
Speke Children's Environment Committee

INDEPENDENTLY EXAMINED ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/03/2025

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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TRUSTEES' REPORT

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31/03/2025

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the Charity in the year under review was the provision of facilities for recreation and other leisure time occupation for children resident in Speke.

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Speke Children's Environment Committee was first registered on 21st August 1975 and became a registered charity (504979) on 10 March 1976 and changed to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (1193878) on the 22nd March 2021. Throughout these changes all assets, liabilities and commitments (financial or otherwise) were automatically transferred, objectives and powers were updated, however its core purpose and values remain unchanged.

Its financial statements are prepared in accordance 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).

The Committee set and approve the policy, procedures and operations of the charity, which are then implemented by the staff. The Committee meets quarterly throughout the year and in between scheduled meetings as required.

The Business and Programme Manager (Michael Carey), works to the Board providing advice and guidance on future planning, finance and funding as well as supporting the Centre Manager with the strategic, administrative and continued development of the service.

The Centre Manager (Kimberley Preston), supported by a General Manager - Youth (Chloe Hooton), is responsible for the delivery of the Charity's objectives and the day-to-day operational management of the Charity.

The remuneration of key personnel is benchmarked with JNC benchmarks and with Charities of a similar size and activity to ensure that the remuneration is set fairly and in line with that generally paid for similar roles.

- Appointment of Trustees:

Trustees are appointed, as per the terms of its Constitution, which allows members to stand for a 3-year term before needing to be re-elected.

The Charity seeks to have a wide range of skills and experience on its Committee, contained within a small number of individuals. Applications are welcome from potential Committee members regardless of, for example, ethnic origin or disability. Trustees can be recruited by referral or by direct approaches from individuals.

Skills audits of Committee members are conducted and any identified training needs provided. All new Trustees are given a detailed introduction to the Charity and provided with key important documents including the Constitution, Financial Statements, Business Plan, Safeguarding Training and Policy Statements.

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OBJECTS OF THE CHARITY

The objectives of Speke Children's Environment Committee is the provision of facilities and services for recreation and other leisure time occupation for children and young people in Speke and its environs,

- a) Of which such children and young people have need by reason of their youth, ill health, disability, poverty or social disadvantage.
- b) Which will improve the quality of life for such children by promoting their educational, physical, cultural and mental well-being.
- c) That they develop civic responsibility, promote equality and shared values, appreciate the environment and become good citizens
- d) To provide, maintain and equip a playground, playgrounds affording opportunities for freeplay, organised activities, adventure and enterprise.

- Mission Statement:

Speke Children's Environment Committee is committed to utilising its skills, knowledge and experience in making provision for children's play, leisure and recreational needs.

S.C.E.C will establish, promote and support young people's play through the adventure playground environment (namely, Speke Adventure Playground and designated satellite centres). The service provides open access play and youth facilities, positive diversionary activities and on the whole targets children and young people aged 0-16 years regardless of ability, ethnicity, cultural and social economic status. We aim to raise the self-esteem and independence of those attending by providing an environment in which they can take risks, learn and challenge themselves. The organisation is fully staffed by experienced play and youth workers who facilitate opportunities such as art and crafts, sports, games, music and drama whilst also providing a safe place to chill. We regularly consult our users and stakeholders through annual partnership forums and annual satisfaction questionnaires and include their ideas in our planning. This is reinforced by our Youth Forum who meet regularly to review delivery and share their thoughts, feelings and ideas, which help to keep us relevant and guides our wider decision making.

Since the approval of our 2024-2029 Business Plan, new funding has been secured to support the continuation of our services in Speke. The business plan set out a new model for delivery, incorporating satellite provision, targeted youth clubs and outreach as core services, which better meets the needs of the local community. The plan also sets out the ambitions for an extension to separate play and youth, so our senior youth have a space which belongs to them. Work to deliver this is ongoing, with lease and planning applications being processed by the local authority.

S.C.E.C works in partnership with other agencies in pursuit of a quality play and youth experience for all children, working alongside partner agencies to support children with disabilities to play and socialise with their mainstream peers. This helps to break down preconceived ideas which often surround disability.

