

CHARITY SHOP 4 U

England & Wales · Charity number 1200023

Details

Status Registered

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Registered 2022-08-10

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT THE EDUCATION (INCLUDING PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION) OF CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS IN GREATER WILLINGTON (OAKENSHAW, PAGEBANK, SUNNYBROW AND WILLINGTON) AND HUNWICK BY MAKING GRANTS FOR EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS IN SUCH WAYS AS THE CHARITY TRUSTEES THINK FIT PROVIDED ALWAYS SUCH PURPOSES ARE CHARITABLE UNDER THE LAWS OF ENGLAND AND WALES.

Activities: Charity Shop 4 U awards grants to benefit the education (including personal development and physical education) of children under the age of 18 years Greater Willington (Oakenshaw, Pagebank, Sunnybrow and Willington) and Hunwick in the County of Durham.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

Geography

- Area of benefit: LOCAL
- Durham

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-01-31	£43,064	£19,955	-	-
2024-01-31	£57,988	£23,003	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andrea Elgie		2026-05-07
JANET STEPHENSON		2022-08-10
Judith Ann Bulmer		2026-06-01
Leanne Pratt		2022-08-10
Mandy Wilson		2026-05-07
Paul Golightly		2026-01-05

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Accounts

Charity Registration Number: 1200023

Charity Shop 4 U
Financial Statements
For the Year Ending
31 January 2025

JANE ASCROFT ACCOUNTANCY LIMITED

Chartered accountants
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Financial Statements

Year Ended 31 January 2025

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Trustees' Annual Report

Year Ended 31 January 2025

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 January 2025.

Objectives and Activities

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To this end the trustees allocated £6,150.00 in grants to individuals, schools and organisations in the area of benefit. Examples of grants awarded included grants for equipment, coaching, art shed resources, books, intervention equipment, lights and sensory equipment, science event, competition fees and travel.

Achievements and Performance

Volunteers

The number of volunteers has decreased by 3 during the year. While some volunteers resigned due to family and work commitments, there have been a number of new volunteers. The total number of volunteers stands at 22. Their motivation for volunteering is varied, for example:

- Work experience
- To make a contribution to the local community
- To meet people
- As an outlet for existing skills and as an opportunity to learn new skills.

A quarterly volunteers meeting is held to enable volunteers to contribute their ideas towards the organisation and running of the shop.

Shop Premises

The new shop premises has led to increased footfall, an increased amount of donations, an increased turnover of stock and greatly improved sales. Also shop opening hours have increased from 24 hours per week to 32 hours a week. Thanks to a grant from Durham County Council structural improvements have been made to the building.

Financial Review

During the year ended 31st January 2025 the charity had income of £43,064 (2024 - £57,988) and incurred expenditure of £34,955 (2024 - £22,003). Expenditure included grants of £6,350 (2024 - £5,050) paid to local organisations. In addition, capital expenditure of £16,657 was incurred during the year.

At 31st January 2025 the charity held £94,750 in unrestricted funds and Nil in restricted funds.

Reserves policy

The trustees aim to hold reserves equivalent to £20,000 to cover working capital and future grant obligations. At 31st January 2025 the charity held £18,070 in reserves. Reserves have been calculated using the net current assets figure from the balance sheet which excludes fixed assets and long term liabilities and so represents liquid assets held by the charity.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 January 2025

Structure, Governance and Management

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Trustees Meetings

The trustees met on six occasions between 1st February 2024 and 31st January 2025. At these meetings various reports were presented to, and various matters discussed by, the trustees including:

- Finance
- Policies
- Volunteers
- Premises
- Shop Matters

Each meeting is minuted.

Reference and Administrative Details

Registered charity name Charity Shop 4 U

Charity registration number 1200023

Principal office 86 High Street
Willington
County Durham
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The Trustees

R E Glasper (Chair)
L Pratt
Janet Stephenson
J M Humble

Independent Examiner Jane Ascroft FCA MA (Cantab)
Enterprise House
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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 January 2025

The trustees' annual report was approved on and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

R E Glasper (Chair)
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Charity Shop 4 U

Year Ended 31 January 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Charity Shop 4 U ('the charity') for the year ended 31 January 2025.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements 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.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity 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 applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Jane Ascroft FCA MA (Cantab)
Independent Examiner

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Statement of Financial Activities

