

RE-USE LITTLEBOROUGH

CHARITY NUMBER 1205425

**Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the Period 26/10/2023 - 31/3/2025**

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I report to the trustees of Re-Use Littleborough on my examination of their accounts for the 18 months ended 31st March 2025.

Re-use Littleborough was registered as a charity on 26th October 2023. The first years financial statements requested by the charity commission are from 26th October 23 to 31st March 2025.

Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year as their income is below £250,000 and that an independent examination is appropriate as their turnover has been above £25,000 in the previous year and may well be in the future.

I report in respect of my examination of the organisation'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.

Basis of Examination

My examination included the review of the accounting records kept by the organisation and a comparison of accounts with those records. It also took consideration of any unusual items in the accounts of which there were none. The procedures carried out do not provide all the evidence required for the purposes of an audit and therefore no opinion is given on the 'true and fair view', this is not a matter for the independent examination.

Independent Examiner's Statement

The general bookkeeping is carried out by the treasurer, Katie Lloyd, using QuickBooks online accounting software. The bookkeeping is of a high standard, bank and control accounts are reconciled regularly, and financial procedures are followed at all times.

The organisation has implemented a scheme of delegation which ensures any financial spending is approved by at least 2 officers and will convert the existing bank account to a full registered charity account with 2 signatures upon gaining full charitable status.

The board have welcomed new financial controls and agreed that all financial procedures will be in line with those required by a registered charity to ensure the correct recording of financial information and protect the organisation and trustees going forward.

The organisation does not have a reserves policy but will be reviewing this during the year ending 31st March 2026. The organisation currently holds reserves that would fund its overheads and governance costs for 48 months.

I can confirm that, in the case of my examination, no material matters have come to my attention that would give me cause to believe that accounting records were not kept in respect of the organisation as required by section 130 of the Act: or the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed

WM Gledhill
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Wendy Gledhill

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31st March 2025

The Charity applied and was granted Charity Status on 26 October 2023. The trustees of the charity are there to fulfil company law.

The Objects of the CIO, to be carried out for the public benefit in Rochdale, and such Other parts of the UK as the Trustees shall determine, are:

(a) The protection and preservation of the environment by the promotion of waste reduction, repair and refurbishment, re-use and recycling, including raising public awareness of resource efficiency, through waste minimisation e.g., Repair, refurbish and reuse or recycling.

(b) The prevention or relief of poverty and the relief of those in need, by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, or other social disadvantage through the provision of recycled and new items including but not limited to, furniture, bedding, clothing, white good, baby equipment, toys, essential household items, medical aids and toiletries.

(c) To further such other purposes that are exclusively charitable within the laws of England and Wales through the making of donations.

The charity has a board of 4Trustee who normally meet four times a year comprising of a chair, Treasure and two others. (New member started this year)

At each meeting the trustee's review the financial status of the charity, particularly income, expenditure, fundraising and operational issue around the support of our Baby bank and Resource centre also any application for local funding is reviewed and approved or rejected We also review and make changes to governing documents and polices.

We also review the activities in the charitable funding streams through our two charity shops. The detailed financial records are maintained by the treasure and our accountant who is responsible for the submission to Company's House and the Charity Commission.

The Charities governing documents and polices have been completed and are due to be reviewed and updated with amendments were required. These were completed by our recently appointed Trustee John Shaw.

Achievements

During the year our relocation to our new premises has been very successful increasing our offer and increasing revenue that supports operational cost and providing for the needs of those in the local area. Our Baby bank has proved challenging due to low volunteer resources and was relocated to the resource centre warehouse and storage unit we have invested in warehouse racking to support this move. We have retained the lease on the baby bank location and used the space to facilitate extra storage, we have also allowed some space to be utilised for the feeding of the homeless in the borough.

We have during this period provided support to families in need in Rochdale and the surrounding area.

Our Records show that during the year we have supported 575 families in need. This represents 24% drops on previous year mostly driven by the relocation of the baby Bank. We have provided 201 beds and mattresses, 186 sofas, 286 pieces of furniture, 100 clothing packages, 60 Moses baskets full of baby and mother requests, 60 fridges and white goods, 55 dining tables, 62 prams, 31 car seats and other free items including soft furnishing, bedding, kitchen ware, rugs and lighting. Mostly provided by donation, house clearance and bulk purchases.

We have made individual donations to a local mindfulness and wellbeing CIC purchasing a further 200 hours of counselling, we have made donations to a British based Charity for abandoned babies.

Not for profit organisations "Teen Lives Matter", Littleborough Junior Football team, Littleborough Bloom Band as a start-up group. We supported Pink Littleborough in raising £3000 for breast Cancer as we took on the organisation and running of the event.

