trustees Responsibilities signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees on19/4/25.....



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S Wilkinson
Trustee - Chair

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 6 to 15.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity are not required to be audited and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's financial statements 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

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), which is one of the listed bodies.

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 that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements 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 Charities 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.



**Helen Holmes FCA
ICAEW**

Stables Thompson & Briscoe
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditor

Date: 20 November 2025

Springfield Domestic Abuse Support South Lakeland
Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

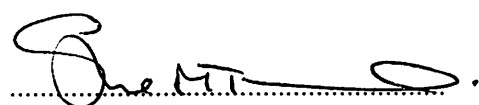
		Unrestricted fund		Restricted fund	Year ended 31.3.25 Total funds	Year ended 31.3.24 Total funds
	Notes	General £	Designated £	£	£	£
INCOME						
Incoming resources from						
Charitable activities						
Voluntary income	2	81,378	5,350	-	86,728	35,562
Trust and grant income	3	93,578	-	85,600	179,178	256,565
Other charitable income	4	236,433	-	-	236,433	152,530
Investment income		<u>3,122</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,122</u>	<u>4,982</u>
Total income and endowments		414,511	5,350	85,600	505,461	449,639
EXPENDITURE						
Charitable activities	5	287,604	1,275	69,439	358,318	307,000
Overheads	6	<u>114,940</u>	<u>456</u>	<u>47,239</u>	<u>162,635</u>	<u>151,957</u>
Total expenditure		402,544	1,731	116,678	520,953	458,957
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) FOR THE YEAR BEFORE TRANSFERS						
		11,967	3,619	(31,078)	(15,492)	(9,318)
Gross transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure) for the year		11,967	3,619	(31,078)	(15,492)	(9,318)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS						
Total funds brought forward		358,819	6,055	51,672	416,546	425,864
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>370,786</u>	<u>9,674</u>	<u>20,594</u>	<u>401,054</u>	<u>416,546</u>

Balance Sheet

At 31 March 2025

		Unrestricted fund		Restricted fund	31.3.25	31.3.24
		General	Designated		Total funds	Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS						
Tangible assets	8	508,673	-	-	508,673	508,673
CURRENT ASSETS						
Debtors	9	18,256	-	-	18,256	9,523
Cash at bank and in hand		74,060	9,674	20,594	104,328	159,032
		<u>92,316</u>	<u>9,674</u>	<u>20,594</u>	<u>122,584</u>	<u>168,555</u>
CREDITORS						
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(47,573)	-	-	(47,573)	(70,154)
		<u>44,743</u>	<u>9,674</u>	<u>20,594</u>	<u>75,011</u>	<u>98,401</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS						
		<u>44,743</u>	<u>9,674</u>	<u>20,594</u>	<u>75,011</u>	<u>98,401</u>
CREDITORS						
Amounts falling due after more than one year	12	(182,630)	-	-	(182,630)	(190,528)
		<u>370,786</u>	<u>9,674</u>	<u>20,594</u>	<u>401,054</u>	<u>416,546</u>
NET ASSETS						
		<u>370,786</u>	<u>9,674</u>	<u>20,594</u>	<u>401,054</u>	<u>416,546</u>
FUNDS	13					
Unrestricted funds						
General					370,786	358,819
Designated					9,674	6,055
Restricted funds					<u>20,594</u>	<u>51,672</u>
TOTAL FUNDS					<u>401,054</u>	<u>416,546</u>

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on 19/4/25 and were signed on its behalf by:



S Tomlinson
Trustee – Vice chair

I. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

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 the Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019) – (Charities SORP (FRS102)).

Springfield Domestic Abuse Support South Lakeland meets the definition of a public entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transactional value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income, it is reasonably certain it will be received and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Any income which is for use in a future period is deferred to that period.

Donations, interest, and other income are accounted for when receivable.

Resources expended

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.

Pension

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme.

Taxation

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

The charity is not able to recover Value Added Tax (VAT). Expenditure is recorded in the accounts inclusive of VAT.

Fund accounting

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

Designated funds are unrestricted funds which the trustees have put aside for a specific use.

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 note 12 to the financial statements.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised and included at cost/gift value including any incidental costs of acquisition.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost on a straight-line basis over the expected useful economic life as follows:

Freehold property	Nil
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The trustees perform annual impairment reviews to ensure that the recoverable amount is not lower than the carrying value.

Debtors and creditors receivable/payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Creditors payable in more than one year

The loan has been taken with a stated interest rate for a fixed term to ensure full repayment. The loan has been recorded at transaction price.

2. VOLUNTARY INCOME

	Year ended 31.3.25 £	Year ended 31.3.24 £
Individual donations	19,897	10,161
Trust, churches, societies & business donations/fundraising	36,277	14,197
Big Give Christmas challenge	7,204	4,084
Legacy	18,000	-
Gift aid claim	-	605
Friends of Springfield	5,350	6,515
	<u>86,728</u>	<u>35,562</u>

Unrestricted £81,378 (year ended 31.3.24 - £24,263), restricted £nil (year ended 31.3.24 - £4,784) and designated £5,350 (year ended 31.3.24 - £6,515).

3. TRUST AND GRANT INCOME

	£	£	Year ended 31.3.25 £	Year ended 31.3.24 £
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
Government grants				
Westmorland & Furness Council	13,919	3,800	17,719	20,724
	<u>13,919</u>	<u>3,800</u>	<u>17,719</u>	<u>20,724</u>
Non -government grants				
Lloyds	25,000	-	25,000	31,250
Garfield Weston	15,000	-	15,000	15,000
Cumberland Building Society	9,199	-	9,199	15,000
Frieda Scott Trust	20,000	-	20,000	-
Screwfix	5,000	-	5,000	-
Baywind Energy Community Trust	5,460	-	5,460	-
Stephenson Trust	-	20,000	20,000	20,000
National Lottery	-	20,000	20,000	44,991
Hadfield Trust	-	5,000	5,000	5,000
The Dowager Countess Eleanor Peel Trust	-	2,000	2,000	5,000
Albert Hunt	-	7,000	7,000	-
John Gilpin Charitable Trust	-	2,000	2,000	-
Eaton Fund	-	3,300	3,300	-
Morrisons Foundation	-	8,000	8,000	-
Kendal Town Council	-	500	500	-
B&Q Foundation	-	10,000	10,000	-
3RC	-	1,000	1,000	-
Hedley Trust	-	3,000	3,000	-
Henry Smith	-	-	-	35,000
Global Make Some Noise	-	-	-	15,000
Kelly Family Trust	-	-	-	5,000
Charles Hayward Foundation	-	-	-	7,000
Sir John Fisher Foundation	-	-	-	20,000
MyLakeland	-	-	-	11,500
Leeds Building Society	-	-	-	2,500
Lupton Tower Trust	-	-	-	2,500
Womens Aid Foundation	-	-	-	1,100
	<u>79,659</u>	<u>81,800</u>	<u>161,459</u>	<u>235,841</u>
TOTAL	<u>93,578</u>	<u>85,600</u>	<u>179,178</u>	<u>256,565</u>

Year ended 31 March 2024 unrestricted £112,296 and restricted £144,269.

