

LITTLE GREEN SOCK PROJECT

England & Wales · Charity number 1200145

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2022-08-23

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS: THE PREVENTION OR RELIEF OF POVERTY IN TRAFFORD, ENGLAND AND SURROUNDING AREAS, BY PROVIDING GOODS AND SERVICES, PARTICULARLY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY THE PROVISION OF CLOTHING AND OTHER GOODS FOR BABIES AND CHILDREN, TO INDIVIDUALS IN NEED AND / OR OTHER CHARITIES OR OTHER ORGANISATIONS WORKING TO PREVENT OR RELIEVE POVERTY. NOTHING IN THIS CONSTITUTION SHALL AUTHORISE AN APPLICATION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE CIO FOR THE PURPOSES WHICH ARE NOT CHARITABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH [SECTION 7 OF THE CHARITIES AND TRUSTEE INVESTMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005] AND [SECTION 2 OF THE CHARITIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2008.]

Activities: We alleviate child poverty in Trafford and surrounding areas by providing free, preloved clothing and essentials to families in crisis. By redistributing donations, we support over 1,000 children yearly, promoting sustainability and reducing financial strain on families. Our services also address seasonal needs and work closely with local referral partners to ensure comprehensive support.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Manchester City
- Salford City
- Stockport
- Trafford
- Wigan

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£265,396	£125,727	-	-
2024-08-31	£157,491	£118,536	-	-
2023-08-31	£132,861	£73,781	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Emma Budzynski		2024-07-11
Gerard Carter		2024-11-20
Lauren Chalmers		2023-08-30
Michele Simister		2022-06-23
Rebecca Thomson		2022-06-23
Rosalyn Louise Wilde		2023-08-30
Serena Smallman		2024-07-11
Sophie Ream		2024-07-11

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ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

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Reference and administrative information

Trustees	Michele Simister (appointed March 2022) Laurence Frys (appointed March 2022, Resigned October 2024) Cara Goldrick (appointed March 2022, Resigned October 2024) Rebecca Thomson (appointed March 2022) Lorna Sales (appointed July 2023, Resigned January 2026) Rosalyn Wilde (appointed August 2023) Lauren Chalmers (appointed August 2023) Serena Smallman (appointed July 2024) Sophie Ream (appointed July 2024) Emma Budzynski (appointed July 2024) Gerard Carter (appointed November 2024)
Charity Number	1200145
Administrative address	57 Roseneath Road Urmston Manchester M41 5AY
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Independent Examiner	BWP-Inspire Charter Buildings 9 Ashton Lane Sale M33 6WT
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TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

Overview and Purpose of the Charity

Little Green Sock Project exists to ensure that children do not go without the essentials they need for their safety, comfort and wellbeing. The charity works to prevent harm caused by material deprivation by redistributing quality preloved and new items to babies and children living in poverty.

Operating primarily across Trafford, with increasing reach into Manchester and Salford, the charity supports families facing multiple disadvantages, including homelessness, domestic abuse, insecure immigration status, disability, poor mental health and low income. Support is delivered through trusted referral pathways with health, social care and voluntary sector professionals, enabling early, preventative intervention for families most at risk.

The charity's work is grounded in dignity, safety and prevention, ensuring families receive practical support that reduces health inequalities and helps children get the best possible start in life.

The Objects of the charity as stated in its constitution dated 23rd August 2022 are:

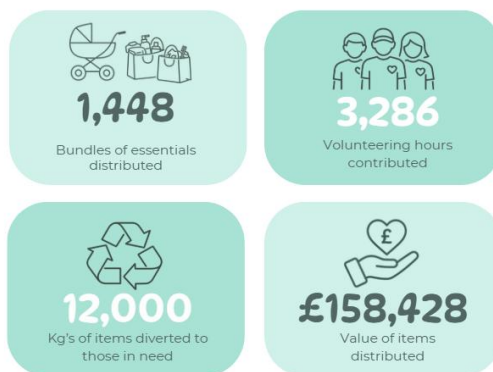
the prevention or relief of poverty in Trafford, England and surrounding areas, by providing goods and services, particularly but not exclusively the provision of clothing and other goods for babies and children, to individuals in need and / or other charities or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty.

Activities During the Year

Period: September 2024 – August 2025

During the reporting period, Little Green Sock Project experienced significant growth in demand for its services, reflecting increasing levels of child poverty, housing insecurity and financial hardship across Greater Manchester.

A year in numbers



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Core Service Delivery

From its warehouse base in Trafford, the charity distributed 1,446 bundles of essential items to families, representing a 43% increase on the previous year (1,008 bundles). For impact monitoring purposes, the charity estimates that the items distributed during the year had a replacement value of approximately £158,428, an increase of 47% compared to the previous year (£107,935).

Bundles included a tailored combination of clothing, equipment and household essentials, quality-checked for safety and suitability. Key items distributed during the year included:

- 108 safe places for babies to sleep
- 223 prams, pushchairs, slings and double buggies
- 86 weaning sets with healthy eating advice
- 768 clothing bundles with seasonally appropriate items
- 553 hygiene packs
- 242 pairs of school shoes
- 266 Christmas bundles

Support was provided entirely free of charge and delivered through professional referrals, ensuring families were reached at critical moments of need.

“Receiving these things for her children was the best thing that has happened to her in a long time. She was in tears, hugging me and expressing her gratitude over and over again.”

– Health Visitor

“Little green sock has literally been a life saver. Because of them, babies who may otherwise be sleeping in unsafe environments now have somewhere safe to sleep/correct bedding. This is huge.”

– Health Visitor, Manchester

“I was in tears opening the bundle – I finally felt someone cared.”

– Parent supported by Little Green Sock Project

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A significant proportion of the charity's impact during the year was made possible through donations of goods, including new and preloved clothing, baby equipment, hygiene products and household essentials. These donations enabled the charity to respond quickly and effectively to rising demand, ensuring families received timely, practical support at moments of acute need.

While the charity monitors volumes and categories of items distributed to inform service planning and impact reporting, the majority of donated goods are not recognised within the financial statements due to the practical challenges of reliable and proportionate valuation. Their contribution to the charity's work and the outcomes achieved for families is therefore reflected through narrative reporting and service outputs rather than financial values.

Targeted School Support

In partnership with local organisations, the charity delivered a school support pop-up at Stretford Public Hall, providing practical assistance to families ahead of the school year. Outcomes included:

- 48 appointments attended
- 105 children supported
- 93 pairs of shoes provided
- 27 stationery sets
- 47 school bags

This initiative addressed barriers to school attendance and inclusion, supporting children to start the academic year with dignity and confidence.

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Growth and Demand

The Trustees note a sustained and accelerating increase in referrals, with demand continuing to rise across Trafford and neighbouring boroughs. This growth reflects both widening need and increased recognition of the charity as a trusted partner within local support systems.

The charity's work is delivered by a small part-time staff team, supported by a large and committed volunteer base. Throughout the year, the organisation focused on maintaining service quality, responsiveness and safeguarding while scaling delivery to meet rising demand.

The Trustees remain proud of the charity's ability to respond to growing need while upholding its commitment to dignity, prevention and community-led action.

While demand continues to rise, the charity's ability to sustain existing provision and respond to further growth remains dependent on securing ongoing grant funding, as current reserves and designated funds provide only short-term stability rather than long-term security.

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Volunteering

Volunteers are the backbone of Little Green Sock Project. Quite simply, we could not deliver our work without them. Between September 2024 and August 2025, 74 community volunteers donated 2,412 hours of their time, alongside a further 874 hours from corporate volunteer teams. Together, this contribution boosted our capacity to the equivalent of four additional staff members every working day, enabling us to sort, check, clean and prepare essential items at a scale that would otherwise be impossible.

Behind every bundle is the time, care and kindness of a volunteer. From quality-checking cots and prams, to sorting clothing by size and season, to packing bundles ready for families, their efforts ensure every child receives items that are safe, dignified and prepared with respect. Volunteers also play a vital role in creating a welcoming, supportive environment within our warehouse, where people from all walks of life come together around a shared purpose.

Volunteering is not only essential to our delivery, it also has a powerful impact on the wellbeing of those who take part. Many volunteers tell us that being part of the Little Green Sock community improves their confidence, reduces feelings of isolation, and gives them a sense of purpose. Research consistently shows that volunteering can improve mental health, reduce stress and increase feelings of connection and belonging, and we see these benefits reflected in the experiences of our own team.

As one volunteer shared:

“Volunteering here has given me a real sense of purpose. Knowing that the time I give each week helps a family who might be struggling makes me feel proud, and it’s done wonders for my confidence and mental wellbeing.”

We are deeply grateful to every person who gives their time, energy and compassion to support our work. Their contribution reaches far beyond the warehouse walls, helping to ensure thousands of children have the essentials they need for their safety, comfort and wellbeing.



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Save Our Baby Bank Campaign

During 2024/25, the charity launched the *Save Our Baby Bank* appeal to secure the resources needed to obtain suitable premises and ensure the continuation of services due to the planned demolition of its previous location.

The campaign received strong public and community support and enabled the charity to secure a new premises in May 2025, from which it is now fully operational.

The trustees have designated a proportion of the funds raised through this campaign in line with the purpose communicated to donors. These designations support costs directly associated with securing and operating the new premises, including lease-related risks, essential infrastructure and transitional core costs during the period of relocation and stabilisation. This approach ensures that funds raised through the campaign continue to be applied in a manner consistent with donor intent while supporting the long-term sustainability of the charity.

As a one-off appeal, the Save Our Baby Bank campaign enabled the charity to secure premises and stabilise operations but does not remove the charity's ongoing reliance on grant funding and other income to sustain existing services and respond to continued growth in demand.

Structure, Governance and Management

Little Green Sock Project is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales. The charity is governed by its Board of Trustees, who are responsible for setting the strategic direction of the organisation, ensuring compliance with legal and regulatory requirements, and safeguarding the charity's assets.

Trustees are appointed in accordance with the charity's governing document and bring a broad range of skills and experience to the Board, including expertise in finance, health and safety, charity leadership and safeguarding. The Board meets regularly to review performance, manage risk and oversee the financial position of the charity. New trustees receive an induction to ensure they understand their duties and responsibilities.

The trustees delegate day-to-day operational management to a small staff team, led by the Chief Executive Officer, who is responsible for implementing the charity's strategy, managing staff and volunteers, and delivering services in line with the charity's charitable objectives. The Chief Executive Officer reports to the Board and works closely with trustees to support effective governance and organisational development.

The charity is supported by a committed volunteer base, whose contribution is essential to the delivery of services. Trustees ensure appropriate policies and procedures are in place to support safeguarding, health and safety, financial controls and good governance.

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Designated Funds and Reserves Policy

In addition to maintaining free reserves, the trustees have designated certain unrestricted funds to address known risks, future commitments and strategic priorities arising from the charity's recent growth and transition to leased premises. These designations reflect prudent financial planning and do not represent surplus funds.

