

**FREESHOP CRAWLEY
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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**Freeshop Crawley
Reference and Administrative Details
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025**

Trustees	K Godson - Chair D R Walker - Trustee S Johnson - Trustee A J Wright - Trustee
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Charity Number	1193224
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Principal Address	Bewbush Centre Dorsten Square Crawley West Sussex RH11 8XW
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Independent Examiner	Chris Irving FMAAT Curve Accountancy 65 Gales Drive Three Bridges Crawley West Sussex RH10 1QA
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Freeshop Crawley

Trustees' Report For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Objectives and Activities

Aims and Objectives

The object of the charity is "the relief of poverty and financial hardship amongst the people of Crawley and the surrounding area in such a way as the trustees think fit and is deemed necessary, primarily but not exclusively, by providing food, essential toiletries, clothing and household items to individuals and families in need".

Free Shop Crawley provides a choice of fresh fruit & vegetables, toiletries, baby clothes and other essentials free of charge to struggling families in Crawley and surrounding area who are referred to Free Shop by an outside agency for example; the local council, home start, school, college or contact us direct. Customers may self-refer if for example they do not have contact with outside agencies or if they do not meet the agencies criteria. No one is turned away.

Free Shop Crawley works with staff, volunteers, local partners and agencies to reduce the financial and social inequality faced by customers. By offering a variety of support they aim to help people become self-sufficient. Crawley Free Shop strives to reduce social and financial inequality for their customers.

The charity was started on 7th November 2020 by four mums in response to the need arising as a consequence of COVID. Rather than receive a generic parcel from a food bank, the founders wished to open a shop where people in need could retain their dignity by choosing the items that they needed to suit their family situation. Since then, the range of activities offered by Free Shop Crawley has expanded to meet the further needs of its customers. As well as providing for their immediate physical needs, Free Shop Crawley now aims to give support and advice on matters of finance and wellbeing. Activities are run at the Free Shop Crawley premises that provide this support as well as fostering a sense of belonging and community. Customers are treated as individuals with their needs identified and the relevant support given where possible. New courses and activities are developed as the needs of the customers change or if a need is currently unmet. Free Shop Crawley work with a range of community organisations to ensure customer needs are met by those best qualified to give support.

It is confirmed that the trustees have regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

The trustees have paid due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and Performance

Main Achievements

During the year, Freeshop Crawley continued to operate as a community resource offering free access to clothing, household goods, and other essential items. The charity worked closely with local residents, referral partners, and volunteers to ensure support reached those most in need.

Key activities included:

- Redistribution of donated and surplus goods to individuals and households
- Providing a welcoming, dignified environment that promotes choice and reduces stigma
- Engaging volunteers in meaningful community action
- Contributing to environmental sustainability by reducing waste sent to landfill

The trustees refer to the Social Impact Report for the year for detailed information on activities, outputs, and outcomes achieved, including qualitative and quantitative measures of impact.

The work of Freeshop Crawley has delivered significant social, economic, and environmental benefits. As outlined in the Social Impact Report, the charity's activities have supported community resilience, reduced financial pressure on households, and contributed to wider sustainability goals.

Trustees regularly review impact information to ensure activities remain aligned with the charity's objectives and community need.

Volunteers continue to be central to the charity's success. The trustees wish to place on record their sincere thanks to all volunteers for their time, commitment, and contribution throughout the year.

Financial Review

Freeshop Crawley Trustees' Report (continued) For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

Financial Position

The trustees are satisfied with the charity's financial position at the year end. Income and expenditure were managed in line with the charity's objectives, and appropriate financial controls remain in place.

The charity aims to maintain sufficient reserves to ensure continuity of services and resilience against future uncertainty, while ensuring funds are applied effectively for charitable purposes.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

Freeshop Crawley is governed by a board of trustees who are responsible for the strategic direction, governance, and financial oversight of the charity. Trustees meet regularly and ensure the charity complies with its governing document, charity law, and relevant regulations. Day-to-day operations are supported by volunteers and, where applicable, staff.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

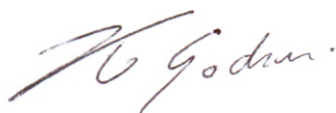
The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

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

The trustees' report was approved by the board of trustees and signed on its behalf by:



K Godson

Trustee

22nd January 2026

Freeshop Crawley
Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Freeshop Crawley
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Freeshop Crawley (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

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

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

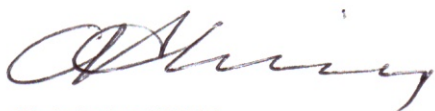
Independent Examiner's Statement

Since the Trust'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 Association of Accounting Technicians, which is one of the listed bodies.

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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and contents 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.



