

# **Clothing Coventry**

Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements  
for the year ending 31 December 2024

Clothing Coventry is a CIO registered in England and Wales

Registered Charity number: 1197270

19 Napier Street, Coventry, CV1 5PR

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## Reference and Administrative Details

<b>Registered Company</b>	CE027750 (England and Wales)
<b>Registered Charity</b>	1197270
<b>Bank</b>	CAF Bank
<b>Address</b>	19 Napier Steet Coventry CV1 5PR
<b>Trustees</b>	David Wilson Natasha Leese Isabelle McCabe David Budd (Resigned June 2025)

## CLOTHING COVENTRY TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

### Structure, Governance and Management

Nature of governing document and how the charity is constituted: Clothing Coventry is a CIO governed by a CIO Constitution.

Method of adopting new trustees: Clothing Coventry advertises for new trustees, who are invited to apply via an application form which is considered by existing trustees. Trustees have identified the key skills needed and applicants are invited to indicate which skills they have as part of the application process.

### Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purposes as set out in the governing document:

The prevention or relief of poverty for the public benefit in Coventry and the surrounding area through the provision of donated clothing to individuals in need.

Summary of activities

Clothing Coventry rents and furnishes two warehouses to store and organise clothes for distribution and to provide central drop of point for donations. Clothes are distributed in the following four main ways:

- Clothing rails in areas of need across Coventry
- Applicants are invited to a designated section of the warehouse where they can choose their own clothes that match their own tastes.
- Deliveries to refugees and asylum seekers at their accommodation.
- “pop up” events at accessible locations throughout the year.

Alongside donated clothes, Clothing Coventry also purchases additional clothes for distribution that either could not be donated for hygienic reasons (e.g. underwear) or where there are not enough donations (e.g. men's coats for refugees, or plus-sized clothes)

Clothing Coventry also gives specific provision for a school uniform project, including a paid co-ordinator, to liaise with schools and arrange donation events. This ensures children have access to school uniform.

Trustees have due regard to Charity Commission guidance in all decision making around the above activities.

## Achievements and Performance

Clothing Coventry has just completed its third complete year as a registered charity. The charity has continued to grow rapidly and we have adjusted how we provide our services in order to meet demand and need. The largest change in 2024 was the leasing of a second, larger warehouse, and the introduction of our “boutique” space, enabling those in need of clothes to visit a designated area of the warehouse, and to choose the clothes they wanted from a selection of clothes their size (stocked before their arrival). This conformed to our commitment to give those in need “dignity of choice”, rather than being given a bag full of clothes that were chosen for them by a stranger. Feedback for this new model has been overwhelmingly positive, with clients leaving feeling empowered. More than 6000 people were helped via this medium in 2024

Similarly, Clothing Coventry held a uniform pop-up event for three weeks in the summer holidays of 2024. Uniform is unaffordable for many families, particularly those with multiple children, but we enabled them to attend a central location and select school uniform from a number of different stations (trousers, shirts etc) around the room. Almost 2000 children were supported during this event this year.

Our reputation continues to grow and we are providing support in partnership with other organisations within the city. 47 different charities and 43 schools have worked with us this year. 12,405 items were taken from our community rails in 2024.

At the end of 2024, Katie Wilson, CEO of Clothing Coventry, was recognised by the High Sherriff of the West Midlands for the impact Clothing Coventry has in the community. The High Sherriff spoke of how the charity had “restored dignity and hope to countless individuals”

## Financial Review

At the end of the period, Clothing Coventry held £70,331 in restricted, and £21,195 in unrestricted funds. Reserves are held to cover the costs of contractual obligations in the event of the charity ceasing operations. These accounts are prepared on an ongoing basis.

Clothing Coventry would like to express our appreciation for the many volunteers who give up so much of their time to ensure the charity can run smoothly. This is particularly true of the international and faith communities that are so vital to our day to day activities. We would also like to thank all the businesses and community groups that raised money or supported us over the year.

The trustees have declared that they have approved the trustees’ report above.

*Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees*

Signature:

Full Name:



Position:

Chair

Date:

30/10/2025

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Clothing Coventry

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 5 to 7.

### Responsibilities and basis of report

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

### Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements regarding 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 'fair and true' view which is not a matter considered as part of this 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:

PR Fuller.  
29/10/25

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## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2024 Total Funds	2023 Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
<b>Income from:</b>				
Donations and grants	50,816	164,900	<b>215,716</b>	166,092
Interest on deposit account	191	-	<b>191</b>	122
Sale of excess clothes	5,559	-	<b>5,559</b>	4,628
	<hr/> 56,566	<hr/> 164,900	<hr/> <b>221,466</b>	<hr/> 170,842
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
Direct Clothing Purchases	-	33,691	<b>33,691</b>	22,385
Wages	2,801	109,497	<b>112,298</b>	41,751
Storage and Warehouse	10,123	30,356	<b>40,479</b>	21,605
Overheads	37,453	5,300	<b>42,753</b>	7,282
	<hr/> 50,377	<hr/> 178,844	<hr/> <b>229,221</b>	<hr/> 93,023
<b>Net Income/Expenditure</b>	<hr/> 6,189	<hr/> (13,944)	<hr/> <b>(7,755)</b>	<hr/> <b>77,819</b>

## RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS

Total funds brought forward	15,006	84,275	99,281	21,462
Total funds carried forward	<hr/> 21,195	<hr/> 70,331	<hr/> 91,526	<hr/> 99,281


## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

At the end of the period

		Unrestricted fund	Restricted funds	2024 Total Funds	2023 Total Funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
CASH FUNDS					
Bank	2	21,190	70,331	91,521	99,281
Petty Cash		5	-	5	-
TOTAL CASH FUNDS		21,195	70,331	91,526	99,281

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 23 Oct 2025

*Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees*

Signature: 

Full Name: David Wilson

Position: Chair

Date: 30/10/2025

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 1. RESTRICTED FUNDS

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Balance b/f</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Balance c/f</b>
Uniform Project	24,785	15,000	17,355	22,430
Clothes Purchases	9,950	24,500	33,691	759
Warehouse	347	7,000	7,347	-
Wages	7,750	-	7,750	-
National Lottery Community Fund	41,444	118,400	112,702	47,142
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>84,276</b>	<b>164,900</b>	<b>178,845</b>	<b>70,331</b>

### 2. TRUSTEES COSTS

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits incurred for being a trustee of the charity. Trustees' expenses reimbursed during the year were £NIL (2022: Nil)

### 3. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

One of the Trustees is related to one of the employees. They were not part of the discussions involving setting wages.