4. OTHER CHARITABLE INCOME

	Year ended 31.3.25 £	Year ended 31.3.24 £
Westmorland & Furness Council Housing Benefit	150,274	101,819
Westmorland & Furness Council DASA/Supporting People	73,482	34,801
Service charge	7,576	9,320
Employment Allowance	5,000	5,000
Sundry income	101	1,590
	<u>236,433</u>	<u>152,530</u>

The above income is all unrestricted (2024: all unrestricted except for a £405 refund on a restricted project in sundry income).

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES EXPENDITURE

	Year ended 31.3.25 £	Year ended 31.3.24 £
Staffing costs (note 7)	347,298	292,030
Household costs	4,003	3,224
Activities	3,163	2,665
Moving In Moving Out/Making a house a home	1,327	2,357
Counselling	417	6,483
Client travel	2,110	-
Emergency accommodation	-	241
	<u>358,318</u>	<u>307,000</u>

6. OVERHEAD EXPENDITURE

	Year ended 31.3.25 £	Year ended 31.3.24 £
Rent	15,166	11,481
Utilities	13,089	12,121
Maintenance and refurbishment	64,094	50,250
Legal and professional fees	5,170	1,039
Accountancy and bookkeeping fees	11,354	9,452
Consultancy fees	2,137	6,307
Staff training	2,851	6,273
Staff recruitment	273	1,001
Staff vouchers	-	6,798
Staff travelling and subsistence	786	1,289
Independent examiner's fee	624	444
Marketing	1,083	2,531
Insurance	10,311	10,375
Phone and internet	7,259	5,096
Computer and software	5,687	12,714
Administration	3,349	2,627
Loan interest	12,952	4,520
Friends of Springfield	-	159
Other	6,450	7,480
	<u>162,635</u>	<u>151,957</u>

7. STAFF COSTS

	Year ended 31.3.25 £	Year ended 31.3.24 £
Wages and salaries	312,314	263,763
Employers National Insurance	26,159	21,286
Pension contributions	8,825	6,981
	<u>347,298</u>	<u>292,030</u>

The average number of employees in the year ended 31 March 2025 was 15 (2024: 13).

There were no employees receiving more than £60,000 in the year (2024 – none).

The total employee remuneration and benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £141,159 (2024: £125,237).

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold Property £	Total £
Cost/Gift valuation		
At 1 April 2024	508,673	508,673
Additions	-	-
At 31 March 2025	<u>508,673</u>	<u>508,673</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Book Value		
At 31 March 2025	<u>508,673</u>	<u>508,673</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>508,673</u>	<u>508,673</u>

The cost of £290,000 included in the above was an estimate of the value, which was used on the land registry documents when the property was legally transferred to the charity in September 2021 from a historic Property Trust.

The cost of £218,673 included in the above is a property used as a male refuge.

9. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	At 31.3.25 £	At 31.3.24 £
Prepaid expenditure	10,256	9,523
Accrued income	<u>8,000</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>18,256</u>	<u>9,523</u>

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	At 31.3.25 £	At 31.3.24 £
Trade creditors	3,289	9,897
Accruals	2,316	2,646
Taxation & social security	5,903	5,309
Pension	1,417	1,142
Concessionary loan (note 12)	7,898	7,256
Deferred income (note 11)	<u>26,750</u>	<u>43,904</u>
	<u>47,573</u>	<u>70,154</u>

11. DEFERRED INCOME

	At 31.3.25 £	At 31.3.24 £
Balance at 1 April	43,904	64,500
Amount released to Statement of Financial Activities	(43,904)	(64,500)
Deferred income received in year	<u>26,750</u>	<u>43,904</u>
Balance at 31 March	<u>26,750</u>	<u>43,904</u>

Deferred income comprises of grants received in advance for projects spanning the year end or in the next year.

12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	At 31.3.25 £	At 31.3.24 £
Concessionary loan	190,528	197,784
Due in less than one year	<u>(7,898)</u>	<u>(7,256)</u>
Due in more than one year	<u>182,630</u>	<u>190,528</u>

This is a 15-year concessionary loan starting 23 November 2023, with an interest rate of 6%. The loan was taken to aid the purchase of a property to be used as a male refuge. The loan has equal monthly repayments over the term. The loan is unsecured.

13. FUNDS

	At 1.4.24 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.25 £
Unrestricted funds				
General funds	358,819	11,967	-	370,786
Designated funds	6,055	3,619	-	9,674
Restricted funds				
Restricted funds	51,672	(31,078)	-	20,594
TOTAL FUNDS	416,546	(15,492)	-	401,054

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

	Brought forward at 1.4.24 £	Incoming resources £	Expenditure £	Transfers between funds £	Carried forward at 31.3.25 £
Unrestricted funds					
<i>General fund</i>					
Refuge	302,227	184,464	(201,084)	13,190	298,797
Community	12,227	52,214	(64,566)	8,922	8,797
Male Refuge	33,115	34,432	(8,156)	(22,449)	36,942
Stepping Stones	-	-	(337)	337	-
Lloyds	6,250	25,000	(25,000)	-	6,250
Frieda Scott Trust	-	20,000	-	-	20,000
Kelly Family Trust	5,000	-	(5,000)	-	-
Garfield Weston	-	15,000	(15,000)	-	-
W & F - InReach	-	9,919	(9,919)	-	-
W & F - DASA	-	73,482	(73,482)	-	-
	358,819	414,511	(402,544)	-	370,786
<i>Designated fund</i>					
Friends of Springfield	6,055	5,350	(1,731)	-	9,674
	364,874	419,861	(404,275)	-	380,460
Restricted funds					
CCF educational group work	2,336	-	-	-	2,336
Cost of living support women	450	-	(116)	-	334
Essential items for women	1,915	3,300	(4,538)	-	677
Asda	400	-	(79)	-	321
Charles Hayward	517	-	(517)	-	-
Hadfield Trust	5,000	5,000	(5,000)	-	5,000
Leeds Building Society	2,500	-	(2,500)	-	-
Lupton Tower Trust	2,500	-	(2,500)	-	-
MyLakeland	4,700	-	(4,700)	-	-
Sir John Fisher Foundation	11,354	-	(11,354)	-	-
Stephenson Trust - Male/Rural	20,000	-	(20,000)	-	-
B&Q	-	10,000	(5,259)	-	4,741
Dowager Countess - shower	-	2,000	(2,000)	-	-
Albert Hunt	-	7,000	(7,000)	-	-
Kendal Town Council	-	500	(500)	-	-
National Lottery Awards4All	-	20,000	(15,886)	-	4,114
W&F - Chairmans Fund	-	3,800	(3,800)	-	-
3RC	-	1,000	(929)	-	71
Gilpin Trust	-	2,000	(2,000)	-	-
Hedley Trust	-	3,000	-	-	3,000
Stephenson Trust – Samworth House	-	20,000	(20,000)	-	-
Morrisons	-	8,000	(8,000)	-	-
	51,672	85,600	(116,678)	-	20,594
TOTAL FUNDS	416,546	505,461	(520,953)	-	401,054

