

Charity registration number: 1196213

Greener and Cleaner

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

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Reference and Administrative Details

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Charity Registration Number	1196213
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Independent Examiner	Field Sullivan Limited 9 Hare & Billet Road London SE3 0RB
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Trustees' Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

CHARITABLE OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Greener and Cleaner grew out of the community. We are a passionate and ambitious team of changemakers, committed to working in collaboration and growing together. We recognise and celebrate the participation of our team, volunteers and communities. We respect people and value diversity and work to create non-judgmental spaces that are vibrant and healthy places to work and volunteer, ensuring a positive work-life balance and a joyful and optimistic team culture.

Our Objectives

As set out in the Governing document our charitable objectives are: The promotion of the conservation, protection and improvement of the natural and built environment, and the prudent use of natural resources for the public benefit in particular by:

1. Advancing education and raising awareness of climate change, resources scarcity, peak oil and economic resilience and personal measures which can be taken by individuals to contribute to reducing the carbon footprint of their households and communities;
2. Promoting the development and protection of habitats required to support and encourage biodiversity within communities;
3. Carrying out air quality improvement activity to benefit residents most at risk and
Promoting individual, community and organisational commitment to a reduction in co2 emissions, energy saving, reducing reliance upon carbon emitting energy sources, and increasing resilience to resource scarcity.
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Our Purpose

Greener and Cleaner delivers locally but thinks, and influences, nationally. Our vision is to normalise 360-degree sustainable living, through a non-judgemental peer-to-peer approach, so that all elements of the community feel empowered to take action in how they live, work and play and in how they use their voice and push for change.

By testing different ways of working in local areas and sharing what we learn freely, we support other hubs and organisations across the UK. We help them understand how to engage different groups of people in sustainable living and connect them with the environmental challenges we all face.

Inspiring people to become Greener and Cleaner

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

Our theory of change aims to achieve an activated, informed community using their choices and voices to galvanise sustainability in how they work, live and play. Our model is based on peer-to-peer sharing, empowering local people to educate and facilitate others in their own community, to understand the local impacts of high carbon lifestyles and biodiversity loss, and how sustainable living is relevant to their own lives.

We are working to do this through focusing on three key areas: building knowledge and skills, boosting confidence and motivation, and encouraging conversations about sustainability.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

- **Sustainability Hub:** Based in The Glades Shopping Centre, Bromley, the Hub is open five days a week and mainly run by a passionate team of staff and volunteers. Visitors can get advice, borrow from our Library of Things, buy locally produced eco-friendly products, and learn about climate and nature issues.
- **Volunteers:** We train volunteers to run the Hub, offering them Carbon Literacy and other courses to build their skills and confidence. Our volunteer network creates a strong community that leads local change.
- **Events and Online Support:** We hold 3–4 weekly events like workshops and talks to share skills and ideas. Our online presence allows people to share stories and resources.
- **Community Allotment:** Our garden offers practical workshops where volunteers and residents learn to grow food and support local wildlife.
- **Business and Organisation Engagement:** We work with local businesses and community groups through lunch-and-learn sessions, tailored workshops, and training to help them adopt sustainable practices.
- **Targeted Programmes:** We design specific projects to engage different community groups, through activities at the Hub, schools, and partner organisations across South East London.

Additional Public Benefit

As well as working to create a more sustainable society, our work brings other important benefits:

- It gives our volunteers and event participants a sense of purpose and connection, which helps improve their mental and physical wellbeing.
- It helps people develop useful skills – both practical and personal – that can improve their chances of finding work.
- It brings local groups and organisations together, helping them build relationships, share ideas, and learn from each other.
- It supports people facing financial difficulties by encouraging repair and reuse, promoting shared ownership, which can help them save money and reduce waste.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Founders Message

“During a time of poly-crisis, where pressures on public services such as the NHS and schools, have been at an all-time high, we have been able to see the difference our work makes in terms of addressing a range of community needs while also engaging marginalized and climate vulnerable groups, with the impacts of climate change and benefits of sustainability.

The Community Hub has been a key resource and support to a wide range of local people while they have been losing youth centres, community centres and dealing with a crippling cost of living, mental health and loneliness crisis.

We've seen strong and growing engagement in the work of our charity, particularly around our Community Hub and Allotment/Garden, as well as a growing number of schools engaging with us.

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Trustees' Report (continued)



It has been an amazing privilege to see what an asset our holistic Community Hub model has been for local people and how it has enabled them to help each other in driving low carbon behaviours while building connection and saving money.

