



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	06	2023		31	05	2024

### Section A

### Reference and administration details

Charity name

GM2LF Charity

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1197729

Charity's principal address

Lion Farm Action Centre

Shelsey Avenue

Oldbury

Postcode

B69 1BG

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Tracy Marie Lowe	Chair		
2	Donnette Rosemary Jones			
3	Debbie Cheshire	Secretary		
4	Jennifer Louise Jones			
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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year


### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution adopted 4 <sup>th</sup> August 2021
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected from membership

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

There is a range of policies and procedures in place including conflicts of interest, induction, membership, adult safeguarding, children's safeguarding, financial controls and roles descriptions.

## Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To develop the capacity and skills of the members of the socially and economically disadvantaged community of Grace Mary to Lion Farm and the surrounding area in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet their needs and to participate more fully in society.

## Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

In planning our activities for the year, we ensure the Charity Commissions guidance on public benefit remains at the forefront of our minds and is always discussed at trustee meetings.

The charity offers a range of activities to the public in pursuance of its charitable aims.

### Community Minibus

The charity purchased a community minibus which enables residents to access activities and groups happening locally. The 15-seater minibus is available for 24-hour use, 7 days a week. Funding was acquired to purchase the bus, to ensure it was safe and road worthy and to put signage on it. The charity operates in a diverse area, which includes steep hills and many residents in the area are unable to drive. The bus provides the opportunity for events to be easily accessible and also for travel outside of the area. It is also used by other community groups.

### Community Activities

#### Family Easter Bake Off Competition

The charity organised and delivered a Family Bake off Competition. All ingredients and equipment were supplied. 45 families from across the area entered. Each household got to make and eat their own creations. with

#### Family Day Trips

The charity organised a free family day trip. This included hiring a coach to take families and individuals to Barry Island. 42 people of all ages had a day at the seaside. We have funding restricted to deliver 3 more trips in the coming year.

## Nd Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Volunteers are a significant resource to our charity. Volunteers are involved in all our community work giving their free time regularly. Our trustees are also all volunteers. Without this valuable contribution of time, energy and expertise we would not be able to achieve so much. We actively encourage anyone in and around the area to get involved to bring their own skills, knowledge and experience and be part of something that helps our communities.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

#### **Minibus**

Purchasing a community minibus has widened the opportunities that the charity can provide. The area where the charity operates has high levels of deprivation including households on low income. The minibus has enabled people to be able to travel locally and further afield to benefit from a range of opportunities and experiences. Other community groups have also benefited from the cost-efficient provision.

#### **Community Activities**

##### **Bake Off Competition**

45 households (over 100 people) got involved with the Bake-Off Competition. Families were better connected, had a sense of belonging and achievement. All the cake designs were highlighted and winners publicly announced. Children and young people learnt a range of new skills and improved confidence.

##### **Family Day Trip – Barry Island**

42 people of all ages visited Barry Island in the Easter holiday, the trips were provided primarily for people on benefits or on low incomes. Children got to see the beach and the sea for the first time, and everyone was able to experience something new. The trip provided the opportunity for people to travel out of the area and do something fun together.

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Cash in the bank on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024 was £2,606 in unrestricted funds. The main financial risk to the charity is securing grant funding and reduced donations. The reserve funds are held to cover 3 months operational costs and any unforeseen expenditure. Our reserves policy outlines the contingencies and forms part of our annual review process.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Our main source of funds this year has been grants, donations and minibus hire. GM2LF Big Local, via Sandwell Council of Organisations provided grants for us to be able to deliver a Bake Off Competition, Family Day Trips and an Over 50's Afternoon Tea planned for July 2024. Fundraising has been conducted via raffles and playing bingo.

## Section F Other optional information

The coming year will see more community activities including more family day trips, community litter picks, over 50's afternoon teas, community events and a Christmas hamper project.

## Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>	Tracy Lowe	Jennifer Jones
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Tracy Marie Lowe	Jennifer Louise Jones
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Chair	Treasurer
<b>Date</b>	3/3/2025	



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/06/2023	To	Period end date 31/05/2024
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Grants & Donations	2,060	17,465	-	19,525	-
Minibus Hire	696	-	-	696	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>2,756</b>	<b>17,465</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,221</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>2,756</b>	<b>17,465</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,221</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Community Activities	-	3,550	-	3,550	-
Minibus	-	5,594	-	5,594	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,144</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,144</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,144</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,144</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>2,756</b>	<b>8,321</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,077</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>2,756</b>	<b>8,321</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,077</b>	<b>-</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Petty Cash	116	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	116	-	-
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<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Restricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Endowment funds to nearest £</b>
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>
	Minibus	Restricted	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which liability relates</b>	<b>Amount due (optional)</b>	<b>When due (optional)</b>
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Print Name</b>	<b>Date of approval</b>	
	Jennifer Jones	Jennifer Jones	03/03/2025	
	Tracy Lowe	Tracy Lowe	03/03/2025	