The transfers have taken place as the trustees have chosen to equalise (excluding net property cost) the refuge, male refuge and community unrestricted funds at the year end, as they see the charity as a whole. Monitoring how each is funded and their performance is vitally important, however in different years they can obtain more funds for one than the other.

13. FUNDS (Continued)

COMPARATIVE	Transferred at 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	384,492	(25,673)	-	358,819
Designated fund	-	6,055	-	6,055
Restricted funds				
Restricted funds	41,372	10,300	-	51,672
TOTAL FUNDS	425,864	(9,318)	-	416,546

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

	Brought forward at 1.4.23 £	Incoming resources £	Expenditure £	Transfers between funds £	Carried forward at 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds					
<i>General fund</i>					
Refuge	337,246	174,750	(120,592)	(89,177)	302,227
Community	47,246	14,222	(81,696)	32,455	12,227
Male Refuge	-	3,444	(27,051)	56,722	33,115
Garfield Weston	-	15,000	(15,000)	-	-
Global Make Some Noise	-	15,000	(15,000)	-	-
Henry Smith	-	35,000	(35,000)	-	-
Lloyds	-	31,250	(25,000)	-	6,250
Kelly Family Trust	-	5,000	-	-	5,000
	384,492	293,666	(319,339)	-	358,819
<i>Designated fund</i>					
Friends of Springfield	-	6,515	(460)	-	6,055
	384,492	300,181	(319,799)	-	364,874
Restricted funds					
Activities	695	300	(995)	-	-
CCF educational group work	2,561	-	(225)	-	2,336
COMF Project	14,646	-	(14,646)	-	-
Cost of living support women	2,500	-	(2,050)	-	450
Essential items for women	3,000	-	(1,085)	-	1,915
OASIS IT system	7,370	-	(7,370)	-	-
SLDC Fairer South Lakeland	5,600	-	(5,600)	-	-
0-19 Support Project	5,000	-	(5,000)	-	-
Asda	-	400	-	-	400
Big Give/Gilkes	-	4,084	(4,084)	-	-
Charles Hayward	-	7,000	(6,483)	-	517
Cumberland Building Society	-	15,000	(15,000)	-	-
Dowager	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Hadfield Trust	-	5,000	-	-	5,000
Leeds Building Society	-	2,500	-	-	2,500
Lupton Tower Trust	-	2,500	-	-	2,500
MyLakeland	-	11,500	(6,800)	-	4,700
National Lottery	-	44,991	(44,991)	-	-
Sir John Fisher Foundation	-	20,405	(9,051)	-	11,354
Stephenson Trust	-	20,000	-	-	20,000
Westmorland & Furness	-	9,678	(9,678)	-	-
Womens Aid	-	1,100	(1,100)	-	-
	41,372	149,458	(139,158)	-	51,672
TOTAL FUNDS	425,864	449,639	(458,957)	-	416,546

13. FUNDS (Continued)

The named funds above are for the following purposes:

Refuge – unrestricted funds and income generated by (or for) the Refuge, to primarily be spent on the running of the Refuge.

Community – unrestricted funds and income generated by (or for) the Community service, to be primarily spent on the running of the Community service which encompasses the hub.

Male Refuge – unrestricted funds and income generated by (or for) the Male Refuge, to primarily be spent on the running of the Male Refuge.

Stepping Stones – this is our new second stage accommodation service which will provide safe accommodation for one family.

Lloyds - an unrestricted grant towards the charity's core costs. Also an additional one-off unrestricted grant of £2,250 was awarded to support the charity with the cost-of-living crisis.

Frieda Scott Charitable Trust – we have been awarded three years funding from The Frieda Scott Charitable Trust, this unrestricted funding will enable us to continue delivering holistic, person centred support to survivors of domestic abuse across Westmorland and Furness.

Kelly Family Trust - funds received for core costs of support workers' salaries.

Garfield Weston – this funding was to cover core costs of our Community Service.

W & F InReach – this contract enables us to support domestic abuse clients leaving temporary supported accommodation and resettling into their own home.

W & F DASA – this is the first year of a three-year contract with Westmorland and Furness Council to deliver support to survivors of domestic abuse living in safe accommodation.

Friends of Springfield – funds raised by the Friends of Springfield to help with specific user costs such as emergency accommodation, outings, baby clothes, small birthday and Christmas gifts for residents and clients.

CCF – educational group work – donated in FY2018 from Cumbria Community Foundation.

Cost of living support women – from Cumbria County Council to support women during the cost-of-living crisis.

Essential items women – from the Eaton Fund to help purchase essential items for women in light of the cost-of-living crisis.

Asda – this funding pays for welcome packs for clients moving into refuge i.e. toiletries, underwear, pyjamas, sanitary products etc.

Charles Hayward – this funding enabled us to pay for private counselling for survivors of domestic abuse who would otherwise be unable to access trauma counselling.

Hadfield Trust - year 1 of a 3-year grant towards community support hours.

Leeds Building Society – this funding was for safety and security for victims and survivors of domestic abuse.

Lupton Tower Trust - monies received towards employing a male/rural support worker.

MyLakeland – paid for some of the renovation and refurbishment costs for the new male safe accommodation service.

Sir John Fisher – a contribution towards the costs of our specialist stalking advocacy case worker.

Stephenson Trust Male/Refuge - grant received towards employing a male/rural support worker.

B&Q - this funding enabled us to update the carpets and flooring throughout refuge.

Dowager Countess - shower - the Dowager Countess fund gave a grant of £2,000 towards refurbishment to the shower room.

