

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1193205

Love Leeds Parks

Unaudited Financial Statements

31 December 2024

Love Leeds Parks

Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2024

	Pages
Trustees' annual report	1 to 7
Independent examiner's report to the trustees	8
Statement of financial activities	9
Statement of financial position	10
Notes to the financial statements	11 to 19

Love Leeds Parks

Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 December 2024

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Chair's report

2024 was a busy year as the charity moved from development phase of our three year National Lottery Heritage Fund project to delivery. I'm pleased we were able to focus and streamline our approach in four new community greenspaces across Leeds: Seacroft, Stanningley, New Wortley and Hunslet. We were able to offer a number of grants to small organisations to increase access to greenspaces, and pilot our Spacehive platform to connect new audiences.

We were able to continue the strategic narrative with Leeds City Council about developing the partnership model. We led a deputation to full Council and had separate meetings with the executive member for green spaces and other interested Councillors.

We were able to get more fully involved with both the Climate Action Hub work across Leeds, but also network better with smaller place based voluntary and community sector organisations in line with our theory of change and organisational outcomes.

Can I give strong thanks to our community officer Anne, who developed so many partnerships across Leeds that will help us in the next phase of the project in widening nature to be closer aligned to the community sector.

And a continued thanks to our CEO Chloe, who has offered her good solid delivery of the organisational priorities but also robust challenge to the board of trustees.

Thanks as well to our trustees, funders, backers and partners. It's been a good year.

C Morrison - Chair



Love Leeds Parks

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2024

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name	Love Leeds Parks
Charity registration number	1193205
Principal office	Love Leeds Parks Farnley Hall Farnley Hall Park Hall Lane Leeds LS12 5HA

The trustees

A Barker
C Morrison
D Ellison
J Preston
J Scully
L Kitching
S Campbell (Appointed 15 July 2024)

Independent examiner	N J Cadwallader FCCA For and On Behalf of David Cadwallader & Co Limited Suite 3 Bignell Park Barns Chesterton Bicester Oxon OX26 1TD
----------------------	---

Structure, governance and management

Love Leeds Parks supports community-led enhancements to public parks and green spaces in Leeds. We raise awareness about the wide ranging benefits of parks, promote community engagement in urban green spaces and generate donations for park improvement projects. The projects we fund are community focused and add value to public green spaces, as well as prioritising parks in deprived areas.

The charity was set up in 2021 and registered with the Charity Commission as a CIO under the charity reference number 1193205.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's constitution, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)"

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Trustees are appointed for a three-year term and may sit for three consecutive terms after which they must stand down for at least 12 months. Trustees are recruited through the networks of the current trustees and by occasional advert.

Love Leeds Parks

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2024

Objectives and activities

Love Leeds Parks' charitable objectives are:

To provide or assist in the provision of publicly accessible green space (parks, gardens, landscaped areas, woodland, recreational spaces, nature reserves and cemeteries) facilities in the interests of social welfare of the inhabitants of Leeds for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life.

The charity operates within the Leeds local authority area.

Public benefit

The trustees have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit - including 'Public benefit: the public benefit requirement (PB1)' and 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)' - when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning its current and future activities.

The achievements and activities outlined in this report demonstrate the public benefit arising from the charity's activities.

Activities

Love Leeds Parks supports community-led enhancements to public parks and green spaces in Leeds. We raise awareness about the wide-ranging benefits of parks, promote community engagement in urban green spaces and generate donations for park improvement projects. The projects we fund are community focused and add value to public green spaces, as well as prioritising parks in deprived areas.

Love Leeds Parks delivers activities directly or provides support and grants to other charities and voluntary groups who are working to support and improve green spaces or to encourage greater activity in green spaces. We work with Friends of Greenspaces, sports clubs and all community organisations who wish to have more attractive green spaces and spaces that host more activities to meet the needs of local people. Love Leeds Parks works closely with the Climate, Energy and Greenspaces department of Leeds City Council and the Parks and Greenspaces Forum.