Building such thriving spaces, where people connect, share skills across generations and cultures, and build on civic engagement, is key to enabling everyone to use their choices and voices around climate and biodiversity loss, and also other social justice areas requiring investment nationally and collaboration locally.



We are grateful to the universities, charities and media who have enabled us to gather and share key learnings from our communities and Community Hub pilot, beyond South East London.

Our holistic approach has grown further this year: highlighting and responding to intersectionality has proven itself key in supporting a broader range of communities with their sustainability journey. Sustainability is multi-layered, so is our work."

Parisa Wright, Founder & Chief Vision Officer, Greener and Cleaner.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Measuring Impact at Greener & Cleaner

As a growing charity, we are continuing to develop our approach towards measuring our impact. We've been designing systems to capture the numbers and types of visitors engaging with our events and activities and have begun to capture feedback and 'stories' from the people visiting our Hub and community events.

In 2024, we were fortunate to have the opportunity to work with researchers from the Centre for Climate Change and Social Transformations (CAST) to evaluate the outcomes of people engaging with the Greener and Cleaner Hub and have given an overview of some of the key findings throughout this report, alongside our own data.

Going forward, we will be using the lessons learnt from this invaluable research to develop our own evaluation framework, so we can monitor the impact G&C has on the lives of people within our community.

Outcomes for our Community

Increased understanding of climate and environmental issues

- 56% of Hub visitors stated that their awareness of environmental issues has increased 'significantly' or 'very much' since engaging with The Hub.
- Those who engage more (i.e., volunteers, frequent Hub users, longer term Hub users) reported a larger increase in their environmental awareness than those who engage less.

Increased motivation, confidence, self-efficacy

- 70% are 'very confident' or 'extremely confident' in their ability to make environmentally friendly choices in their daily life since attending a Greener and Cleaner workshop.
- 82% reported a positive impact on their social and emotional wellbeing.

Adoption of green practices, embedding sustainability through small, actionable changes which are cutting emissions

- The biggest cause of household carbon emissions is heating - 46% of survey participants have reduced their energy use after interacting with us.
- Another top cause of emissions is our daily transport - 42% of survey participants have increased their use of public transport and 36% have increased their use of active travel since engaging with us.
- The five most adopted green practices relate to material consumption - almost two thirds of survey participants have reduced how much stuff they buy (66%), repair items where possible (64%) or buy second-hand items more frequently (62%).

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Taking climate action in different social roles

- The most common contexts where Hub users try to be greener are 'at home' (90% of survey participants) and 'when shopping' (61%). Around half also take actions in their local community (53%) or in their workplace (48%).

From these findings we have learnt that:

- The weekly regularity and reliability, as well as the long-term nature, of our Community Hub is key and openly valued by local people.
- Mending and repairing have often acted as 'gateway areas' bringing people on a journey towards some of the higher impact changes above.

- The fact that people are talking about sustainability and normalizing the conversation and actions outside their own households is key. There is a widespread problem with silent action and green hushing, as everyone feels they are alone. People are most influenced by what they see their peers are doing/saying.

The Greener & Cleaner Hub

We have been welcoming people to our Hub since 2022, it exists to make sustainable living accessible, inclusive, relevant and integrated into the daily lives of people in Bromley, Lewisham and nearby boroughs.



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Trustees' Report (continued)

We aim to inspire and equip individuals and organisations with the tools and knowledge they need to reduce their environmental impact through educational workshops and activities held at The Hub and through wider community engagement and outreach.



Given the current poly-crisis and the clear intersectionality of the impacts and solutions, for local people, especially our most vulnerable and marginalised - our Community Sustainability Hub has evolved to a true Community Hub:

- We meet people where they are, helping them with what they experience as their most immediate needs such as loneliness and isolation, cost of living, employability or language skills, mental and physical health - but through the lens of sustainability skills and resources.
- We are delighted to be able to help address multiple local needs through our work, while also bringing people on their own journey of sustainability skills and knowledge - what we used to call life and craft skills (accessible phrasing we are bringing back in our work).
- Our vision is to create a wider societal shift towards sustainability by providing a model for engaging people in green behaviours that is pragmatic, non-judgmental and can be replicated in other locations across the UK – and beyond

In the words of our Community Hub service users:

"I live for Mondays. We come here to learn to make and mend, but we end up healing each other" Hub User (Knit & Stitch Social)

"I am more politically engaged as well as more personally motivated" Hub User

"The Hub feels like a safe and trustworthy space, run by and for the community responding to our needs as they develop and change in these difficult times" Hub User