Albert Hunt - contribution towards the salary for the refuge team members.

Kendal Town Council - this grant enabled us to provide our first Christmas party for child and adult survivors of domestic abuse. We were able to have a Santas grotto complete with Santa and elves who gifted each child a Christmas present, we will also had a magician and party games.

National Lottery Awards4All - funding to cover domestic abuse support in rural communities.

W & F Chairmans Fund – Chairman, Cllr Matt Severn, donated £4,000 from his chairman's budget to support Springfield Domestic Abuse Support with emergency bedroom repairs.

13. FUNDS (Continued)

The named funds above are for the following purposes:

3RC - this funding provided mobile phones and ring doorbells for clients and funded racking and storage for our donation room.

Gilpin Trust - the John Gilpin Charitable Trust awarded us £2,000 towards our community service support in rural areas.

Hedley Trust – the Hedley Grant Foundation awarded £3,000 to Springfield Domestic Abuse Support to go towards the salary of a specialist abuse support worker to help women, men and children to recover and rebuild their lives.

Stephenson Trust Samworth House- funding contributed to Samworth House renovation and loan costs as well as our core costs including staff hours and utility bills.

Morrisons - the Morrisons Foundation awarded us £8,000 from their 125 Year Community Spaces Fund; this funding helped us with setting up Samworth House.

Global Make Some Noise – this funding was to cover core costs of our Community Service.

Henry Smith – this was to cover core salary costs for the Refuge.

Activities – £2,000 was donated by Greggs for activities in FY2018. The use of this was delayed in previous years due to covid and low numbers of women in the Refuge.

COMF Project – funding towards a 20 hour/week support worker role and a 32 hour/week ISAS (Independent Stalking Advocacy Specialist) role plus covers ISAS training, laptop and supervision.

OASIS IT System – from the Frieda Scott Trust towards a bespoke domestic abuse recording IT system.

SLDC Fairer South Lakeland – towards a poverty lead role for the Community hub.

0-19 Support Project – towards training costs and to deliver bespoke children's recovery group work programs.

Big Give – Rural outreach support – taking domestic abuse support and awareness raising to the rural communities.

Cumberland Building Society – this funding contributed towards the salary of our poverty lead support worker; this role was developed in response to the cost-of-living crisis.

Dowager – a contribution towards the costs of our specialist stalking advocacy case worker.

National Lottery – cost of living funding for management costs, support staff costs and training costs.

Westmorland & Furness Council – Outreach Town View - support to survivors of domestic abuse living in town view fields temporary accommodation.

Womens Aid – Flee and Future fund, Women's aid distributed the £1.34m in Home Office funding to provide one-off payments to survivors of domestic abuse to help them flee, and stay fled, from abusers.

14. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION, BENEFITS AND TRANSACTIONS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025 (2024: Nil).

There were no trustees' expenses paid in the year ended 31 March 2025 (2024: Nil).

15. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no related party transactions in the current or previous year.

16. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

There is no single ultimate controlling party of the charity throughout the current year or previous year.

17. TAXATION

As a charity, Springfield Domestic Abuse Support South Lakeland, is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within sections 472-474 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010, sections 478-489 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010, or section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the Charity.

18. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

There were no contingent liabilities as at 31 March 2025 (2024: Nil).

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1191650

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025
for
Springfield Domestic Abuse Support in South Lakeland

Springfield Domestic Abuse Support in South Lakeland
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Springfield Domestic Abuse Support South Lakeland (Registered Charity number: 1191650)
Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' effective 1 January 2019.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number 1191650

Business Address
Stricklandgate House
92 Stricklandgate
Kendal
LA9 4PU

Trustees

E Riley	
C Roberson	Appointed 10 March 2025
E Slater	
S Tomlinson	Vice chair
S Wilkinson	Chair

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

Springfields aims per its constitution are:

1. To relieve the needs of and protect and preserve good health among persons who are experiencing or have experienced domestic abuse by providing them with housing, associated amenities and/or support to help them to develop their ability to live independently, to rebuild their lives and to integrate into society.
2. To relieve the needs of and protect and preserve good health among persons who suffer from, or are affected by, domestic abuse in all its forms by providing support, advice, assistance and training on, and raising awareness of, domestic abuse.'

Public benefit

The trustees have had due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

CHAIR'S REVIEW

The Financial Year April 2024 to March 2025 was one of continued growth in the activities of our now medium size Charity. Stricklandgate House continues to be our centre for Community Activities and general administrative support. It is clear that we are having a major impact on the lives of the increasing number of clients who we serve.

Staff Development continues to be a major feature of our commitment to continual improvement, this is of a very specific focused and often accredited nature, but also by the informal shadowing and sharing of best practice among the team. Trustees see the development and welfare of our fantastic staff team as being fundamental to our success and we have made every effort to review and improve our conditions of service for our employees.

Trustees met on 5 occasions over the year and the Chair and Vice Chair met regularly with the Senior Staff Team. In addition, Staff and Trustees had a very productive Strategy Day facilitated by a consultant to help finalise our review of our Mission, Values, Aims and Objectives. As a result, we were able to publish our Strategic Plan for the next 5 years.

The Leadership Team and Trustees were ably supported by our expert accountant who also attended Trustee meetings and engaged in our decision-making process. We are grateful for her excellent support, advice and challenge.

During the year we added a third premises to our portfolio by renting, from a very generous local Trust a 'Move on House' to allow transition from the Refuge to private accommodation. Samworth House our first male accommodation as we anticipated has been extremely well used and appreciated by quite a number of clients.

Last year we welcomed our first baby into the Women's Refuge, since then we have had many other children of all ages in our care. Considerable improvements have also been made at the Refuge including electrical upgrading, decorating and new carpeting and other flooring.

The Friends of Springfield headed up by our Vice Chair, Sue Tomlison has had another good year reaching further out into the communities of Kendal and well beyond.

The end of this financial year allowed us to start our celebrations of our 110th anniversary which finds the Charity in a very strong financial position thanks to the generous support of supporters, funders and statutory authorities.

Stephen Wilkinson
Chair of Trustees

FRIENDS OF SPRINGFIELD REVIEW

Friends of Springfield (FoS) have continued to help Springfield with emergency accommodation and taxi fares.

We have had some very generous donations of furniture and kitchen ware which have helped our residents who are moving on to their own homes.

FoS also contributed to the Christmas Party where the children from the Community and Refuge with their mothers enjoyed a magician and a visit to see Santa on his Sleigh (in Stricklandgate House) and receive a present, the look on the children's faces when they saw Santa was magical.

