

**JAGS CONNECT**  
**Report of the Trustees and**  
**Financial Statements**  
For the period ended 31 March 2025

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## Charity information

**CIO Charity number:**

1205033

**Other names:**

JAGS (Working name)

**Management Trustees**

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## JAGS CONNECT HIGHLIGHT

### JAGS Connect

#### Story of Our Project

##### Introduction

JAGS Connect has been a transformative initiative, consistently focused on fostering meaningful connections within the community and schools while directly addressing the devastating effects of youth violence. With an annual report marking our progress each year, this final report consolidates a period of sustained effort and significant growth. We have successfully implemented and expanded programs that have had a positive and lasting impact on the lives of many individuals and families affected by this critical issue.



### Building Community Partnership

#### Building Community Partnerships: One Year of Growth

One year ago, our primary objective was establishing strong community ties, successfully leading to partnerships with Your Story and Marcus Lipton. These collaborations provided a foundational model for our outreach and program delivery. Today, we are thrilled to report on the significant expansion of our community network, built on the success of those initial relationships. We have now established two key, high-impact partnerships:

## Key Achievements

- Increased academic performance: Many of the girls participating in our mentoring program have reported improved grades and increased motivation to succeed academically.
- Enhanced self-esteem - The mentoring sessions have helped girls develop a positive self-image and believe in their abilities.
- Strengthened community ties - Our project has fostered a sense of belonging and connectedness among participants and the wider community.
- Development of leadership skills - Through various activities and workshops, girls have had the opportunity to develop their leadership skills and become active members of their communities.
- Improved parenting skills - Parents who have participated in our adult parenting mentoring program have reported increased confidence and satisfaction with their parenting abilities.
- Reduced impact of youth violence - Our services have helped individuals and families cope with the challenges of youth violence and build resilience.



## Testimonials

"I used to feel really lonely and isolated. But since joining JAGS Connect, I've made some amazing new friends and learned so much about myself. My mentor, Fenella, is always there to listen and offer advice. She's helped me so much to believe in myself and reach for my goals.

- Anonymous -





### Building Community Partnerships

#### SFX Sixth Form School

We have partnered with SFX Sixth Form School to focus on student progression and career readiness. Students are on-site (JAGS Office) 2 days per week to work directly with the organisation, offering an intensive program focused on:

- Mentoring - Providing personalised guidance and support.
- Work Experience - Facilitating practical, real-world professional placements.

#### 14 Parish

We have also successfully partnered with 14 Parish, where we serve their young client base with consistent, developmental support. We run two monthly sessions focused on:

- Support & Mentoring - Offering consistent guidance to help young people navigate challenges.
- Team Motivation - Delivering high-energy sessions to build confidence, collaboration, and a positive mindset.

This expanded network allows JAGS to deliver specialised, consistent support to a wider range of young people, ensuring our programs remain relevant and impactful across the community.



### Building Community Partnerships



## Key Activities and Measured Impact

The program's success is demonstrated through concrete outputs across direct support, skills development, and mentoring, all driven by community needs.

### A. Direct Family and Community Support

We focused on providing immediate support, connecting 41 families with essential specialist services, which included trauma counselling, mental health support, and legal advice. Furthermore, our skills development initiative saw 6 three-hour workshops delivered throughout the period, successfully equipping 75 parents and community members with valuable knowledge in areas like conflict resolution and youth mental health first aid.

### B. Mentoring and Peer Leadership

Involving community members as leaders has been vital to our sustainability. We currently mentor 18 girls across 3 schools who are identified as being at risk of exclusion, providing them with critical, personalised guidance. This effort is complemented by the formal establishment of a peer network comprised of 18 parent and youth volunteers, who now provide safe, lived-experience support for families of at-risk youths.