The charity's annual operating costs are approximately £155,000. The trustees have therefore set a target level of unrestricted free reserves of £60,000, equivalent to approximately 4.6 months of operating expenditure. This level of reserves is intended to buffer against funding delays, unsuccessful grant applications and income volatility and is not sufficient to sustain the charity's existing services over the medium to long term without continued external funding.

Designated unrestricted funds at the year-end comprise the following:

- **£10,000** designated to mitigate risks associated with the charity's full repairing and insuring lease, including potential dilapidations, repairs and unforeseen premises-related costs.
- **£20,041** of unrestricted time-bound funding designated towards essential management and operational salary costs, which underpin effective governance, safeguarding and service delivery.
- **£31,500** designated to cover fixed-term staffing costs over an 18-month period to build corporate fundraising capacity, diversify income streams and support the charity's long-term financial sustainability.
- **£25,000** designated as a time-limited contribution towards core operating costs in 2025/26.
- **£25,000** designated as a time-limited contribution towards core operating costs in 2026/27.
- **£17,806** designated as a time-limited contribution towards core operating costs in 2027/28.

These designations reflect known commitments and risk management rather than discretionary funding and will be drawn down over time as costs are incurred.

These designations are intended to provide transitional stability while the charity builds eligibility for multi-year funding and embeds longer-term sustainable income streams. The trustees wish to emphasise that designated funds are held to manage financial risk and protect existing services. They are not available to support service expansion and are not sufficient to maintain current provision without continued grant funding, corporate partnerships and other income sources, which remain essential to the charity's sustainability.

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Looking Forward

The year ahead marks an important period of consolidation and stabilisation for Little Green Sock Project. Following significant organisational growth and the successful relocation to our new premises, the charity is focused on creating a strong and sustainable operational foundation. Strengthening our core team is central to this work, ensuring we have the capacity to respond to rising levels of need across our community while maintaining the quality, safety and dignity that underpin our service.

To support this stability, the trustees are prioritising long-term, diverse and sustainable income generation. We have invested in expanding our fundraising capacity so that we can meet our higher cost base following relocation and build the financial resilience required to protect and sustain essential services. Over the coming year, we will continue to diversify our income through the development of meaningful corporate partnerships, alongside a greater emphasis on securing multi-year grant funding.

A further priority is strengthening our case for support through improved data, evidence and insight. By developing a more robust approach to data collection and impact measurement, we aim to more clearly demonstrate the difference our work makes, the depth of need we are responding to, and the ways in which we are embedded within local prevention pathways. This investment in evidence will support stronger funding applications, deepen collaboration with partners, and ensure our activities remain aligned with emerging community needs. Together, these strategic priorities—stabilising our operations, strengthening income resilience, and deepening our evidence base—position the charity to continue supporting families with compassion, dignity and effectiveness in the years ahead.

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales 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 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 operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ascertain that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the constitution. 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 are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Lauren Chalmers
Chair of the Board of Trustees

12th May 2026

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Independent examiner's report

Little Green Sock Project

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st August 2025, which are set out on the accompanied pages (15-25).

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

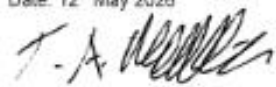
(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: Thomas Middleton ACA

Relevant professional qualification or body: ICAEW

Address: Charter Buildings, Ashton Lane, Sale, M33 6WT

Date: 12th May 2026



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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

		2025	2025	2025	2024	2024	2024
		Unrestricted	Restricted		Unrestricted	Restricted	
		funds	funds	Total	funds	funds	Total
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income from:							
Donations and grants	3	180,955	78,335	259,290	51,837	97,884	149,721
Other trading activities	4	6,106	-	6,106	7,770	-	7,770
Total Income		187,061	78,335	265,396	59,607	97,884	157,491
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	5	33,976	80,434	114,410	28,932	88,540	117,472
Cost of raising funds	6	11,291	26	11,317	700	364	1,064
Total Expenditure		45,267	80,460	125,727	29,632	88,904	118,536
Net income for the year		141,794	(2,125)	139,669	29,975	8,980	38,955
Funds brought forward		64,343	34,341	98,684	34,368	25,361	59,729
Funds carried forward		206,137	32,216	238,353	64,343	34,341	98,684

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BALANCE SHEET AT 31 AUGUST 2025

		2025	2024
	£	£	£
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	7	7,474	6,718
Current Assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		269,971	91,966
		269,971	91,966
Current Liabilities	(39,094)	230,877	-
Total net assets		238,351	98,684
Funds			
Restricted funds	8	32,216	34,341
Unrestricted funds		206,137	64,343
Total funds		238,353	98,684

The notes on pages 17 to 25 form part of these accounts

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 12th May 2026



Lauren Chalmers
Chair of the Board of Trustees

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

1. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies are set out below.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities SORP 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

Going Concern

Following the success of the *Save Our Baby Bank* campaign, the charity was able to secure new premises and stabilise its operations. While the trustees have established limited reserves to manage short-term financial risk, the charity remains dependent on securing ongoing grant funding, fundraising income and donations to sustain existing services and meet rising demand.

The trustees have therefore prepared these financial statements on a going concern basis, having regard to current funding commitments, active funding applications, forecast income and expenditure, and the charity's reserves and designation policies.

Fund Accounting

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

Restricted funds are those donated for a specific purpose or project and cannot be utilised for an alternative purpose.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources, it is probable that the resources will be received, and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Cash donations along with any sales income are recognised on receipt.

Income from grants is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance criteria has been met, and it is probable that the income will be received.

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Donated facilities and donations in kind

Donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over them, any conditions associated with the facility has been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity is probable and the economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP general volunteer time is not recognised.

The charity receives a wide range of donated goods, including both new and second-hand items, which are distributed free of charge to families in need. In accordance with the Charities SORP, donated goods are recognised only where valuation is practicable, reliable and proportionate.

In previous financial years, when the volume of donated goods was lower and more readily measurable, the charity recognised the estimated value of certain donated items as incoming resources. During the current financial year, the scale and variety of donated goods distributed by the charity increased significantly, making comprehensive and reliable valuation disproportionately burdensome relative to the benefit gained from inclusion in the financial statements.

The charity has therefore revised its approach and now recognises the value of certain standardised new consumable items only, where all items distributed within that category are new and a consistent valuation methodology can be applied. Donated second-hand items and mixed-category donations are not recognised in the financial statements due to the administrative burden of reliable valuation; their contribution is instead described narratively within the Trustees' Annual Report.

The trustees consider this revised approach to provide a more appropriate and proportionate presentation of the charity's activities, while remaining compliant with the Charities SORP and ensuring consistency and reliability in financial reporting.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash at bank and in hand is held to meet the day to day running costs of the charity as they fall due.

Pension

The charity participates in the NEST pension scheme which is open to all employees of the charity.

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2. Critical accounting estimates and judgements

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 relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates. The estimates and assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis.

3. Income from donations and grants

	2025	2025	2025	2024	2024	2024
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and grants	165,000	63,335	228,335	39,751	65,826	105,577
Donated goods for beneficiaries	15,955	-	15,955	12,086	-	12,086
Donated services and facilities	-	15,000	15,000	-	32,058	32,058
	180,955	78,335	259,290	51,837	97,884	149,721

4. Income from other trading activities

	2025	2024
	Total	Total
	£	£
Sales income	869	499
Corporate days	4,268	6,617
Recycling income	969	556
Other income	-	98
	6,106	7,770

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5. Charitable Activities

	2025	2025	2025	2024	2024	2024
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
Charitable Activities	£	£	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	9,038	42,736	51,774	-	44,870	44,870
Rent and Rates	1,570	30,209	31,780	12,822	32,058	44,880
Donated goods for beneficiaries	15,955	-	15,955	12,086	-	12,086
Purchased goods for beneficiaries	1,114	3,876	4,990	-	4,579	4,579
Consumables	217	28	245	-	3,203	3,203
Subscriptions	-	-	-	-	4	4
Equipment	-	-	-	-	573	573
Depreciation	2,177	211	2,389	-	1,696	1,696
Professional fees	554	1,386	1,940	2,601	-	2,601
Training & Development	520	379	899	168	-	168
IT & communications	18	126	144	356	-	356
Administration costs	2,008	866	2,874	899	-	899
Insurance	804	618	1,422	-	1,557	1,557
	33,976	80,434	114,410	28,932	88,540	117,472

6. Cost of raising funds

	2025	2025	2025	2024	2024	2024
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
Cost of raising funds	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fundraising	11,121	-	11,121	700	-	700
Marketing	170	26	197	-	364	364
	11,291	26	11,318	700	364	1,064

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7. Tangible Assets

Fixed Assets	Furniture &		Total
	Fitting	Equipment	
Cost			
At 1 September 2024	7,890	1,642	9,532
Additions	2,866	279	3,145
At 31 August 2025	10,756	1,921	12,677
Depreciation			
At 1 September 2024	1,987	827	2,814
Charge for the year	1,678	710	2,389
At 31 August 2025	3,666	1,537	5,203
NBV			
At 31 August 2024	5,903	815	6,718
At 31 August 2025	7,090	384	7,474

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8. Analysis of restricted funds

Restricted Funds – Movement During the Year Ended 31 August 2025

Restricted Fund	Balance b/f £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance c/f £
ASDA Foundation 2024-25	-	2,000	628	1,372
ASDA Foundation 2023-24	640	-	640	-
Awards for All 2024-25	20,000	-	20,000	-
Brighter Futures 2024-25	3,560	-	3,560	-
CO-OP Local Community Fund 2023-24	1,258	-	1,258	-
CO-OP Local Community Fund 2024-25	-	2,663	24	2,639
Electrical Safety Fund	-	547	547	-
Equilibrium	-	500	-	500
GMCVO	6,241	1425	7,666	-
Recycle 4 Greater Manchester GMEF	-	1,000	1,000	-
Islamic Relief UK	-	17,178	8,220	8,958
Irwell Valley 2024	775	-	775	-
Irwell Valley 2025	-	500	63	437
JD		1000		1,000
Kershaw Donation	331	-	331	-
L&Q	-	25,205	10,185	15,020
MSV Housing	-	2,500	2,500	-
Neighbourly	-	500	-	500
Onward Homes	-	900	900	-
Sedulo Foundation	-	2,000	928	1,072
Assura	-	500	-	500
The Big Give		5,417	2,933	2,484
Trafford Housing Trust	1,037	-	1,037	-
Other/fixed asset transfer	499	-500	2,265	-2,266
Donated services	-	15,000	15,000	-
Total Restricted Funds	34,341	78,335	80,460	32,216

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Purpose of Restricted Funds

- **ASDA Foundation 2024-25**
Items for beneficiaries and premises-related costs.
- **ASDA Foundation 2023-24**
Items for beneficiaries.
- **Awards for All 2024-25**
Staffing costs.
- **Brighter Futures 2024-25**
Youth Volunteering Programme.
- **CO-OP Local Community Fund 2023-24**
Items for beneficiaries.
- **CO-OP Local Community Fund 2024-25**
Items for beneficiaries.
- **Electrical Safety Fund**
Reuse and safety testing of electrical items.
- **Equilibrium**
Safer sleep provision (cot mattresses).
- **GMCVO**
Operational costs.
- **Recycle 4 Greater Manchester**
Operational costs.
- **Islamic Relief UK**
Baby Bank support, including operational costs.
- **Irwell Valley 2024**
Operational costs.
- **Irwell Valley 2025**
Operational costs, including Shelf of Hope sponsorship.
- **Kershaw Donation**
Items for beneficiaries.
- **L&Q**
Rent costs associated with the charity's premises.
- **MSV Housing**
Moving and capital costs.
- **Neighbourly**
Safety equipment (stairgates).
- **Onward Homes**
Capital costs (shelving).
- **Sedulo Foundation**
Safer sleep provision (cots and cot mattresses).
- **Assura**
Health inequalities support (thermometers).
- **Trafford Housing Trust**
Staffing costs

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In the prior financial year, the trustees identified sums of £30,000 and £26,000 within unrestricted funds and presented these amounts within the restricted funds section of the accounts, reflecting the trustees' intention at that time to hold reserves equivalent to anticipated operational costs. These amounts were internally earmarked to support ongoing service delivery and to provide short-term financial resilience.