FoS continue to buy small birthday and Christmas presents for all clients and residents. This year they also paid for the Christmas lunch at the Refuge and Samworth House.

All this has been made possible by the generosity of donations throughout the year by FoS which makes such a significant difference to the running of the Charity.

The Trustees are extremely grateful for the FoS for all their support.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

During the financial year of 2025 as noted above it was a year of growth and continuation of the charity work and delivery of services which was only possible due to the grants received and because of the continued hard work put in by our CEO, staff members and the trustees.

We are extremely grateful for all donations and support we have received from many local and national organisations as well as all the extra help provided by staff, volunteers and individuals.

Income for the year exceeded £500k which is an amazing achievement. Income was higher than the previous financial year, due to an increase in the housing benefit, helped by Samworth House starting to take clients and the refuge being at full capacity for the majority of the year. The DASA contract with Westmorland and Furness Council also doubled compared to the previous year. Voluntary income was also higher which included a legacy and also some very generous donations from individuals and companies. Expenditure also increased compared to the previous financial year. This is predominantly due to staff salaries as staff numbers have increased, there were also some unforeseen refurbishment/maintenance costs at the refuge and inevitably an increase in staff and property overheads.

Springfield Domestic Abuse Support in South Lakeland has ended the financial year to 31 March 2025 with a cash asset of £104k. The cash funds are made up of an Unrestricted balance of £84k and Restricted balance of £20k.

Reserves policy

The reserves policy is calculated to accommodate a 6-month gradual wind down of the charity in the event of the lack of available funding support to deliver services. It would cover salaries, rent, utilities, redundancy, and removal/relocation costs. Our reserves policy is currently set at £175k. As at the 31 March 2025 our unrestricted reserves were £371k which includes property. If property is excluded the unrestricted reserves would be £53k. This is considerably lower than the calculated level of reserves but to enable growth and an increase of services investment was needed and the Trustees were aware that reserves would be reduced in the short term. However, the security that having 2 properties provides in terms of the charity continuing in operation is huge and it allows the charity to be able to consider a variety of options if needed. The trustees would like to build the 'cash' reserves to the required level over the coming years but wish to balance this with current operational needs and future strategic aims of the charity.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity was registered on 6 October 2020; it operates as a CIO and is controlled by its governing document. It began operating on 1 April 2021 when all assets and liabilities were transferred from the unincorporated charity (number 231434) as at 31 March 2021.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

There is a documented process for recruitment, induction and training for trustees that includes terms of reference and a documented job role and responsibilities. This gives prospective trustees a clear understanding of the role and expectations. Vacancies are advertised, including any specific skills, experience or knowledge required. Candidates are interviewed by at least 2 trustees, one of which is the chair or treasurer. The trustees who conduct the interview make a recommendation to the board, based on suitability, skills etc. Training offered to new trustees includes a DBS check and safeguarding as a minimum.

Risk Management

To mitigate risk in the charity there is a documented risk register identifying Financial, Operational, External and Governance related risks. The trustees and Manager review this on a quarterly basis to understand if the risk level has changed. There are also actions that take place to mitigate or reduce the risk level and impact, these are also reviewed by the trustees and manager quarterly.

From a safeguarding point of view, all prospective clients are interviewed to determine risk before a referral takes place, this ensures staff safety and wellbeing.

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 requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS 102), effective 1 January 2019;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the governing document. 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.

Trustees Report and Trustees Responsibilities signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees on19/4/25.....



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S Wilkinson
Trustee - Chair

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 6 to 15.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity are not required to be audited and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's financial statements 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

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), which is one of the listed bodies.

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 that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements 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 Charities 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.



**Helen Holmes FCA
ICAEW**

Stables Thompson & Briscoe
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditor

Date: 20 November 2025

Springfield Domestic Abuse Support South Lakeland
Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

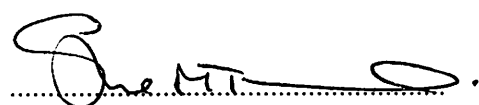
		Unrestricted fund		Restricted fund	Year ended 31.3.25 Total funds	Year ended 31.3.24 Total funds
	Notes	General £	Designated £	£	£	£
INCOME						
Incoming resources from						
Charitable activities						
Voluntary income	2	81,378	5,350	-	86,728	35,562
Trust and grant income	3	93,578	-	85,600	179,178	256,565
Other charitable income	4	236,433	-	-	236,433	152,530
Investment income		<u>3,122</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,122</u>	<u>4,982</u>
Total income and endowments		414,511	5,350	85,600	505,461	449,639
EXPENDITURE						
Charitable activities	5	287,604	1,275	69,439	358,318	307,000
Overheads	6	<u>114,940</u>	<u>456</u>	<u>47,239</u>	<u>162,635</u>	<u>151,957</u>
Total expenditure		402,544	1,731	116,678	520,953	458,957
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) FOR THE YEAR BEFORE TRANSFERS						
		11,967	3,619	(31,078)	(15,492)	(9,318)
Gross transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure) for the year		11,967	3,619	(31,078)	(15,492)	(9,318)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS						
Total funds brought forward		358,819	6,055	51,672	416,546	425,864
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>370,786</u>	<u>9,674</u>	<u>20,594</u>	<u>401,054</u>	<u>416,546</u>

Balance Sheet

At 31 March 2025

		Unrestricted fund		Restricted fund	31.3.25	31.3.24
	Notes	General	Designated		Total funds	Total funds
		£	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS						
Tangible assets	8	508,673	-	-	508,673	508,673
CURRENT ASSETS						
Debtors	9	18,256	-	-	18,256	9,523
Cash at bank and in hand		74,060	9,674	20,594	104,328	159,032
		<u>92,316</u>	<u>9,674</u>	<u>20,594</u>	<u>122,584</u>	<u>168,555</u>
CREDITORS						
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(47,573)	-	-	(47,573)	(70,154)
		<u>44,743</u>	<u>9,674</u>	<u>20,594</u>	<u>75,011</u>	<u>98,401</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS						
		<u>44,743</u>	<u>9,674</u>	<u>20,594</u>	<u>75,011</u>	<u>98,401</u>
CREDITORS						
Amounts falling due after more than one year	12	(182,630)	-	-	(182,630)	(190,528)
		<u>370,786</u>	<u>9,674</u>	<u>20,594</u>	<u>401,054</u>	<u>416,546</u>
NET ASSETS						
		<u>370,786</u>	<u>9,674</u>	<u>20,594</u>	<u>401,054</u>	<u>416,546</u>
FUNDS	13					
Unrestricted funds						
General					370,786	358,819
Designated					9,674	6,055
Restricted funds					<u>20,594</u>	<u>51,672</u>
TOTAL FUNDS					<u>401,054</u>	<u>416,546</u>

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on 19/4/25 and were signed on its behalf by:



S Tomlinson
Trustee – Vice chair

I. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

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 the Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019) – (Charities SORP (FRS102)).

