

**Charity Registration Number:**  
**1199780**

**HELPING HEARTS FYLDE**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025**

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## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025**

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 May 2025.

### **Reference and administrative details**

**Registered charity name:** Helping Hearts Fylde

**Charity registration number:** 1199780

**Principal office:** Kingston House  
57 Boothley Road  
Blackpool  
Lancashire  
FY1 3RR

**Accountants:** John Potter & Harrison  
Chartered Accountants  
112/114 Whitegate Drive  
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**Bankers:** Santander  
Santander Business Banking Operators  
Sunderland  
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## **HELPING HEARTS FYLDE**

### **TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025**

#### **Structure, governance and management**

The Trustees are pleased to present their report, together with the financial statements and independent examiner's report for the year ended 31 May 2025.

The Trustees confirm that the financial statements comply with their constitution document, the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008.

The charity is overseen by the following group of trustees as a whole:

Andrew Mills (Chair)  
Gavin Cross (Treasurer)  
Samantha Crombleholme Cross  
Kathryn Armstrong  
Joanne Kember  
Gereldine Dalton

Trustees are appointed on the basis of a majority vote. Potential trustees are invited to discuss what is required and the amount of time that they need to contribute to the role, showing the main goals and visions for the longevity of the charity.

#### **Objectives and activities**

The charity's objectives is the provision of a weekly outreach service for homeless and vulnerable people, and people struggling with the cost of living crisis in central Blackpool, with the aim of alleviating poverty. Provision of hot and cold food and drinks, clothes, respite accommodation, sleeping bags and toiletries. The charity's clients often have complex needs and issues, and the charity pays for counselling services for them.

#### **Public benefit**

The charity considers that the public benefit is the provision of a resource available to all the residents living in the area of Blackpool. The trustees consider that they have complied with Section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011.

#### **Strategic report**

The following sections for achievement and performance, financial review and plans for future periods form the strategic report of the charity.

#### **Achievement and performance**

This year has seen the charity expand yet again and this has led to Helping Hearts Fylde moving into a larger property to meet the ever growing demand. We have now become a recognised partner with Blackpool Council and run the SWEP ( Severe Weather Emergency Protocol ) meaning we are in a position to support those rough sleeping on the streets of Blackpool when the temperatures drop close to freezing. As our evening service has grown, so has the demand for service supplies such as food, drinks, clothing, baby and pet provisions. We are now utilising Blackpool Food Bank ( BFB ) and Recycling Lives in Preston which supports some of our provision needs, we also receive a large supermarket delivery weekly which captures any shortfall from Recycling Lives and BFB. Our Amazon Wish List has been well utilised over this period whereby we have highlighted a short supply of products which we rely upon for our rough sleepers and hygiene care products.

## **HELPING HEARTS FYLDE**

### **TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025 (continued)**

#### **Achievement and performance (continued)**

Due to our ever growing partnerships across the community, we have been successful with the local college in enrolling clients on adult courses, learning new skills and to assist them in the pursuit of paid work. Our collection points have grown throughout this year, giving the opportunity for members of the public to donate an array of items across popular locations across the Fylde Coast. This growth has also given us the opportunity to enhance our processes and policies, update these accordingly and to also improve our induction program along the way. Our Social Media following has grown at an incredible rate and so has the skills within the team to ensure our media is current and capturing all the fantastic work that goes on within the Charity. The incredible work we do here at HHF has been recognised nationwide as HHF were put forward for the prestige Kings Award for Voluntary Service (KAWS), and late in 2025 the results of this was published and HHF were 1 of 3 Charities across Lancashire to receive this award which is a truly sensational achievement!

#### **Financial review**

During the year to 31 May 2025 the charity's total income was £35,915 (2024 £36,923) and expenditure totalled £32,955 (2024 £19,830) leaving a net surplus of £2,960 (2024 £17,093).

The trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus they continue to adopt a going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

#### **Plans for the future**

We are currently raising funds through bid applications for the purchase of our own property, this will enable us to work towards our goal of having and operating a Community hub - This will be an accessible place where people experiencing poverty—or at risk of it—can get support, resources, and a sense of connection. Not only will it allow us to run our usual services, we will also be in a position to invite guests along to support with housing services, healthcare, mental health support, or legal advice. A hub which will allow for skills and training, workshops such as cooking, literacy and digital skills, help with benefits, debts, budgeting and CV writing and also the potential to have our own unit to accommodate overnight accommodation for those who truly need it. This will encapsulate a complete wrap-around service and to operate on a non referral basis as we do today with a view of operating not only for a service on a Thursday, but to run this community hub 7 days a week.