"More conscious of my choices and using my voice to try to make environmental sustainability changes where I can, at home and in my community" Hub User

"I've reduced my energy use at home and saved money on our bills too" Hub User

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Trustees' Report (continued)

"Knowing how many other people cared about sustainability and the environment was a revelation. I see my neighbourhood differently now." Hub User and Volunteer

Bromley Hub Key Data

- During the 2024-25 financial year, we welcomed 13,765 visitors to our Bromley Hub
- A total of 2,374 visitors came to enjoy a workshop, 2,315 brought their children for a stay and play session or attended a 'kids event' and 1,417 came to browse or borrow from our Library of Things.
We are actively promoting a repair, reuse and recycle ethos and are delighted to see our community responding; 275 Hub visitors used our sewing machines or attended our mending clinic within this 12-month period.
- Our friendly and knowledgeable Hub staff and volunteers have welcomed a further 6,675 'pop-in' visitors eager to find out more about:
 - the range of events and activities we provide to enable our community to live more sustainable lives;
 - what waste or excess items from their homes can be recycled, repurposed or reused at our Hub or out in the wider community;
 - the resources we have available at the Hub e.g. free litter pickers and sewing machines to use, and the Library of Things etc;
 - how to get their school, residents association, faith group, workplace or council more actively involved in sustainability.

Our Hub Community

- The Hub is used predominantly by females (77%), across a wide range of age groups. The most common age group being 35-44 (31%)
- Over half (55%) have children under the age of 18 living at home, indicating the Hub's appeal to local families.
The Hub is used by different minority groups; one in four (25%) are from ethnic minorities, one in ten (11%) have a disability or long-standing health condition, and one in ten (12%) are in low-income households.
- Whilst most of our Hub users are from the Bromley Borough, a large portion come from Lewisham Borough and we also attract visitors from Greenwich, Croydon and much further afield – 18% use the Hub at least once a fortnight.
In our CAST research looking at the sustainability impact of the Hub, concern about the environment or biodiversity loss was the most important motivation given for engaging, followed by an interest in learning how to reduce carbon footprint, and opportunities to be involved in community action.
- The welcoming environment in our Hub allows us to hold community events and offer a 'warm space' for those experiencing feelings of loneliness or social isolation. We host many community groups including Friends of the Earth, Soroptimists, Ladies Who Latte, Steel Bones, and Deaf Plus so some of our visitors come with their own organisation which encourages them to engage with our services.

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Library of Things

Our Hub hosts Bromley's Library of Things (LoT), which helps residents to save money and reduce waste by affordably renting out useful equipment from PA systems to carpet cleaners and drills

Each time we buy a new tool or gadget, we're part of a system that extracts natural materials and intensively releases carbon emissions to manufacture and ship them. The UK is the second biggest producer of electrical waste in the world and still buys 1.7 million brand new electrical products each year.

By borrowing, renting or sharing products, instead of buying new ones, we can protect our fragile ecosystems and help keep fossil fuels in the ground.

The environmental impact of borrowing infrequently used items, such as carpet cleaners or heavy-duty pressure washers, through the LoT are manifold:

- Dramatically reduces the number of products needed by society since they are shared
- Ensures product lives are extended through rigorous servicing and, at the end of their life, they are properly recycled
- Emissions are avoided through less products being manufactured and shipped, and fewer items being thrown away
- Through education and inspiration, people become more aware of their individual impact and take action to repair broken items they own rather than replace them

The LoT 2022/23 Impact Report demonstrates that the Bromley LoT (alongside 20 other Greater London locations):

- Saved LoT users £640,000 by borrowing instead of buying
- Prevented 110 tonnes of waste from going to landfill
- Saved 228 tonnes of CO₂
- Encouraged 49,000 extra visits to community spaces (where LoT are located)

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In 2024 (January-December):

- A total of 666 people borrowed from the LoT located within our Bromley Hub. Of these,
 - 360 were first time borrowers
 - 306 were repeat borrowers

Greener & Cleaner Community Allotment / Garden

At G&C we nurture a Community Allotment / Garden; a beautiful space where local residents can connect with nature and each other, while learning the practical skills needed to grow plants and vegetables in their own gardens in a biodiversity friendly way.

We have drop-in gardening sessions, fruit picking, weeding and watering. We also provide workshops for local residents' community and school groups, on topics such as growing organically, propagating plants, creating bee and insect-friendly gardens and creating birdfeeders, ponds and bee and other habitats.