Springfield Domestic Abuse Support South Lakeland meets the definition of a public entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transactional value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income, it is reasonably certain it will be received and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Any income which is for use in a future period is deferred to that period.

Donations, interest, and other income are accounted for when receivable.

Resources expended

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.

Pension

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme.

Taxation

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

The charity is not able to recover Value Added Tax (VAT). Expenditure is recorded in the accounts inclusive of VAT.

Fund accounting

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

Designated funds are unrestricted funds which the trustees have put aside for a specific use.

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 note 12 to the financial statements.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised and included at cost/gift value including any incidental costs of acquisition.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost on a straight-line basis over the expected useful economic life as follows:

Freehold property	Nil
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The trustees perform annual impairment reviews to ensure that the recoverable amount is not lower than the carrying value.

Debtors and creditors receivable/payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Creditors payable in more than one year

The loan has been taken with a stated interest rate for a fixed term to ensure full repayment. The loan has been recorded at transaction price.

2. VOLUNTARY INCOME

	Year ended 31.3.25	Year ended 31.3.24
	£	£
Individual donations	19,897	10,161
Trust, churches, societies & business donations/fundraising	36,277	14,197
Big Give Christmas challenge	7,204	4,084
Legacy	18,000	-
Gift aid claim	-	605
Friends of Springfield	5,350	6,515
	<u>86,728</u>	<u>35,562</u>

Unrestricted £81,378 (year ended 31.3.24 - £24,263), restricted £nil (year ended 31.3.24 - £4,784) and designated £5,350 (year ended 31.3.24 - £6,515).

3. TRUST AND GRANT INCOME

	£	£	Year ended 31.3.25 £	Year ended 31.3.24 £
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
Government grants				
Westmorland & Furness Council	13,919	3,800	17,719	20,724
	<u>13,919</u>	<u>3,800</u>	<u>17,719</u>	<u>20,724</u>
Non -government grants				
Lloyds	25,000	-	25,000	31,250
Garfield Weston	15,000	-	15,000	15,000
Cumberland Building Society	9,199	-	9,199	15,000
Frieda Scott Trust	20,000	-	20,000	-
Screwfix	5,000	-	5,000	-
Baywind Energy Community Trust	5,460	-	5,460	-
Stephenson Trust	-	20,000	20,000	20,000
National Lottery	-	20,000	20,000	44,991
Hadfield Trust	-	5,000	5,000	5,000
The Dowager Countess Eleanor Peel Trust	-	2,000	2,000	5,000
Albert Hunt	-	7,000	7,000	-
John Gilpin Charitable Trust	-	2,000	2,000	-
Eaton Fund	-	3,300	3,300	-
Morrisons Foundation	-	8,000	8,000	-
Kendal Town Council	-	500	500	-
B&Q Foundation	-	10,000	10,000	-
3RC	-	1,000	1,000	-
Hedley Trust	-	3,000	3,000	-
Henry Smith	-	-	-	35,000
Global Make Some Noise	-	-	-	15,000
Kelly Family Trust	-	-	-	5,000
Charles Hayward Foundation	-	-	-	7,000
Sir John Fisher Foundation	-	-	-	20,000
MyLakeland	-	-	-	11,500
Leeds Building Society	-	-	-	2,500
Lupton Tower Trust	-	-	-	2,500
Womens Aid Foundation	-	-	-	1,100
	<u>79,659</u>	<u>81,800</u>	<u>161,459</u>	<u>235,841</u>
TOTAL	<u>93,578</u>	<u>85,600</u>	<u>179,178</u>	<u>256,565</u>

Year ended 31 March 2024 unrestricted £112,296 and restricted £144,269.

4. OTHER CHARITABLE INCOME

	Year ended 31.3.25	Year ended 31.3.24
	£	£
Westmorland & Furness Council Housing Benefit	150,274	101,819
Westmorland & Furness Council DASA/Supporting People	73,482	34,801
Service charge	7,576	9,320
Employment Allowance	5,000	5,000
Sundry income	101	1,590
	<u>236,433</u>	<u>152,530</u>

The above income is all unrestricted (2024: all unrestricted except for a £405 refund on a restricted project in sundry income).

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES EXPENDITURE

	Year ended 31.3.25 £	Year ended 31.3.24 £
Staffing costs (note 7)	347,298	292,030
Household costs	4,003	3,224
Activities	3,163	2,665
Moving In Moving Out/Making a house a home	1,327	2,357
Counselling	417	6,483
Client travel	2,110	-
Emergency accommodation	-	241
	<u>358,318</u>	<u>307,000</u>

6. OVERHEAD EXPENDITURE

	Year ended 31.3.25 £	Year ended 31.3.24 £
Rent	15,166	11,481
Utilities	13,089	12,121
Maintenance and refurbishment	64,094	50,250
Legal and professional fees	5,170	1,039
Accountancy and bookkeeping fees	11,354	9,452
Consultancy fees	2,137	6,307
Staff training	2,851	6,273
Staff recruitment	273	1,001
Staff vouchers	-	6,798
Staff travelling and subsistence	786	1,289
Independent examiner's fee	624	444
Marketing	1,083	2,531
Insurance	10,311	10,375
Phone and internet	7,259	5,096
Computer and software	5,687	12,714
Administration	3,349	2,627
Loan interest	12,952	4,520
Friends of Springfield	-	159
Other	6,450	7,480
	<u>162,635</u>	<u>151,957</u>

7. STAFF COSTS

	Year ended 31.3.25 £	Year ended 31.3.24 £
Wages and salaries	312,314	263,763
Employers National Insurance	26,159	21,286
Pension contributions	8,825	6,981
	<u>347,298</u>	<u>292,030</u>

The average number of employees in the year ended 31 March 2025 was 15 (2024: 13).

There were no employees receiving more than £60,000 in the year (2024 – none).

The total employee remuneration and benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £141,159 (2024: £125,237).

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold Property £	Total £
Cost/Gift valuation		
At 1 April 2024	508,673	508,673
Additions	-	-
At 31 March 2025	<u>508,673</u>	<u>508,673</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Book Value		
At 31 March 2025	<u>508,673</u>	<u>508,673</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>508,673</u>	<u>508,673</u>

The cost of £290,000 included in the above was an estimate of the value, which was used on the land registry documents when the property was legally transferred to the charity in September 2021 from a historic Property Trust.

