

OUR HOUSE COMMUNITY

England & Wales · Charity number 1205563

Details

Other names OUR HOUSE - WALTON COMMUNITY HUB CIC, OUR HOUSE

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2023-11-03

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Activities

Objects: 1) TO PROMOTE SOCIAL INCLUSION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY PREVENTING PEOPLE FROM BECOMING SOCIALLY EXCLUDED, RELIEVING THE NEEDS OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE SOCIALLY EXCLUDED AND ASSISTING THEM TO INTEGRATE INTO SOCIETY.FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS CLAUSE 'SOCIALLY EXCLUDED' MEANS BEING EXCLUDED FROM SOCIETY, OR PARTS OF SOCIETY, AS A RESULT OF ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING FACTORS: UNEMPLOYMENT; FINANCIAL HARDSHIP; YOUTH OR OLD AGE; ILL HEALTH (PHYSICAL OR MENTAL); SUBSTANCE ABUSE OR DEPENDENCY INCLUDING ALCOHOL AND DRUGS; DISCRIMINATION ON THE GROUNDS OF SEX, RACE, DISABILITY, ETHNIC ORIGIN, RELIGION, BELIEF, CREED, SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER RE-ASSIGNMENT; POOR EDUCATIONAL OR SKILLS ATTAINMENT; RELATIONSHIP AND FAMILY BREAKDOWN; POOR HOUSING (THAT IS HOUSING THAT DOES NOT MEET BASIC HABITABLE STANDARDS; CRIME (EITHER AS A VICTIM OF CRIME OR AS AN OFFENDER REHABILITATING INTO SOCIETY).2) THE RELIEF OF FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AMONG PEOPLE LIVING OR WORKING IN THE WIDER MERSEYSIDE AREA BY PROVIDING SUCH PERSONS WITH FOOD AND OTHER NECESSITIES WHICH THEY COULD NOT OTHERWISE AFFORD THROUGH LACK OF MEANS.3) TO FURTHER OR BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS OF THE WIDER MERSEYSIDE AREA, WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RACE OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS BY ASSOCIATING TOGETHER THE SAID RESIDENTS AND THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN A COMMON EFFORT TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE RESIDENTS.

Activities: Our community hub is a friendly setting offering support, advice, well-being & social activities, fitness classes, mental health/interest courses, community cafe, food pantry & counselling.We also run Streetwise offering practical & relational support to women involved in sex work & addiction through a night van outreach, harm reduction and 1 to 1 support.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Liverpool City
- Sefton

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£256,106	£228,836	-	-
2024-08-31	£197,434	£116,597	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Jonathan Findlay	Chair	2023-03-31
Ian McNally		2025-09-01
Joanna Dufton		2023-03-31
Julie Smedley		2023-03-31

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Accounts

OUR HOUSE COMMUNITY

**ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR END
31ST AUGUST 2025**

Charity Registration No. 1205563

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OUR HOUSE COMMUNITY TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2025

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the Charitable Incorporated Organisation for the year ended 31st August 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's trust deed, 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 published (FRS 102) (effective 1st January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The charitable incorporated organisation will exist to:

- 1) Promotes social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society.

for the purpose of this clause 'socially excluded' means being excluded from society, or parts of society, as a result of one or more of the following factors: unemployment; financial hardship; youth or old age; ill health (physical or mental); substance abuse or dependency including alcohol and drugs; discrimination on the grounds of sex, race, disability, ethnic origin, religion, belief, creed, sexual orientation or gender re-assignment; poor educational or skills attainment; relationship and family breakdown; poor housing (that is housing that does not meet basic habitable standards; crime (either as a victim of crime or as an offender rehabilitating into society).

- 2) Relieve the financial hardship among people living or working in the wider Merseyside area by providing such persons with food and other necessities which they could not otherwise afford through lack of means.
- 3) To further or benefit the residents of the wider Merseyside area, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents.

Public Benefits

In considering the objectives and activities, the trustees have considered Charity Commission guidance on public benefit to ensure that the organisation is meeting its public benefit requirements.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Our House community has had a good busy year.