Love Leeds Parks

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2024

Achievements and performance

Following the successful development and testing of our community empowerment model across Burley and Harehills Parks in 2023, the charity broadened its reach in 2024 to include community green spaces in Hunslet, Seacroft, Stanningley and Wortley. These green spaces were prioritised using the project's selection criteria, including:

- Inequity in access to quality green space - three of the parks (Seacroft, Stanningley & Wortley) had failed the Leeds Quality Parks assessment in the previous two years.
- Supporting areas of high deprivation - three of the parks (Hunslet, Seacroft & Wortley) are situated in the 10% most deprived postcodes in Leeds.
- Community appetite for change - all four parks have a volunteer group dedicated to stewarding and improving the park for the benefit of both nature and their neighbours.

Activity delivered across these neighbourhoods was underpinned by the charity's four strategic priorities for 2023-25.

1. Connect - we will connect communities to their local park.

We first gained a detailed understanding of the local context from the lived experience of residents, exploring meaning, barriers to entry, and new ideas for how green spaces could better serve communities.

In 2024, our Community Officer, Anne, led on community consultations across the Hunslet, Seacroft, Stanningley and Wortley neighbourhoods. We were, once again, delighted by the response from communities, with 987 residents, volunteers, and community leaders contributing their insight to the project. These consultations were co-designed with a network of 40 local voluntary and community organisations, including volunteer groups, schools, faith centres, charities, sports teams, and housing providers.

Consultations were predominantly conducted out in the community across trusted venues, to address barriers to participation and ensure a more inclusive process. The format of consultation sessions was tailored to audiences, for example, using photo aids at ESOL classes. Methods used included interviews, creative activities at community events, school workshops, and recorded discussions with residents at gardening groups, art classes, and coffee mornings.

Following poor uptake on digital surveys in 2023, we also rolled out a more robust digital consultation offer through targeted social media advertising. This approach successfully reached a broader audience, with 179 residents from priority postcodes completing digital surveys.

A wealth of qualitative data was collected from these consultations, the key themes of which were used to create a blueprint for the community's vision for each park.

2. Mobilise - we will empower communities to bring parks to life through activities and improvements.

These blueprints provided a mandate for grassroots groups and volunteers to trial co-designed activity, supported by our Community Parks Activity Grants programme.

In 2024, we partnered with 13 grassroots groups to deliver community-led activity across parks in Burley, Harehills, Seacroft, and Wortley, engaging more than 1,200 residents with their local green space. Events ranged from therapeutic art sessions to guided walks, hip hop workshops, picnics, and tree planting days.

Love Leeds Parks

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2024

Key outcomes from funded activity include:

- Residents were equipped with the skills, knowledge, and confidence to use and shape their local green spaces moving forwards. In Burley, RETAS introduced refugees and asylum seekers to the city's green spaces.
- Residents improved the physical fabric of their neighbourhoods. In Wortley, residents collectively planted 500 bulbs and 4 trees in their local park.
- Grassroots groups grew and diversified their membership bases, supporting long-term viability. Friends of Burley Park reported younger residents joining their mailing list following a community planting day.
- Residents were inspired to take their own strengths-based approach to community building. Following a community festival in Seacroft, residents met with a local charity to discuss using their park Playbox as a venue for refreshments and live music.
- Residents connected with their neighbours. Feedback from residents in Seacroft deemed this to be particularly important post-Covid.
- Voluntary and community organisations successfully trialled new activity that can be replicated. Hello Hip Hop developed a 'Park Jam' product for children that was piloted in Harehills and then replicated in Seacroft.

Following this activity, further grants were made to nine groups in Hunslet and Stanningley in the Autumn of 2024, for the delivery of community-led activity across Spring/Summer 2025. Proposed activity includes rollerskating, football, Zumba, guided creative walks, litter picks, and intergenerational community events.