We operate a collection hub for disability aids which are donated after use, these are then available free of charge to families or individuals in need or returned to the NHS where appropriate. During our second full year we have made no application for funding and currently are self-sufficient.

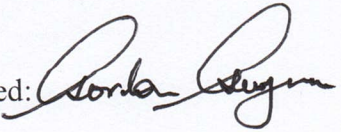
We have a very vibrant retail and reuse facility within the village and this is proving challenging with the weight of donation we receive, we are reluctant to refuse as it would inevitably be taken to the waste centre.

We currently have 60 unpaid volunteers, covering over 610 hrs per week all unpaid, including Directors and Trustee's, (effectively based at national living wage it would cost at least £7625 per week to operate).

Future plans for 2025/26.

We plan to relocate our children's retail out let to a larger retail space introduce increased product offer increasing revenue. We will seek selective manufactures to support donations of essential items, Beds, Mattresses and Bedding, recruiting a volunteer to do this. We look to support more families with new product. We need to further invest in a collection Vehicle and self-fund deliveries to families in need. We Plan small refit in the main Hub to create more retail space.

We will to continue upgrade our current paper trail to a digital platform to capture essential information on those we help and allow the social services to communicate with us efficiently and in faster time, this will involve new Computers, I pads. Charitable funds permit us make more donations to local small charities, welfare groups and not for profit organization groups. Review current policy statements and processes and procedures documentation. Consolidate and build on our current operation. Review our donation and processing facility to enable us to clear faster and efficiently. Ideally we need to re-establish our stand alone Baby resource back on the town centre subject to volunteer's availability.

Signed:  Date: 21. 01. 2025

Gordon Gwynne

Trustee

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Statement of Financial Activities from 26th October 23 to 31st March 25

		Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds
Incoming Resources				
	Notes	31/03/2025	31/03/2025	31/03/2025
		£	£	£
From Generated Funds:				
Income from Donations and Legacies	2	0	197,227	197,227
Income from Grants		0	505	505
Investment Income		0	0	0
		0	0	0
From Charitable Activities:				
		0	197,732	197,732
Total Incoming Resources				
		0	197,732	197,732
Resources Expended:				
Charitable Activities		0	0	0
Donations	3	0	37,524	37,524
Governance Costs	4	0	832	832
		0	38,356	38,356
Total Resources Expended				
		0	38,356	38,356
Net Income before Transfers				
		0	159,376	159,376
Transfers between funds		0	0	0
Net movement of Funds				
		0	159,376	159,376
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total Funds Brought Forward		0	0	
Total Funds carried Forward		0	159,376	159,376

2025

£

Income	0	197,732	197,732
Interest and investment income	0	0	0
Gross Income for the year			197,732
Expenditure	0	38,356	38,356
Total expenditure for the year			38,356
Net income/expenditure for the year			159,376

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Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2025

		£
		31/03/2025
Fixed Assets	Notes	
Tangible Assets		0
Current Assets		
Cash at Bank	5	160,126
Creditors	5	-750
Net Current Assets		159,376
Total Net Assets		159,376
Funds		
Unrestricted Funds	6	159,376
Total Funds		159,376
Opening Balance Funds		0
Funds Generated in the Year		159,376
Total Net Assets		159,376

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

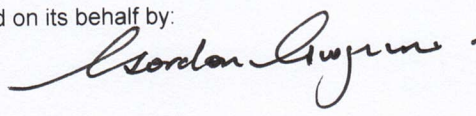
For the year ended 31st March 2025 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the companies act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts

Approved by the board on 21. 01. 2026

And signed on its behalf by:



Director

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Notes to the financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

Note 1

Accounting Policies

Accounting Conventions

The financial statements have been prepared under historical cost convention in accordance with Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Entities, and the Charities Act 2006 and Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities 2005.

31/03/2025

£

2. Voluntary Income

Donations from Re-use Retail	197,227
Grant from The Bond Board	505
	<u>197,732</u>

3. Resources Expended - Charitable Donations

Bloom Music Community	2,750.00
Fundraising Wardle	1,500.00
Jeanette Holand	349.00
Littleborough Junior	1,000.00
New Life Community	2,000.00
Stronger Carers	1,000.00
Hebden Therapy Centre	2,925.00
The Three Amigo's - little pinkborough	1,000.00
Willows Nook Equine Assisted Learning	2,000.00
Forever Angels	23,000.00
	<u>37,524.00</u>

4. Resources Expended - Governance Costs

Telephone	82
Accountancy Costs	750
	<u>832</u>

5. Net Assets

Current Account	160,126
Creditors	-750
Net Current Assets	<u>159,376</u>

6. Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted Funds	<u>160,126</u>
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