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S.C.E.C actively promotes the principles of equality and diversity.

Our themed activities promote and involve Art Culture and Diversity, Active Citizenship, Challenging Anti-Social Behaviour and Understanding Crime, Health and Well-Being, Equality and Diversity and Being Me!

REVIEW OF ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The delivery plan theme for 2024/25 was Being Me and although much of our work is cross cutting this focus helps to drive and influence our ambition and delivery. This year the centre recorded 12,163 visits from 1,371 unique attendees and 718 contacts through street based detached work.

Delivery progressed more slowly than initially planned following the creation of our 2024-2029 Business Plan, which outlined our core ambitions for the next five years. The delay occurred while we awaited funding decisions from the bodies identified in the plan. This funding encompassed both capital and revenue streams, including support for growing existing services and new investment to enhance our youth offer - specifically extending opening hours and targeting the 13 and over age group.

The delayed funding decisions impacted our recruitment timeline, leading to a slower start during the first two quarters of the year. However, following successful grant outcomes, we were able to complete the recruitment of our new staff by September.

Annual Satisfaction questionnaires continued to be collected and this year we have broadened them to capture specific data on 13 and over to learn what we can better do to meet their needs. The Being Me delivery plan targeted activities and projects that raised awareness and used creativity to support personal development, self-expression, broaden horizons and explored self-confidence, social issues and being me. The following headlines help to describe our key achievements during 2024-2025 and the services we provided to the young people of Speke

- Arts, Cultural and Diversity:

Understanding that art is a powerful tool for self-expression, growth and learning and residing in Liverpool where culture is a key strategic driver for the City, we aim to harness this momentum to explore diversity, communities and people. This was achieved this year using different art techniques to tell stories allowing the young people to learn about others, whilst also expressing themselves.

Our 2024-2025 projects demonstrated how arts and culture can foster self-expression, celebrate diversity, and build community connections. The Fashion Project in collaboration with EITC empowered young people to develop practical design skills while exploring their creativity, which will culminate in a showcase event to celebrate their achievements. Our Know Yourself, Grow Yourself project used nature-inspired art to help participants reflect on identity and personal growth during Children's Mental Health Week. Participants, working with a community artist, annotated the roots with personal reflections about who has nurtured them and their future aspiration, creating a collaborative artwork that captured their thoughts and aspirations.

Cultural celebrations formed a vibrant part of our programme, with hands-on activities bringing different traditions to life. For Diwali, young people created clay tea lights while learning about the festival's symbolism of light overcoming darkness. Chinese New Year was marked through dragon-making workshops and traditional food, immersing participants in the celebration. These experiences, alongside our Poppy remembrance installation featuring handmade poppies and sunflowers, using recycled materials, showed how art can help us honour important occasions while developing cultural understanding.

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From participating in Liverpool Pride with handmade banners to creating TikTok content, our activities encouraged young people to express themselves while engaging with wider social themes. The blend of structured projects and open creative sessions allowed for both skill development and personal exploration across visual arts, dance, sewing and design. Through these targeted activities, we've seen how arts participation can build confidence, celebrate diversity, and create meaningful connections across generations and cultures.

- Social Issues, Change and Cultural Diversity:

Our work includes helping young people to embrace and understand wider social issues and to celebrate diversity through engaging projects and hands-on experiences. The CELLS programme delivering straight talking sessions about crime prevention, exploitation and substance abuse in a way that really connected with participants. Our community artists developed creative projects that made complex topics accessible and meaningful including a Being Me workshop where young people explored their unique identities by crafting sculptures to represent themselves. Other art projects tackled important contemporary issues like body image, self-expression and online safety, with participants creating eye-catching posters about staying safe on social media platforms.

Throughout the year we marked important cultural events and awareness campaigns including Liverpool Pride, Diwali celebrations, Chinese New Year festivities, women's independence, Remembrance Sunday and Black History Month. Youth forums enabled young voices to be heard, covering planning consultations for a new extension, detached youth work, delivery plans and satisfaction evaluations. Practical citizenship activities included local litter picks, intergenerational visits to Brushwood Nursing Home, and a Venny sleepover experience to raise awareness about homelessness.

