

Charity registration number 1201803

**DONS LOCAL ACTION GROUP**

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**



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## DONS LOCAL ACTION GROUP

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Company number	CE031299	
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## **DONS LOCAL ACTION GROUP**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

#### **Objectives and activities**

The aims of Dons Local Action Group ("DLAG") need to be understood in the context of the prevalence of poverty in the UK. According to the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, there were some 21% of the UK's population living in poverty in 2025. In London, the area of the operations of DLAG, the statistics are even starker with an estimated 24% of households living in poverty. DLAG's commitment to its aim of addressing poverty issues in the community, through the activities described below, remains unwavering. The activities of DLAG may change but we will aim to ensure that the way it is run and governed is fit for purpose. As long as our community requires assistance, we will aim to bring hope and dignity to those in need.

#### **Objectives**

The principal objective of DLAG is to respond to the overwhelming pressure of poverty in our local community through sourcing provisions and redistributing them to those in acute need as a result of poverty.

DLAG has an engaged, dynamic and resilient volunteer network dedicated to helping people fight poverty across five key focus areas:

- food and household supplies
- furniture and appliances
- laptops and other devices, through our Keep Kids Connected initiative
- DLAG In Tune musical instruments, through the Jack Lonergan Foundation
- DLAG In Uniforms, school uniforms through our schools network

DLAG operates within the boroughs of Kingston, Merton and Wandsworth in Southwest London, seeking to collaborate closely with local councils, charities, schools and other community partners to support people in need.

In the longer term, it is possible its activities may change in scale or nature. However, the core of DLAG in future periods is expected to be sourcing provisions and redistributing them to those in need in crisis.



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### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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#### Activities

The different areas of DLAG's activities during the period are described below.

##### *Food and household supplies distribution*

DLAG operates with a network of up to 1,000 (2024: 1,000) volunteers during the year across the organisation in numerous roles. The majority of our volunteers carry out shifts at our supermarket stalls across our three boroughs to gather donations of food and household supplies. These donations are collected at regular intervals throughout the day and transported to our central hub for sorting and storage. The contributions received from supermarkets and our supplier partners are compiled into food boxes, which are then delivered directly to individuals or families, or put into regular bulk donations for community organisations.

Engaging volunteers is crucial not only for retention but for also building our brand as an inclusive charity, where volunteers are part of the DLAG family.

DLAG also donates Easter eggs and Christmas toys to our food recipients with children.

##### *Furniture and appliances distribution*

DLAG aims to alleviate furniture poverty by providing good second-hand items to those in need. We organise weekly collections of second-hand furniture and appliances, after assessing their condition and suitability. The items are catalogued, repaired and cleaned if needed at our small furniture hub.

We accept referrals from social services and charities for clients in furniture poverty, matching their needs to available items, which we then deliver to their homes.

##### *Keep Kids Connected Initiative*

Keep Kids Connected extends support to local councils, schools and businesses and aids local charities and community groups.

Led by a volunteer team of IT professionals, Keep Kids Connected refurbishes and donates laptops to schools in Merton, Kingston and Wandsworth. This involves donations of laptops and IT accessories from corporate partners and individuals, refurbished to industry standards and delivered directly to schools.

##### *DLAG InTune Musical Instruments*

DLAG In Tune in partnership with the Jack Lonergan Foundation, DLAG is providing free musical instruments to young people from low income households across South West London. The initiative aims to bridge the gap between opportunity and access, helping aspiring musicians overcome financial barriers to their creative passions.

##### *DLAG In Uniform*

Building on our strong connections with schools in Kingston, Merton and Wandsworth, DLAG is collecting unbranded second-hand uniform and redistributing to those in need. The initiative aims to support those at schools who are struggling with practical uniform items.

##### *Fundraising and community activity*

DLAG derives income from a number of important sources. Events such as the Gala dinner, the Big Sleepout and sponsored bike ride are important generators of income for DLAG for now and over future years. The charity also benefits from grants from a range of organisations as well as individual and corporate donations.