In addition to activity funded by the grants programme, we also supported two engagement projects through our Spacehive crowdfunding platform in 2024. We partnered with Friends of Stanningley Park to launch the community's first lantern parade, uniting 300 residents in the park for creative workshops and celebrations. We also partnered with England Netball to support 50 women and girls back into sport in Meanwood Park.

3. Invest - we will bring new funding into parks.

This year saw new investment in Leeds's community parks through the generous support of trusts and foundations, and our Spacehive crowdfunding platform.

Our work in 2024 was made possible by the National Lottery Heritage Fund, with thanks to National Lottery players. Our activities were also supported by the generous support of the National Trust, Sir George Martin Trust, Scurrah Wainwright Charity and the Mayor's Safer Communities Fund.

Individual donors from across the city supported parks activity through the launch of our Spacehive crowdfunding campaign. Three projects benefitted from the support of 88 backers, generating a 58% increase on the charity's investment in the projects.

4. Amplify - we will place a spotlight on the important role parks play in building happy and healthy communities.

In 2024, we have continued to grasp opportunities to work in partnership with changemakers at all levels to address the impact of disparity in access to quality green space. In the Summer, our CEO was invited by Spacehive to present to local authority leaders across the country on the important role

Love Leeds Parks

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2024

parks play on the journey to net zero. Our CEO also joined the Leeds Parks & Green Spaces Forum leadership committee to share consultation findings, while our Community Officer was invited to present to councillors sitting on the Inner West Community Safety & Environment committee.

Financial review

2024 was the second year the charity received funds under its National Lottery Heritage Fund three-year grant. In 2024 LLP did not deliver a major Blossom project for the National Trust (£5k versus £30k 2023) and no funds for community grants were received (Nil versus £24.5k) and thus income received in the year fell to £81,939 (2023: £137,757), with the roll out of community grant programmes across four parks seeing expenditure increasing to £101,325 (2023: £96,958). This saw an overall deficit of £19,386 (2023: surplus of £40,799).

Reserves policy

Love Leeds Parks reserves policy is to hold between 7 and 14 weeks of expenditure as available unrestricted reserves. The trustees consider this amount sufficient to allow the charity to continue its core activities during a period of unforeseen difficulties and interruptions in funding. This was equivalent to holding between £13,640 and £27,280 in available unrestricted reserves on 31 December 2024.

Total funds held on 31 December 2024 amounted to £39,256 of which £17,276 was restricted and £21,980 was unrestricted. The trustees are therefore satisfied that sufficient unrestricted reserves are currently held. However, the trustees will continue to review the charity's financial obligations on an ongoing basis and are conscious that the charity will be subject increased commitments as the project grows, including costs associated with statutory obligations to its staff team. The trustees will therefore seek to increase reserves over the course of 2025 and, as noted below, are working towards a sustainable income model.

Future financial uncertainty

This year, fundraising efforts made by our CEO saw new local supporters invest in the charity's activities, with financial support generously given by the Sir George Martin Trust, the Scurrah Wainwright Charity and the Mayor's Safer Communities Fund.

Despite this new investment, the charity is still reliant on the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) to cover most of its operating expenditure. In 2024, the 82% of contribution to core costs made by the NLHF represented over 63% of our total expenditure alone.

To ensure the long-term financial viability of the charity, the CEO and trustees are aiming to secure a pipeline of alternative funding in 2025, to enable the ongoing employment of a staff team and the development and delivery of charitable activities in 2026 and beyond.

Love Leeds Parks

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2024

Plans for future periods

As we move into the third and final year of the Leeds Partnership Parks pilot project, we will continue to build on the success of our proven community empowerment model whilst looking to the future of the charity.