During the current year, the trustees reviewed their approach to reserves and fund classification in line with the Charities SORP and clarified that funds earmarked by the trustees for operational resilience should be treated as **free reserves within unrestricted funds**, rather than as restricted funds. Restricted funds are those subject to donor-imposed conditions, whereas trustee intentions do not create restrictions for accounting purposes.

As a result of this clarification, the balances previously presented as restricted funds have been reclassified and are now included within unrestricted free reserves. Where operational costs were incurred during the year, these were met from unrestricted funds in the normal course of business, with remaining balances contributing to the charity's free reserves position at the year end.

This reclassification has no impact on the charity's total funds, net assets or reported surplus for the year. The trustees consider that the revised presentation provides a clearer and more accurate reflection of the charity's financial position and improves transparency in reporting.

Fixed Assets and Restricted Fund Movements

During the year, the charity invested in new tangible fixed assets with a total cost of £3,145, all of which were funded from restricted grants. These grants were awarded specifically for equipment or capital improvements. In accordance with the Charities SORP, these purchases have been capitalised as tangible fixed assets rather than recognised as restricted expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities, as they provide benefit to the charity over more than one accounting period.

In addition to the current-year additions, £5,331 of existing tangible fixed assets were recognised on the adoption of the new accounting system on 1 September 2024. These represent assets already owned by the charity and recorded at their depreciated carrying value. This adjustment reflects the correct brought-forward fixed asset position and does not represent expenditure incurred during the financial year.

This treatment explains the difference between restricted income received in the year and restricted expenditure shown in the Statement of Financial Activities, as restricted grants used for capital purposes are reflected on the balance sheet rather than as revenue expenditure.

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Reconciliation Explanation

During the year, restricted grants were applied both to revenue expenditure and to the purchase of capital items. Note 5 reports restricted expenditure of £80,434.44, which reflects only revenue costs charged to charitable activities. However, restricted grants totalling £3,145.09 were used to purchase tangible fixed assets, which have been capitalised in accordance with the Charities SORP and therefore do not appear as expenditure within the Statement of Financial Activities. In addition, the Restricted Funds movement in Note 9 reflects fund-specific adjustments and timing differences which, taken together with the capitalised additions, reconcile the revenue-only expenditure in Note 5 to the total restricted fund usage of £63,256.61 shown in Note 9. These adjustments ensure that restricted funds correctly reflect all amounts applied in the year, including amounts spent on capital assets that provide benefit over multiple accounting periods.

LITTLE GREEN SOCK PROJECT

England & Wales - Charity number 1200145

Accounts



ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

Little Green Sock Project



Charity Number: 1200145



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Poverty is a complex beast with no single root cause’.

Thanks to our partnership, network and community we’ve been able to respond to 1008 requests for support. From a full newborn starter bundle including a safe place to sleep, pram, clothing, toiletries and play equipment, to a tailored bundle of clothing for a family of three including footwear, school uniform, toiletries, books and toys.

However, the demand for our service - Trafford’s sole baby bank - has meant we outgrew our base in Urmston. We needed bigger, more accessible space to work from, so we moved to Stretford Mall. Our new base has enabled us to expand our outreach, increase storage, and trial face-to-face appointments.

We’ve learnt so much this year, being able to test face to face delivery of projects such as our Christmas support, and Back to School project in Summer 2024. It was a year of growth and development for Little Green Sock Project, helping us to plan our future direction. As we look ahead we do so with positivity and hope knowing that our ethos is shared by so many individuals and organisations around us, and a determination to continue providing this vital safety net for families for as long as we are needed.

Catherine D’Albertanson
Co-Founder & CEO,
Little Green Sock Project



What a year it has been! As I think back, I’m filled with gratitude for our volunteers, supporters, and partners who share in our belief that all children should have the essentials they need for a safe and happy childhood. Poverty is a complex beast with no single root cause, and the challenges faced by our families are unique and multifaceted.

Challenges that professionals can’t even begin to unpick until the immediate crisis has been addressed. But because of our partnerships, relationships and collaborations, families have felt supported in their hardest moments.

From families rebuilding after devastating housefires, to single mums struggling to make ends meet following a life changing medical diagnosis, we’ve been the safety net, supporting them with the material items they needed for their families.

OUR WHY

At Little Green Sock Project, we believe that every child deserves a safe, happy childhood. We provide essential items—from clothing and footwear to cots and stair gates—ensuring that families in hardship have what they need to thrive, not just survive.

THE PROBLEM WE CAN'T IGNORE

Child poverty is rising — and with it, the devastating impact on families who are already struggling to make ends meet. Across Greater Manchester, thousands of children are going without the essentials they need for a safe, healthy, and happy childhood.

For parents facing financial hardship, the choice between heating the home or buying their child a warm winter coat is painfully real. Families forced to flee domestic abuse often arrive in refuges with nothing but the clothes on their backs.



Babies are being put to sleep in unsafe spaces because their parents can't afford a cot. Children are at risk of falls downstairs because a stair-gate is seen as a luxury item that can't be afforded.

Poverty doesn't just take away a child's comfort — it takes away their safety, their dignity, and their chance to thrive.



OUR SOLUTION

We work to alleviate the impact of child poverty by redistributing quality preloved and new children's items — from clothing and footwear to prams and cots — directly to families in need. Through referrals from social workers, health visitors, schools, and other frontline professionals, we ensure that vital support reaches those who need it most. By reusing high-quality donations from the local community, we're not just supporting struggling families — we're also promoting a more sustainable, circular economy for social good.



ABOUT US

In 2023-24, we supported over 850 children, distributing over 1000 bundles - a 24% increase from the previous year - providing families with essential items that ease financial stress and improve children's wellbeing.



But our impact goes beyond the practical. By delivering bundles thoughtfully chosen with love and care, we remind families that they are not alone — that their community stands with them.



THE NATIONAL AND LOCAL PICTURE

CHILD POVERTY IN THE UK: STATISTICS AND REPORTS

The UK has a significant child poverty problem, and recent reports have highlighted the severity of the issue. In April 2022, Little Village and the Joseph Rowntree Foundation presented a report that outlined the following details regarding the depth and scale of poverty faced by families across the country:

1/2

Of the 4.2 Million Children Living in Poverty in the UK are Part of a Family with a Child Under Five Years Old.

1.3M

Of the 4.2 Million Children Living in Poverty, 1.3 Million are Babies and Children Under Five Years Old.

47%

Of Families from Ethnic Minority Groups with a Child Under Five Years Old are Living in Poverty.

40%

Of Children In Households with a Disabled Parent and a Child Under Five Years Old are Living in Poverty.

55%

Of Children from Single-Parent Families with a Child Under Five Years Old are Living in Poverty.



Furthermore, the Joseph Rowntree Foundation have reported that **child destitution has almost tripled in the UK since 2017** with a million children are now living in destitution where even basic needs cannot be met. It is recognised in this report that destitution is experienced by a growing number of families with children, particularly lone-parent households. It is also identified that the North West region have some of the highest levels of destitution, bar London and the North East.

A report by Greater Manchester Poverty Action reported that there are **250,000 children living in poverty in Greater Manchester, with 11,611 of these children residing within Trafford**. Trafford is one of Manchester's more affluent boroughs, but the affluence is not equally distributed. **There are pockets of deprivation within Trafford, with 5 areas which rank in the 10% most deprived areas in the UK, mostly in North and West Trafford. Child poverty rates in these areas reaches 48.2% (Clifford ward) in comparison to 21.9% (Hale) in South Trafford**. With the implementation of a Home Office hotel housing asylum seeking families in South Trafford, the referrals to our service have been spread throughout the Trafford area, highlighting the significant need for baby bank provision.

It is well documented that child poverty has a profound and long-lasting effect on a child's development and can lead to life-long challenges affecting mental health, educational attainment and relationships. By supporting families through our network of referral partners, we ensure we are reaching some of the most vulnerable families within our community ensuring they have their basic need for clothing, footwear, toiletries and equipment met.

We have rapidly established ourselves as a valued service to support agencies throughout Trafford and beyond. As the sole baby bank provision within Trafford, **we are often the only place that families and professionals can turn to to provide material support to a family in severe hardship**.

ESSENTIALS PROVISION

It's no secret that children are expensive.

In the first year of life a baby will go through 5 clothing sizes, 2500 nappies, a pram, Moses basket, cot, high chair, weaning equipment and even buying the lowest available price items, the cost of providing the basics for a baby in their first year is approximately £2500. That's not including the additional heating, food and laundry costs of having a young child in the household.

Through reuse of children's clothing and equipment **we can reduce these costs by £1450**, and enable the family to allocate money towards housing, heating and other essentials. However the impact of this work extends beyond the material provision and financial savings.

CASE STUDY

Sara, a young woman navigating motherhood with two children under age two. Recently moved on from the care system and living independently. On a home visit by the health visitor it was identified that Sara hadn't left the flat for 2 months. Sara was isolated, she had no family, was in an unfamiliar area and no social network. Her mental health deteriorating. **Sara hadn't left the house because she didn't have a way of managing both young children safely. Her toddler was walking, but couldn't walk far without tiring, and her young baby needed to be carried. A double pram was a luxury that wasn't affordable.** On further assessment, the family needed support with other practical items such as warm clothing, and correct fitting shoes for the older child, books, toys and toiletries.

As soon as the referral landed, our team bundled together all of the items highlighted by the health visitor that would improve Sara's situation and give her the practical means to take the recommended steps the health visitor had suggested such as attending local baby groups, the local community centre warm space, attending medical appointments. The material provision gave Sara the means to take those steps outside of those four walls with confidence that her children are secure and safe.