The cost of £218,673 included in the above is a property used as a male refuge.

9. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	At 31.3.25 £	At 31.3.24 £
Prepaid expenditure	10,256	9,523
Accrued income	<u>8,000</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>18,256</u>	<u>9,523</u>

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	At 31.3.25 £	At 31.3.24 £
Trade creditors	3,289	9,897
Accruals	2,316	2,646
Taxation & social security	5,903	5,309
Pension	1,417	1,142
Concessionary loan (note 12)	7,898	7,256
Deferred income (note 11)	<u>26,750</u>	<u>43,904</u>
	<u>47,573</u>	<u>70,154</u>

11. DEFERRED INCOME

	At 31.3.25 £	At 31.3.24 £
Balance at 1 April	43,904	64,500
Amount released to Statement of Financial Activities	(43,904)	(64,500)
Deferred income received in year	<u>26,750</u>	<u>43,904</u>
Balance at 31 March	<u>26,750</u>	<u>43,904</u>

Deferred income comprises of grants received in advance for projects spanning the year end or in the next year.

12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	At 31.3.25 £	At 31.3.24 £
Concessionary loan	190,528	197,784
Due in less than one year	<u>(7,898)</u>	<u>(7,256)</u>
Due in more than one year	<u>182,630</u>	<u>190,528</u>

This is a 15-year concessionary loan starting 23 November 2023, with an interest rate of 6%. The loan was taken to aid the purchase of a property to be used as a male refuge. The loan has equal monthly repayments over the term. The loan is unsecured.

13. FUNDS

	At 1.4.24 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.25 £
Unrestricted funds				
General funds	358,819	11,967	-	370,786
Designated funds	6,055	3,619	-	9,674
Restricted funds				
Restricted funds	51,672	(31,078)	-	20,594
TOTAL FUNDS	416,546	(15,492)	-	401,054

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

	Brought forward at 1.4.24 £	Incoming resources £	Expenditure £	Transfers between funds £	Carried forward at 31.3.25 £
Unrestricted funds					
<i>General fund</i>					
Refuge	302,227	184,464	(201,084)	13,190	298,797
Community	12,227	52,214	(64,566)	8,922	8,797
Male Refuge	33,115	34,432	(8,156)	(22,449)	36,942
Stepping Stones	-	-	(337)	337	-
Lloyds	6,250	25,000	(25,000)	-	6,250
Frieda Scott Trust	-	20,000	-	-	20,000
Kelly Family Trust	5,000	-	(5,000)	-	-
Garfield Weston	-	15,000	(15,000)	-	-
W & F - InReach	-	9,919	(9,919)	-	-
W & F - DASA	-	73,482	(73,482)	-	-
	358,819	414,511	(402,544)	-	370,786
<i>Designated fund</i>					
Friends of Springfield	6,055	5,350	(1,731)	-	9,674
	364,874	419,861	(404,275)	-	380,460
Restricted funds					
CCF educational group work	2,336	-	-	-	2,336
Cost of living support women	450	-	(116)	-	334
Essential items for women	1,915	3,300	(4,538)	-	677
Asda	400	-	(79)	-	321
Charles Hayward	517	-	(517)	-	-
Hadfield Trust	5,000	5,000	(5,000)	-	5,000
Leeds Building Society	2,500	-	(2,500)	-	-
Lupton Tower Trust	2,500	-	(2,500)	-	-
MyLakeland	4,700	-	(4,700)	-	-
Sir John Fisher Foundation	11,354	-	(11,354)	-	-
Stephenson Trust - Male/Rural	20,000	-	(20,000)	-	-
B&Q	-	10,000	(5,259)	-	4,741
Dowager Countess - shower	-	2,000	(2,000)	-	-
Albert Hunt	-	7,000	(7,000)	-	-
Kendal Town Council	-	500	(500)	-	-
National Lottery Awards4All	-	20,000	(15,886)	-	4,114
W&F - Chairmans Fund	-	3,800	(3,800)	-	-
3RC	-	1,000	(929)	-	71
Gilpin Trust	-	2,000	(2,000)	-	-
Hedley Trust	-	3,000	-	-	3,000
Stephenson Trust – Samworth House	-	20,000	(20,000)	-	-
Morrisons	-	8,000	(8,000)	-	-
	51,672	85,600	(116,678)	-	20,594
TOTAL FUNDS	416,546	505,461	(520,953)	-	401,054

The transfers have taken place as the trustees have chosen to equalise (excluding net property cost) the refuge, male refuge and community unrestricted funds at the year end, as they see the charity as a whole. Monitoring how each is funded and their performance is vitally important, however in different years they can obtain more funds for one than the other.

13. FUNDS (Continued)

COMPARATIVE	Transferred at 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	384,492	(25,673)	-	358,819
Designated fund	-	6,055	-	6,055
Restricted funds				
Restricted funds	41,372	10,300	-	51,672
TOTAL FUNDS	425,864	(9,318)	-	416,546

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

	Brought forward at 1.4.23 £	Incoming resources £	Expenditure £	Transfers between funds £	Carried forward at 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds					
<i>General fund</i>					
Refuge	337,246	174,750	(120,592)	(89,177)	302,227
Community	47,246	14,222	(81,696)	32,455	12,227
Male Refuge	-	3,444	(27,051)	56,722	33,115
Garfield Weston	-	15,000	(15,000)	-	-
Global Make Some Noise	-	15,000	(15,000)	-	-
Henry Smith	-	35,000	(35,000)	-	-
Lloyds	-	31,250	(25,000)	-	6,250
Kelly Family Trust	-	5,000	-	-	5,000
	384,492	293,666	(319,339)	-	358,819
<i>Designated fund</i>					
Friends of Springfield	-	6,515	(460)	-	6,055
	384,492	300,181	(319,799)	-	364,874
Restricted funds					
Activities	695	300	(995)	-	-
CCF educational group work	2,561	-	(225)	-	2,336
COMF Project	14,646	-	(14,646)	-	-
Cost of living support women	2,500	-	(2,050)	-	450
Essential items for women	3,000	-	(1,085)	-	1,915
OASIS IT system	7,370	-	(7,370)	-	-
SLDC Fairer South Lakeland	5,600	-	(5,600)	-	-
0-19 Support Project	5,000	-	(5,000)	-	-
Asda	-	400	-	-	400
Big Give/Gilkes	-	4,084	(4,084)	-	-
Charles Hayward	-	7,000	(6,483)	-	517
Cumberland Building Society	-	15,000	(15,000)	-	-
Dowager	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Hadfield Trust	-	5,000	-	-	5,000
Leeds Building Society	-	2,500	-	-	2,500
Lupton Tower Trust	-	2,500	-	-	2,500
MyLakeland	-	11,500	(6,800)	-	4,700
National Lottery	-	44,991	(44,991)	-	-
Sir John Fisher Foundation	-	20,405	(9,051)	-	11,354
Stephenson Trust	-	20,000	-	-	20,000
Westmorland & Furness	-	9,678	(9,678)	-	-
Womens Aid	-	1,100	(1,100)	-	-
	41,372	149,458	(139,158)	-	51,672
TOTAL FUNDS	425,864	449,639	(458,957)	-	416,546

13. FUNDS (Continued)

The named funds above are for the following purposes:

Refuge – unrestricted funds and income generated by (or for) the Refuge, to primarily be spent on the running of the Refuge.