Counselling

Our Counselling service has had a high demand of referrals. We have increased our student counsellors from 3 to 5 and continue to have 2 voluntary qualified therapists. Our referrals mainly come from GP's, Health Professionals and self-referral. The reason for referral is mainly anxiety, depression, grief or loneliness. Having the extra counsellors has helped keep the waiting time down.

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Volunteer Engagement

We have had an increase in volunteers this year across the Hub and streetwise. At Our House we now have 5 male volunteers compared to 1 last year. Their roles vary from café, pantry, singing group, history group, barber and a men's pool group. We have celebrated their commitment and support with a Xmas and summer meal out. Their dedication to the charity is humbling. Having the volunteer coordinators has made a big difference to the individual support and development of each volunteer. 3 of the volunteers have improved their English significantly since starting as this was one of their goals. 1 being Italian, 1 being Iranian and one Spanish.

Exercise and Fitness

We now run a total of 3 yoga classes, 3 fitness classes and 1 dance class. All the classes are well attended with the average age of those attending between 65-75. The feedback response from a survey carried out showed that most members had increased their fitness level, felt better in themselves with more energy, and their mental health had improved.

Community Café

The Café is a busy area offering an opportunity to members to have a hot nutritious meal, make new friends and eat with others. Any new member is always welcomed at the tables and cared for by other members. Feedback is sought over meal ideas, with specials put on each week and all food is made to order. We have had an increase in older men becoming members and taking part in activities because of attending the café.

Community Engagement.

Our House Community has worked hard this year forging links with the local schools, 1 has worked collaboratively on seeking health & fitness support for its parents where English is not the first language spoken. This has resulted in better working relationships with the school with regular fitness activities shared.

We have held a multi professional community meeting at the hub to improve cross working relationships. We have a number of different professionals having a regular set presence including Smoke Free Liverpool, Riverside Housing, MacMillan cancer care, Moorecrofts family solicitor and the local police.

Arts and Crafts

The Art & Craft group has increased in size with 2 regular groups on each week. They have made some lovely things which are displayed around the building. These groups encourage friendships and help to reduce loneliness and isolation.

Community Garden

The Community Garden gives people the chance to grow their own things and be self-sufficient. It allows members and the public to sit in a quiet place have conversations in the fresh air and appreciate some green space in a built-up area. Our summer fayre was successfully held out there this year.

Community Pantry

The Pantry has worked better being held fortnightly. Money to stock the pantry with fresh goods has come from both Feeding Liverpool and Riverside Housing as what is taken in payments on the day isn't enough to sustain it. The pantry continues to provide members with a resource to buy healthy food on a cheap budget. We have seen an increase in asylum seekers needing the resource as well as the older members of the community. The pantry also provides an opportunity for people to socialise and make friends.

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Mental Health support.

This year we have completed 4 mental health courses that have housed between 8-12 people each one, all referred through GP's and Social Prescribers. Approximately 50% of the attendees have continued to attend the hub and participate in other activities.

Happy Mums course was put on for 3 consecutive weeks catering for mums from different ethnic backgrounds who have been struggling with their MH. As a result, we now deliver sessions at St Arnot St school to bring exercise and support to them as bringing down the barriers is still proving quite difficult.

Streetwise

We have lost a few volunteers but have also had an equal amount waiting for taster sessions and training. This will be picked up when David is replaced.

Social Activities

Bingo & Quiz are continuing to grow and be successful.

Grotto was a brilliant day, all slots filled and no incidents. We raised £400

Outings, 3 took place, Rock & Roll Panto in January, Coach trip to Shropshire in April, and another full day trip to Bowness with a River ride in September. All were successful and everyone had a brilliant day. All sold out quickly with members as they absolutely love the trips as it relieves isolation and loneliness.

Pensioners Meals, LCC gave £500 towards us providing a 2 course D Day Celebration party meal in June with entertainment. The day was a massive success and the Local Community Police attended to help serve on our people, as well as a recording crew making a Jimmy Mulville production about Walton. Our House played a main part in the documentary.