Year Ended 31 January 2025

		2025		2024	
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	4	–	–	–	29,300
Other trading activities	5	42,827	–	42,827	28,134
Investment income	6	237	–	237	554
Total income		<u>43,064</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>43,064</u>	<u>57,988</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities	7,8	19,955	15,000	34,955	23,003
Total expenditure		<u>19,955</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>34,955</u>	<u>23,003</u>
Net income and net movement in funds		<u>23,109</u>	<u>(15,000)</u>	<u>8,109</u>	<u>34,985</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		71,641	15,000	86,641	51,656
Total funds carried forward		<u>94,750</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>94,750</u>	<u>86,641</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 7 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

31 January 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible fixed assets	14	99,780	85,942
Current Assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		27,790	42,759
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	<u>9,720</u>	<u>9,720</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>18,070</u>	<u>33,039</u>
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		117,850	118,981
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	16	<u>23,100</u>	<u>32,340</u>
Net Assets		<u>94,750</u>	<u>86,641</u>
Funds of the Charity			
Restricted funds		–	15,000
Unrestricted funds		<u>94,750</u>	<u>71,641</u>
Total charity funds	17	<u>94,750</u>	<u>86,641</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

R E Glasper (Chair)
Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year Ended 31 January 2025

1. General Information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is 86 High Street, Willington, County Durham, DL15 0PE.

2. Statement of Compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

3. Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going Concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and Key Sources of Estimation Uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The trustees consider that there are no significant estimates or judgements affecting these financial statements.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

Income

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity, it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Income *(continued)*

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.

- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.

- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impracticable to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.

- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.

- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.

- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Tangible Assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

An increase in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of a revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, unless it reverses a charge for impairment that has previously been recognised as expenditure within the statement of financial activities. A decrease in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, except to which it offsets any previous revaluation gain, in which case the loss is shown within other recognised gains and losses on the statement of financial activities.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 January 2025

3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Freehold property	-	2% straight line
Equipment	-	25% reducing balance

Impairment of Fixed Assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

Financial Instruments

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Accrued income and tax recoverable is included at the best estimate of the amounts receivable at the balance sheet date.

Cash at Bank and in Hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 January 2025

3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Taxation

The company 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 company 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.

4. Donations and Legacies

	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Grants				
Durham County Council	–	–	15,000	15,000
Greater Willington Town Council	–	–	500	500
Key Fund	–	–	13,800	13,800
	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>29,300</u>	<u>29,300</u>

5. Other Trading Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Shop income	38,434	38,434	23,139	23,139
Bishop's Recycling	–	–	1,616	1,616
Ebay sales	911	911	928	928
Ziffit & Music Magpie	1,027	1,027	1,228	1,228
ECS Textiles	2,455	2,455	1,223	1,223
	<u>42,827</u>	<u>42,827</u>	<u>28,134</u>	<u>28,134</u>

6. Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Rental income	<u>237</u>	<u>237</u>	<u>554</u>	<u>554</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year Ended 31 January 2025

7. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Fund Type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Costs of charitable activities	<u>19,955</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>34,955</u>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Costs of charitable activities	<u>23,003</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>23,003</u>

8. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Activity Type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Grant funding of activities £	Total funds 2025 £	Total fund 2024 £
Costs of charitable activities	<u>28,605</u>	<u>6,350</u>	<u>34,955</u>	<u>23,003</u>

9. Analysis of Grants

	2025 £	2024 £
Grants to Institutions		
Grants to local organisations	<u>6,350</u>	<u>5,050</u>
Total grants	<u>6,350</u>	<u>5,050</u>

10. Net Income

	2025 £	2024 £
Net income is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>2,819</u>	<u>2,360</u>

11. Independent Examination Fees

	2025 £	2024 £
Fees payable to the independent examiner for: Independent examination of the financial statements	<u>480</u>	<u>480</u>

12. Staff Costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

The average head count of employees during the year was Nil (2024: Nil).

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year Ended 31 January 2025

12. Staff Costs (continued)

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2024: Nil).

13. Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

Trustees were paid neither remuneration nor expenses during the current or previous year.

14. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Freehold property £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 February 2024	85,000	3,302	88,302
Additions	15,227	1,430	16,657
At 31 January 2025	<u>100,227</u>	<u>4,732</u>	<u>104,959</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 February 2024	1,700	660	2,360
Charge for the year	2,005	814	2,819
At 31 January 2025	<u>3,705</u>	<u>1,474</u>	<u>5,179</u>
Carrying amount			
At 31 January 2025	<u>96,522</u>	<u>3,258</u>	<u>99,780</u>
At 31 January 2024	<u>83,300</u>	<u>2,642</u>	<u>85,942</u>

15. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Accruals and deferred income	480	480
Key Fund loan	9,240	9,240
	<u>9,720</u>	<u>9,720</u>

16. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Key Fund loan	<u>23,100</u>	<u>32,340</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 January 2025

17. Analysis of Charitable Funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 February 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 January 2025 £
General funds	71,641	43,064	(19,955)	–	94,750

	At 1 February 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 January 2024 £
General funds	51,656	28,688	(23,003)	14,300	71,641

Restricted funds

	At 1 February 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 January 2025 £
Durham County Council	15,000	–	(15,000)	–	–
	<u>15,000</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>(15,000)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>

	At 1 February 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 January 2024 £
Durham County Council	–	15,000	–	–	15,000
Greater Willington Town Council	–	500	–	(500)	–
Key Fund	–	13,800	–	(13,800)	–
	<u>–</u>	<u>29,300</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>(14,300)</u>	<u>15,000</u>

Restricted funds are for the following purposes:

Durham County Council	Property refurbishment
Greater Willington Town Council	Sign
Key Fund	Towards the purchase of the property

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Year Ended 31 January 2025

18. Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Tangible fixed assets	99,780	–	99,780
Current assets	27,790	–	27,790
Creditors less than 1 year	(9,720)	–	(9,720)
Creditors greater than 1 year	(23,100)	–	(23,100)
Net assets	<u>94,750</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>94,750</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	85,942	–	85,942
Current assets	27,759	15,000	42,759
Creditors less than 1 year	(9,720)	–	(9,720)
Creditors greater than 1 year	(32,340)	–	(32,340)
Net assets	<u>71,641</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>86,641</u>

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Management Information

Year Ended 31 January 2025

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year Ended 31 January 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
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Greater Willington Town Council	–	500
Key Fund	–	13,800
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Other trading activities		
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Ebay sales	911	928
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	<u>42,827</u>	<u>28,134</u>
Investment income		
Rental income	237	554
	<u>237</u>	<u>554</u>
Total income	<u>43,064</u>	<u>57,988</u>
Expenditure		
Activities undertaken directly		
Rent and utilities	2,573	2,746
Trade waste	302	299
Repairs and maintenance	–	4,136
Insurance	1,012	810
Shop and office consumables	713	1,186
Legal and professional fees	480	4,914
Depreciation	2,819	2,360
Loan interest	3,003	1,502
Flat expenses - Utilities and council tax	1,327	–
Flat expenses - Refurbishment	16,376	–
	<u>28,605</u>	<u>17,953</u>
Grant funding activities		
Grants awarded	6,350	5,050
	<u>6,350</u>	<u>5,050</u>
Total expenditure	<u>34,955</u>	<u>23,003</u>
Net income	<u>8,109</u>	<u>34,985</u>

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To this end the trustees allocated £5,000 in grants to individuals, schools and organisations in the area of benefit. Examples of grants awarded included grants to enable schools to develop their outdoor environment, training of leaders, resources for children with special needs, outdoor sports activities and travel and accommodation for international competitions.

Achievements and Performance

Volunteers

The number of volunteers has increased during the year. While a couple of volunteers resigned due to health and work commitments, there have been a number of new volunteers. The total number of volunteers stands at 25. Their motivation for volunteering is varied, for example:

- Work experience as part of a college course
- To make a contribution to the local community
- To meet people
- To gain confidence.

A quarterly volunteers meeting is held to enable volunteers to contribute their ideas towards the organisation and running of the shop.

Shop Premises

A major development in this financial year was the purchasing of 69 High Street, Willington as new premises. These premises contain over four times the space of the previous premises. The new premises were purchased thanks to funding from the Key Fund. A new sign was purchased as a result of a grant from Greater Hunwick Town Council. A grant of £15,000 from Durham County Council has enabled the trustees to plan for renovations to the building and for its development. The purchase and erection of storage and sorting sheds is also taking place.

Financial Review

During the year ended 31st January 2024 the charity had income of £57,988 (2023 - £39,663) and incurred expenditure of £22,883 (2023 - £6,684). Expenditure included grants of £5,050 paid to local organisations.

