

Bridge2 (Liverpool) Limited

Company Number 11360911

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Company Limited by Guarantee

Annual Report and Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 May 2025

Legal and Administrative Information

Trustees	Mr Rauni Da Mota Mr Samuel James Hayes Mrs Sanaz Ghafari-Movahead Mr Merfyn Huw Vaughan Cave Mrs Kathleen Rogers
Charity number	1195634
Company number	11360911
Registered office	St James Mission Hall 36 Windsor Street Liverpool L8 1XF
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**Report of the Trustees (including Directors' report)
for the Year Ended 31 May 2025**

The trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 May 2025.

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 memorandum and articles of association, the Companies Act 2006 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) (effective 2019)".

Impact Report 2025**Our Purpose**

Our purpose is to create a safe space for asylum seekers, refugees and the local community; to build community through celebrating cultures, innovation, languages and art; and to equip individuals and organisations to create sustainable futures for themselves and others.

Bridge2 Liverpool provides a safe and welcoming environment where people who are new to the UK can build confidence, develop English language skills, meet essential needs and feel a genuine sense of belonging. Many of those we support have experienced trauma and poor mental health, often linked to displacement caused by war or conflict. Our programmes are designed to support recovery, strengthen resilience and improve emotional, physical and mental wellbeing.

Activities and Achievements in 2025

Throughout 2025, Bridge2 Liverpool delivered a broad programme of practical support, learning opportunities and community activities. Our work focused on reducing hardship, tackling isolation and helping people feel more settled and connected in Liverpool. We continued to combine immediate crisis support with longer-term confidence building and integration.

Meeting Immediate Needs

The Shop continued to offer dignified access to essential clothing for individuals and families facing financial hardship. During the year, 1,086 people used the service and a total of 5,430 clothing items were distributed. This support helped ease financial pressure while allowing people to choose items that suited their needs.

Food insecurity remained a pressing issue for many in our community. In 2025, our foodbank distributed approximately 6,250 food items to around 1,250 people in need. For many households, this provided vital short-term support during periods of uncertainty and rising living costs.

English Language and Integration Support

Limited English continues to be one of the main barriers to independence for people new to the UK. Our mixed-gender ESOL programme ran across four levels, with up to 40 learners attending each week. Over 40 weeks we delivered 320 sessions, generating approximately 2,800 learner attendances.

Feedback from learners was very positive. Around 70% reported improved English language skills, 85% said they felt more confident using English in everyday situations, and 78% told us the classes helped them better understand life and services in the UK. These sessions remain an important pathway towards greater independence, volunteering and employment.

Our women-only ESOL class continued to provide an important culturally safe space. One group of 15 women attended weekly over 40 weeks, generating up to 600 attendances. Feedback showed that 72% improved their English, 88% felt more confident communicating outside the home and 82% said the women-only environment helped them participate more fully.

Alongside formal learning, our weekly Scouse Club offered relaxed conversational practice. Running for one hour per week over 40 weeks, with an average of 16 participants, the sessions generated approximately 640 attendances. Participants told us the club helped them better understand local accents and feel more confident in everyday conversations.

Reducing Isolation and Improving Wellbeing

Our Coffee and Conversation sessions remained a vital early engagement and social support space. We delivered 80 sessions across 46 weeks, providing 160 hours of informal support. Participants reported strong outcomes, with 80% saying they felt less isolated, 83% reporting improved confidence speaking English, and 85% noting improved wellbeing.

The women-only craft group continued to provide a safe, creative environment for connection and confidence building. One group of 15 women attended weekly across 40 sessions, generating up to 600 attendances. Feedback showed that 84% reported improved wellbeing, 87% felt less isolated, and 81% reported increased confidence.

Women's exercise sessions were delivered weekly over 24 weeks and supported both physical and emotional health. Among participants, 82% reported improved physical wellbeing, 79% noted improvements in mood and mental health, and 76% said they felt more active and motivated.

Group walks also played an important role in improving wellbeing and social connection. Ten walks were delivered with 150 participants taking part in total. Feedback indicated that 86% reported improved wellbeing, 80% met new people, and 78% felt more connected to their local area.

Community Connection and Cohesion

Bridge2 Liverpool continued to bring communities together through inclusive events and shared cultural experiences. Our summer Family Fun Day welcomed 65 attendees, with 90% saying the event helped their family feel more connected and 85% reporting improved wellbeing on the day.

Our garden workshop programme delivered eight sessions with 160 participants in total. Feedback showed that 88% reported improved wellbeing, 83% learned new skills and 79% increased their confidence in group participation.

We delivered three cross-cultural celebrations marking Newroz, Eid and Christmas, reaching 180 people. Feedback demonstrated that 92% felt their culture was positively celebrated, 87% felt more connected to the wider community and 85% reported an increased sense of belonging.

Our arts programme delivered three shows reaching a combined audience of 900 people. Audience feedback indicated that 89% reported increased understanding of different cultures, 86% felt the events brought communities together and 84% reported increased community pride.