During the period DLAG was represented at local community events ranging from school summer fairs and carnivals to charity football matches and drinks receptions.

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### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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#### *Public benefit*

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities DLAG should undertake.

#### **Achievements and performance**

During the period DLAG achieved significant milestones as set out below

##### *Food and household supplies distribution*

In the financial period DLAG supported 1,108 (2024: 895) households in the local area totalling 2,707 (2024:2,448) adults and children, we averaged 1,262 (2024:1,215) food boxes to households per month. Additionally, we provided regular bulk deliveries to 30 (2024:39) partners and schools averaging 1,488 (2024:2,126) boxes per month. We provided 15,146 (2024: 14,581) food boxes direct to households and 17,856 (2024: 25,509) boxes to community partners. Our standard weekly food box for one adult had a typical value of £36.03 (2024: £35.37) in the period. The total value of food and goods distributed was £960,737 (2024: £918,826).

##### *Furniture and Appliances*

In the period we delivered 1,167 items (2024: 817) to 379 (2024: 195) households with 762 (2024: 590) items collected. We also provided new mattresses. The total value of good delivered was £66,255 (2024: £44,081).

##### *Keep Kids Connected*

In the period the Keep Kids Connected donated 359 (2024: 369) laptops to schools, 130 other devices, and helped 130 organisations with a total value of £58,590 (2024: £59,836).

##### *Fundraising*

Our family fun day in May 2024 was a great community event hosted at the Old Ruts in Merton Park and raised £9,000.

In September 2024 over 50 cyclists took on the challenge of riding from London to Brighton raising an incredible £43,600.

In November 2024 we hosted our second charity Gala fundraising dinner, raising over £170,800. Attendees included guests from large corporates, local businesses and AFC Wimbledon Football Club, as well as representatives from our charity partners and DLAG volunteers, demonstrating the deep links that DLAG has developed in the community.

In December 2024 many fundraisers, including local dignitaries and schools spent the night at the Cherry Red Records Stadium on Plough Lane. The Big Sleep Out #4 raised over £34,000 for our vital activities in the community ensuring we can continue to help those in need with deliveries of food and furniture.

Amongst the numerous grants we received our largest was £10,000 from the London Community Foundation.

## **DONS LOCAL ACTION GROUP**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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#### **Financial review**

This financial review covers the operations of DLAG for the year ended 31st March 2025. Figures for the comparative period have been restated to show the economic value of our income and expenditure covering the food and household and furniture and computer supplies to those in poverty.

#### **Income**

Total Income from donations for the period was £1,560,156 (2024: £1,823,001) whilst Expenditure on charitable activities was £1,533,036 (2024: £1,393,040). There was also investment revenue for the year of £13,705 (2024: nil) resulting in Net income of £40,825 (2024: £429,961).

DLAG received current year donations of £190,415 (33%) (2024: £180,913), the large majority of which was received from individuals and a 5% increase over the previous year. Our corporate donors contributed £33,198 (2024: £23,879) during the period, a 39% increase over the previous year.

Income from events of £248,700 (2024: £145,764) represented 52% of Income from donations. The three most significant fund-raising events were the London to Brighton cycle ride which raised over £43,600, Gala dinner which raised over £170,800 and the Big Sleep Out which raised over £34,200.

Income from grants of £20,459 (7%) (2024: £32,549) comprised grants from Unrestricted funds. The restricted funds received in the year totalled £15,000 (2024: £82,040). During the period DLAG received grant awards from London Community Foundation, UCL, Clarion Futures, First Give and London Borough Merton.

Income from donated goods and services of £1,085,582 (2024: £1,022,743) represents the fair value of the donated goods and services.

#### **Expenditure**

Total expenditure for the period was £1,518,036 (2024: £1,311,000), which was all spent from Unrestricted Funds and £15,000 (2024: 82,040) from Restricted Funds.