Chris Irving FMAAT
22nd January 2026
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Freeshop Crawley
Statement of Financial Activities
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

				2025	2024
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Donations and legacies	3	27,107	221,430	248,537	263,709
Charitable activities	4	6,430	-	6,430	7,599
Investments		-	-	-	4
		<u>33,537</u>	<u>221,430</u>	<u>254,967</u>	<u>271,312</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities	6	(59,125)	(200,505)	(259,630)	(244,333)
NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME		<u>(25,586)</u>	<u>20,923</u>	<u>(4,663)</u>	<u>26,979</u>
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		<u>(25,586)</u>	<u>20,923</u>	<u>(4,663)</u>	<u>26,979</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:					
Total funds brought forward		35,896	71,424	107,320	80,341
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	12	<u>10,310</u>	<u>92,347</u>	<u>102,657</u>	<u>107,320</u>

The notes on pages 8 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

Freeshop Crawley
Comparative Statement of Financial Activities
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

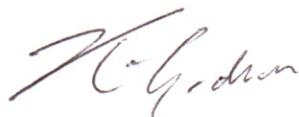
				2024
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:				
Donations and legacies	3	37,069	226,640	263,709
Charitable activities	4	7,599	-	7,599
Investments		4	-	4
		<u>44,672</u>	<u>226,640</u>	<u>271,312</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:				
Charitable activities	6	(35,675)	(208,658)	(244,333)
NET INCOME		<u>8,997</u>	<u>17,982</u>	<u>26,979</u>
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		<u>8,997</u>	<u>17,982</u>	<u>26,979</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:				
Total funds brought forward		26,899	53,442	80,341
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	12	<u>35,896</u>	<u>71,424</u>	<u>107,320</u>

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Freeshop Crawley
Statement of Financial Position
As At 31 March 2025

				2025	2024
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Assets	9	2,040	2,095	4,135	4,633
		2,040	2,095	4,135	4,633
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	10	78	10,806	10,884	4,533
Cash at bank and in hand		26,453	89,958	116,411	118,845
		26,531	100,764	127,295	123,378
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	11	(18,261)	(10,512)	(28,773)	(20,691)
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)		8,270	90,252	98,522	102,687
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		10,310	92,347	102,657	107,320
NET ASSETS		10,310	92,347	102,657	107,320
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY					
Restricted Funds				92,347	71,424
Unrestricted Funds				10,310	35,896
TOTAL FUNDS	12			102,657	107,320

On behalf of the board



K Godson

Trustee

22nd January 2026

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Freeshop Crawley

Notes to the Financial Statements

For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

1. General Information

Freeshop Crawley is a charitable incorporated organisation registered with the Charity Commission, registered charity number 1193224. The principal address is Bewbush Centre, Dorsten Square, Crawley, West Sussex, RH11 8XW.

2. Accounting Policies

2.1. Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)", Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

2.2. Going Concern Disclosure

The trustees have not identified any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

2.3. Fund Accounting

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

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2.4. Incoming Resources

Income is recognised when the Charitable Incorporated Organisation is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Assets for distribution are recognised only when distributed. Assets given for use by the charity are recognised when receivable. Stocks of undistributed donated goods are not valued for balance sheet purposes.

Grants received are included in the year in which the charity is entitled to the income.

2.5. Resources Expended

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal and constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure is included when incurred.

Charitable costs relate to the costs of the community and have been allocated directly to the functional headings as shown on the Statement of Financial Activities.

2.6. Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of the fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Plant & Machinery	Straight Line Basis over 3 Years
Fixtures & Fittings	Straight Line Basis over 3 Years
Computer Equipment	Straight Line Basis over 3 Years

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2.7. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and are readily convertible to a known amount of cash with insignificant risk of change in value, and bank overdrafts.

2.8. Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax as all its income is charitable and applied for charitable purposes.

2.9. Employee Benefits

The costs of short-term employee benefits are recognised as a liability and an expense, unless those costs are required to be recognised as part of the cost of stock of fixed assets.

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

3. Income from Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025 Total funds
	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	27,107	-	27,107
Grants	-	221,430	221,430
	<u>27,107</u>	<u>221,430</u>	<u>248,537</u>

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2024 Total funds
	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	34,669	-	34,669
Grants	2,400	226,640	229,040
	<u>37,069</u>	<u>226,640</u>	<u>263,709</u>

4. Income from Charitable Activities

	2025 Unrestricted funds	2024 Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Activities & Events	6,430	5,599
Contractual Engagements	-	2,000
	<u>6,430</u>	<u>7,599</u>

5. Net Income/(Expenditure)

The net (expenditure)/income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2025	2024
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets - owned	<u>2,403</u>	<u>1,570</u>

