



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
REMADE WIGAN

On accounts for the year
ended

31 March 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1205256

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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's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed:

Date: 30/01/2026

Name:

Michael Lee Alsop

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

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Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.

Remade Wigan (trading as Remade Women)

Trustees' Annual Report for the period 18 October 2023 – 31 March 2025

Charity Name:

Remade Wigan (trading as Remade Women from June 2025)

Charity Number: 1205256

Legal Form: Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

Registered Address: Montrose Skills hub, Montrose Avenue, Wigan, WN5 9XN

Reporting Period: 18 October 2023 – 31 March 2025

Trustees

Name	Role	Date of Appointment	Reporting status of other trusteeships
Emma Louise Stewart	Chair	18 October 2023	None on record
Clair April Rigby	Trustee	22 April 2025	None on record
Wendy Doherty	Trustee	18 October 2023	None on record
Jenny Turner	Trustee	18 October 2023	None on record

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the Charity's Purposes

Remade Wigan exists to create a safe, supportive, and creative space run by women for women. The charity's purposes are to advance education, relieve poverty, and promote social inclusion for women through creativity, skill development, and community connection.

The charity upcycles furniture and homewares in a women-safe workshop, offering free and inclusive sessions that encourage confidence, self-expression, and belonging. Remade supports women who may be experiencing inequalities — including those in poverty, with

poor mental health, or with experience of the criminal justice system — but welcomes all women to participate in a positive, inclusive environment.

Summary of Main Activities

During this period, Remade Wigan provided free creative workshops in furniture upcycling, sewing, and crafts; offered drop-in sessions; sold upcycled items to the public; and developed new partnerships to strengthen its impact.

Workshops are led by women for women, with support from volunteer mentors and visiting creatives. Through peer-to-peer learning and accessible creative expression, women gain confidence, social networks, and practical life skills.

Public Benefit

The trustees confirm that they have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when carrying out Remade Wigan's aims and activities.

Contribution of Volunteers

Volunteers remain at the heart of Remade's operation. They assist with mentoring, skill-sharing, and event delivery, enabling the charity to extend its reach and capacity well beyond what paid staff alone could deliver.

Achievements and Performance

During this first full accounting period as a CIO, Remade Wigan significantly expanded its reach, partnerships, and impact.

Throughout 2023, an average of 35 women attended sessions each week; this increased to 40 per week in 2024. Across the whole reporting period, Remade supported an **average of 60 women per week**. Participants describe the workshop as “a refuge” and “the golden glue sticking me back together,” reflecting the powerful sense of belonging and healing created within the space.

Opening of Remade Leigh

A major milestone was the opening of **Remade Leigh** in partnership with *Reet Good Wood*. This collaborative workshop extends Remade's model of creative upcycling and peer support to more women and neurodivergent participants. It offers ticketed creative workshops, the production and sale of upcycled furniture, and free sessions for women who need support most.

Community Engagement and Partnerships

From the CEO's calendar, over 180 events were recorded between October 2023 and March 2025, covering creative workshops, community chats, governance meetings, and funding applications. These demonstrate a busy and active programme embedded in the community.

Strong working partnerships were established with **Wigan Council** and other community projects, embedding Remade more firmly in the local social enterprise ecosystem.

Public Profile and Visibility

Remade's online presence through its **website** and **Facebook page** has continued to grow, providing an outlet to showcase creative work, attract participants, and build community pride. The rebranding to *Remade Women* marks a confident next step, reflecting the charity's identity, inclusivity, and ambition.

Women who engage with Remade report improved confidence, reduced isolation, and a renewed sense of purpose. The workshops have become a lifeline for many — a space for creativity, growth, and belonging.

Financial Review

During the period from 18 October 2023 to 31 March 2025, Remade Wigan operated as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation for its first full accounting period.

The charity generated **total receipts of £119,789**, comprising **unrestricted income of £84,283** and **restricted income of £35,506**. Restricted income consisted mainly of project-specific grant funding.

Total payments during the period amounted to **£114,817**, of which **£81,884** related to unrestricted funds and **£32,933** to restricted funds. The majority of expenditure supported the delivery of Remade Wigan's charitable activities, including materials, staffing, and direct facilitation costs. Governance expenditure (such as audit and accountancy fees) and administrative costs remained proportionate to the size and scope of the organisation.