Total expenditure of £1,533,036 (2024: £1,393,040) comprised Direct costs of £1,389,383 (2024: £1,282,186) and Support and Governance costs of £143,653 (2024: £110,854). The largest element of Direct Costs was Donated goods of £1,081,037 (2024: £1,022,743) (71% of Total costs) which represented the cost of donated goods. The other major area of expenditure of £118,400 (2024: £106,535) (8%) related to the employment costs of our members of staff.

Within Support and governance costs, we incurred consultancy and legal fees of £21,125 (2024: £11,730), marketing costs of £10,205 (2024: £25,542) and £15,480 (2024: £17,177) on Motor vehicle expense. IT and software costs comprised £13,458 (2024: £14,001) for the year and purchases of computer software to distribute cost an additional £14,718 (2024: £7,600). Accountancy fees amounted to £14,456 (2024: £9,681). Governance costs of £14,485 (2024: £2,700) related to fees paid to the auditor.

Expenditure from donated goods and services of £1,081,037 (2024: £1,022,743) represents the fair value of the donated goods and services.

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### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

#### Reserves policy

The Trustees have adopted a reserves policy which they consider appropriate to ensure the continued ability of DLAG to meet its objectives. The Trustees have determined that Free reserves, that is funds which have not been designated for a specific use, should be maintained at a minimum level equivalent to six months of annual expenditure. The Trustees consider that Free reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, DLAG will be able to continue to meet its objectives while consideration is given to what actions need to be taken.

This level of Free reserves has been maintained throughout the period. The appropriateness of this level is subject to ongoing review.

#### Principal risks and uncertainties

DLAG maintains a risk register identifying key risks, together with an assessment of their impact and probability. A planned approach to mitigation, where possible, is then identified.

RISK DESCRIPTION	RISK CAUSE	RISK MITIGATION
Loss of income due to damage to DLAG reputation.	Inappropriate behaviour of volunteers.	DBS checks carried out. Safeguarding procedures applied.
Loss of income due to failure to attract and retain volunteers.	Excessive workloads for existing volunteers. Unattractive working environment for new and existing volunteers.	Monitor and seek to manage individual workloads. Maintain attractive working environment for volunteers.
Loss of bank funds.	Failure of one of DLAG's banks.	Ensure distribution of funds at £85,000
Loss of supermarket collection points.	One or more supermarkets could change policy.	Maintain and develop supermarket relationships.

## **DONS LOCAL ACTION GROUP**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

#### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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##### **Plans for future periods**

The plans for future periods involve both a continuation of DLAG's existing activities and a development in those activities;

- continue to source provisions from our community and redistribute them to those who are in acute need as a result of poverty
- continue to work closely with local organisations to extend our reach and to assist our partners to better their services
- plan to develop and strengthen our relationship with corporate partners with tailored offerings including corporate volunteer days, fund raising and donations
- continue to build our volunteering community, aiming to ensure that our volunteers are welcomed, supported and thanked
- plan to increase our visibility and strengthen our connections in the local community including extending our school initiatives and undertaking more community outreach
- continue to monitor the way in which DLAG is structured, governed and run to ensure that it is fit for purpose.

All such plans will be regularly reviewed by the Trustees, using detailed management information where available.

The Trustees are delighted to confirm the appointment of Matthew Lock as Executive Director in January 2026.

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

DLAG is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered with the Charities Commission under number 1201803. The CIO was registered with the Charities Commission on 2 February 2023.

During the year, the Trustees were:

R E Caley

V Swaysland

C Connor

R J Jeffery

R C G Weaver

(Appointed 17 June 2024)

C Threadgold

P Wilkins

X C C Wiggins

(Resigned 4 November 2025)

## DONS LOCAL ACTION GROUP

### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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#### **Recruitment and appointment of Trustees**

Section 9 Appointment and automatic retirement of Trustees of the constitution states:

9.1 Any person who is willing to act as a Trustee, and who would not be disqualified from acting under the provisions of clause 11, may be appointed to be a Trustee by a decision of the Trustees.