Key priorities for the upcoming year include:

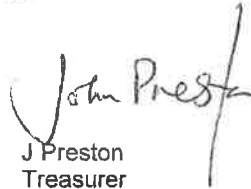
- Engagement - We hope to launch an engagement programme in Spring 2025. This programme will support partner organisations to build on innovative activity successfully tested across community parks in Burley, Harehills, Seacroft and Stanningley.
- Digital communications - We will work in partnership with the National Trust to engage a broader audience across Leeds with the green spaces on their doorstep through the delivery of a digital Blossom campaign. We will invest resource in a refresh of the charity's website to better reflect the charity's purpose and impact and put a spotlight on the activities of our network.
- Evaluation - We will procure the services of an independent evaluator to explore the key outcomes, successes, and learnings of the Leeds Partnership Parks pilot. We will disseminate these findings with green space practitioners, local authority leaders, and VCSOs across the city, as we explore new partnership opportunities to support the charity's vision.
- Fundraising - It is vital that the charity secures multi-year funding to support the continuation of our charitable activities in 2026 and beyond. In 2025, the CEO and trustees will work closely with key stakeholders, including our VCSO network and local authority leaders, to demonstrate the need for and impact of the charity's activities to prospective funders.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 7th July 25 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

C Morrison
Chair



J Preston
Treasurer



Love Leeds Parks

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Love Leeds Parks

Year ended 31 December 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Love Leeds Parks ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.



N J Cadwallader FCCA
Independent Examiner

For and On Behalf of
David Cadwallader & Co Limited
Suite 3 Bignell Park Barns
Chesterton
Bicester Oxon
OX26 1TD

7 July 2025

Love Leeds Parks

Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 December 2024

		Unrestricted funds	2024 Restricted funds	Total funds	2023 Total funds
	Note	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	4	4,813	71,987	76,800	107,757
Charitable activities	5	5,000	—	5,000	30,000
Investment income	6	139	—	139	—
Total income		<u>9,952</u>	<u>71,987</u>	<u>81,939</u>	<u>137,757</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on raising funds:					
Costs of raising donations and legacies	7	4,972	2,583	7,556	10,039
Expenditure on charitable activities	8,9	3,067	90,703	93,769	86,919
Total expenditure		<u>8,039</u>	<u>93,286</u>	<u>101,325</u>	<u>96,958</u>
Net (expenditure)/income		<u>1,913</u>	<u>(21,299)</u>	<u>(19,386)</u>	<u>40,799</u>
Transfers between funds		(10,286)	10,286	—	—
Net movement in funds		<u>(8,373)</u>	<u>(11,013)</u>	<u>(19,386)</u>	<u>40,799</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		35,173	23,469	58,642	17,843
Total funds carried forward		<u>26,800</u>	<u>12,456</u>	<u>39,256</u>	<u>58,642</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 11 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

Love Leeds Parks

Statement of Financial Position

31 December 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Current assets			
Debtors	15	8,906	27,213
Cash at bank and in hand		48,770	40,955
		<u>57,676</u>	<u>68,168</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	18,420	9,526
Net current assets		<u>39,256</u>	<u>58,642</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>39,256</u>	<u>58,642</u>
Net assets		<u>39,256</u>	<u>58,642</u>
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds		12,456	23,469
Unrestricted funds		<u>26,800</u>	<u>35,173</u>
Total charity funds	17	<u>39,256</u>	<u>58,642</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 7 July 2025 and are signed on behalf of the board by:

C Morrison
Chair



J Preston
Treasurer



The notes on pages 11 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

Love Leeds Parks

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2024

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is Love Leeds Parks, Farnley Hall, Farnley Hall Park, Hall Lane, Leeds, LS12 5HA.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

Love Leeds Parks

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2024

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Love Leeds Parks

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2024

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Financial instruments *(continued)*

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Where investments in shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment is subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in income and expenditure. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

Other financial instruments, including derivatives, are initially recognised at fair value, unless payment for an asset is deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate, in which case the asset is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value, with any changes recognised in the statement of financial activities, with the exception of hedging instruments in a designated hedging relationship.

Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised under the appropriate heading in the statement of financial activities in which the initial gain was recognised.

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets are either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics.

