

BETTER WAY RECOVERY

Registered Charity No. 1193773

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

and

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 31 October 2025

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for the year ending 31 October 2025**

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

Organisational Name: Better Way Recovery

Registered Charity Number: 1193773

Charity's Principal Address:

10 Peregrine Way
Heath Hayes
Cannock
Staffordshire
WS11 7JX

Trustees serving during the period:

Kathleen Griffith
Danielle Byatt (to 23/4/2025)
Marisha Place
Janet Sutton
Daniel Maycock (from 23/4/2025)
Elizabeth Ridler (from 8/8/2025)

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document: Better Way Recovery is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation governed by a Constitution.

Trustee selection methods: Apart from the founding Trustees, each Trustee is appointed for a period of 3 years. New Trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the charity.

Other Trustee information: The charity has a Trustee Code of Conduct and Trustee Indemnity Insurance.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objects of the Charity:

- a) the development of a safe community space for service users to access information and services.
- b) the provision of mentoring and peer to peer support.
- c) providing services in collaboration with local community organisations which are concerned with the rehabilitation of those suffering from addiction.
- d) raising awareness of the public on the effects of drug and alcohol addiction.

Main activities undertaken during the period for public benefit:

- a) in carrying out these activities, the Trustees have had due regard to the relevant public benefit guidance.
- b) providing a place of safety for service users.
- c) facilitating 13 lived experience support groups per week in Lichfield, 5 in Tamworth and 2 groups per week in Burton upon Trent and Burntwood

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- d) offering a drop-in service 6 days per week in Lichfield , 4 days per week in Tamworth, 2 days per week in Burton and 1 day per week in Burntwood.
- e) delivering outreach work in the community alongside other agencies.
- f) delivering drug awareness talks in schools, prisons, hospitals and community groups.
- g) working with local drugs and alcohol services to provide an effective service to recovery seekers.
- h) holding 1 family support group per week in Lichfield.
- i) providing 5 days per week telephone support to recovery seekers.
- j) increased multi-agency working with all key agencies, including police, probation, mental health, job centres, local councils and Midlands Partnership Foundation Trust NHS.

Achievements during the period:

- a) extended funding from National Lottery Community Fund for staffing and running costs until March 2027.
- b) delivered drug awareness talks in local schools.
- c) became part of Staffordshire statutory drugs and alcohol recovery system.
- d) received over 300 self-referrals to the service.
- e) secured funding to operate 2 days per week in Burton upon Trent.
- f) secured funding to operate 2 days per week in Burntwood.
- g) secured funding to renovate The White House in Tamworth as a specialist Day Centre on a 5 year lease.
- h) secured funding from MPFT for work in Tamworth.
- i) employed a full-time Team Leader for the Tamworth centre.
- j) finalist in the King's Award for Voluntary Services.
- k) received BBC West Midlands Community Group Award.
- l) continued a 12 week structured abstinence-based programme.
- m) Staffordshire Treatment and Recovery Service (STARS) key worker based in Lichfield for 2 days per week.
- n) held an annual sleepout and fun day for a 5th year raising over £14,000.
- o) received an invitation to speak with a National Government Minister on criminal justice and rehabilitation.
- p) continued relationships with rehabilitation centres in Nottingham and Derby.
- q) 8 former recovery seekers were either employed or became volunteers.
- r) commenced a weekly breakfast club in Lichfield facilitating multi-agency representation.

Financial Review:

Total income for the year was £566,380, of which £79,614 was funding from The National Lottery Community Fund RC Midlands Region Project ID 20207064, and £472,793 from other grant funders.

Total expenditure was £512,952 of which £508,490 related to restricted funds and £4,462 to general unrestricted funds.

Funds carried forward were £104,282 of which £51,983 were restricted.

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Reserves Policy

The Trustees consider that reserves of at least 6 months operational expenditure should be held in order to cover future unforeseen expenditure or a shortfall in future income. The Trustees will continue to review the level of reserves in line with this policy as the work continues to develop.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:



19 June 2026

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BETTER WAY RECOVERY
for the year ending 31 October 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Better Way Recovery ('the charity') for the year ended 31 October 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

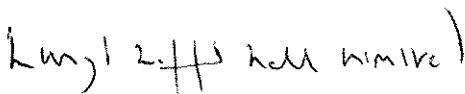
Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement - matter of concern identified

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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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19 June 2026

BETTER WAY RECOVERY
Statement of Financial Activities
(including Income and Expenditure Account)
for the year ending
31 October 2025

Notes		£	2025 £	£	2024 £
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	
	Income from				
2.1	Donations and Legacies				
	Donations	2,210	-	2,210	3,533
9	Charitable Activities				
	Grants receivable:				600
	NLCF RC Midlands region	-	-	-	
	Project ID 20207064		79,614	79,614	42,075
6	Other Grant Funding	3,849	468,944	472,793	101,929
	Fundraising Activities			-	608
9	Sponsored Events	9,590	-	9,590	6,208
	Sundry Income	2,005	-	2,005	1,474
	Investments				
	Bank Interest	168	-	168	95
	Total Income	17,822	548,558	566,380	156,522
3.1	Expenditure				
	Fundraising Expenditure	372	-	372	159
9	Charitable Activities	-	506,750	506,750	160,273
	Other Charitable Expenditure				
	Insurance	-	1,670	1,670	1,348
	Independent Examination	1,170	-	1,170	-
	Bank Charges	60	-	60	60
	Sundries	2,860	70	2,930	3,214
9	Total Expenditure	4,462	508,490	512,952	165,054
	Net Income/(expenditure)	13,360	40,068	53,428	(8,532)
	Funds brought forward	38,939	11,915	50,854	59,386
5.1 and 9	FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	52,299	51,983	104,282	50,854