We continued to support Sara as her children grew into the next sizes, providing additional equipment such as a highchair and feeding equipment, and reassurance that we can help with the practical items for as long as she needed the support.



We work closely with referral partners in health and social care, domestic abuse refuge (TDAS), schools, Community Response hubs and other support agencies working with families in poverty.

The impact of our work extends far beyond the essentials we provide. By equipping frontline professionals with the resources they need to address challenges of material deprivation, we empower them to build stronger, more trusting relationships with the families they support.

Our referrers tell us that being able to offer practical help—whether it's warm clothing, a safe sleeping space, or a pram—removes barriers, builds trust and fosters deeper engagement. Instead of feeling powerless in the face of need, our referrers can provide immediate relief, helping to rebuild dignity and trust in times of crisis; ensuring families feel heard, valued, and less alone in their struggles.

“

The family were extremely grateful, even tearful. It was clear to see how much this meant to them and will provide much needed support in a time of need.

Ann-Marie Murphy -
Family Support Worker,
HomeStart

“

Without your service we could not support the families we do. You provide comfort to the parents who do not have the funds to provide basic needs for their children. We are truly thankful for your service and you all do an amazing job supporting others in need. Thank you all.

Amanda Wainright
HomeStart

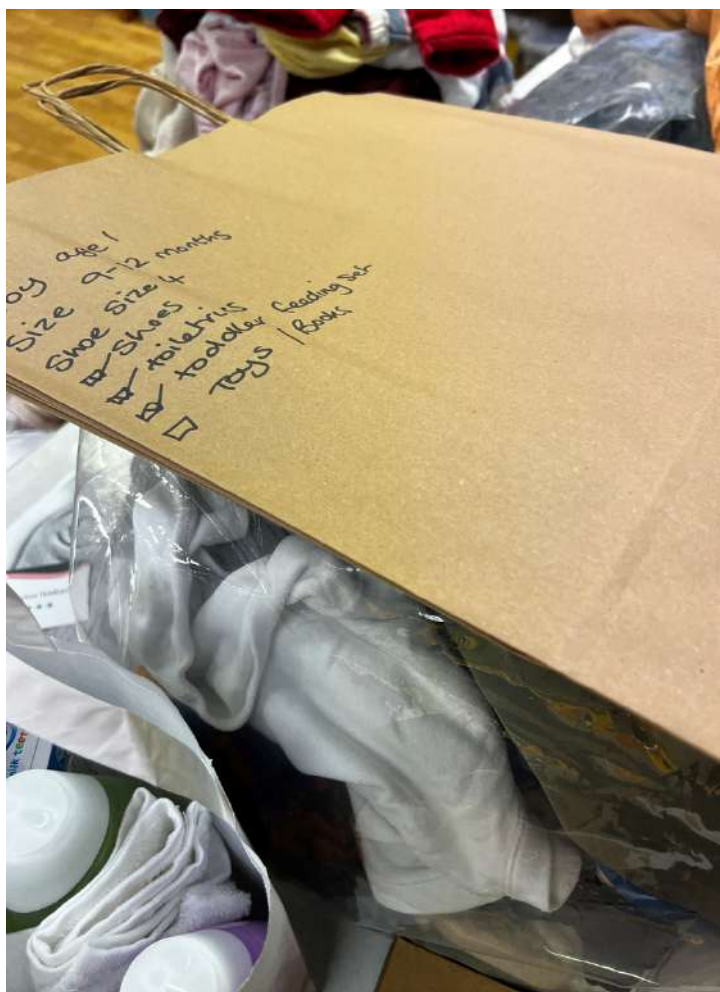


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A lot of the families I work with are on low income, are single parents and going through incredibly traumatic circumstances so to be able to give their children new clothes and toys means a lot to them. They are always so thankful and it's great to see the smile it puts on their faces during difficult times. The support reduces the risk of parents seeking financial support from the perpetrator or being reliant upon them, improving their safety and ability to move on from abuse. It also increases engagement with my support, allows opportunity to meet face to face to deliver parcel and develop a meaningful trusting relationship with me as a professional.

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Harriet Dyer -
Trafford Domestic Abuse Service



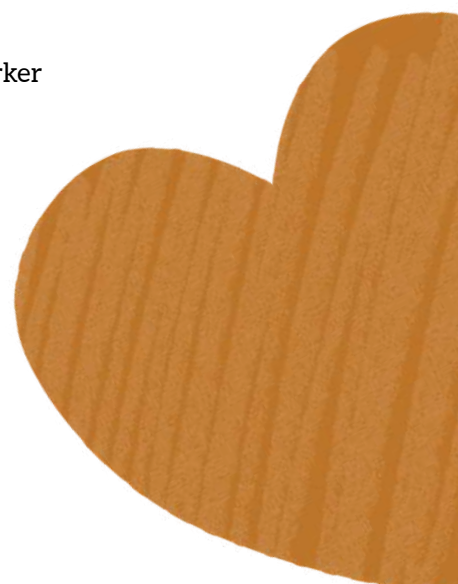


“

I support asylum seeking families and use LGS regularly. Your service and support is absolutely essential for the families we work with. The local authority has no budget to provide anything for these families who have absolutely nothing and arrive at the hotel traumatised, lost and lonely with no possessions. Seeing their children with lovely clean clothes, fun t-shirts, little toys and baby equipment makes the parents feel so relieved and happy. You make such a difference and I, as a social worker, would be lost without your service.

”

Claire Unsworth -
Trafford Social Worker



CHRISTMAS SUPPORT



In December 2023 we faced safety issues with our premises in Stretford Mall which meant we had to close until the problems were fixed. This was devastating as December is when families need our support the most, and following a period of closure for the relocation in November, it delayed our reopening for another month at a time of high stress and additional pressure for the families we support.

Sitting back and doing nothing was never an option, and following discussion with referral partners and families we support, we identified families' main concerns at this time of year – Christmas. The worry of not being able to afford any presents, or having to tell the kids that 'Santa is sick'.



“

I felt hopeless, I didn't know what I was going to do, I was letting my boys down, then I got your email about the christmas support and felt hope again.

”

A mum with two boys supported at our Christmas shop

Huge thanks to Dunelm - Trafford Park for supporting us through the Delivering Joy campaign, Calm Connections for lending us the space, and Print Search & Happy Linen Co for the generous toy collections & Christmas bedding!



With the generosity of our friends and referral partners at Calm Connections lending us some space at the rear of their premises, we were able to set up a Free Christmas Shop. We packed the space full of gifts for children age 0-10. Families were invited to attend the Christmas shop where they could pick out a selection of gifts for each child, as well as books, craft items, toiletries, gift wrap and chocolate.

What became evident was the importance of choice. Every parent came in knowing exactly what their child would enjoy, which likely wouldn't have been what was chosen should it have been a volunteer picking based on age/gender alone. Parents know their child the best, and know what will spark the light in their eyes when they open their gifts on Christmas morning.

This cemented our drive to deliver Christmas support with this model where possible in the future.

Number of Children Supported
with Christmas Support:

135

“

They were the only gifts they had this Christmas.

”

A mum supported remotely at Christmas

“

After the worst year of our lives, losing everything, you brought us light, thank you!

”

A mum of two supported at our Christmas shop



1:1 SUPPORT

Our new temporary space at Stretford Mall brought lots of challenges, it also brought a multitude of opportunities. The public facing entrance into the mall however was in a derelict unsafe condition. Thankfully our new neighbours Caddick Construction caught wind of our plight and renovated the area to make it safe and secure, levelling the floor, installing partition walls, flooring and a front entrance enabling us to have a public donation and information point.

The additional security, visibility and donation point were brilliant, but the highlight of this work was to enable us to provide a safe welcoming space for families to access face to face support, and discuss their requirements in private or accommodate a telephone appointment and collection/volunteer delivery.

Although we proceeded with caution as this trial was not funded and needed to fit around the team's existing and increasing workload, we didn't want to miss the opportunity of trialling a face to face model onsite and the team made an extraordinary effort to book appointments for local families in need of support to offer choice.

What we learnt during this trial was incredibly compelling for supporting a 1:1 support model in the future.

CaddickConstruction.



Big thanks to Caddick Construction for the materials and skilled volunteering in renovating the space, and to The Co-op for the generous donation of signage for our unit.



CASE STUDY

'Jenny' a mum supported since 2022 with clothing and equipment for her young child and newborn baby accessed in person support during the Christmas Support in 2023, and gratefully accepted an invite to attend appointments to offer choice and a more personal approach. Jenny had regularly accessed support from Little Green Sock Project and other support organisations such as Foodbank.

During the appointment Jenny was saying how she was worried that her little boy wasn't walking yet, now over 18 months old. Alongside reassurance, we encouraged Jenny to check her 'Red Book' to get the details of her health visitor and give them a call to discuss any concerns she has about her little boy's development, but we also discussed what toys and footwear 'Adam' was using. It was identified that a sit in walker was being used and we suggested they trialled a push along walker to strengthen the leg muscles. We also measured Adam's feet and provided good quality first shoes to support balance and grip. **With a push along walker in stock the family went home excited to try out their new items and with renewed confidence to reach out to the local health visiting team to seek further advice.**

On the request of further bundles a few months later, Jenny disclosed additional financial worries relating to benefits and PIP payments. Our partnership with Stretford Foodbank and weekly hosting of a financial inclusion advisor from Citizens Advice enabled us to quickly provide support to Jenny, meaning she could access both baby bank support and financial inclusion advice in the same appointment.

During the trial we supported 27 families offering face to face and telephone support to discuss requirements with further families referred to us from the Stretford Foodbank/Citizens Advice partnership.



100% of the families supported had additional signposting in the form of an email directing them to their local Community Response Hub within Trafford who hold the Household Support Fund budget, as well as tailored signposting to our community partners and local organisations to support challenges disclosed in conversations.

INCLUDING:

- Employability programmes
- SEND Support
- Food Bank Support
- Child bereavement support
- Low-cost furniture outlets
- Peer support
- Information about the Family Information Service
- Domestic Abuse support
- Local MP & Councillor support

As an organisation families are likely to continue to turn to as their children grow we offer a unique position in creating natural 'touchpoints' with families. Once trust is built and the initial crisis overwhelming the family is addressed, additional challenges can be explored further and tailored effective signposting strategies can be implemented. This is an area we would like to build our capacity in for the future to enable us to increase our telephone support and access wider support for families.

BACK TO SCHOOL



Following on from our Christmas support we decided to trial a Back to School Project, to offer a shoe shop experience to families facing hardship and lighten the burden of school shoes, alongside our provision of school shoes.

In partnership with Sal's Shoes we created the Sal's Shoes School Shoe Shop, offering a space for children to come and get their feet measured and pick out shoes to suit their style, whilst stocking up on preloved uniform, school bags and water bottles. In July 2024 we welcomed 53 children and their parents to the shop.