Underlying this now in its third successful year, our Speke Out Against Crime exhibition continues to tour Liverpool libraries, showcasing powerful artworks created by our young people that address knife crime and diversity.

Feedback from our annual surveys shows these initiatives make a difference, with 80 percent of participants reporting they enjoyed our special projects and 82 percent saying they felt more confident.

- Personal Development:

Supporting the growth and development of our young people is a core aim achieved through structured activities, free play and targeted projects, which we were still able to achieve. Exploring important social issues are valuable for supporting citizenship, personal growth and understanding.

While all our core services contribute to personal growth and confidence-building, we specifically design special projects to directly impact young people's development. Initiatives like Grow Speke, themed art projects, and residential trips play a vital role in fostering independence, particularly for those experiencing their first stay away from home. These programmes help young people develop aspirations, self-confidence, and self-worth by pushing their boundaries in supportive environments.

Our continuing partnership with SPLICE delivers weekly targeted sessions, creating a safe space for children with disabilities or additional needs to build social skills and confidence through tailored activities. We further enhance development by collaborating with specialists; community artists address key issues through creative expression, Liverpool University engages young minds with interactive Mad Science sessions, and focused workshops and conversations, on substance abuse, crime, sexual health and antisocial behaviour encourage responsible decision-making. Feedback shows that 80% of participants recognise how these targeted programmes (including Pride, homelessness awareness, and diversity initiatives) expand their knowledge and perspective.

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Mental wellbeing is a central theme across our delivery, with both general and targeted support fostering emotional resilience and personal growth. Staff have received specialised training to better guide young people, ensuring a holistic approach to development. Citizenship is also prioritised, activities include litter picking and nursing homes visits, where young people interact with elderly residents, nurturing empathy and community responsibility.

Parent feedback highlights the success of our approach, with 100% noticing improvements in their child's self-confidence, citing learning, social skills, increased activity, and positive staff relationships as key factors. Youth forums further empower young people to shape their own experiences, this year they contributed to programme design, building plans, playground reviews, and satisfaction feedback. Encouragingly, 88% of participants expressed interest in joining future forums, demonstrating growing engagement and leadership among our youth.

Through these layered approaches; structured projects, partnerships, wellbeing support, and youth led initiatives, we ensure personal development remains at the heart of our service.

- Diversionary Activities:

Over the past year, we organised a wide range of trips, excursions, and residential stays to give young people in Speke opportunities they might otherwise miss. Many families in the area struggle financially, meaning some children rarely get to explore beyond their community. We ran 35 trips and two residential stays, creating 654 opportunities for young people to visit new places. These included wellbeing and nature-based visits like Llandudno, Wepre Park, and Manley Mere, as well as sports and adventure activities such as Ninja Warriors, ice skating, and watersports. For recreation, we took groups to Blackpool, the cinema, pantomimes, and meals out, with a highlight being a trip to Anfield to watch a Liverpool FC away match on the big screen.

While most trips were for young people, some included families to help build positive childhood memories and strengthen family bonds. Our minibus also supported smaller local outings to places like Acorn Farm and Speke Hall, contributing to our focus on mindfulness and wellbeing. Alongside these trips, we expanded our detached youth club from one to five nights a week, providing a safe, welcoming space as an alternative to the streets. This helped us reconnect with young people, particularly after the impact of Covid-19 and the closure of other youth services, while also addressing anti-social behaviour and supporting personal development.

In total, the 35 trips provided 573 opportunities, including 13 sports-based activities for 268 young people, 12 wellbeing and nature trips for 235 participants, and 13 recreational outings. We also ran two three-day residential stays in Skipton. These activities not only offer fun and adventure but also help young people gain new experiences, build confidence, and create lasting memories.

- Health and Well Being:

Being healthy remains a key focus developing healthy habits through practical activities and learning. Our holiday cookery sessions teach nutritious meal preparation, with special attention given to those who usually rely on free school meals. The popular Grow Speke initiative combines environmental awareness with hands-on learning about recycling, sustainable living and growing fresh produce. Our cookery club reinforces these lessons with nutritional guidance, supported by two informative display boards about healthy eating choices.