We put on 3 Slow Cooker courses, and all were well attended and more have been asked for. These were funded by Sainsburys

Fundraiser in June was a summer fayre which raised over £400.

Training, Fire Marshall Training was completed with the hub staff in June which was a full day as well as First Aid training.

This year we have been able to take on an admin assistant for 7.5 hours a week which has helped immensely. Our aim is to find funds to be able to increase this post to 3 days a week. A new Health and Wellbeing staff member replaced Carmen Johnson doing the role.

We have worked closely with our local Neighbourhood manager, becoming part of a wider community network, of which in June over 40 local professionals attended a network meeting which was hosted by the Hub.

Our financial status is much better with over £21,000 in a savings reserve and the main account in a stronger position than last year.

Year End 2025 Pearls Project Summary

Wellbeing and Trauma-Informed Support In 2025, following funding awarded by Community Foundation for Merseyside – Women's Fund, Pearls Project developed trauma-informed wellbeing support through a dedicated Wellbeing Worker. This enabled consistent one-to-one support, group activity and relational check-ins, supporting women experiencing sex work, exploitation and substance use, many of whom are homeless, and contributing to improved emotional wellbeing, reduced isolation and increased confidence.

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Women's Groups, Hostel Outreach and Growing Capacity We established a new women's group and weekly wellbeing check-ins within a large YMCA hostel, working closely with hostel staff to provide joined-up support. This was made possible by the growth of our volunteer team, increasing capacity. Through this work, women accessed positive spaces that nurtured safety and confidence and increased support to navigate systemic barriers and access services. We have now been able to recruit additional volunteers and plan a further women's group to begin in 2026.

Wellbeing, Choice and Positive Activity Women had increasing choice over activities, including creative sessions, swimming, horse riding, bowling and cinema visits. Choosing meaningful activity reduces isolation and supports emotional regulation, confidence and social connection.

Improved Access to Healthcare and Advocacy We have developed partnership with a local GP, offering appointments every two to three weeks within our women's group. We also supported women to attend GP, hospital and specialist appointments, including sexual health, gynecology, cancer treatment and orthopedics' many of which would not otherwise have been accessed without our support and advocacy. Women were also supported to navigate housing, benefits and the criminal justice system, and to contribute their experiences to oral health research, ensuring women's voices inform future research in ethical, trauma-informed ways.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total income for the year was £256,106 (2024: £197,434) of which £169,431 (2024: £88,459) related to funding for projects upon which restrictions are placed.

Total expenditure for the year was £228,836 (2024: £116,597), leaving a surplus for the year of £27,270 (2024: surplus £80,837).

At 31st August 2025 the Charitable Incorporated Organisation's reserves stood at £108,107 (2024: £80,837) of which £73,417 (2024: £49,064) represented restricted funds.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charitable Incorporated Organisation is exposed and are satisfied those systems are in place to manage exposure to the major risks

RESERVES POLICY

It is the policy of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation to maintain unrestricted funds, which are free reserves at a level to cover a redundancy provision and three months' running costs should no further funding be received

As at the end of the financial year the unrestricted funds totalled £34,690. The Charitable Incorporated Organisation requires £5,768 for redundancy provision and £20,939 for three months' running costs, Total £26,707.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

We have plans to increase the number of fitness sessions being offered, start a food and mood course, host a Xmas grotto and a Xmas fayre. Take a coach full of members to see a pantomime and have an evening theatre trip. We are seeking ways of having a new garden building built that will host our counselling rooms and free up much needed space in the building. A new sociology group is also in the planning stage. We will work closely with the local primary schools to encourage parents from different ethnic backgrounds to visit the hub, especially the pantry and provide fitness sessions to the mothers of the children. We will work hard to recruit more trustees.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Our House Community CIO is a registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), number 1205563 registered on 3rd November 2023 under the terms of the Constitution 9th October 2023.

The first charity trustees are as follows and are appointed for the following terms.