9.2 Once appointed, subject to Clause 11:

- 9.2.1 Trustees will serve until the board meeting following the third anniversary of their appointment;
- 9.2.2 at that meeting they will be eligible for re-appointment by the Trustees for a second consecutive term of office; and
- 9.2.3 once these time periods have elapsed, the Trustee concerned must take a break from office of at least twelve months.

9.3 If the retirement of a Trustee under Clause 9.2 causes the number of Trustees to fall below the number of Trustees specified in Clause 8.3 then the retiring Trustee shall remain in office until a new appointment is made.

9.4. In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

Legal advice is obtained from Bates Wells. The independent auditor is TC Group. HR and health and safety advice is provided by Peninsular.

#### **Statement of Trustees' responsibilities**

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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 year.

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 material 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 ensure 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.

**DONS LOCAL ACTION GROUP**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Caroline Threadgold

Caroline Threadgold (Jan 20, 2020 15:04:30 GMT)

C Threadgold

Trustee

Date: 20/01/2026

## DONS LOCAL ACTION GROUP

### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

#### TO THE TRUSTEES OF DONS LOCAL ACTION GROUP

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##### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Dons Local Action Group (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the statement of financial position, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

##### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

##### Other matters

The comparative figures were not subject to audit as the entity claimed the small charity audit exemption.

##### Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.



## **DONS LOCAL ACTION GROUP**

### **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)**

#### **TO THE TRUSTEES OF DONS LOCAL ACTION GROUP**

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##### **Other information**

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

##### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the Trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

##### **Responsibilities of Trustees**

As explained more fully in the statement of Trustees' responsibilities, the Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

##### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

## DONS LOCAL ACTION GROUP

### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

#### TO THE TRUSTEES OF DONS LOCAL ACTION GROUP

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The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

##### **Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud**

The objectives of our audit, in respect to fraud, are: to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud; to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud, through designing and implementing appropriate responses; and to respond appropriately to fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both those charged with governance of the entity and its management.

Our approach was as follows:

- We identified areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements from our general commercial and sector experience, and through discussion with the directors and other management (as required by auditing standards), and discussed with the directors and other management the policies and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations;
- We considered the legal and regulatory frameworks directly applicable to the financial statements reporting framework (FRS 102 and the Companies Act 2006) and the relevant tax compliance regulations in the UK;
- We considered the nature of the industry, the control environment and business performance, including the key drivers for management's remuneration;
- We communicated identified laws and regulations throughout our team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit;
- We considered the procedures and controls that the company has established to address risks identified, or that otherwise prevent, deter and detect fraud; and how senior management monitors those programmes and controls.

Based on this understanding we designed our audit procedures to identify non-compliance with such laws and regulations. Where the risk was considered to be higher, we performed audit procedures to address each identified fraud risk. These procedures included: testing manual journals; reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation; performing analytical procedures; and enquiring of management, and were designed to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements were free from fraud or error.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations (irregularities) is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the FRC's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditors/audit-assurance/auditor-s-responsibilities-for-the-audit-of-the-fi/description-of-the-auditor%E2%80%99s-responsibilities-for>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

**DONS LOCAL ACTION GROUP**

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)**

**TO THE TRUSTEES OF DONS LOCAL ACTION GROUP**

**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's Trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's Trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



**Sally Meah FCCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
for and on behalf of TC Group**

*22 January 2026*

**Statutory Auditor**

Star House  
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TC Group is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

**DONS LOCAL ACTION GROUP**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds as restated	Restricted funds	Total as restated
	Notes	2025 £	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £	2024 £	2024 £
<b>Income from:</b>							
Donations and other sources	2	1,545,155	15,000	1,560,155	1,740,961	82,040	1,823,001
Investments	3	13,705	-	13,705	-	-	-
<b>Total income</b>		<u>1,558,860</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>1,573,860</u>	<u>1,740,961</u>	<u>82,040</u>	<u>1,823,001</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>							
Charitable activities	4	1,518,035	15,000	1,533,035	1,311,000	82,040	1,393,040
<b>Net income and movement in funds</b>		<u>40,825</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,825</u>	<u>429,961</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>429,961</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>							
Fund balances at 1 April 2024		<u>429,961</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>429,961</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Fund balances at 31 March 2025</b>		<u><u>470,786</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>470,786</u></u>	<u><u>429,961</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>429,961</u></u>

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

The notes on pages 16 to 27 form part of these financial statements.