In 2024, fundraising for the Garden allowed us to buy a stock of tools, materials and seeds and to employ our first part time Gardener role. Efi, with stalwart back up from Mark, Martin and Jorge has created a thriving garden community with weekly sessions and the infrastructure to support all abilities to engage, connect and relax in nature.

These projects have been supported by Bromley Council, BUPA and LUSH.

Measuring the Impact of our Community Garden

Although in its infancy, we have begun to collect feedback from our community gardeners via a voluntary survey. We asked our gardeners about the skills they have learned from working in the garden/taking part in workshops and how these skills will be of use to them in the future. The workshops gave gardeners the confidence to try many new skills in their own gardens, which included plant propagation, seed planting, and growing their own vegetables.

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Our Volunteers

A huge asset at Greener & Cleaner are our friendly, knowledgeable and versatile volunteers. From engineers and gardeners to knitters and crafters, our volunteers help us to deliver a huge array of events and activities, helping us to educate and inform thousands of community members each year on aspects of sustainable living.

In 2024-2025 over 70 regular volunteer staff shared their expertise through a variety of Greener & Cleaner events and activities and volunteered over 4,000 hours of their time.

Many users choose to volunteer in the Hub by running workshops or engaging with the public, thus deepening their own involvement in community-level climate action and embedding themselves in their local community.



Greener & Cleaner Goals for 2025

- **Secure opportunities to connect and engage with a broader cross-section of our community.** Our learnings so far show we can do more to support local needs and engage broader demographics (e.g. younger age groups, lower-income families). As such, we are working on balancing our sustainability focus with community building and serving our most vulnerable - by ensuring that improving peoples' wellbeing, connection, employability and finances is a key and publicised part of our offerings.
- **Give more people upcycling and mending skills, to lower carbon emissions, reduce waste and save water.** At our Community Hub we share advice, skills, equipment, resources and activities to help visitors improve their environmental impact, whilst boosting their health, financial stability and community connection at home, school, work, and in our wider communities.
- **Develop further our Energy support services.** Our aim is to increase relevant training opportunities for our staff and volunteers around this significant issue for emissions so we can actively support more households with advice and the signposting of funding around energy efficiency measures and renewables.
- **Expand our schedule of workshops, talks and partnerships; seeking new audiences.** Creating new and engaging routes for sharing skills and knowledge and for collaboration on community projects. Developing easier access versions of some of our services to meet the needs of different people. We'll be able to deliver out in communities, not just at our Hub.
- **Testing new ideas to engage target demographics including Young Adults and SME businesses.** To start we aim to increase the number of local start ups, SMEs and entrepreneurs getting advice for starting their sustainability journey or taking next steps. And we're supporting Young Adults locally to develop a Hub and community-based service they will run themselves to tackle the many challenges their generation face, around employment, confidence, community and sustainability.

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- ***Implement our research findings, continue to find funders and roll out our Blueprint.*** We also know that many other communities would benefit from our Hub's Blueprint, which we are working towards, to help them most effectively leverage vacant units for a Community Hub - putting the heart back into their shopping centres and high streets.

Support and Thanks

A huge thanks goes to our staff, volunteers, professionals, stakeholders, donors, funders and wider network of supporters who have all played their part in making this year the success that it has been. We greatly appreciate the support from all the trusts, foundations, companies, event organisers and individuals who supported Greener and Cleaner during the year. In 2024/2025 our statutory, charitable trust, foundations and corporate donors were:

Acorn Estate Agents	Garfield Weston Foundation
Ashden Climate Solutions	GLL Bromley Partnership
Aviva UK	The Glades
Barclays Bank	Groundwork BUPA
Barclays Execution Services	John Lewis
Benefact Group	Judge & Priestley
The Big Give	Liberata UK
Bromley Council	Masonic Charitable Foundation
Bromley Old Town Hall	Moas Consulting Ltd
BUPA Foundation	The National Lottery Community Fund
Churchill Theatre	Liberata UK
City Bridge Foundation	Rotary Club Beckenham
Clockwise Bromley	Rotary Club Bromley
Community Energy South Limited Centre for Climate Change and Social Transformation	Rotary Orpington District e-club
Co-Op Local Community Fund	Santander
Contingent Works	Schroder Investment Management
Dream Networks CIC	SE Trains Limited
Ennismore Foundation	7th West Wickham Scout Group
Eva's Energy	Shell UK
Freemasons West Kent	D S Smith Charitable Foundation
	Trust Payments

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Trustees' Report (continued)

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The financial statements for the year are set out on pages 20 to 21. They have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 22 and 36 and comply with its constitution and applicable law.