Any reversals of impairment are recognised immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Donations			
Donations and gifts	1,559	8,391	9,950
Grants			
Grants receivable	2,741	63,596	66,337
Other donations and legacies			
Donated goods and services	513	—	513
	<u>4,813</u>	<u>71,987</u>	<u>76,800</u>

Love Leeds Parks

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2024

4. Donations and legacies *(continued)*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Donations			
Donations and gifts	9,061	3,500	12,561
Grants			
Grants receivable	15,759	75,697	91,456
Other donations and legacies			
Donated goods and services	3,740	—	3,740
	<u>28,560</u>	<u>79,197</u>	<u>107,757</u>

5. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Services provided under contract	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>30,000</u>

6. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Bank interest receivable	<u>139</u>	<u>139</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>

7. Costs of raising donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Subscriptions and platform fees	111	917	1,028
Support costs	<u>4,861</u>	<u>1,666</u>	<u>6,528</u>
	<u>4,972</u>	<u>2,583</u>	<u>7,556</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Subscriptions and platform fees	313	1,260	1,573
Support costs	<u>2,289</u>	<u>6,177</u>	<u>8,466</u>
	<u>2,602</u>	<u>7,437</u>	<u>10,039</u>

Love Leeds Parks

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2024

8. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Services provided under contract	2,919	36,714	39,633
Support costs	148	53,989	54,136
	<u>3,067</u>	<u>90,703</u>	<u>93,769</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Services provided under contract	23,076	15,870	38,946
Support costs	12,973	35,000	47,973
	<u>36,049</u>	<u>50,870</u>	<u>86,919</u>

9. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Grant funding of activities £	Support costs £	Total funds 2024 £	Total fund 2023 £
Services provided under contract	14,309	25,324	52,397	92,030	85,134
Governance costs	—	—	1,739	1,739	1,785
	<u>14,309</u>	<u>25,324</u>	<u>54,136</u>	<u>93,769</u>	<u>86,919</u>

10. Analysis of support costs

	Provision of publicly available green space £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Staff costs	56,940	56,940	48,241
Governance costs	1,740	1,740	2,100
General expenses	152	152	212
Insurance	157	157	157
Telephone	624	624	690
Recruitment	389	389	742
Training	—	—	600
HR & payroll services	662	662	497
Evaluation	—	—	3,200
	<u>60,664</u>	<u>60,664</u>	<u>56,439</u>

Love Leeds Parks

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2024

11. Analysis of grants

	2024 £	2023 £
Grants to institutions		
RETAS Leeds - NLHF	—	1,000
Friends of Burley Park - NLHF	—	1,480
Hello Hip Hop - NLHF	1,500	1,439
Harehills Park Bowling Club - NLHF	(1,125)	2,125
Harehills Lane Action Team - NLHF	1,500	—
Left Bank Leeds - NLHF	1,492	—
Friends of Wortley - NLHF	2,998	—
LS14 Trust - NLHF	4,500	—
Friends of Hunslet Moor - NLHF	1,500	—
Friends of Stanningley Park - NLHF	1,500	—
Hamara - NLHF	1,500	—
LS TEN limited - NLHF	1,440	—
The Nawroz School - NLHF	1,000	—
All England Netball Association - Spacehive	1,140	—
Friends of Stanningley Park - Spacehive	1,223	—
Friends of Burley Park - Spacehive	1,169	—
Other grants < £1,000	3,987	1,235
	<u>25,324</u>	<u>7,279</u>
Total grants	<u>25,324</u>	<u>7,279</u>

12. Independent examination fees

	2024 £	2023 £
Fees payable to the independent examiner for:		
Independent examination of the financial statements	<u>1,740</u>	<u>2,100</u>

13. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	<u>56,940</u>	<u>48,241</u>

The average head count of employees during the year was 3 (2023: 3).

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2023: Nil).

14. Trustee remuneration and expenses

The key management personnel of the charity consists of the Board of Trustees and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO). The trustees receive no remuneration or benefits. The total benefits received by key management personnel in the year was £25,626 (2023: £26,246).

