

Trustees' Annual Report for the period 01/04/24 to 31/03/2025

Summary of the purposes of the Charity as set out in its governing document

For the public benefit, the relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage, primarily but not exclusively in Audlem and its local area, by providing grants to charities, or other organisations working to provide support and relief to those in need and whose purposes are in line with those of Audlem Charity Shop.

Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the particular benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.

The Charity distributes funds raised from the sale of donated goods in the form of grants to charities who provide support and relief of local people.

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

The Trustees have paid due regard, in all their activities, to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Summary of the main achievements of the Charity, identifying the difference the Charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.

There are currently 42 volunteers who participate in the running of the Charity's fund-raising activities. Their work and the work of the trustees, has resulted in grants totalling £55000 being made to 6 local charities who all provide help and assistance, where needed, to local residents

Summary of the year 2024 /2025

As a Grant Making Charity, all our Trustees hold office until they resign. Unfortunately, one of our Trustees, Anne Pearson, decided to offer her resignation. Anne has been a committee member for over 10 years and a volunteer for longer, her loss will be felt but she will still be available to volunteer. We decided as a committee not to replace Anne as a Trustee but will allow Helen, Chair, to have the casting vote on matters which are difficult to resolve.

After many wet Saturdays over the previous few months, which resulted in loss of revenue, we decided to bolster our funds by holding a Quiz Night in the local Village Hall. Volunteers provided the food, questions and local businesses were contacted to ask if they would provide prizes. It was held in May and raised a total of £2,255.50 after costs were deducted. Although it proved to be very successful, the amount of work was immense and may be difficult to replicate in the future. It was felt that it could possibly be scaled down with refreshments still being catered for but on a much smaller scale.

We were very fortunate to receive a donation from an anonymous volunteer of £500. This allowed us to purchase another 4 gazeboes which will provide more shelter for the stock and volunteers during times of bad weather.

Having benefitted from more gazeboes, it was felt that a new layout should be implemented. This would allow easier access for the customers to freely walk around in a significant manner so that we could show stock in more advantageous parts.

A local business which was closing due to retirement gave us an opportunity to purchase their shop fittings. They also donated surplus stock to us which they were unable to sell. The fittings have allowed better use for use to show off our goods for sale in a more advantageous manner. The lighting in the shop is poor and we used this as an opportunity to revise it, making it brighter and also safer for customers.

This new layout has increased sales by approx..17%

The average weekly sales were £1,159. Eleven times the weekly takings were over £1400 with the best Saturday being £1664

In October we were approached by Cheshire Buddy's, an organisation which supports children and young people with disabilities. The committee felt that they met our criteria and would be a suitable beneficiary for a grant.

We opened for 42 weeks this year, closed for 7 weeks, 4 for bad weather and 3 for Christmas.

The cold weather that we endured in the early months of the year meant that we needed to revise our policies for safeguarding our volunteers especially volunteers who stay all day without a break. These were revised and implemented.

Currently we have 42 volunteers which include 5 men who help set up and put away the site for us.

We are able to donate £55,000 to our 6 chosen charities. We have kept £5,000 in reserve for any unforeseen problems which may arise.

We raised £1489.04p at a local auction, £900 via eBay, £734 from an online market place, £669.28p from book sales, £697 from selling rags and £21 from Vinted. Also monies from donations, tombola and the quiz raised a further £3545.

Being able to accept card payments means that now we collect nearly one third of our total payments for sales which may or may not have been lost if the customer was unable to pay cash.

In May 2025 we were able to hold our AGM where we presented cheques, totalling £55,000 to our 6 chosen charities. This was the most money we have given to our chosen charities since the shop started in 1970.

These grants enable these charities to support their causes and provide much needed extra support in areas where they are lacking. Notably Cheshire Buddy,s was able to provide additional wood working workshops for disabled young persons.

Although the Charity started to thrive during and after the COVID19 pandemic we have now proven that our Charity is going from strength to strength and after a very successful year we can now build a strong following and be rewarded in the year and years to come.

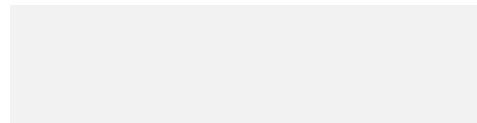
AUDLEM CHARITY SHOP

ACCOUNTS FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDING 31 MARCH 2024

INCOME

	£
Opening Balance - Santander Current Account	57,405.60
Shop Sales - Cash	31,989.00
Shop Sales - Card	10,969.13
Books	719.66
Rags	1,296.25
Auction	2,490.99
Ebay	2,170.00
Vintage	724.00
Online	630.00
Donations	1,395.00
Miscellaneous	75.00
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	109,864.63

Signature Of Treasurer:

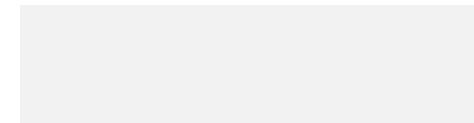


C M Harker
4/5/2024

EXPENDITURE

	£
Grants	44,500.00
Rent and Lease Renewal Charges	3,499.92
Electricity	594.37
Water and Utility Charges	257.58
Shop Insurance / B&C	294.00
Repairs	258.18
Fire Extinguisher Service	119.82
Shop Consumables/Misc/Petty Cash	1028.23
Buildings Insurance	428.01
Closing Balances - Santander Current Account	58,884.52
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Signature of Chairperson:



H Beardshall
4/5/2024

AUDLEM CHARITY SHOP

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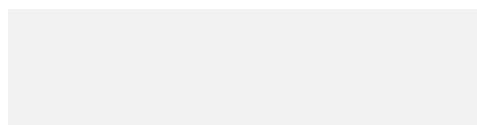
INCOME

	£
Opening Balance - Santander Current Account	58,884.52
Shop Sales - Cash	31,559.20
Shop Sales - Card	22,659.85
Books	669.28
Rags	697.00
Auction	1,489.04
Ebay	900.00
Vintage	21.00
Online	734.00
Donations & Tombola	1,137.50
Jewellery Sales	152.00
Quiz	2,255.50
Miscellaneous	0.00
	<u>121,158.89</u>

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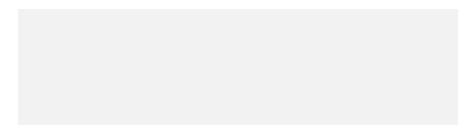
	£
Grants	53,500.00
Rent and Lease Renewal Charges	3,499.92
Electricity	658.97
Water and Utility Charges	282.60
Shop Insurance / B&C	294.00
Repairs	0
Fire Extinguisher Service	48.12
Shop Consumables/Misc	1574.17
Buildings Insurance	301.68
Closing Balances - Santander Current Account	60,666.93
Petty Cash	80.00
Quiz	252.50
	<u>121,158.89</u>

Signature Of Treasurer:



C M Harker
4/22/2025

Signature of Chairperson:



H Beardshall
4/22/2025



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

AUDLEM CHARITY SHOP

On accounts for the year
ended

31/3/25

Charity no
(if any)

1201473

Set out on pages

WORKING PAPERS ATTACHED

(remainder to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above
charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2025.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation
of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act
2011 ("the Act").

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

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have
come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with
the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material
respect:

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

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

CR Beardsall

Date:

11/4/25.

Name:

CR BEARDSHALL

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

N/A.

Address:

HEATH VIEW, MONKS LANE, AUDLEM, CW30HP

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

NO MATTERS OF CONCERN TO REPORT.