Jonathon Findlay	3 Years
Lisa Madariaga	2 Years
Julie Smedley	3 Years
Joanna Dufton	2 Years

The charity currently has four trustees which is the minimum required, but there is a maximum of twelve trustees allowed according to its constitution.

Appointment of charity trustees

Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed [for a term of two or three years] by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. 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.

Information for new charity trustees

The charity trustees will make available to each new charity trustee, on or before his or her first appointment:

- a copy of the current version of this constitution; and
- a copy of the CIO's latest Trustees' Annual Report and statement of accounts.

In the event of the CIO being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

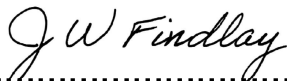
Name	Our House Community
Charity number	1205563
Address & Office	Our House Community Hub 15 Heathcote Road Walton Liverpool L4 6XB
Trustees	The members of the Board of Trustees are as follows: J Dufton J Findlay I McNally J Smedley (Appointed 1 st September 2025)

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Signed on behalf of the Trustees


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J Findlay, Trustee

12/05/2026
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Date

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF OUR HOUSE COMMUNITY

I report on the accounts of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation for the year ended 31st August 2025 which are set out on pages 9 to 21.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 the 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 connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

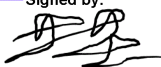
(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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.

Name: **Mrs Ying Haung**

Signed by: 
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Relevant professional qualification or body: **ACCA**

Address: **c/o LCVS 151 Dale Street, L2 2AH**

Dated: 21 May 2026

OUR HOUSE COMMUNITY
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds 3 rd Nov 23 to 31 st Aug 2024
		2025	2025	2025	
		£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2a	12,434	-	12,434	15,915
Charitable activities	2b	34,729	169,431	204,160	117,822
Other trading activities	2c	39,214	-	39,214	16,411
Investments	2d	298	-	298	-
Other income	2e	-	-	-	47,286
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Total income		86,675	169,431	256,106	197,434
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Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	3	83,758	145,078	228,836	116,597
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Total expenditure		83,758	145,078	228,836	116,597
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Net income, net movement in funds		2,917	24,353	27,270	80,837
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Total funds brought forward	8, 9	31,773	49,064	80,837	-
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Total funds carried forward	7 - 9	34,690	73,417	108,107	80,837
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The notes on pages 11 to 21 form part of these accounts.

All the above amounts relate to continuing activities of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation

**OUR HOUSE COMMUNITY
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST AUGUST 2025**

	Notes	31 st August 2025		31 st August 2024	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible fixed assets	4		3,188		3,093
Current assets					
Debtors	5	2,014		2,319	
Cash at bank and in hand		105,581		77,324	
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		107,595		79,643	
Current liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	(2,676)		(1,899)	
		-----		-----	
Net current assets			104,919		77,744
			-----		-----
Total assets less current liabilities			108,107		80,837
			=====		=====
Funds:					
Unrestricted funds	7, 8		34,690		31,773
Restricted funds	7, 9		73,417		49,064
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			108,107		80,837
			=====		=====

12/05/2026

Approved by Trustees on

J W Findlay

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J Findlay, Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2025

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (SORP 2015) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1st January 2019) and Charities Act 2011.

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

The Charitable Incorporated Organisation has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for Charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charitable Incorporated Organisation has adequate reserves to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The Trustees are confident that the levels of liquidity and free reserves will not affect the Charitable Incorporated Organisation operations. Thus, the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are the charitable Incorporated Organisation's free reserves available for the Trustees to apply in accordance with the charitable objects.

Restricted funds are subject to specific restrictive conditions imposed by the donor. All restricted funds are accounted for as restricted income and expenditure for the purposes is charged to the fund.

Income recognition

All income is recognised once the Charitable Incorporated Organisation has entitlement to the income, there is sufficient certainty of receipt and so it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies comprise donations which are recognised in the accounts when received, with the exception of known legacies which are accounted for when their receipt is certain.

Income from charitable activities is recognised on an accrual's basis except for grants receivable, which are recognised on the date on which their unconditional payment is confirmed by the donor.