Income

Total income for the financial year amounted to £444,812 (2024: £239,344).

Restricted income

Funding totalling £179,974 (2024: £60,241) from several individual charitable trusts and other sources enabled us to carry out some of the specific projects and activities detailed in our "Activities in 2024-2025" report.

Unrestricted income

Unrestricted income continues to be an essential part of our charity's funding and we are especially grateful to all those who provide funding in unrestricted form. Such monies supplement our restricted funds and, in the first half of 2024-2025, funded the continued work of our Community Hub as well as providing the essential management and administration of the charity without which it could not operate. In total, unrestricted income in the year amounted to £264,838 (2024: £179,103).

A variety of community-based events and sponsored challenges undertaken with the help of our staff, volunteers and supporters raised a total of £33,857 (£10,347) which contributed substantially to our income for this year. We are most grateful to all our supporters and volunteers who donated their time, skills and energy to make these events a success.

Operating costs

Our total expenditure in the year was £338,224 (2024: £340,107). Part of this was met out of a surplus of funds generated during the previous accounting period and held at 31 March 2024 to fund specific activities during 2024-2025.

Whilst mindful that our services could not be delivered without the essential work of our support team and the premises from which we operate, we are conscious of the need to keep support costs (those not incurred directly to deliver services) at a low level without affecting the levels of service we provide and all efforts are made to achieve this.

Our financial results do not include the impact of our volunteers whose support is a tremendous help in providing our services and keeping our costs down. In the year we benefitted from the services of over 70 volunteers, who collectively gave over 4,000 hours of their time, as well as the equivalent of 8 employees on a full time equivalent basis who covered 17 distinct roles within the organisation.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Reserves policy

In accordance with Charity Commission guidelines the trustees have considered the level of reserves which it is appropriate for the charity to hold.

The trustees have decided that our objective is to maintain unrestricted funds at a level which represents between three and six months of unrestricted expenditure, bearing in mind any committed income for the coming year. As of 31 March 2025 the charity's unrestricted reserves were £174,844 (2024: £101,038) which represented just under 6 months' cover. This excess will be spent down in 2025-2026 and it is expected that reserves will fall within the desired range then.

Going Concern

In the trustees' view there are no material uncertainties around the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Future Plans

Our strategy 2023-2026, which sets out our vision, mission, values and key goals for the four years, is being implemented and no change is envisaged in the operation of the charity.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), governed by its constitution. Greener & Cleaner was registered with the Charity Commission on 20 October 2021.

The objects of the charity are to protect and promote the local environment for the benefit of the public by promoting the benefits from, and providing education around, personal measures which can be taken in order to contribute to reducing the carbon footprint of their households and communities.

Board of Trustees

Trustees and officers

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees:	Kate Rhule
	Sumedha Bhalla (appointed 14 May 2025)
	Ewan Buck
	Carrie Heitmeyer
	Maria Staines
	Kevin Withane
	Mark Summerbell (resigned 31 May 2024)

Chair:	Kate Rhule
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Trustees' Report (continued)

New trustees are appointed by the Board of Trustees and serve for a period of three years after which they may seek re-appointment. The trustees meet, as a non-executive body, at least quarterly.

Responsibility for the day-to-day management of the charity rests with the senior management team, although the trustees reserve certain matters for their decision. These matters include the approval of the strategy and business plan, approval of the charity's budget and monitoring of financial performance. The Board is also responsible for approving new senior posts and for reviewing the performance of the senior management team.

The Board of Trustees seeks to have a balance of skills and experience, including in general management, finance, charity governance, services delivery, climate change and environmental sustainability.

During the year one trustee retired. The Board recruited and inducted one new trustee shortly after the year end and is continuing to actively recruit to appoint new trustees to add to the depth and breadth of skills on the Board of Trustees.

Management

The trustees delegate day to day management of the charity to its senior management team. The Board formally reviews the overall effectiveness of the management structure as part of the budget setting process for the next year.

Strategy

Our strategy 2023-2026, which sets out our vision, mission, values and key goals for the four years, has been approved and is being implemented.