At 31st January 2023 the charity held £71,761 in unrestricted funds and £15,000 in restricted funds.

Reserves policy

The trustees aim to hold reserves equivalent to £20,000 to cover working capital and future grant obligations. At 31st January 2024 the charity held £27,759 in reserves.

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Each meeting is minuted.

Reference and Administrative Details

Registered charity name Charity Shop 4 U

Charity registration number 1200023

Principal office 86 High Street
Willington
County Durham
DL15 0PE

The Trustees

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 January 2024

The trustees' annual report was approved on and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

R E Glasper (Chair)
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Charity Shop 4 U

Year Ended 31 January 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Charity Shop 4 U ('the charity') for the year ended 31 January 2024.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements 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.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity 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 applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Jane Ascroft FCA MA (Cantab)
Independent Examiner

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Statement of Financial Activities

Year Ended 31 January 2024

		Unrestricted funds	2024 Restricted funds	Total funds	2023 Total funds
	Note	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	4	–	29,300	29,300	15,276
Other trading activities	5	28,134	–	28,134	24,387
Investment income	6	554	–	554	–
Total income		<u>28,688</u>	<u>29,300</u>	<u>57,988</u>	<u>39,663</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities	7,8	23,003	–	23,003	6,584
Total expenditure		<u>23,003</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>23,003</u>	<u>6,584</u>
Net income		<u>5,685</u>	<u>29,300</u>	<u>34,985</u>	<u>33,079</u>
Transfers between funds		14,300	(14,300)	–	–
Net movement in funds		<u>19,985</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>34,985</u>	<u>33,079</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		51,656	–	51,656	18,577
Total funds carried forward		<u>71,641</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>86,641</u>	<u>51,656</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 7 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

31 January 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible fixed assets	15	85,942	–
Current Assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		42,759	51,896
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	<u>9,720</u>	<u>240</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>33,039</u>	<u>51,656</u>
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		118,981	51,656
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	17	<u>32,340</u>	<u>–</u>
Net Assets		<u>86,641</u>	<u>51,656</u>
Funds of the Charity			
Restricted funds		15,000	–
Unrestricted funds		<u>71,641</u>	<u>51,656</u>
Total charity funds	18	<u>86,641</u>	<u>51,656</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

R E Glasper (Chair)
Trustee

The notes on pages 7 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year Ended 31 January 2024

1. General Information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is 86 High Street, Willington, County Durham, DL15 0PE.

2. Statement of Compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

3. Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going Concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and Key Sources of Estimation Uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The trustees consider that there are no significant estimates or judgements affecting these financial statements.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 January 2024

3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Income

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity, it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impracticable to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Tangible Assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 January 2024

3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Tangible Assets *(continued)*

An increase in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of a revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, unless it reverses a charge for impairment that has previously been recognised as expenditure within the statement of financial activities. A decrease in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, except to which it offsets any previous revaluation gain, in which case the loss is shown within other recognised gains and losses on the statement of financial activities.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Freehold property	-	2% straight line
Equipment	-	25% reducing balance

Impairment of Fixed Assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

Financial Instruments

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 January 2024

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Accrued income and tax recoverable is included at the best estimate of the amounts receivable at the balance sheet date.

Cash at Bank and in Hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Taxation

The company 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 company 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.

4. Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Grants			
Durham County Council	–	15,000	15,000
Greater Willington Town Council	–	500	500
Key Fund	–	13,800	13,800
	–	<u>13,800</u>	<u>13,800</u>
	–	<u>29,300</u>	<u>29,300</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year Ended 31 January 2024

4. Donations and Legacies (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Donations			
Transferred from Cornerstone Supported Housing & Counselling Ltd	15,276	–	15,276
	<u>15,276</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>15,276</u>

5. Other Trading Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Shop income	23,139	23,139	20,197	20,197
Bishop's Recycling	1,616	1,616	2,499	2,499
Ebay sales	928	928	796	796
Ziffit & Music Magpie	1,228	1,228	895	895
ECS Textiles	1,223	1,223	–	–
	<u>28,134</u>	<u>28,134</u>	<u>24,387</u>	<u>24,387</u>

6. Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Rental income	554	554	–	–

7. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Fund Type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Costs of charitable activities (see page 16)	23,003	23,003	6,584	6,584

8. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Activity Type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Grant funding of activities £	Total funds 2024 £	Total fund 2023 £
Costs of charitable activities (see page 16)	17,953	5,050	23,003	6,584

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 January 2024

9. Analysis of Grants

	2024	2023
	£	£
Grants to Institutions		
Grants to local organisations	5,050	5,250
Total grants	<u>5,050</u>	<u>5,250</u>

10. Net Income

Net income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024	2023
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>2,360</u>	<u>–</u>

11. Independent Examination Fees

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fees payable to the independent examiner for: Independent examination of the financial statements	<u>480</u>	<u>240</u>

12. Staff Costs

The average head count of employees during the year was Nil (2023: Nil).