Community – unrestricted funds and income generated by (or for) the Community service, to be primarily spent on the running of the Community service which encompasses the hub.

Male Refuge – unrestricted funds and income generated by (or for) the Male Refuge, to primarily be spent on the running of the Male Refuge.

Stepping Stones – this is our new second stage accommodation service which will provide safe accommodation for one family.

Lloyds - an unrestricted grant towards the charity's core costs. Also an additional one-off unrestricted grant of £2,250 was awarded to support the charity with the cost-of-living crisis.

Frieda Scott Charitable Trust – we have been awarded three years funding from The Frieda Scott Charitable Trust, this unrestricted funding will enable us to continue delivering holistic, person centred support to survivors of domestic abuse across Westmorland and Furness.

Kelly Family Trust - funds received for core costs of support workers' salaries.

Garfield Weston – this funding was to cover core costs of our Community Service.

W & F InReach – this contract enables us to support domestic abuse clients leaving temporary supported accommodation and resettling into their own home.

W & F DASA – this is the first year of a three-year contract with Westmorland and Furness Council to deliver support to survivors of domestic abuse living in safe accommodation.

Friends of Springfield – funds raised by the Friends of Springfield to help with specific user costs such as emergency accommodation, outings, baby clothes, small birthday and Christmas gifts for residents and clients.

CCF – educational group work – donated in FY2018 from Cumbria Community Foundation.

Cost of living support women – from Cumbria County Council to support women during the cost-of-living crisis.

Essential items women – from the Eaton Fund to help purchase essential items for women in light of the cost-of-living crisis.

Asda – this funding pays for welcome packs for clients moving into refuge i.e. toiletries, underwear, pyjamas, sanitary products etc.

Charles Hayward – this funding enabled us to pay for private counselling for survivors of domestic abuse who would otherwise be unable to access trauma counselling.

Hadfield Trust - year 1 of a 3-year grant towards community support hours.

Leeds Building Society – this funding was for safety and security for victims and survivors of domestic abuse.

Lupton Tower Trust - monies received towards employing a male/rural support worker.

MyLakeland – paid for some of the renovation and refurbishment costs for the new male safe accommodation service.

Sir John Fisher – a contribution towards the costs of our specialist stalking advocacy case worker.

Stephenson Trust Male/Refuge - grant received towards employing a male/rural support worker.

B&Q - this funding enabled us to update the carpets and flooring throughout refuge.

Dowager Countess - shower - the Dowager Countess fund gave a grant of £2,000 towards refurbishment to the shower room.

Albert Hunt - contribution towards the salary for the refuge team members.

Kendal Town Council - this grant enabled us to provide our first Christmas party for child and adult survivors of domestic abuse. We were able to have a Santas grotto complete with Santa and elves who gifted each child a Christmas present, we will also had a magician and party games.

National Lottery Awards4All - funding to cover domestic abuse support in rural communities.

W & F Chairmans Fund – Chairman, Cllr Matt Severn, donated £4,000 from his chairman's budget to support Springfield Domestic Abuse Support with emergency bedroom repairs.

13. FUNDS (Continued)

The named funds above are for the following purposes:

3RC - this funding provided mobile phones and ring doorbells for clients and funded racking and storage for our donation room.

Gilpin Trust - the John Gilpin Charitable Trust awarded us £2,000 towards our community service support in rural areas.

Hedley Trust – the Hedley Grant Foundation awarded £3,000 to Springfield Domestic Abuse Support to go towards the salary of a specialist abuse support worker to help women, men and children to recover and rebuild their lives.

Stephenson Trust Samworth House- funding contributed to Samworth House renovation and loan costs as well as our core costs including staff hours and utility bills.

Morrisons - the Morrisons Foundation awarded us £8,000 from their 125 Year Community Spaces Fund; this funding helped us with setting up Samworth House.

Global Make Some Noise – this funding was to cover core costs of our Community Service.

Henry Smith – this was to cover core salary costs for the Refuge.

Activities – £2,000 was donated by Greggs for activities in FY2018. The use of this was delayed in previous years due to covid and low numbers of women in the Refuge.

COMF Project – funding towards a 20 hour/week support worker role and a 32 hour/week ISAS (Independent Stalking Advocacy Specialist) role plus covers ISAS training, laptop and supervision.

OASIS IT System – from the Frieda Scott Trust towards a bespoke domestic abuse recording IT system.

SLDC Fairer South Lakeland – towards a poverty lead role for the Community hub.

0-19 Support Project – towards training costs and to deliver bespoke children's recovery group work programs.

Big Give – Rural outreach support – taking domestic abuse support and awareness raising to the rural communities.

Cumberland Building Society – this funding contributed towards the salary of our poverty lead support worker; this role was developed in response to the cost-of-living crisis.

Dowager – a contribution towards the costs of our specialist stalking advocacy case worker.

National Lottery – cost of living funding for management costs, support staff costs and training costs.

Westmorland & Furness Council – Outreach Town View - support to survivors of domestic abuse living in town view fields temporary accommodation.

Womens Aid – Flee and Future fund, Women's aid distributed the £1.34m in Home Office funding to provide one-off payments to survivors of domestic abuse to help them flee, and stay fled, from abusers.

14. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION, BENEFITS AND TRANSACTIONS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025 (2024: Nil).

There were no trustees' expenses paid in the year ended 31 March 2025 (2024: Nil).

15. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no related party transactions in the current or previous year.

16. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

There is no single ultimate controlling party of the charity throughout the current year or previous year.

17. TAXATION

As a charity, Springfield Domestic Abuse Support South Lakeland, is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within sections 472-474 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010, sections 478-489 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010, or section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the Charity.

18. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

There were no contingent liabilities as at 31 March 2025 (2024: Nil).