One young girl attended with her mum and younger sister, and demonstrated perfectly why that element of choice is so important. Not a fan on the traditional 'girl' shoe, she spotted the chunky lace up style on the 'boys' shelf below. Trying them on her face lit up, and her mum was overwhelmed with gratitude that her daughter would go to school feeling more confident in footwear that would suit her personality.

LISTENING TO THE NEEDS OF THE FAMILIES WE SUPPORT

In 2023 we started working closely with the homeless and refugee support teams within Trafford, often being housed in temporary accommodation such as hotels/B&B's. Following a number of requests for children's cutlery, we decided to ask a few more questions about the challenges families in temporary accommodation face. With a young family, living in a hotel/B&B is difficult. Often limited timeframes for mealtimes, limited choice, no access to kitchen/washing facilities.



Feeding children outside of these set times is a challenge and certainly when a young baby is in the mix with unpredictable nap times/feeding times to consider which may overlap with the set meal times in the hotel setting.

In the B&B setting, following breakfast there are no other meals provided, and no kitchen facilities to utilise, so no choice but to eat out/takeaway which is expensive, especially when wanting to eat more nutritious food.

In response to this, we formulated a Baby/Toddler feeding pack, a bag packed with items to support infant weaning and toddler feeding, including free flow cups, advice and support about safe feeding, but also supporting hotel room living with washing up liquid and sponges to support cleaning of cutlery and bowls in the family room. Combined with folding highchairs and seat supports, this enables parents to manage mealtimes in their room and on the move where necessary.

Feedback from referral partners has been incredibly positive:

“

Well what can I say!!!! you made me cry again!! Thank you so so much for your support and these packs are absolutely wonderful, I've given them out to some very grateful and appreciative families at the hotel, thank you!

”

Claire Davies –
Health Visitor South Trafford



OUR VOLUNTEERS

Volunteering is at the heart of everything we do at Little Green Sock Project. Our volunteers are the driving force behind our work, making a tangible difference to families facing hardship while experiencing positive personal benefits themselves.



People choose to volunteer for many reasons, and whatever the motivation, we show that **everyone has a valuable role to play**. Whether looking to give back to your community, build confidence, develop new skills, or simply find a sense of purpose, we offer a welcoming and inclusive space where volunteers can make a meaningful impact.

THE IMPACT ON OUR COMMUNITY



Number of Volunteering
Hours Contributed:

3407

Wider community support from a further 267 individuals and corporate supporters has contributed a further 1250 hours of volunteering time, bolstering our workforce and enabling us to process high volumes of clothing and equipment for distribution. In Summer 2024 we distributed our first 'Volunteer Recognition Awards' to recognise volunteers who had attended over 40 volunteering sessions, in recognition of their commitment, dedication and continued support of our work at Little Green Sock Project.

We also had the pleasure of hosting The Co-op Senior Management Team for a team building day in the Summer.

Little Green Sock Project is powered by its volunteers who play a crucial role in delivering our work and we are incredibly proud of the volunteering community we have created. Our core volunteer team consists of 56 local individuals who have donated over 2150 hours of their time to ensure some of the most vulnerable children in our community receive good quality material provision. From sorting donations to curating beautifully presented bundles of clothing, toys, and equipment, every volunteer's contribution helps children stay warm, safe, and supported.

Number of Volunteers Who
Donated Time in 23-24:

322



OUR IMPACT IN NUMBERS

SEPT 23-AUG 24

Volunteering Hours:

3407

Bundles Distributed:

1008

Unique Children Supported:

827

Value Distributed:

£107,935

Parents Relieved With
Less Financial Burden:

767

Total Individuals
Impacted:

1594

IN THE LAST YEAR WE HAVE PROVIDED

Toy Bundles:

330

Safe Places for Babies to Sleep:

71

Modes of Transport to Seek
New Adventures:

118

Clothing Packs - To be Prepared for all
Weathers (we do Live in Manchester)

651

Bathing/toileting equipment
and hygiene packs to support
healthy routines.

484

School Shoes:

146

Pairs

547

Seasonally Appropriate
Footwear and Trainers,
Supporting Participation
in Sport:

THANK YOU TO OUR FUNDERS

IN 2023-24

We couldn't deliver our work without the support of funders and charity partners. We'd like to particularly recognise the support of The Postcode Neighbourhood Trust whose funding was made possible thanks to the players of the People's Postcode Lottery.

We also benefitted from government funding through the Community Organisations Cost of Living Fund to support core costs over Autumn/Winter 2023-24.

Repeat funding from **Recycle 4 Greater Manchester** enabled us to fund our volunteer co-ordinator role to expand our volunteering opportunities, enabling us to process even more preloved donations, diverting them from landfill.

Funding from **The National Lottery Awards for All** enabled us to fund key delivery roles within the organisation and grow our small staff team.

We were also thrilled to receive support from **Forever Manchester's - Brighter Futures Fund**, enabling us to offer weekend volunteering opportunities to young people age 14-18 years, developing skills such as team building, communication, public engagement and fundraising.

Towards the end of this financial year we were pleased to secure funding towards our core staffing costs from **GMCVO**, however at the time of writing this report we were sad to see the closure of GMCVO and wanted to recognise the contribution they have made to our organisation and many across Greater Manchester throughout their years of operation.

Also special thanks to **Albert Hunt, ASDA Foundation, Miller Homes, The Co-op Local Community Fund, Irwell Valley Homes**, and the **Sale Mayoral Fund**.



SUPPORTERS & PARTNERS

SAL'S SHOES

EARLY ESSENTIALS MANCHESTER

SMALLS FOR ALL

THE BUDDY BAG FOUNDATION

FOREST PREP SCHOOL

TBT FITNESS

GOODNESS ZERO WASTE

ASDA TRAFFORD PARK

DUNELM TRAFFORD RETAIL PARK

AUTOTRADER

SOCIAL LITES WI

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE URMSTON

FULL CIRCLE FUNERAL PARTNERS

MOTHERS UNION

SMITHS REMOVALS LTD

ORMISTON LODGE

ST MONICA'S SCHOOL

BRUNTWOOD

CADDICK CONSTRUCTION

WE ARE FOOTPRINT

BARRATT HOMES

THOMAS KERSHAW BUILDERS

GEORGE COX & SONS

THE PILATES ROOMS

PATCH TO POSY

UPLIFT CAFE

THE BENEFACT GROUP

NATWEST

BIFFA

ARTVENTURERS

FOOTSTEPS DANCE SCHOOL

ST JAMES PLACE

THINK WEALTH

HILTI

COOP SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM

THE ROYAL FOUNDATION

THE MAYOR OF TRAFFORD

INTERFACE UK

CALM CONNECTIONS

STRET福德 PUBLIC HALL

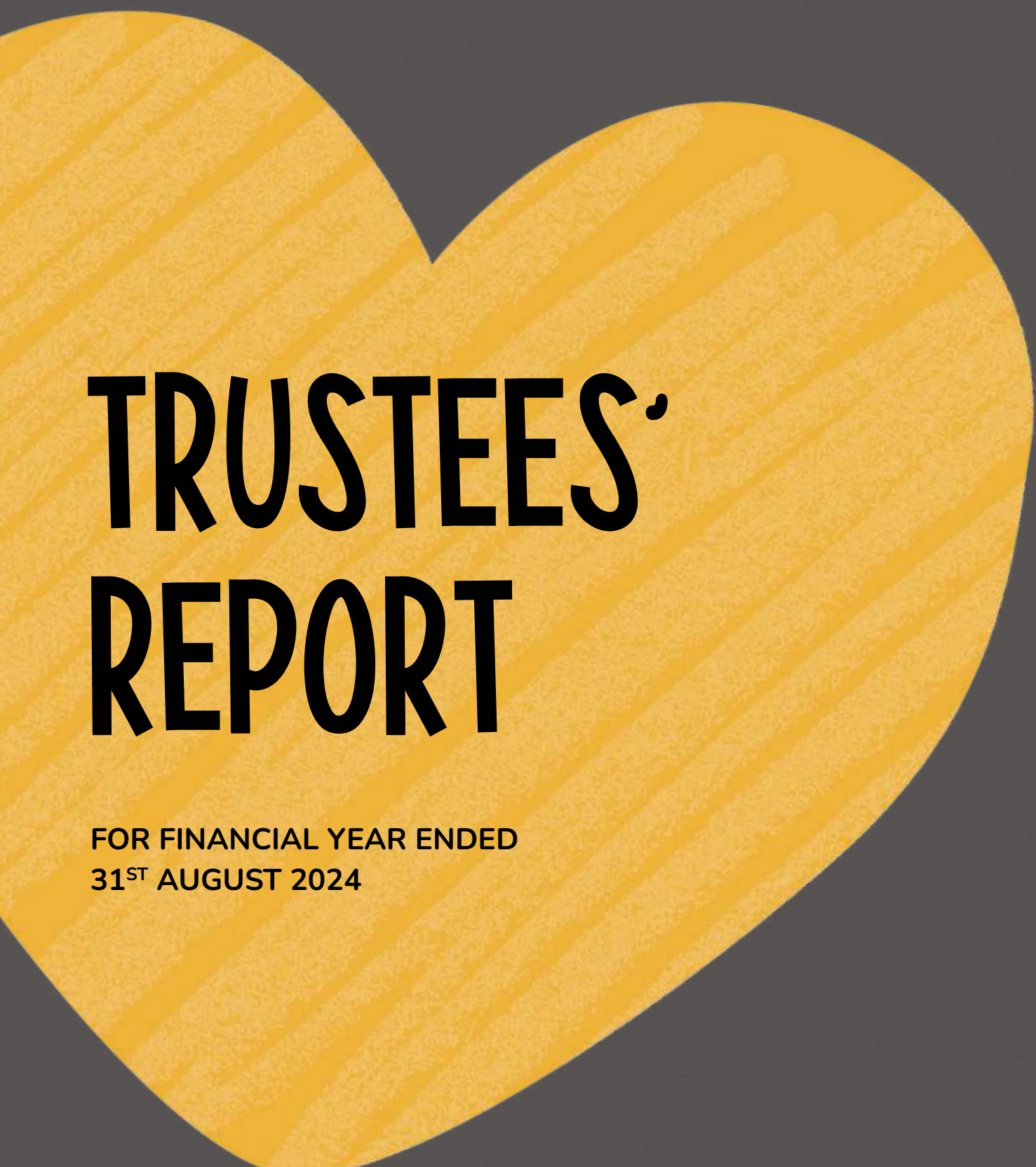
MANCHESTER AIRPORT

LOVE URMSTON PARTNERSHIP

OUR COMMUNITY OF INDIVIDUAL

SUPPORTERS FAR AND WIDE!





TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED
31ST AUGUST 2024

TRUSTEES

Michele Simister (appointed March 2022)
Laurence Frys (appointed March 2022, Resigned October 2024)
Laura Negus (appointed March 2022) Resigned May 2024
Cara Goldrick (appointed March 2022, Resigned October 2024)
Rebecca Thomson (appointed March 2022)
Lorna Sales (appointed July 2023)
Rosalyn Wilde (appointed August 2023)
Lauren Chalmers (appointed August 2023)
Aileen Edmunds (appointed August 2023), Resigned April 2024
Serena Smallman (appointed July 2024)
Sophie Ream (appointed July 2024)
Emma Budzynski (appointed July 2024)
Gerard Carter (appointed November 2024)

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales 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 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 operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ascertain that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. 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 are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

APPROVED BY THE TRUSTEES AND SIGNED ON THEIR BEHALF BY:



Lorna Sales
Chair of the Board of Trustees
21st April 2025

Independent examiner's report

Little Green Sock Project

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st August 2024, which are set out on the accompanied pages (12-17).

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: Thomas Middleton ACA

Relevant professional qualification or body: ICAEW

Address: Charter Buildings, Ashton Lane, Sale, M33 6WT

Date: 11th March 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

		2024	2024	2024	2023	2023	2023
		Unrestricted	Restricted		Unrestricted	Restricted	
		Funds	Funds	Total	Funds	Funds	Total
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income From:							
Donations and grants	3	51,837	97,884	149,721	52,581	74,200	126,781
Other trading activities	4	7,770		7,770	6,080	-	6,080
Total Income		59,607	97,884	157,491	58,661	74,200	132,861
Expenditure On:							
Charitable activities	5	28,932	88,540	117,472	39,863	33,401	73,264
Cost of raising funds	6	700	364	1,064	-	516	516
Total Expenditure		29,632	88,904	118,536	39,863	33,917	73,780
Net Income For The Year		29,975	8,981	38,955	18,798	40,283	59,081



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

FOR FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

	Notes	£	2024 £	£	2023 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible assets	7	6,718		4,368	
Current Assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		91,966		55,361	
		<u>91,966</u>		<u>55,361</u>	
Total Net Assets			<u>98,684</u>		<u>59,728</u>
Funds					
Restricted funds	8		89,841		14,058
Unrestricted funds			8,842		45,670
Total Funds			<u>98,684</u>		<u>59,728</u>

The notes on pages 30 to 34 form part of these accounts

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 11th March 2025



Lorna Sales
Chair of the Board of Trustees
21st April 2025



STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW

FOR FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Cash Flows From Operating Activities			
Cash generated from operations		40,651	60,200
Cash Flows From Investing Activities			
Purchase of tangible assets	7	(4,046)	(5,486)
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents		<u>36,605</u>	<u>54,714</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		55,361	647
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the End of the Year		<u>91,966</u>	<u>55,361</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**FOR YEAR ENDED
31ST AUGUST 2024**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies are set out below. This is the first year the charity has been operational having registered with the charity commission on 23rd August 2022 therefore no prior period comparisons are available.

BASIS OF PREPARATION

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities SORP 'Accounting and Reporting' by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

GOING CONCERN

The Trustees of Little Green Sock Project have carefully reviewed the charity's financial position and future prospects, considering the significant challenges posed by the planned demolition of our current premises in 2025. This includes the urgent need to secure a suitable and affordable location for continued operations.

To address these challenges, the charity launched the "Save Our Baby Bank" campaign, which aimed to raise funds for commercial lease costs if a low-cost option were not identified during the campaign period. Alongside this, the charity were actively seeking alternative low-cost premises and exploring collaborative opportunities that may arise from the campaign's publicity.



Through the success of the Save Our Baby Bank Campaign and a comprehensive property search, we have secured a commercial lease within Trafford to continue our vital work.

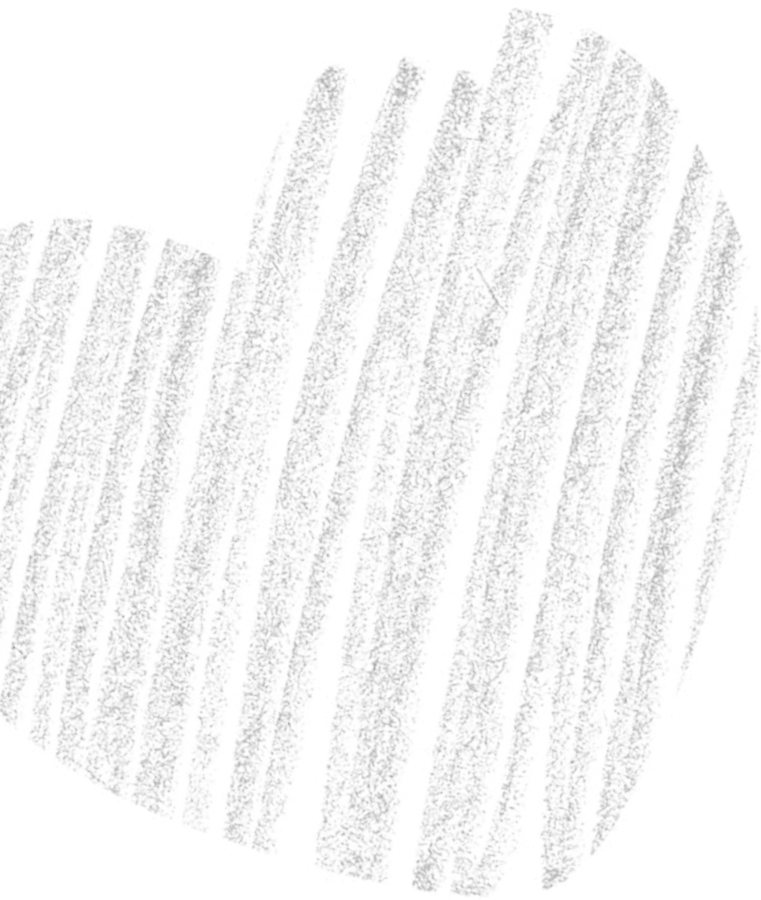
The significant fundraising and the agreeable lease terms enabled us to secure a suitable commercial space. While no low-cost options were available, we have successfully obtained funding to cover the rent for the next 12 months, ensuring stability for the foreseeable future.

On this basis, the Trustees are confident in the organisation's ability to continue as a going concern at the time of signing this report.

FUND ACCOUNTING

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

Restricted funds are those donated for a specific purpose or project and cannot be utilised for an alternative purpose.



INCOMING RESOURCES

All incoming resources are recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources, it is probable that the resources will be received, and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Cash donations along with any sales income are recognised on receipt.

Income from grants is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance criteria has been met and it is probable that the income will be received.

DONATED FACILITIES AND DONATIONS IN KIND

Donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over them, any conditions associated with the facility has been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity is probable and the economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP general volunteer time is not recognised.

Donated items of stock are recognised when distributed and therefore any donated items held by the charity at the year-end are not included in the closing stock figure in the financial statements. Stock is valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value. The charity receives a wide range of donations from the public of second-hand items and new items from companies and community groups. All these donations are passed onto families in need, free of charge. These donations are valued at an estimate second-hand value (for second-hand items) and RRP at the time of receipt (for new items) and recorded as both income and expenditure in the accounts.

EXPENDITURE

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash at bank and in hand is held to meet the day to day running costs of the charity as they fall due.

PENSION

The charity participates in the NEST pension scheme which is open to all employees of the charity.

2. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS

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 relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates. The estimates and assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis.



3. INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND GRANTS

	2024	2024	2024	2023	2023	2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	Funds	Funds		Funds	Funds	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and grants	39,751	65,826	105,577	13,185	74,200	87,385
Donated goods for beneficiaries	12,086	-	12,086	8,256	-	8,256
Donated services and facilities	-	32,058	32,058	31,140	-	31,140
	51,837	97,884	149,721	52,581	74,200	126,781

4. INCOME FROM OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2024	2023
	Total	Total
	£	£
Sales income	499	2,651
Corporate days	6,617	2,460
Recycling income	556	969
Other income	98	0
	<u>7,770</u>	<u>6,080</u>



5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2024	2024	2024	2023	2023	2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	Funds	Funds		Funds	Funds	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Charitable Activities						
Staff costs	-	44,870	44,870	-	19,938	19,938
Rent and rates	12,822	32,058	44,880	31,140	-	31,140
Donated goods for beneficiaries	12,086	-	12,086	8,256	-	8,256
Purchased goods for beneficiaries	-	4,579	4,579	-	8,215	8,215
Consumables	-	3,203	3,203	-	1,827	1,827
Subscriptions	-	4	4	-	277	277
Equipment	-	573	573	467	1,735	2,202
Depreciation	-	1,696	1,696	-	1,118	1,118
Professional fees	2,601	-	2,601	-	-	-
Training & development	168	-	168	-	-	-
IT & communications	356	-	356	-	-	-
Administration costs	899	-	899	-	-	-
Insurance	-	1,557	1,557	-	291	291
	28,932	88,540	117,472	39,863	33,401	73,264

6. COST OF RAISING FUNDS

	2024 Unrestricted Funds £	2024 Restricted Funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Unrestricted Funds £	2023 Restricted Funds £	2023 Total £
Cost of raising funds						
Fundraising	700	-	700	-	-	-
Marketing	-	364	364	-	516	516
	700	364	1,064	-	516	516

7. TANGIBLE ASSETS

Fixed Assets	Furniture & Fitting	Equipment	Total
Cost			
At 1 September 2023	4,243	1,243	5,486
Additions	3,647	399	4,046
At 31 August 2024	7,890	1,642	9,532
Depreciation			
At 1 September 2023	794	324	1,118
Charge for the year	1,193	503	1,696
At 31 August 2024	1,987	827	2,814
NBV			
At 31 August 2023	3,449	919	4,368
At 31 August 2024	5,903	815	6,718

8. ANALYSIS OF RESTRICTED FUNDS

Funder	Balance at 1 April 2022	Income	Expenditure	Balance at 31 August 2023	Income	Expenditure	Balance at 31 August 2024	Description and purpose of fund
THT Micro grant	-	500	500	-	-	-	-	Start up costs
Trafford Council	-	2,000	2,000	-	-	-	-	Start up costs
Forever Manchester	-	1,000	1,000	-	-	-	-	Start up costs
The National Lottery Community Fund	-	10,000	8,823	1,177	-	1,177	-	Equipment, staffing costs, and marketing
								Administration, insurances and lead volunteer expenses
Recycle 4 Greater Manchester	-	4,200	3,658	542	-	542	-	
Trafford Housing Trust	-	25,000	12,950	12,050	-	11,013	1,037	Staff salaries
								Items for beneficiaries
Asda	-	1,500	1,256	244	-	244	-	
								Items for beneficiaries, additional storage
Trafford Housing Trust 5000 winter	-	5,000	4,955	45	-	45	-	
Community Organisations COL fund	-	-	-	-	18,479	18,479	-	Operational costs
Miller Homes	-	-	-	-	1,000	1,000		Storage
								Items for beneficiaries
COOP	-	-	-	-	1,258	-	1,258	
								Items for beneficiaries
Asda Foundation 2024	-	-	-	-	1,600	960	640	
								Volunteer Coordinator salary
Recycle 4 Greater Manchester	-	-	-	-	5,000	5,000		
								Youth volunteering project
Brighter Futures Fund	-	-	-	-	3,915	355	3,560	
								Volunteer coordinator salary & referrals coordinator Salary
Awards for all TNL	-	-	-	-	20,000	-	20,000	
								Donations Coordinator Salary
GMCVO	-	-	-	-	8,075	1,834	6,241	
Irwell Valley Homes	-	-	-	-	1,500	725	775	Running costs
								Volunteer Coordinator and reporting costs
Recycle 4 Greater Manchester	-	-	-	-	4,000	4,000		
Trustee-restricted funding to support core costs 24/25							30,000	

The trustees have made the decision to self restrict £56k of funding to ensure adequate reserves are maintained to support core operating costs for the next financial year.