**DONS LOCAL ACTION GROUP**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

**AS AT 31 MARCH 2025**

		2025	2024
	Notes	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Intangible assets	10	1,889	3,222
Tangible assets	11	32,326	39,233
		<u>34,215</u>	<u>42,455</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Stocks	12	4,545	-
Debtors	13	15,776	3,014
Cash at bank and in hand		452,627	403,791
		<u>472,948</u>	<u>406,805</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	14	<u>(36,377)</u>	<u>(19,299)</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>436,571</u>	<u>387,506</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>470,786</u>	<u>429,961</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>470,786</u>	<u>429,961</u>
<b>The funds of the charity</b>			
Unrestricted funds		<u>470,786</u>	<u>429,961</u>
		<u>470,786</u>	<u>429,961</u>

The notes on pages 16 to 27 form part of these financial statements.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 20/01/2026.

*Caroline Threadgold*  
Caroline Threadgold (11/01/20, 2025, 11/01/2026)

C Threadgold  
**Trustee**

**DONS LOCAL ACTION GROUP**

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

		2025	2024
	Notes	£	£
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Cash generated from operations	22	37,121	450,319
<b>Investing activities</b>			
Purchase of intangible assets		-	(4,000)
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(2,119)	(42,528)
Proceeds from disposal of tangible fixed assets		129	-
Investment income received		13,705	-
<b>Net cash generated from/(used in) investing activities</b>		11,715	(46,528)
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>		-	-
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>		48,836	403,791
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		403,791	-
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>		452,627	403,791

The notes on pages 16 to 27 form part of these financial statements.

## DONS LOCAL ACTION GROUP

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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#### 1 Accounting policies

##### Charity information

Dons Local Action Group is a charity registered in England and Wales. The registered office is Cherry Red Stadium, Plough Lane, London SW17 0NR.

##### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

##### 1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

##### 1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

##### 1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid is recognised at the time of the donation.

Where goods or services are provided to the charity as a donation that would normally be purchased from suppliers, this contribution is included in the financial statements at an estimate based on the value of the contribution to the charity.

Food and other goods, donated to the charity and held as stock for distribution, are recognised as income within voluntary income when received and as stock; an equivalent amount is included as expenditure when the stock is distributed.

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**1.5 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.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses including support costs and governance costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure headings. The cost of raising funds comprise investment management costs.

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity. Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

**1.6 Intangible fixed assets other than goodwill**

Intangible assets acquired separately from a business are recognised at cost and are subsequently measured at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses.

Intangible assets acquired on business combinations are recognised separately from goodwill at the acquisition date where it is probable that the expected future economic benefits that are attributable to the asset will flow to the entity and the fair value of the asset can be measured reliably; the intangible asset arises from contractual or other legal rights; and the intangible asset is separable from the entity.

Amortisation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Software	33% straight line method
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**1.7 Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	20% straight Line
Motor vehicles	20% straight Line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price less all estimated costs of completion and costs to be incurred in marketing, selling and distribution.



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1.8 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

**Basic financial assets**

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

**Basic financial liabilities**

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

**Derecognition of financial liabilities**

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.9 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