Risk Management

The Board of Trustees has conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. A risk register has been established and is kept under regular review. Where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces and these are periodically reviewed to ensure that they continue to meet the needs of the charity.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

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

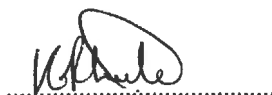
The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial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

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper 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 Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees 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 are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 3 December 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Kate Rhule
Chair and trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Greener and Cleaner

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of Greener and Cleaner 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 Greener and Cleaner'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.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the financial statements. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair' view and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

Independent examiner's statement

Since Greener and Cleaner'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 ICAEW, 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 Greener and Cleaner as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the accounting 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.

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Greener and Cleaner (continued)



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Date: 13/1/24

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	3	215,444	163,959	379,403	150,824	60,241	211,065
Charitable activities	4	14,540	16,015	30,555	17,932	-	17,932
Other trading activities		33,857	-	33,857	10,347	-	10,347
Investment income	6	997	-	997	-	-	-
Total income		264,838	179,974	444,812	179,103	60,241	239,344
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds		(29,914)	-	(29,914)	(37,054)	-	(37,054)
Charitable activities	8	(161,118)	(147,192)	(308,310)	(263,159)	(39,894)	(303,053)
Total expenditure		(191,032)	(147,192)	(338,224)	(300,213)	(39,894)	(340,107)
Net movement in funds		73,806	32,782	106,588	(121,110)	20,347	(100,763)
Reconciliation of funds							
Total funds brought forward		101,038	20,347	121,385	222,148	-	222,148
Total funds carried forward	19	174,844	53,129	227,973	101,038	20,347	121,385

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2024 is shown in note 19.

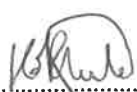
The notes on pages 21 to 35 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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(Registration number: 1196213) Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	13	676	14,292
Current assets			
Debtors	14	4,678	11,252
Cash at bank and in hand	15	<u>234,711</u>	<u>103,683</u>
		239,389	114,935
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	16	<u>(12,092)</u>	<u>(7,842)</u>
Net current assets		<u>227,297</u>	<u>107,093</u>
Net assets		<u>227,973</u>	<u>121,385</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		53,129	20,347
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>174,844</u>	<u>101,038</u>
Total funds	19	<u>227,973</u>	<u>121,385</u>

The financial statements on pages 19 to 35 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 3 December 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



 Kate Rhule
 Chair and trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

1 Charity status

The charity is domiciled in England and Wales.

The address of its registered office is:

Contingent Works
3 Broadway Buildings
Elmfield Road
BR1 1LW

These financial statements were authorised for issue by the trustees on 3 December 2025.

2 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Second edition October 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). They also comply with the Companies Act 2006 and Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

Greener and Cleaner meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated 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 periods in which the estimate is revised where revisions affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revisions affects both current and future periods.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Donated services and facilities

Where services or facilities are provided to the charity as a donation that would normally be purchased from our suppliers, this benefit is included in the financial statements at its fair value unless its fair value cannot be reliably measured, then at the cost to the donor or the resale value of goods that are to be sold.

Investment income

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

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Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £500.00 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Leasehold improvements	over lease term (3 years)
Office equipment	straight line over 3 years

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Trade creditors

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Pensions and other post retirement obligations

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Donations and legacies;				
Trust Payments	10,000	-	10,000	10,500
Appeals and donations	6,186	-	6,186	2,030
LUSH	-	-	-	5,000
The Benefact Group	1,800	-	1,800	10,000
The Hub	-	-	-	774
Amazon	-	-	-	2,000
Accord Services Limited	-	-	-	1,000
Co-op Local Community Fund	-	500	500	-
Co-op Local Community Fund	-	-	-	2,057
Aviva UK	37,195	-	37,195	-
Gower Street Foundation	-	-	-	10,000
The ASAMAA Charitable Trust	-	-	-	2,000
The Ashley Foundation	-	-	-	10,000
Assured Guaranty UK	-	-	-	5,000
The Big Give Trust	10,000	-	10,000	5,117
West Kent Freemasons	-	1,006	1,006	-
Southeastern Railway	-	10,000	10,000	-
Donations from individuals	10,222	-	10,222	17,981
Gift aid reclaimed	7,041	-	7,041	2,696
Grants, including capital grants;				
The David Family Foundation	-	-	-	2,000
Groundwork Trust	-	-	-	2,495
Ashden	-	6,384	6,384	576
The D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust	-	-	-	3,500
DS Smith Charitable Foundation	-	5,000	5,000	-
BUPA Foundation	5,000	-	5,000	-
City Bridge Foundation	-	52,495	52,495	-
Ennismore Foundation	20,000	-	20,000	-
Garfield Weston Foundation	25,000	-	25,000	-
Shell UK	1,000	-	1,000	-
University of Bath	-	4,000	4,000	1,000
The Funding Network	-	-	-	18,828
London Borough of Bromley Council	-	13,276	13,276	14,511