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For mental and emotional wellbeing, we celebrated children's mental health awareness themes; My Voice Matters and Know Yourself Grow yourself, delivering a comprehensive programme including drug awareness sessions, yoga, meditation, personal hygiene, pampering sessions, physical activities, and nature trips. Residential stays and mindfulness projects like the Worry Jar and kind vibes provide young people with practical tools to manage anxiety, build resilience and boost their overall confidence. Staff have also completed mental health awareness training to better assist their work and support referrals.

Our innovative partnership with Wilful Misfits theatre group delivers the Building Bridges, Setting Boundaries project. Through creative workshops, we explore crucial topics including healthy relationships, self-esteem, consent and personal boundaries in an engaging, neurodiverse-friendly format.

Working with MYA, our SPLICE sessions create valuable opportunities for disabled young people to form positive relationships and engage more fully in community life. These sessions help participants develop greater independence while accessing our range of supportive services.

Together, these initiatives provide holistic support that addresses both physical health and emotional wellbeing, equipping young people with essential life skills for their future.

- Meals for All:

Addressing food poverty in Speke we maintained our free food offer to young people during our after-school programme. Funding from HAF enabled this to be extended to school holiday programmes and The Steve Morgan Foundation supported satellite and detached sessions. Across all services this equates to approx. 6,670 meals. As a charity, the trustees remain committed to ensure that no child goes hungry.

- Being Active:

Physical activity was delivered through the playground, free-play and organised structured sessions. Valued by the young people sport and being active remained popular and stayed a key priority due to the high levels of childhood obesity in Speke. Staff delivered a comprehensive programme of activities with 285 targeted sports sessions totalling 4,021 sporting opportunities including, swimming lessons, Venny Olympics, wheels extreme, boxing, yoga, trampolining, football, gym lessons, swimming club, multi-sports, and team games (e.g. manhunt) across Venny, satellite and youth sessions. This excludes 306 days of open access to the playground, which remains a main attraction, which naturally promotes physical activity and free play. Complementing organised activities, the playground provided 306 additional days of open access that naturally encouraged being active through unstructured play, which is popular among young people. This dual approach catered to different ability levels and interests while helping to support sustainable active lifestyles.

- Celebratory Events:

Child poverty means some children have limited opportunities to experience and enjoy every day celebratory events and national festivities so to bridge poverty and ensure inclusion we held 40x sessions that supported or directly celebrated them, which included; Christmas, Halloween, Easter, Remembrance Sunday, Chinese New Year, Neighbours Day, Valentine's Day and Shrove Tuesday.

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- Creativity and Participation:

Art remains a popular and valued part of our offer, supporting self-expression, creativity and personal satisfaction, whilst building confidence and enabling individual identity. We delivered over 323 arts and craft sessions supporting being creative, building confidence and allowing all to feel pride in their achievements. In house art sessions continue to remain popular as young people use their own imagination, work at their own level and feel a sense of pride in personal achievements. Art sessions support social interaction and allow workers to start conversations on topical issues.

- Free Play:

Annual surveys, completed by our young people, repeatedly rank free play as their favourite activity. Our delivery included after school, weekend, youth club, satellite, detached and holiday programmes, which all enable and encourage free play. This underpins our core delivery by promoting, positive childhood experiences, play, imagination, exploration and friendships. Feedback also told us that 94% of the young people recognised that free play kept them active, so this is a crucial part of their wider health and well-being. We therefore continue to promote free play as well as using a carrot and stick approach to increase engagement and participation in wider social projects and programmes from which the young people benefit.

- Business Planning:

The Charity held 5x management meetings, submitted its independently examined accounts for 2023/24 and held its strategic partners meeting. The existing Chair and Treasurer continued in their roles. The organisation delivered its Being Me Delivery Plan to help target well-being, personal development, self-belief and social issues, which collectively fed through the annual programme. Several funding streams ended, which was the catalyst for the 2024/2029 Business Plan against with new income continuing to be secured. Our planning application was submitted supported by biodiversity net gain and a preliminary ecological appraisal. Recruitment barriers identified the need to restructure and realign our pay structure with JNC national averages for play and youth work. Partnerships took a pivotal role with the new Neighbourhood structure, South Liverpool Business Forum and Right to Succeed, which aims to secure Speke as its next Cradle to Career initiative that will involve us in future years, if successful.