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**2 Income from donations and other sources**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds as restated	Restricted funds as restated	Total
	2025	2025	2025	2024	2024	2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	199,873	-	199,873	180,913	-	180,913
Events	248,700	-	248,700	145,764	-	145,764
Grants	11,000	15,000	26,000	25,350	82,040	107,390
Donations received from AFC Wimbledon from 2020 to 2023	-	-	-	366,191	-	366,191
Donated goods and services	1,085,582	-	1,085,582	1,022,743	-	1,022,743
	<u>1,545,155</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>1,560,155</u>	<u>1,740,961</u>	<u>82,040</u>	<u>1,823,001</u>
<b>Donations and gifts</b>						
Corporate donations	33,198	-	33,198	23,879	-	23,879
Individual donations	102,082	-	102,082	97,215	-	97,215
Collection tin donations	40,909	-	40,909	32,607	-	32,607
Other	23,684	-	23,684	27,212	-	27,212
	<u>199,873</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>199,873</u>	<u>180,913</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>180,913</u>
<b>Grants receivable for core activities</b>						
Grants awards	11,000	15,000	26,000	25,350	82,040	107,390
	<u>11,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>26,000</u>	<u>25,350</u>	<u>82,040</u>	<u>107,390</u>

**3 Income from investments**

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Interest receivable	<u>13,705</u>	<u>-</u>

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**4 Expenditure on charitable activities**

	Food and household supplies distribution 2025 £	Food and household supplies distribution 2024 as restated £
<b>Direct costs</b>		
Staff costs	118,400	106,535
Furniture costs	19,769	16,969
Stall and hub supplies	14,533	16,553
Merchandise	14,769	15,203
Children's toys	2,747	2,914
Fundraising transaction fees	491	706
Events	137,636	100,563
Donated goods	1,081,037	1,022,743
	<u>1,389,382</u>	<u>1,282,186</u>
<b>Share of support and governance costs (see note 5)</b>		
Support	129,168	108,154
Governance	14,485	2,700
	<u>1,533,035</u>	<u>1,393,040</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>		
Unrestricted funds	1,518,035	1,311,000
Restricted funds	15,000	82,040
	<u>1,533,035</u>	<u>1,393,040</u>

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**5 Support costs allocated to activities**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Depreciation and amortisation	10,230	4,073
Cleaning & pest control	3,990	3,818
IT & software costs	13,458	14,001
Rent & rates	8,779	4,120
Motor vehicle expenses	15,480	17,177
Advertising & marketing	10,205	25,542
Legal fees & consultancy	21,125	11,730
Subscriptions	5,793	1,942
Bank fees	124	2
Insurance	9,392	6,415
DBS checks	1,057	1,566
IT costs	14,718	7,600
Recruitment	361	487
Accountancy fees	14,456	9,681
Governance costs	14,485	2,700
	<b>143,653</b>	<b>110,854</b>

**Analysed between:**

Food and household supplies distribution	<b>143,653</b>	<b>110,854</b>
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**Governance costs comprise:**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Audit fees	13,175	1,080
Accountancy	1,310	1,620
	<b>14,485</b>	<b>2,700</b>

**6 Net movement in funds**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable for the audit of the charity's financial statements	13,175	1,080
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	<b>8,898</b>	3,295
Amortisation of intangible assets	1,332	778

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#### 7 Trustees

During the year, Trustees were reimbursed a total of £932 (2024: £2,430) in respect of gala events and professional subscriptions. This covered expenses for 2 Trustees.

During the year, a Trustee provided professional services to the charity amounting to £37,689 (2024: £16,150). These services were procured at an arm's length rate, with authority given by the board, to leverage their specific expertise in fundraising and grant bidding.

No Trustees received any remuneration or other employment benefits during the year (2024: Nil).

#### 8 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2025 Number	2024 Number
	3	3
	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
<b>Employment costs</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Wages and salaries	109,562	94,867
Social security costs	6,230	9,640
Other pension costs	2,608	2,028
	<u>118,400</u>	<u>106,535</u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

#### Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel was as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Aggregate compensation	108,662	91,694

#### 9 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

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10 Intangible fixed assets

	Software £
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025	4,000
<b>Amortisation and impairment</b>	
At 1 April 2024	779
Amortisation charged for the year	1,332
At 31 March 2025	2,111
<b>Carrying amount</b>	
At 31 March 2025	1,889
At 31 March 2024	3,222