Case Studies

Case Study 1: Building Confidence Through ESOL

Mohammed from Sudan joined our beginner ESOL class soon after arriving in Liverpool. He told us, "At first I was scared to speak English outside my home." Through regular attendance, his confidence and speaking skills improved. Mohammed has now progressed to the next ESOL level and attends Coffee and Conversation. He says, "Now I can speak to my children's school and do things by myself."

Case Study 2: Reducing Isolation Through Women's Activities

Genet from Eritrea joined our women-only craft and exercise sessions when she was feeling very isolated. She shared, "Before, I stayed at home most of the time." By attending regularly, she built friendships and confidence. Genet told us, "I feel happier and more confident coming here every week." She now encourages other women from her community to attend.

Case Study 3: Growing Confidence Through Garden Workshops

A couple from Iran began attending our garden workshops to connect with others in a relaxed outdoor setting. They told us, "The garden makes us feel peaceful and part of the community." Through the sessions, they learned new practical skills and built friendships. They shared that the workshops helped them feel more settled and positive about their life in Liverpool.

Case Study 4: Building Community Through Cultural Events

Local resident Faith joined our cross-cultural celebrations and attended one of our arts shows. Reflecting on her experience, she said, "These events helped me understand and appreciate different cultures in our community." Faith shared that attending made her feel more connected to her local area and proud to be part of a diverse Liverpool community.

Overall Impact

Across 2025, Bridge2 Liverpool continued to provide holistic, trauma-informed support addressing both immediate need and longer-term integration. Our work has helped to reduce hardship, improve English language confidence, lessen isolation and strengthen wellbeing. Just as importantly, our activities have brought people together across cultures, helping individuals and families feel more connected and hopeful about their future in Liverpool.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee as defined by the Companies Act 2006 and is controlled by its governing document, its memorandum and articles of association.

The board of trustees oversee the legal and financial responsibilities of the charity, and they meet formally as a board on a regular basis. The trustees also have responsibility for the overall direction and vision of the charity. None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £10 in the event of winding up.

Board of Trustees

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, and who served during the year were:

Mr Samuel James Hayes
Mr Merfyn Huw Vaughan Cave (Chair)
Mrs Sanaz Ghafari Movahead
Mr Rauni Da Mota (resigned 23/09/2024)
Mrs Kathleen Rogers (resigned 3/6/2025)

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

On behalf of the board of trustees

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SJH', with a horizontal line underneath.

Mr Samuel James Hayes

Trustee

Dated: 28 February 2026

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees, who are also the directors of Bridge2 (Liverpool) Limited for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustee's Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law 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, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that 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 Companies Act 2006. 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.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Bridge2 (Liverpool) Limited

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity (the Trust) for the year ended 31 May 2025, which are set out on pages 10 to 17.

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 Trustee'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 2011 Act.

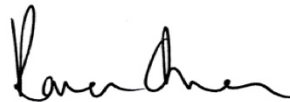
Independent examiner's statement

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 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 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.

Signed:



Name:

Karen Owen

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional body :

ACA/ICAEW

Address:

McParland Williams
13 Liverpool Road North
Maghull
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Date:

28 February 2026

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 May 2025

		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Total funds £
Income	Notes			
	2			
Donations and legacies		13,113	1,775	14,888
Charitable activities		500	51,092	51,592
Other trading activities		23,517	-	23,517
Other		-	-	-
Total income		37,130	52,867	89,997
Expenditure	3			
Raising funds		619	-	619
Charitable activities		25,857	48,491	74,348
Total expenditure		26,476	48,491	74,967
Net movement in funds		10,654	4,376	15,030
Reconciliation of funds				
Funds brought forwards		81,911	14,459	96,370
Fund carried forward		92,565	18,835	111,400

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

Balance Sheet
As at 31 May 2025

		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Total this year £
	Notes			
Fixed assets				
Tangible assets	6	85,173	-	85,173
Current assets				
Cash at bank and in hand		26,120	41,582	67,702
Liabilities				
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	107	(41,582)	(41,475)
Net current assets		26,227	-	26,227
Total net assets		111,400	-	111,401
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	8	-	-	-
Total net assets or liabilities		111,400	-	111,400
Funds of the Charity				
Restricted funds		-	-	-
Unrestricted funds		111,400	-	111,400
Total charity funds	10	111,400	-	111,400

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 May 2025.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 May 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The notes form part of these financial statements

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 28 February 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:



Mr Samuel James Hayes
Trustee

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 May 2025**1. Accounting Policies**

Bridge2 (Liverpool) Limited is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is St James Mission Hall, 36 Windsor Street, Liverpool, L8 1XF.

1.1 Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, 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 Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Charities Act 2011. The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

1.2 Going Concern

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. The Trustee adopt the 'going concern' basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

1.3 Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. In the case of performance related grants, income has been recognised to the extent that the charity has provided the specified goods or services as entitlement to the grant only occurs when the performance related conditions are met. Such income is deferred when the donor has imposed conditions which must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement. Note 9 gives details of the income deferred.