Ongoing negotiations have taken place with the local authority regarding finalising our lease and S106 funds and we continue to be the custodian of the civic playground

We held 5x Youth Forums that reviewed our work and policies, initiated risk assessments, completed annual satisfaction monitoring and updated the organisations sustainability plan. Staff training was completed for safeguarding, mental health awareness and food hygiene whilst others have started vocational courses.

The business plan has been rolled out with a clear vision until 2029, funding has now been secured and staff recruited. The charity is in a favourable position to grow the service as outlined in the plan, increase opportunities, review need whilst driving engagement and participation for the betterment of Speke and all its young people. Work also started on mapping out the Charity's fiftieth anniversary plans for 2025/26.

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PUBLIC BENEFIT

Our activities deliver public benefit by the facilities and activities being accessible and targeted at all children, families and carers in the area we serve. We believe that play is an enriching and crucial part of children's lives necessary for their holistic development. We provide a safe fun stimulating supportive environment for children, Families and Carers which is free to access with no time limit thereby delivering public benefit. Social services also praise staff for support provided to those families with particular needs highlighting the difference we make to individual lives.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The results for the period and the Charity's position at 31 March 2025 are shown in the attached financial statements. Total incoming resources were £276,962 (2024 £240,743). Total resources expended were £248,464 (2024 £219,448) resulting in net incoming resources for the period of £28,498 (2024 £21,295) - net incoming resources on the unrestricted funds of £6,405 (2024 £6,584) and net incoming resources on the restricted funds of £22,093 (2024 £14,711). At 31 March 2025 the balance on the unrestricted funds was £75,522 (2024 £69,117) and the balance on the restricted fund £114,783 (2024 £92,690) being £190,305 (2024 £161,807) total funds. The restricted funds of £114,783 comprise £107,751 of restricted revenue funds for future project spend, and £7,032 Capital Funds invested in a mini-bus.

The Charity occupies premises provided by Liverpool City Council within a negotiated relocation programme to facilitate Speke District regeneration in 2002. However, the longer term detail of this agreement is being determined. No value is placed on the premises in the Financial Statements.

RISK MANAGEMENT

For each project/activity we produce a detailed risk assessment. Monitoring of identified risks is in place and the regularity of review for each is established. Fundraising and. Management forms part of every committee meeting, which ultimately ensures sufficient resources our available to cover costs and deliver services. Wider risk is also managed through a strategic Sustainability Plan, which is also regularly monitored by the Committee.

RESERVES POLICY

Though the Charity operates on a not-for-profit basis, the Charity will endeavour to provide for financial stability and sustainability by maintaining a free reserve. Based upon 12 months' running costs, the Trustees estimate that the Charity will require an ideal free reserve of £120,000 to sustain its operations at the current level over a period when one major funding stream ends and a new one commences. Actual free reserves at 31 March 2025 were £75,522 and current business plans indicate the Charity has sufficient resources for planned activity but fundraising and the development of the reserve is an ongoing objective for financial stability and sustainability.

FUTURE PLANS

The realisation of the 2024/29 business plan will now guide both revenue and capital aspirations that will collectively build a competitive and relevant play and youth service in Speke. This will be overseen by the board who will proactively manage income, expenditure and grant agreements, whilst ensuring delivery continues to reflect local voices and needs.

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New services will see the growth and ongoing development of our youth offer now open 5 nights a week including outreach provision to ensure participation is maintained. Recent increases in anti-social behaviour will also see a continued detached offer in Speke throughout the year.