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BALANCE SHEET
at 31 October 2025

Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Current Assets		
6 Debtors	23,947	5,207
Cash at bank and in hand	126,639	50,983
	<u>150,586</u>	<u>56,190</u>
Current Liabilities		
7 Creditors falling due within 1 year	46,304	5,336
Net Current Assets	<u>104,282</u>	<u>50,854</u>
The Funds of the Charity		
5.1 Unrestricted Funds	52,299	38,939
9 Restricted Funds:	51,983	11,915
Total Funds at 31 October 2025	<u>104,282</u>	<u>50,854</u>

The financial statements on pages 5 to 10 were approved by the Trustees on 19 June 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

K. Giffith

J. Sutton

Trustee:

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
for the year ending 31 October 2025

1.1 Basis of Preparation of Accounts

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with:

the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019, and with FRS 102 - The Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland January 2022, and with the Charities Act 2011.

1.2 Going Concern Basis

There are no material uncertainties related to events or conditions that cast significant doubt on the organisation's ability to continue as a going concern.

2.1 Recognition of income

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

the charity becomes entitled to the resources;

and when it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the charity;

and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

3.1 Recognition of liabilities and expenditure

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal

or constructive obligation committing the organisation to pay out resources;

and when it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement;

and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

3.2 Provisions for liabilities (Accruals)

A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date.

4.1 Debtors

Debtors are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

5.1 Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the organisation.

Restricted funds are funds subject to specific restrictions imposed by the donor, and are not available for other organisational purposes.

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6 Debtors and Prepayments

	2025	2024
Grant Receivable	12,835	5,207
Other debtors	11,112	-
	<u>23,947</u>	<u>5,207</u>

7 Creditors falling due within one year

Grants accrued	-	5,336
Accruals	46,304	-
	<u>46,304</u>	<u>5,336</u>

8 Employees

Salaries	157,960	110,317
Social Security (net of Employers' NIC Allowance)	1,657	-
Pension contributions	4,078	3,025
Other employment costs	900	515
	<u>164,595</u>	<u>113,857</u>
Average Employees during the year :		
Employees FTE	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>

9 Movements in Restricted Funds

	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Closing Balance
TNCLF: 20207064	1,931	79,614	64,625	16,920
Lichfield DC- Locality Deal Fund	4,650	5,636	10,027	259
Tamworth DC - Locality Deal Fund	5,196	5,336	10,273	259
Tamworth Borough Council	-	15,200	3,425	11,775
MPFT RRE-0641	-	115,748	111,611	4,137
CLF Community Foundation	-	1,000	1,000	-
Sweeney Foundation	-	1,200	450	750
MPFT STaRS Tamworth Renovation	-	299,451	291,324	8,127
MPFT STaRS Tamworth Running Costs	-	11,635	3,085	8,550
Citizen Advice Mid Mercia	138	10,369	9,500	1,007
Support Staffordshire	-	1,670	1,670	-
Support Staffordshire	-	1,200	1,135	65
Tamworth Borough Councillors	-	500	365	135
Total	<u>11,915</u>	<u>548,558</u>	<u>508,490</u>	<u>51,983</u>

TNCLF: 20207064 funded centre costs including employment of workers and building rental.
Lichfield DC Locality Deal Fund funded part-time recovery co-ordinators and marketing materials.
Tamworth DC Locality Deal fund funded Tamworth centre costs including staff costs, office rental, volunteer expenses and running costs.

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Analysis of Expenditure

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Employment Costs	-	164,595	164,595
Volunteer Expenses	-	8,382	8,382
Training	-	599	599
Fundraising Expenses	372	-	372
Tamworth Building Renovation	-	291,324	291,324
Professional Fees	-	4,868	4,868
Office Costs	-	11,430	11,430
Rent and Utilities	-	24,217	24,217
Publicity	-	697	697
Insurance	-	1,670	1,670
Sundries	2,860	708	3,568
Bank Charges	60	-	60
Independent Examination	1,170	-	1,170
	<u>4,462</u>	<u>508,490</u>	<u>512,952</u>

Trustees' Remuneration and Reimbursed Expenses

No Trustees have been paid any remuneration, fees or travel expenses or received any other benefits from employment with the organisation or related entity during the year. (2024- nil)

Related Party Transactions

There have been no related party transactions that require disclosure during the year (2024 - nil)

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Statement of Financial Activities - Comparative figures for prior period

	Year ending 31 October 2024		
	£	£	£
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
Income from			
Donations and Legacies			
Donations	3,533	-	3,533
Charitable Activities			
Grants receivable:	600	-	600
NLCF RC Midlands region			
Project ID 20207064	-	42,075	42,075
			-
Other Grant Funding	-	101,929	101,929
Fundraising Activities	558	50	608
Sponsored Events	6,208	-	6,208
Sundry Income	1,474	-	1,474
Investments			
Bank Interest	95	-	95
Total Income	12,468	144,054	156,522
Expenditure			
Fundraising Expenditure	109	50	159
Charitable Activities	-	160,273	160,273
Other Charitable Expenditure			
Insurance	-	1,348	1,348
Bank Charges	-	60	60
Sundries	2,979	235	3,214
Total Expenditure	3,088	161,966	165,054
Net Income/(expenditure)	9,380	(17,912)	(8,532)
Funds brought forward	29,559	29,827	59,386
FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD to 2024/5	38,939	11,915	50,854