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
The National Lottery	-	71,298	71,298	-
Donated services and facilities	82,000	-	82,000	82,000
	<u>215,444</u>	<u>163,959</u>	<u>379,403</u>	<u>211,065</u>

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Fees and supplies	14,540	-	14,540	17,932
Community Energy South	-	14,755	14,755	-
Dream Works	-	1,260	1,260	-
	<u>14,540</u>	<u>16,015</u>	<u>30,555</u>	<u>17,932</u>

5 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £	Total 2024 £
Events income;			
Other events income	30,189	30,189	9,470
Sponsorship income	3,668	3,668	877
	<u>33,857</u>	<u>33,857</u>	<u>10,347</u>

6 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2025 £
Interest receivable and similar income;		
Interest receivable on bank deposits	997	997

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

7 Expenditure on raising funds

a) Costs of generating donations and legacies

	Note	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
General fundraising costs		5,816	1,369
Freelancers		17,930	30,935
Staff Costs	11	6,168	4,750
		<u>29,914</u>	<u>37,054</u>

8 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Hub consumables		1,223	1,180
Events and workshops		2,056	5,510
Project costs		22,362	10,762
Freelancers		12,238	31,337
Volunteer expenses		362	12
Staff costs	11	113,678	59,844
Support costs	9	156,391	194,408
		<u>308,310</u>	<u>303,053</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

9 Analysis of support costs

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Staff costs		
Wages and salaries	28,884	46,643
Social security costs	262	-
Pension costs	780	1,263
Legal and professional	72	1,788
Marketing and publicity	1,355	1,765
Rent	82,000	82,000
Water rates	-	63
Light, heat and power	1,904	1,686
Insurance	1,712	1,174
Repairs and maintenance	1,288	2,068
Equipment repairs and renewals	-	482
Telephone and fax	350	430
Computer software and maintenance	12,131	5,930
Printing, postage and stationery	66	29
Trade subscriptions	619	114
Sundries	336	-
Cleaning	1,975	1,856
Independent examination	2,860	2,400
Freelancers	5,167	30,425
Depreciation of short leasehold property	13,654	13,654
Depreciation of office equipment	976	638
	<u>156,391</u>	<u>194,408</u>

10 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

11 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	139,590	109,427
Social security costs	2,937	120
Pension costs	3,698	2,899
Other staff costs	3,547	54
	<u>149,772</u>	<u>112,500</u>

The average number of persons (including senior management / leadership team) employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	2025 No	2024 No
Fundraising, charitable activities and support	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>

6 (2024 - 12) of the above employees participated in the Defined Contribution Pension Schemes.

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

12 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

13 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Furniture and equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2024	27,308	1,276	28,584
Additions	-	676	676
At 31 March 2025	<u>27,308</u>	<u>1,952</u>	<u>29,260</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2024	13,654	638	14,292
Charge for the year	<u>13,654</u>	<u>638</u>	<u>14,292</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>27,308</u>	<u>1,276</u>	<u>28,584</u>
Net book value			
At 31 March 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>676</u>	<u>676</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>13,654</u>	<u>638</u>	<u>14,292</u>

Included within the net book value of land and buildings above is £Nil (2024 - £Nil) in respect of freehold land and buildings and £Nil (2024 - £13,654) in respect of leaseholds.

14 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	100	7,388
Prepayments	1,039	610
Accrued income	1,068	854
Other debtors	<u>2,471</u>	<u>2,400</u>
	<u>4,678</u>	<u>11,252</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

15 Cash and cash equivalents

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash on hand	47	32
Cash at bank	234,664	103,651
	<u>234,711</u>	<u>103,683</u>

16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	2,031	1,221
Other taxation and social security	2,736	2,458
Other creditors	4,825	1,763
Accruals	2,500	2,400
	<u>12,092</u>	<u>7,842</u>

17 Pension and other schemes

Defined contribution pension scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge for the year represents contributions payable by the charity to the scheme and amounted to £3,698 (2024 - £2,898).