Lease arrangements with the local authority and our planning application need to be finalised. Enabling our capital ambitions to be enacted, which includes the installation of new outdoor gym equipment in 2025/26. Mental health will be our key theme and this will be embedded throughout our work, with special projects being developed to support this aim. 2025/26 is also a landmark year for the Charity as it reaches its 50th Anniversary. This flagship achievement will also be reflected in our delivery plan with special projects, events and celebrations planned throughout the year. One such project is our Flying Pigs project, which is currently undergoing consultation with key partners but if funding bids are successful this project seek will seek to capture the social history of Speke through literacy, and creative arts.

The role out of the local authority's neighbourhood management structure and the targeted Cradle to Career proposal for Speke will be influential during 2025/26 and will potentially help guide wider delivery, outcomes and impacts over the coming years.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are a valuable resource for the charity. This includes the Trustees, specific projects volunteers and individuals undertaking work placement opportunities.

EVENTS SINCE THE YEAR END

The Charity has secured funding for the next few years and has appointed a new Centre Manager who will lead on delivery and shaping the new services and with the forthcoming departure of the Business and Programme Manager will assume strategic responsibility in due course. An enhanced youth offer has been delivered targeting the 13+ age group. A new detached offer has been reinstated due to a rise in ASB since the end of our last detached programme, its longer-term continuation will be subject to new funding. Early preparations have started for this special year, which celebrates the Charity's 50th Birthday. Mental health awareness will be a key theme for 2024/25 and underpins the core aims of our Eat Well:Stay Fit delivery plan, which will guide delivery, including projects such as Spekefest25, which also supports wider resident engagement, culture, diversity. Other main continuing activities include SPLICE, detached youth clubs, satellite provision, residentials, excursions, Meals4All, science night and cookery club. A developing relationship with Right to Succeed and the new Neighbourhood Structure will complement our work and ensure a partnership approach to play and youth delivery in Speke.

TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Charity Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and Applicable Law).

Under Charity Law the trustees must not approve the financial statements until they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the net incoming or outgoing resources of the charity for that period.

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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 charities SORP;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- 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 that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and 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. 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 names of the Trustees who held office during the year are noted on page 1.

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 22/01/2026



Paula Shaw
Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/03/2025

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SPEKE CHILDREN'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31/03/2025 .

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

As the Charity's Trustees, 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 Charity's accounts 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.

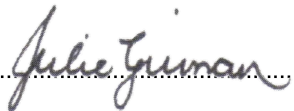
INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS STATEMENT

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000. I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of ACCA.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- The accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- The accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- The accounts did 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.

 Independent Examiner Julie Guinan FCCA

Date: 22/01/2026

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**Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31/03/2025**

			2025	2024
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Income from generated funds				
Other trading activities	10,969	-	10,969	-
Income from charitable activities	1,156	264,837	265,993	240,741
Total Income	12,125	264,837	276,962	240,741
Expenses				
Costs of generating funds				
Expenditure on Charitable activities	5,720	242,744	248,464	219,446
Total Expenses	5,720	242,744	248,464	219,446
Net Income	6,405	22,093	28,498	21,295
Net movement in funds:				
Net income for the year	6,405	22,093	28,498	21,295
Total funds brought forward	69,117	92,690	161,807	140,512
Net funds carried forward	75,522	114,783	190,305	161,807

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

BALANCE SHEET AT 31/03/2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	4	7,032	15,953
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors (amounts falling due within one year)	5	-	20,688
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>209,183</u>	<u>151,267</u>
		209,183	171,955
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	6	<u>25,910</u>	<u>26,101</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>183,273</u>	<u>145,854</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>190,305</u>	<u>161,807</u>
RESERVES			
Unrestricted funds	7		
General fund		75,522	69,117
Restricted funds	8	<u>114,783</u>	<u>92,690</u>
		<u>190,305</u>	<u>161,807</u>

Approved by the board of trustees on 22/01/2026 and signed on their behalf by



Paula Shaw
Trustee

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/03/2025**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1a. Basis Of Accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with FRS102 - The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland and the Companies Act 2006 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

1b. Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

1c. 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.

1d. Allocation And Apportionment Of Costs

All costs relate to the single activity of the charitable company and are recognised accordingly.

1e. Fund Accounting

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

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Designated funds are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for the specific future purposes or projects.