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6. Analysis of Expenditure

	2025
	Support costs
	£
Staff Costs	123,515
Rent	9,204
Insurance	856
Delivery	87,500
Telephone	2,232
General	7,739
Professional services	12,917
Office costs and equipment	4,176
Website / IT/ software	1,007
Advertising & marketing	2,238
Share of Support costs - depreciation	2,403
Share of Governance costs - accounting/bookkeeping	5,843
	259,630
	2024
	Support costs
	£
Staff Costs	110,980
Rent	6,833
Insurance	315
Events - fundraising	11,315
Delivery	73,880
Telephone	1,879
General	188
Professional services	19,658
Office costs and equipment	3,755
Volunteer expenses	361
Website / IT/ software	3,036
Advertising & marketing	4,010
Share of Support costs - depreciation	1,570
Share of Governance costs - accounting/bookkeeping	6,553
	244,333

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7. Staff Costs

Staff costs were as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	118,770	108,180
Social security costs	2,116	1,494
Other pension costs	1,760	1,306
	<u>122,646</u>	<u>110,980</u>

No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000.

8. Average Number of Employees

Average number of employees during the year was: 10 (2024: 8)

9. Tangible Assets

	Plant & Machinery	Fixtures & Fittings	Computer Equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
As at 1 April 2024	1,632	100	4,607	6,339
Additions	1,267	-	638	1,905
As at 31 March 2025	<u>2,899</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>5,245</u>	<u>8,244</u>
Depreciation				
As at 1 April 2024	201	83	1,422	1,706
Provided during the period	807	17	1,579	2,403
As at 31 March 2025	<u>1,008</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>3,001</u>	<u>4,109</u>
Net Book Value				
As at 31 March 2025	<u>1,891</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,244</u>	<u>4,135</u>
As at 1 April 2024	<u>1,431</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>3,185</u>	<u>4,633</u>

10. Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	-	995
Other debtors	10,884	3,538
	<u>10,884</u>	<u>4,533</u>

11. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	13,287	14,223
Other creditors	337	351
Taxation and social security	1,931	5,185
Accruals and deferred income	13,218	932
	<u>28,773</u>	<u>20,691</u>

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12. Movement in Funds

	As at 1 April 2024	Income	Expenditure	As at 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General:				
General unrestricted fund	35,237	33,537	(58,632)	10,142
Designated:				
Power Fund	659	-	(491)	168
Total unrestricted funds	35,896	33,537	(59,123)	10,310
Restricted funds				
Postcode Lottery 2	15,343	-	(15,191)	152
Shared Prosperity Fund	3,672	-	(3,423)	249
Ernest Kleinwort A4A	158	-	(100)	58
EK2	1,732	-	(1,732)	-
AWA 3	19,214	-	(19,139)	75
CBC	765	-	(765)	-
Chalk	4,957	-	(2,465)	2,492
HS4	15,318	-	(15,318)	-
SPF2	8,453	-	(8,453)	-
WWNL2	712	-	(253)	459
Col NL2	1,100	-	(1,100)	-
Sussex 3	-	9,990	(6,130)	3,860
Reaching Comms	-	66,137	(66,137)	-
Chalk 2 MH	-	5,000	(825)	4,175
HS6	-	20,000	(8,764)	11,236
Learning Lab Y1	-	10,272	(1,098)	9,174
SPF3	-	66,001	(38,926)	27,075
Vinci	-	5,000	(1,688)	3,312
HS5	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
Thales Christmas 2024	-	4,000	(4,000)	-
CBC SPF4	-	25,030	-	25,030
Virgin 2	-	5,000	-	5,000
Total restricted funds	71,424	221,430	(200,507)	92,347
Total funds	107,320	254,967	(259,630)	102,657
	As at 1 April 2023	Income	Expenditure	As at 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General:				
General unrestricted fund	26,240	44,672	(35,675)	35,237

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Designated:

Power Fund	659	-	-	659
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Total unrestricted funds	26,899	44,672	(35,675)	35,896
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Restricted funds

Postcode Lottery 2	25,000	-	(9,658)	15,342
Shared Prosperity Fund	16,600	-	(12,927)	3,673
Ernest Kleinwort A4A	3,494	-	(3,336)	158
EK2	1,769	5,000	(5,037)	1,732
AWA 3	-	20,000	(787)	19,213
CBC	-	2,376	(1,611)	765
Chalk	-	5,000	(43)	4,957
HS4	-	20,000	(4,682)	15,318
SPF2	-	15,772	(7,319)	8,453
WWNL2	-	23,638	(22,925)	713
Col NL2	-	51,223	(50,123)	1,100
Virgin	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
RPD Foundation West	-	6,667	(6,667)	-
Sussex 3	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
Neighbourly	-	882	(882)	-
Reaching Comms	-	66,082	(66,082)	-
Sussex CG2	1,093	-	(1,093)	-
PCF Postcode Society	1,685	-	(1,685)	-
Comic Relief Sussex	3,801	-	(3,801)	-

Total restricted funds	53,442	226,640	(208,658)	71,424
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Total funds	80,341	271,312	(244,333)	107,320
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13. Related Party Disclosures

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the period.