Thank You

THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
SUPPORT!



LITTLE GREEN SOCK PROJECT

England & Wales - Charity number 1200145

Accounts



ANNUAL REPORT

AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For year ending 31st August 2023

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ABOUT US

Little Green Sock Project is a volunteer powered initiative committed to alleviating child poverty in Trafford and surrounding areas.

We're on a mission to reduce the financial burden of clothing and essential equipment for families in hardship, by reusing clothing & children's items donated by the local community. We're creating a sustainable positive change in public behaviour towards a more circular economy for social benefit; and that's why we're the Little 'Green' Sock Project.

Families are referred by organisations such as health and social care professionals, foodbanks and domestic abuse refuges who are acutely aware of the family circumstances and their requirements. We supply a carefully selected bundle of clothing & other essentials they may need for their children, including high value items such as cots and prams.

We don't have any family (other than each other) so these bundles make me feel very special - like they are something that family members would buy for us.

Anonymous feedback from a parent we have supported



We know that when a crisis happens, an immediate response is needed, but recovery from a crisis takes time. Our work ensures the immediate support is available, but we can also remove the financial aspects of children's clothing and equipment for families as they recover by inviting them to access ongoing support as their children grow.

Our organisation has quickly become an invaluable resource for struggling families in our community and for organisations working with families in hardship.

THE NEED FOR OUR SUPPORT

Child Poverty in the UK: Statistics and Reports

The UK has a significant child poverty problem, and recent reports have highlighted the severity of the issue. In April 2022, Little Village and the Joseph Rowntree Foundation presented a report that outlined the following details regarding the depth and scale of poverty faced by families across the country:

- Half of the 4.2 million children living in poverty in the UK are part of a family with a child under five years old.
- Of the 4.2 million children living in poverty, 1.3 million are babies and children under five years old.
- 47% of families from ethnic minority groups with a child under five years old are living in poverty.
- 55% of children from single-parent families with a child under five years old are living in poverty.
- 40% of children in households with a disabled parent and a child under five years old are living in poverty.

Furthermore, the Joseph Rowntree Foundation have reported that child destitution has almost tripled in the UK since 2017 with a million children are now living in destitution where even basic needs cannot be met.

It is recognised in this report that destitution is experienced by a growing number of families with children, particularly lone-parent households. It is also identified that the North West region have some of the highest levels of destitution, bar London and the North East.

Child Poverty in our local community

Greater Manchester Poverty Action report that there are 249,825 children living in poverty in Greater Manchester, 13,057 are living in Trafford*.

Trafford is one of Manchester's more affluent borough's, but the affluence is not equally distributed. There are pockets of deprivation within Trafford, with 5 area's which rank in the 10% most deprived area's in the UK, mostly in North and West Trafford. Child poverty rates in these area's reaches 48.2% (Clifton ward) in comparison to 21.9% (Hale) in South Trafford. This is reflected in our referral rates with over 80% of our bundles being distributed to families living in North, Central, and West Trafford.

It is well documented that child poverty has a profound and long-lasting effect on a child's development and can lead to life long challenges affecting mental health, educational attainment and relationships. By supporting families through our network of referral partners, we ensure we are reaching some of the most vulnerable families within our community ensuring they have their basic need of clothing, footwear, toiletries and equipment met.

References:

The Little Village Family Poverty Report 2022

Destitution in the UK 2023: Joseph Rowntree Foundation

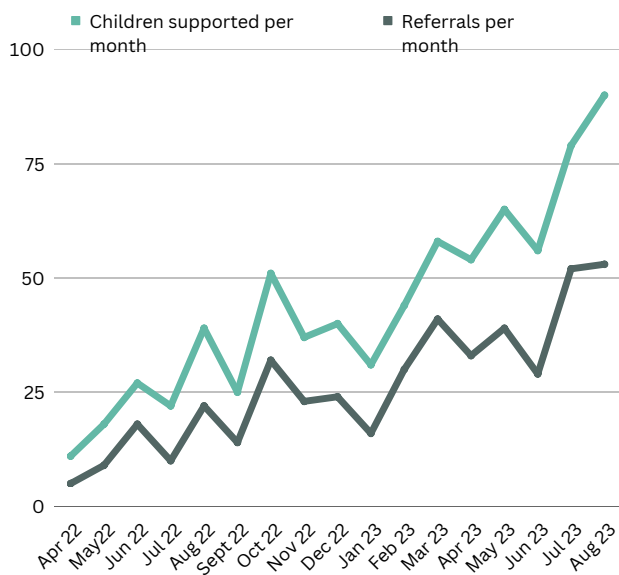
GMFA Poverty Monitor 2023

*End Child Poverty Coalition

THE IMPACT OF OUR WORK

Referrals

Our referrals have doubled over the past twelve months - a development that can be attributed to more referral partners becoming aware of our services. However, there is also clear evidence of an increasingly pressing need. With the ongoing global human rights crisis, wars, and the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic, the cost of living has become even more difficult for many families. This trend is also reflected in the rise of referral rates in baby banks across the UK. In light of these circumstances, it is projected that referrals will continue to increase as more families are forced into poverty.

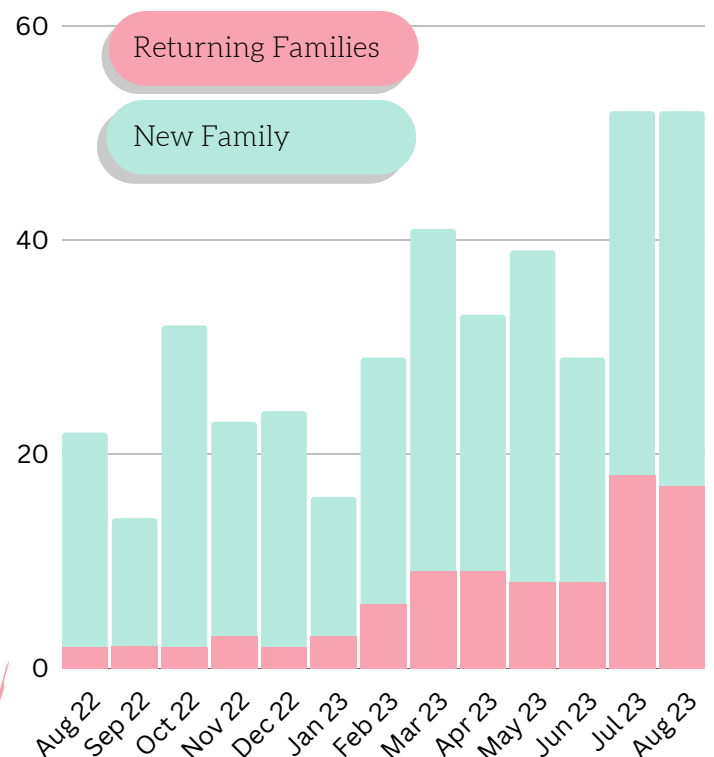


The relief was visible, mum's shoulders relaxed and she just cried knowing her boys would be warm.

Your presentation, thoughtfulness and love that goes into every bundle makes them so very special and makes the families feel valued and deserving

Referral partner

We understand that recovering from a crisis can be a lengthy process, which is why we offer continuous support to families in the Trafford community. As their children grow or as seasons change, more families return for further assistance, highlighting the undeniable need for our services.



The primary reason families seek support remains constant: they want to provide for their children, but financial constraints - whether complicated or straightforward - make it impossible.

Refugee support

In April 2022 we saw the effects of the Ukraine war and the arrival of refugee's in Trafford. Working with Manchester Homes for Ukraine we were able to support 24 Ukrainian children with essential clothing and equipment.

As the refugee crisis in the UK deepened, March 2023 brought about the opening of a Home Office hotel in South Trafford where refugee's, asylum seekers and migrants were being housed. Our referrals increased rapidly, and the stories of the families fleeing their home countries were harrowing, from homes being bombed in war zones, to children fleeing following a parent being assassinated with a threat to the remaining family. Families were arriving with just the clothes on their backs, with no access to financial support.

23% of our referrals are for families seeking refuge or asylum in Trafford.

Two pregnant mothers

Earlier this year we were contacted by a social worker regarding two women she had met in the Home Office Hotel who pleaded with her for help to provide for their unborn children.

The referrer placed a referral and we supplied newborn starter packs supplied by Early Essentials, Moses basket and stand, prams, bouncy chairs, baby play gym and clothing/footwear for the older children to a value of £1100.

“They had left their homes with nothing, due to their safety being at risk. They were absolutely overwhelmed with emotion and could not thank the project enough for what they provided.”

Referral partner

“From the bottom of my heart, baby and I highly appreciate it so so so much...
...Thanks for putting smiles on our face.”

Direct feedback from a refugee family



Domestic Abuse

"Mum has a 10 day old baby and a toddler. She's just arrived with a carrier bag of belongings. She needs help with everything".

Referral partner

The prevalence of domestic abuse is a significant issue amongst the families referred to our organisation. Currently 28% of families referred are victims of domestic abuse.

These referrals are generally time-sensitive and often require immediate and substantial attention, reflecting the dire circumstances that families face when they are forced to leave their homes with little or nothing.

Children are significantly impacted by the abrupt departure, while parents are left without any means or support system to provide for their children. Our organisation is always prepared to offer support, providing practical essentials such as a safe place to sleep, clothing, nappies, and toiletries to cater to their immediate requirements. Additionally, we assist them in adjusting to their new circumstances by offering continued support with clothing and equipment as their children grow.



Disability

"His youngest child has a disability meaning bedding and clothing is frequently soiled. The washing machine is broken, we are sourcing a replacement as dad is unable to afford a new washing machine".

Referral Partner

Around 8% of referrals are for families with a disabled parent or child. Disability increases the risk of living in poverty by 12% (Child Poverty Action Group 2022-23).

For many families disability brings added complexity. For the family mentioned in the above quote, additional clothing and bedding to enable frequent clothing changes were paramount to ensuring the child's hygiene, wellbeing and dignity were maintained.