The **year-end cash balance** was **£18,600**, compared with an opening balance of **£20,866**. The charity therefore recorded a **net cash outflow of approximately £2,266** over the period. Liabilities outstanding at year-end totalled **£7,209**, relating to PAYE and pension obligations, and tangible assets consisted of computer equipment valued at **£28**.

The trustees consider the charity to be in a stable financial position with adequate reserves to meet ongoing operational needs.

Given that the charity's **gross income exceeded £25,000**, the accounts are subject to independent examination in accordance with the **Charities Act 2011** and the **Charity Commission's guidance CC16b**.

These accounts have been prepared strictly in accordance with the **Charity Commission's CC16b guidance for CIOs (January 2017)**.

Reserves Policy

The charity aims to build reserves equivalent to at least three months of running costs to provide financial resilience. Current reserves are modest but considered sufficient for short-term obligations.

Principal Sources of Funds

Funding is primarily derived from grant income, supplemented by sales of upcycled furniture and ticketed workshops. Trustees recognise the risk inherent in relying on grant funding and are actively developing new income streams to support sustainability.

Principal Risks and Uncertainties

The main risks identified include:

- Ongoing reliance on grant funding and potential delays in grant receipts.
- Tight cashflow and limited reserves.
- Managing operational capacity as activity expands.

Mitigation strategies include increasing earned income, securing multi-year funding, and maintaining strong governance and financial oversight.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document:

Remade Wigan is governed by a constitution, registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

Trustee Appointment:

Trustees are appointed in accordance with the constitution. Vacancies are filled by election or co-option of individuals with relevant skills and experience.

Induction and Training:

New trustees receive induction materials including the governing document, policies, and

Charity Commission guidance. Ongoing development is encouraged to ensure trustees understand their responsibilities and maintain effective oversight.

Organisational Structure:

The charity is led by the trustees and a Chief Executive Officer, supported by staff and volunteers. Day-to-day operations are delegated to the CEO, with strategic oversight retained by the board.

Partnerships:

Remade Wigan collaborates with community organisations, funders, and councils across Wigan and Leigh, including Reet Good Wood, to deliver its objectives and expand reach.

Plans for the Future

The trustees' priorities for the coming period include:

- Strengthening financial sustainability through increased trading income and long-term grant funding.
- Building reserves to ensure resilience and stability.
- Consolidating the *Remade Women* rebrand and expanding outreach to reach more women.
- Deepening partnerships with local councils and community organisations.
- Continuing to provide a safe, creative, and empowering environment where women can thrive.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities SORP (FRS 102). Trustees must ensure that proper accounting records are kept, safeguarding the assets of the charity and ensuring funds are used only in furtherance of its charitable purposes.

Approval

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 31/01/2026 and signed on its behalf

by: 

Emma Stewart – Chair of Trustees
Remade Wigan (trading as Remade Women)

Remade Wigan (Charity No. 1205256)

Receipts and Payments Accounts

for the period 18 October 2023 – 31 March 2025 (Year Ended 31 March 2025)

Receipts (A1)

Category	Unrestricted (£)	Restricted (£)
Charitable Sales	15,505.00	0.00
Donations Received	19.00	0.00
Grants	68,759.00	35,506.00
Total Receipts	84,283.00	35,506.00

Payments (A3)

Category	Unrestricted (£)	Restricted (£)
Cost of Goods Sold	8,447.00	0.00
Direct Expenses	18,657.00	0.00
Direct Facilitation Costs	10,998.00	12,000.00
Advertising & Marketing	421.00	0.00
Audit & Accountancy Fees	695.00	0.00
Bank Fees	5.00	0.00
Consulting	5,298.00	0.00
Entertainment - 0%	4.00	0.00
Entertainment - 100% Business	17.00	0.00
General Expenses	8,800.00	399.00
Insurance	476.00	0.00

Light, Power, Heating	220.00	0.00
Motor Vehicle Expenses	566.00	0.00
Operating Lease Payments	187.00	0.00
Postage, Freight & Courier	118.00	0.00
Printing & Stationery	784.00	0.00
Rent	5,483.00	0.00
Salaries	18,392.00	20,000.00
Subscriptions	2,000.00	534.00
Telephone & Internet	278.00	0.00
Travel - National	37.00	0.00
Total Payments	81,883.00	32,933.00

Net Cash Movement

Opening Cash Balance: £20865.74

Closing Cash Balance: £18600.22

Net Movement in Cash: £4973.00

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (B1–B5)

Assets

Computer Equipment: £28.01

Liabilities

PAYE Payable: £4,570.59

Pensions Payable: £2,638.12