1f. Depreciation

Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets over their estimated useful lives.

Commercial Vehicles	straight line 25 %
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1g. Pension Costs

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension charge represents the amounts payable by the company to the fund in respect of the year.

1h. Turnover

Turnover represents the invoiced value of goods and services supplied by the company, net of value added tax and trade discounts.

1i. Income Recognition

Items of income are recognised and included in the accounts when all of the following are met: (1) The charity has entitlement to the funds; (2) Any performance conditions attached to the income have been met or are fully within the control of the charity; (3) There is sufficient certainty that receipt of the income is considered probable and (4) The amount can be measured reliably.

1j. Policy For Preparation Of Accounts

At the time of approving the accounts, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus, the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts. The Trustees confirm that they have looked at a period of more than 12 months from the date of signing the accounts.

1k. Debtors Policy

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid after taking account of any discount due.

1l. Creditors And Provisions Policy

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in a transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement value amount after allowing for any discount due.

1m. Cash At Bank And In Hand Policy

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

1n. Financial Instruments Policy

The charity has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2. DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES

Particulars of employees (including directors) are shown below:

Employee costs during the year amounted to:	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	125,143	104,727
Social security costs	1,360	-
Pension costs	25,523	16,651
	<u>152,026</u>	<u>121,378</u>

The trustees do not receive remuneration for their services as trustees.

The Charity had 6 permanent staff and 13 part-time employees during the year. The aggregate remuneration of key management personnel (3) was £61,406. There were no other employees whose remuneration was £60,000 or more.

3. PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Pension contributions	25,523	16,651
	<u>25,523</u>	<u>16,651</u>

4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Commercial Vehicles	Total
	£	£
Cost		
At 01/04/2024	33,165	33,165
At 31/03/2025	<u>33,165</u>	<u>33,165</u>
Depreciation		
At 01/04/2024	17,212	17,212
For the year	8,921	8,921
At 31/03/2025	<u>26,133</u>	<u>26,133</u>
Net Book Amounts		
At 31/03/2025	<u>7,032</u>	<u>7,032</u>
At 31/03/2024	<u>15,953</u>	<u>15,953</u>

5. DEBTORS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	-	20,688
	<u>-</u>	<u>20,688</u>

6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Taxation and social security	2,640	3,658
Other creditors	23,270	22,443
	<u>25,910</u>	<u>26,101</u>

7. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	Brought forward	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£
General fund	69,117	12,125	(5,720)	-	75,522
	<u>69,117</u>	<u>12,125</u>	<u>(5,720)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>75,522</u>

8. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Brought forward	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£
City of Liverpool Youth Grant	-	46,717	(33,782)	-	12,935
Small Project Grants	200	-	(200)	-	-
National Lottery Community Fund	-	47,913	(36,692)	-	11,221
Holiday Activities and Food Programme (Multiple Funders including HAF, MPAC & LCVS)	6,991	35,348	(42,339)	-	-
MPAC	-	6,000	-	-	6,000
Henry Smith Foundation	-	58,000	(19,520)	-	38,480
BBC Children in Need	11,834	27,614	(38,248)	-	1,200
Steve Morgan Foundation	-	21,600	(16,743)	-	4,857
The Local Neighbourhood Fund (Formerly The Mayoral Neighbourhood Fund)	10,378	7,700	(5,332)	-	12,746
Building Fund	6,637	-	-	-	6,637
South Liverpool Homes	13,690	4,445	(11,993)	-	6,142
Community Foundation - High Sherriff	2,500	-	(2,500)	-	-
Children in Need/DCMS (capital funding)	15,059	-	(7,529)	-	7,530
Keuleyan Grant Funding	5,000	5,000	(10,000)	-	-
John Moores Foundation	-	4,500	-	-	4,500
Locality - Levelling up grant	6,101	-	(6,101)	-	-
Community Foundation - Liverpool One Foundation	14,300	-	(11,765)	-	2,535
	<u>92,690</u>	<u>264,837</u>	<u>(242,744)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>114,783</u>