### C. Digital Reach and Consultation

Responding to the strong community need for online resources, we launched the Beta version of the JAGS Connect online platform. This platform serves as a central hub for information and 24/7 accessible peer support resources. This development directly addresses the consultation phase, where an outreach of 7 street surveys (3 in Wandsworth, 2 in Lambeth, 2 in Croydon) reached 187 community members and revealed that 44% (82 people) specifically requested this online form of assistance.



## Trustees' report

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) for the period 3 October 2023 to 31 March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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).

## Structure, Governance & Management

Governing document – The legal form of the charity is that of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) Foundation, with registration number 1205033 on 3 October 2023, which is controlled by its governing document, its constitution dated 3 October 2023.

## Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Process to Appoint Trustees – The procedures for electing or appointing new trustees is set out in section 10 of our constitution:

- (1) Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.
- (2) 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.

## Organisational structure

The charitable incorporated organisation is constituted under the foundation model where the trustees are its members. The trustees control the running of the charity and meet at least quarterly to review operations.

The trustees who have served during the period 3 October 2023 to 31 March 2025 are set out on page 2.

## Objectives & Activities

The CIO Objectives is to advance in life and relieve the needs of young people throughout England and Wales through:

1. the provision of recreational and leisure time activities in the interests of social welfare, designed to improve their conditions of life.
2. providing support and activities which develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals.

## Achievement and Performance

The CIO achievement and performance were as highlighted on JAGS CONNECT HIGHLIGHT page above.

As Chair of the charity, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all our funders, staff, and volunteers for their unwavering support. Lastly, I thank our beneficiaries for collaborating to create and deliver meaningful services. Your engagement has been instrumental in our mission to effectively empower and support the community. Together, we have made a significant impact and look forward to continuing this vital work in the coming year.



## Public benefit

In deciding on the activities of the charity, the trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

## Financial Review

Against the backdrop of limited resources, the Charitable Incorporated Organisation, with the support of grant funders, donors, volunteers, and with its aid of sound financial management, the charity was able to cope without affecting its services and existence for the foreseeable future.

## Risk Management

The trustees have a risk management strategy which comprises:

- an annual review of the principal risks and uncertainties that the charity face;
- the establishment of policies, systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified in the annual review; and
- the implementation of procedures designed to minimise or manage any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise.

## Reserves Policy

The Trustees' reserve policy aims at building up free reserves in unrestricted funds to the level needed to cover up to three months operating expenditure, by means of annual operating surpluses and supplemented by general-purpose appeals from time to time. This is to ensure sufficient working capital is available to meet expected expenditure and liabilities in the event of a fall in income. Any surplus funds which are not likely to be needed to pay for activities will be placed on deposit to earn interest. This Policy will be reviewed every other year, at minimum, or sooner if warranted by internal or external events or changes.

## Future Plan

The charity intends to continue to support its causes in accordance with the objects of the charity.

## Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees 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, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed 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, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity 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;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to 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.

**This report was approved by order of the board of Trustees on 31 January 2026 and signed on their behalf by:**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T Ford'.

**Tracey Ford (Chair)**  
**Executive Committee/Management Trustees**

# Independent Examiner's report

## To the trustees of JAGS CONNECT

I report on accounts of the association for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 11 to 15.

### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As described on page 4 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 1444(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;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- 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 Commissioners. 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 the course of 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 to 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.



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**Date: 31 January 2026**

# Statement Of Financial Activities

## for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>					
Incoming resources from generated funds:				-	-
Voluntary Income		-	-	-	-
Activities for generating funds		-	-	-	-
Investment income		-	-	-	-
Incoming resources from charitable activities	3	-	25000	25000	-
Other incoming resources	4	1500		1500	-
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<b>1500</b>	<b>25000</b>	<b>26500</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>					
<b>Cost of Generating Funds</b>					
Cost of generating voluntary income		-		-	-
Fundraising trading costs		-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	5	-	25000	25000	-
Governance costs	6	1375	-	1375	-
Other resources expended		-	-	-	-
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>1375</b>	<b>25000</b>	<b>26375</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources</b>		<b>125</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>-</b>
Total funds brought forward		-	-	-	-
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>125</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>-</b>

All incoming resources are derived from continuing operations. The charity has no other gains or losses other than those recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

The notes form part of these financial statements.