Income from Other trading activities relates to Fundraising and rental income and is recognised on an accrual's basis.

Other Income relates to the transfer of assets from the CIC.

Fixed Assets

Capital expenditure of £250 and above is treated as a fixed asset and depreciated on the following bases in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

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Equipment:	20% per annum reducing balance basis
Computer equipment	33.33% per annum straight line basis
Motor Vehicle:	20% per annum reducing balance basis

Expenditure recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Charitable Incorporated Organisation to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accrual's basis. All expenses, including support costs and governance costs, are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings in the Statement of Financial Activities. Support and governance costs are applied to unrestricted funds unless specifically included in the restrictions, as specified by the donor.

Expenditure on charitable activities relate to the operation of the charity comprising of direct charitable expenditure to meet the objectives of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Support and governance costs relate to the management and operation of the Organisation and also compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements in producing the annual report. These are dealt with in the Statement of Financial Activities when payment has been approved by the charity.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts.

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 receipts 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.

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Derecognition of financial liabilities

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

Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an on-going basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accrual's basis. All expenses, including support costs and governance costs, are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings in the Statement of Financial Activities. Support and governance costs are applied to unrestricted funds unless specifically included in the restrictions, as specified by the donor.

Cost of charitable activities relate to the operation of the charity comprising of direct charitable expenditure to meet the objectives of the charity. Support and governance costs relate to the management and operation of the organisation and also compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements in producing the annual report. These are dealt with in the Statement of Financial Activities when payment has been approved by the charity

Taxation

Income and gains are exempt from taxation as they are received and applied for charitable purposes only. The Charitable Incorporated Organisation benefits from various exemptions from taxation afforded by tax legislation and is not liable to corporation tax on income or gains falling within those exemptions. The Charitable Incorporated Organisation is not able to recover Value Added Tax. Expenditure is recorded in the accounts inclusive of VAT.

2. Income and endowments from:

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds 3 rd Nov 23 to 31 st Aug 2024
	2025	2025	2025	
	£	£	£	£
a. Donations and legacies				
Donations	12,434	-	12,434	15,915
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Income from donations and legacies for year end 2024 relates wholly to unrestricted funds

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	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds 3 rd Nov 23 to 31 st Aug 2024
	2025	2025	2025	
	£	£	£	£
b. Charitable activities				
Activities	9,790	-	9,790	6,490
Another Way Women's Foundation	-	5,000	5,000	-
Café Income	14,395	-	14,395	8,537
Citizens Advice Household Support Fund	-	8,558	8,558	5,723
Communities Together Grant	-	2,180	2,180	-
Innovate UK	-	-	-	5,964
LCVS Community Impact Fund	-	2,998	2,998	1,070
Liverpool VCFSE Health and Wellbeing Fund	-	28,622	28,622	17,716
Liverpool City Council Local Neighbourhood Fund	-	3,800	3,800	4,250
Merseyside Women's Fund	-	7,000	7,000	-
National Lottery Community Fund	-	108,587	108,587	53,736
North West Housing Community Fund	-	500	500	-
Pantry Income	9,434	-	9,434	12,613
Room and Gym hire	1,110	-	1,110	1,723
Sainsburys Good for all of us Community Grant	-	1,500	1,500	-
Torus Foundation CIF	-	686	686	-
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	34,729	169,431	204,160	117,822
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Income from charitable activities for year end 2024 relates to £88,459 for restricted funds and £29,363 related to unrestricted funds.

c. Other trading activities	£	£	£	£
Fundraising	1,701	-	1,701	1,020
Rental Income	37,513	-	37,513	15,391
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	39,214	-	39,214	16,411
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Income from Other trading activities for year end 2024 relates wholly to unrestricted funds

d. Investments	£	£	£	£
Bank interest	298	-	298	-
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	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	2025	2025	2025	3 rd Nov 23 to 31 st Aug 2024
	£	£	£	£
e. Other income				
Transfer of assets from CIC 12142519	-	-	-	47,286
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Income from other income for year end 2024 relates wholly to unrestricted funds