City of Liverpool Youth Grant

Funds to support the delivery of the youth and play services in Speke

Small Project Grants

Funds for children's activities and events

National Lottery Community Fund

Funds for delivering children's activity including salary, on costs and overheads

Holiday Activities and Food Programme (Multiple Funders including HAF, MPAC & LCVS)

Funds to deliver food and activities during the summer holiday programmes

MPAC

Funds to deliver the violence reduction programme

Henry Smith Foundation

Funds for salary support

BBC Children in Need

Funds for delivering children's activity including salary costs

Steve Morgan Foundation

Funds to deliver satellite services in east and west Speke and provide a part time detached youth work service

The Local Neighbourhood Fund (Formerly The Mayoral Neighbourhood Fund)

Funds for delivering children's activities and resources

Building Fund

Funds for building maintenance and emergencies

South Liverpool Homes

Funding for activities with young people including a contribution to Minibus invested in fixed assets

Community Foundation - High Sherriff

Funds for special projects

Children in Need/DCMS (capital funding)

Capital funds for a minibus and invested in fixed assets

Keuleyan Grant Funding

Funding for salary costs

LCC Culture Liverpool

Funding for creative and cultural projects with young people

John Moores Foundation

Funding for salaries

Locality - Levelling up grant

Community grant for developmental costs

Community Foundation - Liverpool One Foundation

Funding for staff salaries and oncosts

9. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Mary Rasmussen, a Trustee, is a Liverpool City Councillor and the Charity received funding for charitable activities from Liverpool City Council of £54,417 (2024 £56,830), which includes £46,717 (2024 £43,880) paid in part via the Five Children and Families Trust. Susan Roberts, a Trustee, is the manager of Five Children and Families Trust.

During the year, an emergency staff shortage occurred necessitating a response from the Board of Trustees to make temporary staffing arrangements drawing upon the qualifications, knowledge and skills of a Trustee who was a former staff member. This was Paula Shaw who received a payment of £592 for providing temporary services essential to the Charity's compliance with legislation and regulations governing safeguarding of children and young people the primacy of which is central to the values of the Board of Trustees who were clear that this action was in the best interests of the Charity.

A former employee, Kimberley Preston, returned as a Trustee and treasurer and has since resigned. She is now employed by the Charity.

10. NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
Tangible Fixed Assets	-	7,032	7,032
Net Current Assets/(Liabilities)	75,522	107,751	183,273
	<u>75,522</u>	<u>114,783</u>	<u>190,305</u>

11. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS

In the application of the company's accounting policies, which are described in note 1, management is required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates. The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

There are no critical accounting estimates or judgements in these accounts.

12. GENERAL INFORMATION

Speke Children's Environment Committee (Registered Charity Number 1193878) is a charitable incorporated organisation and incorporated in England and Wales. Its registered office is 54 Conleach Road, Speke, Liverpool, L24 0TR. The accounts are stated in sterling, the functional currency of the company.

13. TAX STATUS

Speke Children's Environment Committee is a registered charity and all the activity is in furtherance of our charitable objects therefore we claim exemption from corporation tax.

14. INCOMING RESOURCES

	2025	2024
South Liverpool Homes	4,445	5,550
Community Foundation	-	16,800
City of Liverpool	46,717	43,880
BBC Children in Need	27,614	17,786
Henry Smith Foundation	58,000	34,400
Steve Morgan Foundation	21,600	28,800
Holiday Activities and Food Programme (Multiple Funders including HAF, MPAC & LCVS)	3,400	53,355
Liverpool City Council: Local Neighbourhood Fund	7,700	12,950
MPAC	6,000	-
Sutton Croft	31,948	-
National Lottery Community Fund	47,913	-
Rental Income	10,969	-
Sundry Income and Donations	10,656	27,222
	<u>276,962</u>	<u>240,743</u>

15. EXPENDED RESOURCES

	2025	2024
Activities, trips and projects	51,747	50,277
Insurance	4,677	6,587
Premises Costs	11,444	20,843
Staff Costs	154,345	121,586
Administration Costs	23,812	14,297
Governance	2,439	2,895
Activity and Play Equipment	-	2,963
	<u>248,464</u>	<u>219,448</u>