Love Leeds Parks

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2024

15. Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	8,906	27,213

16. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	10,159	5,252
Accruals and deferred income	7,092	2,149
Other creditors	1,169	2,125
	18,420	9,526

17. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 January 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
We Love Leeds Parks	5,000	—	(3,532)	(1,468)	—
General funds	30,173	9,952	(4,507)	(8,818)	26,800
	35,173	9,952	(8,039)	(10,286)	26,800

	At 1 January 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
We Love Leeds Parks	—	2,000	—	3,000	5,000
General funds	12,264	56,560	(38,651)	—	30,173
	12,264	58,560	(38,651)	3,000	35,173

Designated Fund - We Love Leeds Parks

The We Love Leeds Parks fund has been developed to empower local communities to fundraise for projects that bring the people of Leeds into their local parks or green spaces with activities or improvements. Delivered via the Spacehive crowdfunding platform, the fund offers community groups, non-profits, and CICs, the opportunity to secure up to £1,500 in funding towards projects benefitting Leeds' public green spaces, particularly those located in areas of high deprivation. This includes ventures that bring communities together, improve accessibility, enhance the physical and mental wellbeing of local residents, tackle the impacts of climate change, and conserve the heritage of public green spaces.

Love Leeds Parks

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended 31 December 2024

17. Analysis of charitable funds (continued)

Restricted funds

	At 1 January 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
National Lottery Heritage Fund	19,936	54,915	(87,941)	16,293	3,203
Tree Planting Appeal	3,533	5,650	(5,345)	(2,624)	1,214
Leeds Horticultural Society	—	—	—	—	—
Sir George Martin	—	2,763	—	—	2,763
West Yorkshire Combined Authority	—	5,659	—	(3,383)	2,276
The Scurrah Wainwright Charity	—	3,000	—	—	3,000
	<u>23,469</u>	<u>71,987</u>	<u>(93,286)</u>	<u>10,286</u>	<u>12,456</u>

	At 1 January 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
National Lottery Heritage Fund	(2,795)	75,697	(52,966)	—	19,936
Tree Planting Appeal	5,374	3,500	(5,341)	—	3,533
Leeds Horticultural Society	3,000	—	—	(3,000)	—
Sir George Martin	—	—	—	—	—
West Yorkshire Combined Authority	—	—	—	—	—
The Scurrah Wainwright Charity	—	—	—	—	—
	<u>5,579</u>	<u>79,197</u>	<u>(58,307)</u>	<u>(3,000)</u>	<u>23,469</u>

18. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	2024
Current assets	45,221	12,455	57,676
Creditors less than 1 year	(18,420)	—	(18,420)
Net assets	<u>26,801</u>	<u>12,455</u>	<u>39,256</u>

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	2023
Current assets	44,699	23,469	68,168
Creditors less than 1 year	(9,526)	—	(9,526)
Net assets	<u>35,173</u>	<u>23,469</u>	<u>58,642</u>

Love Leeds Parks

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2024

18. Analysis of net assets between funds *(continued)*

19. Related parties

In 2024 the charity received grant funding from the National Trust totalling £5,000. Two of the charity's trustees - Casey Pae Morrison and Justin Dominic Scully - are employed by the National Trust. The funds received from the National Trust are restricted to the charity's 'Blossom' project.

The negotiation of works was undertaken by the CEO and was informed by the availability of contractors at short notice within the timeline of the planting season and the deadline set by the Blossom Campaign

In late 2023, the charity granted £1,480 to Friends of Burley Park under the Heritage Fund Community grant scheme. In Autumn 2024, the charity made a pledge of £1,169 to the Spacehive Crowdfunder to be run by Friends of Burley Park under the We Love Leeds Parks programme. Trustee John Preston is an active committee member of the Friends of Burley Park but played no part in the Love Leeds Parks grant panels to award these grants.

Dean Ellison became an employee of the National Lottery Heritage Fund in October 2024, but in a role unconnected to the charity's award and its subsequent management.