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2023: Nil).

13. Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

Trustees were paid neither remuneration nor expenses during the current or previous year.

14. Transfers Between Funds

During the year £14,300 was transferred from restricted to unrestricted funds which represented capital items for use by the charity purchased using restricted funds.

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year Ended 31 January 2024

15. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Freehold property £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 February 2023	–	–	–
Additions	85,000	3,302	88,302
At 31 January 2024	<u>85,000</u>	<u>3,302</u>	<u>88,302</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 February 2023	–	–	–
Charge for the year	1,700	660	2,360
At 31 January 2024	<u>1,700</u>	<u>660</u>	<u>2,360</u>
Carrying amount			
At 31 January 2024	<u>83,300</u>	<u>2,642</u>	<u>85,942</u>
At 31 January 2023	–	–	–

16. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals and deferred income	480	240
Key Fund loan	<u>9,240</u>	<u>–</u>
	<u>9,720</u>	<u>240</u>

17. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Key Fund loan	<u>32,340</u>	<u>–</u>

18. Analysis of Charitable Funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 February 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 January 2024 £
General funds	<u>51,656</u>	<u>28,688</u>	<u>(23,003)</u>	<u>14,300</u>	<u>71,641</u>

	At 1 February 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 January 2023 £
General funds	<u>18,577</u>	<u>39,663</u>	<u>(6,584)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>51,656</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 January 2024

18. Analysis of Charitable Funds *(continued)*

Restricted funds

	At 1 February 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 January 2024 £
Durham County Council	–	15,000	–	–	15,000
Greater Willington Town Council	–	500	–	(500)	–
Key Fund	–	13,800	–	(13,800)	–
	<u>–</u>	<u>29,300</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>(14,300)</u>	<u>15,000</u>

Restricted funds are for the following purposes:

Durham County Council	Property refurbishment
Greater Willington Town Council	Sign
Key Fund	Towards the purchase of the property

19. Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	85,942	–	85,942
Current assets	27,759	15,000	42,759
Creditors less than 1 year	(9,720)	–	(9,720)
Creditors greater than 1 year	(32,340)	–	(32,340)
Net assets	<u>71,641</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>86,641</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	–	–	–
Current assets	51,896	–	51,896
Creditors less than 1 year	(240)	–	(240)
Creditors greater than 1 year	–	–	–
Net assets	<u>51,656</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>51,656</u>

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Management Information

Year Ended 31 January 2024

The Following Pages Do Not Form Part of the Financial Statements.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year Ended 31 January 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Transferred from Cornerstone Supported Housing & Counselling Ltd	–	15,276
Durham County Council	15,000	–
Greater Willington Town Council	500	–
Key Fund	13,800	–
	<u>29,300</u>	<u>15,276</u>
Other trading activities		
Shop income	23,139	20,197
Bishop's Recycling	1,616	2,499
Ebay sales	928	796
Ziffit & Music Magpie	1,228	895
ECS Textiles	1,223	–
	<u>28,134</u>	<u>24,387</u>
Investment income		
Rental income	554	–
	<u>57,988</u>	<u>39,663</u>
Total income	<u>57,988</u>	<u>39,663</u>
Expenditure		
Activities undertaken directly		
Rent and utilities	2,746	–
Trade waste	299	272
Repairs and maintenance	4,136	31
Insurance	810	495
Shop and office consumables	1,186	296
Legal and professional fees	4,914	240
Depreciation	2,360	–
Loan interest	1,502	–
	<u>17,953</u>	<u>1,334</u>
Grant funding activities		
Grants awarded	5,050	5,250
	<u>23,003</u>	<u>6,584</u>
Total expenditure	<u>23,003</u>	<u>6,584</u>
Net income	<u>34,985</u>	<u>33,079</u>