1.4 Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, 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 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.

1.5 Assets

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost and net of depreciation and any impairment losses. Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each tangible fixed asset over its estimated useful life, as follows:

Freehold buildings	2% p.a. on a straight line basis
Fixtures, fittings & equipment	25% p.a. on a straight line basis
Computers	25% p.a. on a straight line basis

1.6 Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities. The charity is not able to recover Value Added Tax and expenditure is recorded in the accounts inclusive of VAT.

1.7 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.

2 Analysis of income

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Total funds £
Donations and legacies			
Donations and gifts from individuals	13,113	1,775	14,888
	<u>13,113</u>	<u>1,775</u>	<u>14,888</u>
Charitable activities			
Performance related grants provided by other charities	-	51,092	51,092
Donations and gifts from other charities	500	-	500
	<u>500</u>	<u>51,092</u>	<u>51,592</u>
Other trading activities			
Property rental income	20,123	-	20,123
Sale of artwork	2,608	-	2,608
Other	786	-	786
	<u>23,517</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,517</u>
Total	<u>37,130</u>	<u>52,867</u>	<u>89,997</u>

3 Analysis of expenditure

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Raising funds			
Advertising and marketing	619	-	619
Charitable activities			
Staff costs	800	45,441	46,241
Depreciation	2,563	-	2,563
Project purchases	2,479	3,050	5,529
Premises expenses	16,816	-	16,816
Office expenses	2,970	-	2,970
Sundry expenses	229	-	229
Total	<u>26,476</u>	<u>48,491</u>	<u>74,967</u>

4 Employees

Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2025	2024
Charitable	8	7

Employment costs	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	45,832	39,074
Social security costs	-	-
Other pension costs	409	354
	<u>46,241</u>	<u>39,428</u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more.

5 Retirement benefit schemes

Defined contribution schemes

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

The charge to the statement of financial activities in respect of defined contribution schemes was £409.

6 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold buildings £	Fixtures, fittings & equipment £	Computers £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 June 2024	95,546	5,134	561	101,241
Additions	-	-	-	-
At 31 May 2025	<u>95,546</u>	<u>5,134</u>	<u>561</u>	<u>101,241</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 June 2024	9,555	3,529	421	13,505
Depreciation charged in the year	1,911	512	140	2,563
At 31 May 2025	<u>11,466</u>	<u>4,041</u>	<u>561</u>	<u>16,068</u>
Carrying amount				
At 31 May 2025	<u>84,080</u>	<u>1,093</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>85,173</u>

7 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Performance related grants held as deferred income	9	41,582	10,876
Taxation and social security		(248)	(460)
Short term loans	12	-	720
Other creditors		141	691
		<u>41,475</u>	<u>11,827</u>

8 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Start-up loan		-	2,800
Building purchase loans		-	9,125
		-	11,925

In February 2020, interest free loans were granted by individuals to Bridge2 as part of a fundraising initiative to enable the purchase of the freehold to our operating premises, 36 Windsor Street, Liverpool. Each lender was granted a security interest in 36 Windsor Street until the respective loan was repaid in full. Repayment of these loans began in October 2021 and ended in February 2025.

9 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Income recognised in year £	Income deferred £	Total income £
Art Projects Grants			
Duchy of Lancaster Benevolent Fund	360	(217)	143
LCVS	-	104	104
Basement Renovation Grants			
Ford Britain	-	826	826
Hemby Trust	-	1,005	1,005
Community Support Group Grants			
Allen Lane Foundation	5,000	-	5,000
Austin Smith	-	1,000	1,000
City of Liverpool	4,104	6,874	10,978
Eleanor Rathbone	-	619	619
GSK	3,326	6,674	10,000
LCVS	1,747	1,253	3,000
Merseyside Community Investment Fund	-	115	115
PH Holt	3,504	352	3,856
Sport England	1,905	6,015	7,920
The National Lottery	2,869	100	2,969
Garden Project Grants			
Austin Smith	-	400	400
Eleanor Rathbone	2,381	-	2,381
National Garden Scheme	394	-	394
Torus Foundation	144	756	900
Overhead Grants			
Foyle Foundation	6,000	-	6,000
John Moores Foundation	4,581	5,419	10,000
Peoples Postcode Lottery	14,777	10,287	25,064
Total	51,092	41,582	92,674

10 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Fund balances at 31 May 2025 are represented by:			
Tangible assets	85,173	-	85,173
Current assets/(liabilities)	26,227	-	26,227
Long term liabilities	-	-	-

111,400	-	11,400
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11 Trustees

No trustee expenses were reimbursed during the year. No trustees received remuneration during the year. One person connected to a trustee received remuneration during the year.

12 Related party transactions

During the year the company entered into the following transactions with related parties:

Rauni Da Mota was a trustee of the charity until 23/09/2024. His wife supplied services to the charity on a contractor basis during the period of £250.

13 Company limited by guarantee

Bridge2 (Liverpool) Limited is incorporated under the Companies Act as a company limited by guarantee. The liability of the members is limited to £10.