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 April 2024	1,328	41,200	42,528
Additions	2,120	-	2,120
Disposals	(158)	-	(158)
At 31 March 2025	3,290	41,200	44,490
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>			
At 1 April 2024	87	3,208	3,295
Depreciation charged in the year	658	8,240	8,898
Eliminated in respect of disposals	(29)	-	(29)
At 31 March 2025	716	11,448	12,164
<b>Carrying amount</b>			
At 31 March 2025	2,574	29,752	32,326
At 31 March 2024	1,241	37,992	39,233

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**12 Stocks**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Furniture	4,545	-

**13 Debtors**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>		
Prepayments and accrued income	15,776	3,014

**14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Other taxation and social security	2,848	2,410
Trade creditors	10,003	13,793
Other creditors	975	396
Accruals	22,551	2,700
	36,377	19,299

**15 Retirement benefit schemes**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Defined contribution schemes</b>		
Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes	2,608	2,028

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

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**16 Restricted funds**

The restricted funds of the charity comprised balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 April 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£
The London Community Foundation	-	10,000	(10,000)	-
Virgin Unite Local Legends	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>(15,000)</u>	<u>-</u>

**Previous period:**

	At 1 April 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£
Cost of Living Emergency Assistance Grant	-	20,000	(20,000)	-
Community Organisations Cost of Living Fund	-	62,040	(62,040)	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>82,040</u>	<u>(82,040)</u>	<u>-</u>

The London Community Fund - provided to help fund a volunteer recruitment drive, encouraging greater public participation in the community and help to deliver more food parcels and furniture to vulnerable residents in the area, reducing financial pressure and improving mental health and wellbeing

Virgin Unite Local Legends - in order to fund a project focusing on improving the operations and increasing existing food support for those in urgent poverty in the community, and to increase opportunities for the community to volunteer and other welfare charities to partner with them

Cost of Living Emergency Assistance Grant - the grant is to provide the necessary infrastructure to support the coordination and delivery of emergency food and supplies to residents in need including those who are vulnerable and isolated.

Community Organisations Cost of Living Fund - is being delivered by the National Lottery Community Fund, the largest community funder in the UK. Grants will support charity at the frontline of dealing with the increase in the cost-of-living.



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### **17 Unrestricted funds**

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the Trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 April 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	421,961	1,558,860	(1,518,035)	-	462,786
Designated funds	8,000	-	-	-	8,000
	<u>429,961</u>	<u>1,558,860</u>	<u>(1,518,035)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>470,786</u>
<b>Previous period:</b>	<b>At 1 April 2023</b>	<b>Incoming resources as restated</b>	<b>Resources expended as restated</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>At 31 March 2024</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	-	1,740,961	(1,311,000)	(8,000)	421,961
Designated funds	-	-	-	8,000	8,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,740,961</u>	<u>(1,311,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>429,961</u>

The designated funds are for the purchase of a new van.

### **18 Operating lease commitments**

At the reporting end date the charity had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Within one year	5,000	5,000
Between two and five years	-	5,000
	<u>5,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>

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**19 Events after the reporting date**

In January 2026 Matthew Lock was appointed as Executive Director.

**20 Related party transactions**

**Transactions with related parties**

During the year, a related party provided professional services to the charity amounting to £4,482 (2024: £456). These services were procured at an arm's length rate, with authority given by the board, to leverage their specific expertise in consulting services.

During the year, the charity received donations totalling £5,220 (2024: Nil) from a related party. The related party is closely connected to a Trustee. The donations were made unconditionally and no amounts were outstanding at the year end.

**21 Prior year adjustment**

A prior year adjustment has been made to correctly recognise the value of donated goods received. In the year ended 31 March 2024, donated goods amounted to £1,022,743. Income and costs have both increased by this amount and total funds carried forward remain unchanged.

<b>22 Cash generated from operations</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Surplus for the year	40,825	429,961
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(13,705)	-
Amortisation and impairment of intangible assets	1,332	778
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	8,898	3,295
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase) in stocks	(4,545)	-
(Increase) in debtors	(12,762)	(3,014)
Increase in creditors	17,078	19,299
<b>Cash generated from operations</b>	<b>37,121</b>	<b>450,319</b>