18 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

19 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted funds				
General				
General Funds	101,038	264,838	(191,032)	174,844
Restricted funds				
CRM Database	7,052	-	(7,052)	-
Community Allotment	9,413	-	(5,913)	3,500
Eco Diversity: Better Volunteering for Better Places	-	12,776	(12,776)	-
Community Workshops	249	-	(249)	-
Reaching Diverse Audience	576	6,384	(6,960)	-
Community Fund	2,057	-	(2,057)	-
Fundraising Support	1,000	-	(250)	750
CAST	-	4,000	(4,000)	-
Playful Engineers	-	1,260	(900)	360
Circularity and Repair project	-	5,000	(2,475)	2,525
London Festival of Architecture	-	500	(500)	-
Energy Champions	-	14,755	(14,645)	110
Workshop materials for our community Hub	-	1,006	(1,006)	-
Towards a thriving sustainable Climate Hub	-	52,495	(48,336)	4,159
Reaching Communities/Partnerships - Sustainability For All in Bromley	-	52,303	(40,073)	12,230
Community Repair Skills	-	18,995	-	18,995
Intergenerational Skills Swapping	-	500	-	500
Community and Safeguarding	-	10,000	-	10,000
	<u>20,347</u>	<u>179,974</u>	<u>(147,192)</u>	<u>53,129</u>
Total funds	<u>121,385</u>	<u>444,812</u>	<u>(338,224)</u>	<u>227,973</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds				
<i>General</i>				
General Funds	222,148	179,103	(300,213)	101,038
Restricted funds				
Community Outreach	-	8,828	(8,828)	-
CRM Database	-	10,000	(2,948)	7,052
Community Allotment	-	10,235	(822)	9,413
Food Waste	-	774	(774)	-
Eco Diversity: Better				
Volunteering for Better Places	-	12,776	(12,776)	-
Community Workshops	-	2,495	(2,246)	249
Reaching Diverse Audience	-	576	-	576
Youth Outreach	-	10,500	(10,500)	-
Community Fund	-	2,057	-	2,057
Fundraising Support	-	1,000	-	1,000
CAST	-	1,000	(1,000)	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>60,241</u>	<u>(39,894)</u>	<u>20,347</u>
Total funds	<u><u>222,148</u></u>	<u><u>239,344</u></u>	<u><u>(340,107)</u></u>	<u><u>121,385</u></u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

CRM Database - funds from The Funding Network to cover the costs of CRM database implementation

Community Allotment - funds from LUSH, Bromley Council and The D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust to cover the costs on the community allotment

Eco Diversity: Better Volunteering for Better Places - funds from Bromley Council to cover the costs of running the project

Community Workshops - funds from Groundwork UK to help cover the costs of running community workshops

Reaching Diverse Audiences - funds from Ashden to support the 'reaching diverse audiences' climate action initiative

Community Fund - funds from Co-op to help with the local community project

Fundraising Support - funds from Accord Services Limited to help with fundraising costs

CAST - funding from Centre for Climate Change for a research project entitled 'Evaluating the impact of the 'Greener & Cleaner' hub in motivating low carbon behaviours' in partnership with the University of Bath

Playful Engineers - funds to run co-design workshops and provide an interactive exhibition in partnership with Dream Networks

Circularity and Repair project - funds from DS Smith Charitable Trust to help with costs of running 'Repair and Circulatory Work' project at the Community Hub

London Festival of Architecture - funds from Bromley Council to cover the costs of opening 'The Hub' for the day of the event

Energy Champions - funds from Community Energy South to cover costs of energy efficiency advice sessions to local residents in Bromley

Workshop materials for our community Hub - funds from Freemasons West Kent for workshops materials for children and adults at the Community Hub

Towards a thriving sustainable Climate Hub - funds from City Bridge Trust to enable the transition of the Climate Hub to a more financially sustainable model

Reaching Communities/Partnerships - Sustainability For All in Bromley - funds from The National Lottery to help with costs of running 'Sustainability for all in Bromley' project

Community Repair Skills - funds from The National Lottery to help with costs of running 'Repair Skills' project at the Community Hub

Intergenerational Skills Swapping - funds from the Co-op to run a workshop

Community & Safeguarding - funds from Sounthearn Railway to support delivering the accessible and inclusive warm space and its free activities at 'The Hub'

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

20 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31 March 2025 £
Tangible fixed assets	676	-	676
Current assets	186,260	53,129	239,389
Current liabilities	(12,092)	-	(12,092)
Total net assets	<u>174,844</u>	<u>53,129</u>	<u>227,973</u>

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31 March 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	14,292	-	14,292
Current assets	94,588	20,347	114,935
Current liabilities	(7,842)	-	(7,842)
Total net assets	<u>101,038</u>	<u>20,347</u>	<u>121,385</u>