## Balance sheets as at 31 March 2025

	Note	£	2025 £	2024
<b>Current assets</b>				
Debtors				
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>750</u>		<u>0</u>
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>750</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>				
Creditors:				
amounts falling due within one year	8	<u>625</u>		<u>0</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>			125	-
<b>Total Net Assets</b>			<u><b>125</b></u>	<u><b>-</b></u>
<b>Funds of the charity</b>				
Unrestricted income funds	9-11		125	0
Restricted income funds	9-11		0	0
<b>Total funds</b>			<u><b>125</b></u>	<u><b>-</b></u>

Approved by the board of trustees on 31 January 2026 and signed on its behalf by:



Tracey Ford (Chair)  
Executive Committee/Management Trustees

The notes form part of these financial statements.



# Notes to the financial statements

## 1. Legal Status

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered with the Charity Commission of England and Wales. Details of the charity address and activities can be found within the Report of the Trustees

## 2. Accounting Policies

**Basis of preparing the financial statements** The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

### Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

### Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

### Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

### Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

### 3. Incoming resources from charitable activities – Voluntary income

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2025 Total Funds	2024 Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
Big Lottery		25,000	25000	-
			0	-
	<b>0</b>	<b>25000</b>	<b>25000</b>	<b>0</b>

### 4. Other Incoming resources

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2025 Total Funds	2024 Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
Other Income	1500		1500	0
	-	-	-	-
	<b>1500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1500</b>	<b>0</b>

### 5. Charitable activities costs

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2025 Total Funds	2024 Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
Events Operational Costs	-	2500	2500	-
IT Support & Development Costs	-	5000	5000	-
Employment Costs	-	15000	15000	-
Community Outreach Costs	-	2500	2500	-
Sundries	-	-	-	-
	<b>0</b>	<b>25000</b>	<b>25000</b>	<b>0</b>

### 6. Governance

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2025 Total Funds	2024 Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
Legal and Professional Fees	750	0	750	0
Independent Examiners Remunerations	625	-	625	0
	<b>1375</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1375</b>	<b>0</b>

### 7. Creditors: amount falling due within one year

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2025 Total Funds	2024 Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
Employment costs	-	-	-	-
accruals and deferred income	1525	-	1525	0
Other Creditors	-	-	-	-
	<b>1525</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1525</b>	<b>0</b>

## 8. Analysis of net assets between funds

			2025	2024
Fund balances at 31 March 2025 are represented by:	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	0	0	-	0
Current assets	750	0	750	0
Current liabilities	(625)		(625)	0
Interbank Transfer			-	
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>0</b>

## 9. Statement of funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2025 Total Funds	2024 Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
1 April 2024	0	0	-	0
Incoming resources	1500	25000	26500	0
	<b>1500</b>	<b>25000</b>	<b>26500</b>	<b>0</b>
Resources expended	(1375)	(25000)	(26375)	0
31 March 2025	<b>125</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>0</b>

## 10. Movement in funds

	Opening balance	Incoming resources	(Resources expended)	Transfers	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
Charity's fund	0	1500	1375	0	125
				0	0
<b>Total Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1500</b>	<b>1375</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>125</b>
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
<b>Grants:</b>					
				0	0
Big Lottery	0	25,000	25000	0	0
	0			0	0
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>25000</b>	<b>25000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>26500</b>	<b>26375</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>125</b>

## 11. Trustees' remuneration, benefits and expenses

There was no remuneration, benefits or expenses to Trustees during the year.

## 12. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during the year.

## 13. Independent examination and accountancy services

During the year, the cost of the examination was (Nil) and accountancy services were £625 (2024: £Nil).

## 14. Controlling Party

The charity is under the control of the charity's trustees.