OUR IMPACT

in our first 18 months

810

**BUNDLES OF ESSENTIAL CLOTHING AND
EQUIPMENT DISTRIBUTED**

630

**CHILDREN SUPPORTED WITH THE
ESSENTIALS THEY NEED TO THRIVE**

571

**PARENTS PROVIDED WITH PRACTICAL
SUPPORT FOR THEIR CHILDREN**

£105,000

**WORTH OF SAVINGS FOR FAMILIES
IN HARDSHIP**

10,000kgs

**OF CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT
DONATED BY THE LOCAL
COMMUNITY**

3000 hrs

**OF VOLUNTEERING TIME
CONTRIBUTED**

OUR VOLUNTEERS

The Little Green Sock Project owes its very existence to the remarkable dedication and commitment of its volunteers, who generously donate their time to the cause. A group of 100 amazing individuals provide support with a wide range of tasks. These include operational support at the warehouse, checking incoming donations, preparing our bundles, cleaning equipment, collecting items in the local community, as well as helping out with fundraising and awareness events.

Our organisation welcomes volunteers from all ages and backgrounds, from the youngest Girl Guides to volunteers in their later years; with volunteers reporting reduced isolation, increased well-being and social connection as a result of volunteering. We are proud to be a unifying force in the community.

Our volunteers are truly inspirational, with founder Catherine D'Albertanson earning the title of 'Community Champion' at the Trafford International Women's Day Awards. Jasmine Stagg and Maddison Edgar, fellow volunteers, were also recognised for their incredible contributions as Inspirational Volunteer of the Year and Inspirational Young Woman of the Year, respectively.

The charity was also recognised with a 'Pride of Urmston' award for the commitment and dedication to supporting local families, and was nominated for an 'I ❤️ Manchester' Award by the local community.

“Having children of my own it gave me that warm fuzzy feeling knowing someone was going to open those bundles and see the thought that went into them.”

Volunteer



In 2022, we were honoured to have Jane* join our volunteer team. Jane and her young family arrived from Ukraine and were referred to us for clothing assistance. After settling her children in school, Jane reached out to volunteer with us as a way of paying it forward. She continued to volunteer with us when she could, practicing her English and forging local friendships. We were thrilled to provide references for Jane in her recent job application, which she successfully secured. We wish her the best of luck in her new role. (*name changed for confidentiality reasons)

Big thanks also to the teams of volunteers from organisations and groups who have joined us over the last 18 months, helping us set up our warehouse, sort through 10 tonnes of donations, and spread the word about the work we do.

We're thrilled to announce that, thanks to the funding provided by L&Q and Peoples Postcode Lottery, we were able to hire two new staff members in 2023. We are especially excited to secure Catherine as our CEO, and we are confident in her ability to lead our organization into the future.

OUR SUPPORTERS

Grants and Trusts

Our heartfelt appreciation goes out to the grant giving bodies and trusts who have generously supported us this year. A special thanks to:

- The National Lottery Community Fund
- The Peoples Postcode Lottery
- L&Q (was Trafford Housing Trust)
- Recycle 4 Greater Manchester Community Fund
- Trafford Council Inclusive Neighbourhoods
- Arnold Clarke
- ASDA Foundation
- M&S Gifts that Give Campaign
- Forever Manchester - Autotrader Award

Our Community Partners

Our team is proud to work closely with many organisations nationally and within our community who have supported us with financial, products and/or practical support. We would like to extend a special thank you to:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| • TBT Fitness | • Calm Connections CIC |
| • Sal's Shoes | • Sale and Urmston Lions |
| • Early Essentials | • Elmscot Group Nurseries |
| • Buddy Bag Foundation | • The Masonic Lodge - Urmston |
| • Smalls for All | • The Women's Institute |
| • Goodness Zero Waste | • The Social Lites |
| • Homestart Trafford, Salford & Wigan | • SoleMothers |
| • Stretford FoodBank | • GoodGym Trafford |
| • Trafford Domestic Abuse Service | • Mother's Union |
| • ASDA Trafford Park | • Domino's Urmston |
| • British Gas | • Thrive Trafford |
| • Tesco's Sale | • Brick By Brick Project |
| • Trafford Community Response Hubs | • The Mayor of Trafford |
| • Trafford Council | • Play Maker Events |
| | • GirlGuiding Urmston |
| | • Stretford Town Centre |

Fundraising

We were very excited to be selected as one of the Mayor of Trafford's nominated charities for the year, as well as the official charity for the NHS Party in the Park in July 2023.

As well as the vital funds being raised for the charity, these platforms go a long way in raising the profile of our work, and the need within Trafford.

We were also delighted in a number of community fundraising efforts being held in our honour, from raffles to choir performances, to sponsored sporting events and marathons! Thank you to everyone who fundraised for us this year!



We are immensely grateful to the businesses and organisations that have partnered with us to support our work. Without their support and generosity we would not be where we are today. Special thanks to TBT Fitness who gifted us space to operate from, and Goodness Zero Waste providing a secure drop off location for donations from local families.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

Trustees

Oliver D'Albertanson (appointed March 2022, resigned March 2023)

Michele Simister (appointed March 2022)

Laurence Frys (appointed March 2022)

Laura Negus (appointed March 2022)

Cara Goldrick (appointed March 2022)

Rebecca Thomson (appointed March 2022)

Lorna Sales (appointed July 2023)

Rosalyn Wilde (appointed August 2023)

Lauren Chalmers (appointed August 2023)

Aileen Edmunds (appointed August 2023)

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

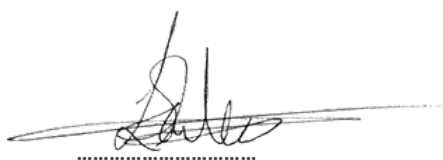
The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity for that period. In preparing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

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ascertain that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. 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 are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:



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Lorna Sales 21st December 2023
Chair of the Board of Trustees

Independent examiner's report

Little Green Sock Project

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st August 2023, which are set out on the accompanied pages (12-17).

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: Thomas Middleton ACA

Relevant professional qualification or body: ICAEW

Address: Charter Buildings, Ashton Lane, Sale, M33 6WT

Date: 19th December 2023



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total £
Income from:				
Donations and grants	3	52,581	74,200	126,781
Other trading activities	4	6,080	-	6,080
Total Income		58,661	74,200	132,861
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	5	39,863	33,402	73,265
Cost of raising funds	6	-	516	516
Total Expenditure		39,863	33,917	73,781
Net income / (expenditure) for the year		18,798	40,283	59,081

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AT 31 AUGUST 2023

		£	2023 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	7	4,368	
Current Assets			
Stock		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		55,361	
		55,361	
Current Liabilities			
		-	
		-	
Total net assets			59,728
Funds			
Restricted funds	8		14,058
Unrestricted funds			45,670
Total funds			59,728

The notes on pages 14 to 17 form part of these accounts

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 21st December 2023



Lorna Sales

Chair of the Board of Trustees

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	Notes	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Cash generated from operations		60,200
Cash flows from Investing activities		
Purchase of tangible assets		(5,486)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		54,714
Cash and cash equivalents transferred from previous operations		647
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		55,361

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

1. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies are set out below. This is the first year the charity has been operational having registered with the charity commission on 23rd August 2022 therefore no prior period comparisons are available.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities SORP 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

Going Concern

It is noted that the charities outgoings will increase over the next 12 months. This is mainly due to the charity commencing a lease for a premises in Stretford Mall. The landlord has agreed to provide the premises rent free, with a service charge cap of £10,000 + VAT for 12 months with an insurance premium of £2000. We anticipate our utilities will be approximately £3000 a year. Discretionary rates relief has been awarded by Trafford Council. Following successful funding from the Cost of Living Fund confirmed prior to signing of the accounts in November 2023, we are satisfied that the charity has sufficient resources to continue to operate as going concern.

Fund Accounting

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

Restricted funds are those donated for a specific purpose or project and cannot be utilised for an alternative purpose.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources, it is probable that the resources will be received, and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Cash donations along with any sales income are recognised on receipt.

Income from grants is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance criteria has been met and it is probable that the income will be received.

Donated facilities and donations in kind

Donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over them, any conditions associated with the facility has been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity is probable and the economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP general volunteer time is not recognised.

Donated items of stock are recognised when distributed and therefore any donated items held by the charity at the year-end are not included in the closing stock figure in the financial statements. Stock is valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value.

The charity receives a wide range of donations from the public of second-hand items and new items from companies and community groups. All these donations are passed onto families in need, free of charge. These donations are valued at an estimate second-hand value (for second-hand items) and RRP at the time of receipt (for new items) and recorded as both income and expenditure in the accounts.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash at bank and in hand is held to meet the day to day running costs of the charity as they fall due.

Pension

The charity participates in the NEST pension scheme which is open to all employees of the charity.

2. Critical accounting estimates and judgements

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 relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates. The estimates and assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis.

3. Income from donations and grants

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Donations and grants	13,185	74,200	87,385
Donated goods for beneficiaries	8,256	-	8,256
Donated services and facilities	31,140	-	31,140
	<u>52,581</u>	<u>74,200</u>	<u>126,781</u>

4. Income from other trading activities

	Total £
Sales income	2,651
Corporate days	2,460
Recycling income	969
Other income	-
	<u>6,080</u>

5. Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Staff costs	-	19,938	19,938
Rent and Rates	31,140	-	31,140
Donated goods for beneficiaries	8,256	-	8,256
Purchased goods for beneficiaries	-	8,215	8,215
Consumables	-	1,827	1,827
Subscriptions	-	277	277
Equipment	467	1,735	2,202
Depreciation	-	1,118	1,118
Insurance	-	291	291
	<u>39,863</u>	<u>33,402</u>	<u>73,265</u>

6. Cost of raising funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Cost of raising funds			
Marketing	-	516	516
	<u>-</u>	<u>516</u>	<u>516</u>

7. Tangible Assets

	Furniture & Fitting	Equipment	Total
Cost			
At 1 April 2022	-	-	-
Additions	4,243	1,243	5,486
At 31 August 2023	4,243	1,243	5,486
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2022	-	-	-
Additions	794	324	1,118
At 31 August 2023	794	324	1,118
NBV			
At 31 August 2023	3,449	919	4,368

8. Analysis of restricted funds

	Balance at 1 April 2022	Income	Expenditure	Balance at 31 August 2023	Description and purpose of fund
THT Micro grant	-	500	500	-	Start-up costs
Trafford Council	-	2000	2000	-	Start-up costs
Forever Manchester	-	1000	1000	-	Start-up costs
The National Lottery Community Fund	-	10,000	8823	1,177	Equipment, staffing costs, and marketing
Recycle 4 Greater Manchester	-	4,200	3,658	542	Administration, insurances, and lead volunteer expenses
Trafford Housing Trust	-	25,000	12,950	12,050	Staff salaries
Asda	-	1,500	1,256	244	Items for beneficiaries
Trafford Housing Trust 5000 Winter	-	5,000	4,955	45	Items for beneficiaries, additional storage
		49,200	35,142	14,058	