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### STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025

Charity Law requires the trustees to prepare accounts that give a true and fair view of the state of the charity and of its income and expenditure for the financial year.

In doing so, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the charity to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011, and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees' annual report was approved on ...19/3/26..... and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



G. Cross  
Treasurer

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO  
THE TRUSTEES OF HELPING HEARTS FYLDE**

We report on the financial statements of Helping Hearts Fylde for the year ended 31 May 2025, which are set out on pages 5 to 8.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act).

We report in respect of our examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out our examination, we have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent Examiners Statement**

We have completed our examination, we confirm that no material matters have come to our attention in connection with the examination which gives us cause to believe that in, any material aspect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

We have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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20/3/26

# HELPING HEARTS FYLDE

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025

		2025	2024
		Unrestricted funds	Total funds
	Note	£	£
<b>Receipts:</b>			
Donations		35,915	36,923
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>Payments:</b>			
Charitable activities	2	32,055	19,650
Governance costs	2	900	180
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
		32,955	19,830
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Net receipt		2,960	17,093
Total fund brought forward		26,223	9,130
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u><u>£29,183</u></u>	<u><u>£26,223</u></u>



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## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 MAY 2025

	Notes	Year ended 31.5.25 Total fund £	Year ended 31.5.24 Total fund £
<b>Fixed assets:</b>			
Motor vehicle	3	12,599	-
<b>Total fixed assets</b>		<u>12,599</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Current assets:</b>			
Cash at bank		16,584	26,223
<b>Total current assets</b>		<u>16,584</u>	<u>26,223</u>
<b>Total net assets</b>		<u>£29,183</u>	<u>£26,223</u>
<b>Funds of the charity:</b>			
Unrestricted funds		29,183	26,223
<b>Total charity funds</b>		<u>£29,183</u>	<u>£26,223</u>

Approved by the trustees on .....19/3/26..... and signed on their behalf by:



G. Cross  
Treasurer

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### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025

#### 1. Accounting policies

##### (a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the receipts and payments basis in accordance with, and permitted by, Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.

##### (b) Funds structure of receipts

The charity receives funds from the following sources:

- Public donations
- Blackpool Council
- Donated collector points
- Blackpool Food Bank
- Recycling Lives Preston
- Supermarket donations

Unrestricted funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charity's objective.

##### (c) Payments

All expenditure is accounted for on an income and expenditure basis, inclusive of VAT which cannot be recovered, and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that category.

- Charitable activities: costs of the charity incurred in the delivery of its activities and services;
- Governance costs: costs associated with the general running of the charity as opposed to those costs associated with direct charity activities.

Please note that, because last year's accounts were prepared under the accruals basis, it has been necessary to amend the comparative figures to reflect the change to an income and expenditure basis.

##### (d) Fixed assets

Fixed assets are stated at cost with no provision made for depreciation.

##### (e) Taxation

The charity is excepted within the meaning of the Taxes Act. Accordingly it is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income and capital gains received to the extent that such income or gains are applied to exclusively charitable purposes. No provision for taxation has been made in these financial statements.

##### (f) Cash flow statement

The charity has taken advantage of the exemptions in Financial Reporting Standard 31 from producing a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is a small charity.

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## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025 (continued)

### 2. Payments

	Year ended 31.5.25 £	Year ended 31.5.24 £
<b>Charitable activities:</b>		
Direct charitable costs	12,456	12,960
Volunteer expenses	3,650	3,492
Events and meetings	4,051	284
Rent	4,237	1,040
Insurance	207	207
Postage, stationery and advertising	1,613	1,027
Motor expenses	2,388	-
Repairs	2,075	442
Subscriptions	1,167	86
Sundry expenses	211	112
	<u>32,055</u>	<u>19,650</u>
<b>Governance costs:</b>		
Accountancy fees	<u>900</u>	<u>180</u>

### 3. Fixed assets

	Motor Vehicle £
Additions – Vauxhall Vivaro van SB70 SXF	<u>12,599</u>
Balance at 31 May 2025	<u>£12,599</u>