3. Expenditure on Charitable activities

	Direct Charitable Expenditure	Support & Governance Costs	Total	Total
	2025	2025	2025	3 rd Nov 23 to 31 st Aug 2024
	£	£	£	£
To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society.	184,745	44,091	228,836	116,597
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a. analysed as follows:

	2025	3 rd Nov 2023 to 31 st Aug 2024
	£	£
<i>Direct charitable expenditure:</i>		
Staff salary costs	101,066	37,224
Pension	2,309	828
Volunteer expenses	1,113	797
Sessional fees	910	7,718
Activities and events	12,768	6,499
Pantry	16,891	20,014
Building running costs	39,136	15,068
Café & kitchen	5,953	3,243
Donations and gifts	172	-
Equipment	504	-
Project Costs	2,603	1,426
Travel expenses	682	496
Fare share fees	256	999
Room hire	40	-
DBS fees	342	232
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	104,745	94,544
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	2025	3rd Nov 2023 to 31st Aug 2024
	£	£
<i>Support & Governance costs:</i>		
Staff salary costs	31,537	10,162
Pension	689	207
Telephone and internet	787	593
Trustee Expenses	-	196
Subscriptions	36	85
Insurance	1,123	1,609
Refreshments	73	-
Training	1,118	875
Motor costs	1,341	2,034
Consultancy	-	950
Sundry	626	43
Bank charges	-	245
Computer costs	532	148
Website costs	253	390
Finance support	3,069	2,954
Payroll fees	930	285
Accountancy	1,294	1,065
Depreciation	683	212
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	44,091	22,053
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Total expenditure on charitable activities	228,836	116,597
	=====	=====

£145,078 (2024: £39,395) of the above expenditure is restricted expenditure

	2025	3rd Nov 2023 to 31st Aug 2024
	£	£
b. Staff costs		
Gross wages and salaries	130,351	47,386
Social security costs	2,252	-
Pension	2,998	1,035
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	135,601	48,421
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c. Particulars of employees:

The average number of employees during the year 8.4 (2024: 3.0), and calculated on the basis of full-time equivalents, was as follows:

	2025	3rd Nov 2023 to 31st Aug 2024
Charitable activities	6.1	3
	===	===

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year. (2024: nil)

The Trustees are not remunerated for their services and are not included in the above number of employees.

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4. Tangible fixed assets

	Plant & Machinery	Motor Vehicle	Total
Cost:	£	£	£
Balance at 1 st September 2024	2,320	985	3,305
Additions in the year	778	-	778
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Balance at 31st August 2025	3,098	985	4,083
	=====	=====	=====
Depreciation:			
Balance at 1 st September 2024	48	164	212
Charge for the year	519	164	683
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Balance at 31st August 2025	567	328	895
	=====	=====	=====
Net Book Value at 31st August 2025	2,531	657	3,188
	=====	=====	=====
Net Book Value at 31 st August 2024	2,272	821	3,093
	=====	=====	=====

5. Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Prepayments	2,014	2,319
	=====	=====

6. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accruals	2,219	1,555
Pension	457	344
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	2,676	1,899
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OUR HOUSE COMMUNITY**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2025****7. Analysis of net assets between Funds**

2025	Tangible Fixed Assets £	Net Current Assets £	Total £
Unrestricted Funds			
General Fund	2,275	32,415	34,690
Restricted Funds			
Another Way Women's Foundation	-	5,000	5,000
Citizens Advice Household Support Fund	-	167	167
Communities Together Grant	-	1,008	1,008
LCVS Community Impact Fund	-	1,774	1,774
Liverpool VCFSE Health and Wellbeing Fund	-	11,360	11,360
Liverpool City Council Local Neighbourhood Fund	913	36	949
Merseyside Women's Fund	-	5,811	5,811
National Lottery Community Fund	-	47,348	47,348
	----- 913	----- 72,504	----- 73,417
Totals	----- 3,188 =====	----- 104,919 =====	----- 108,107 =====

2024	Tangible Fixed Assets £	Net Current Assets £	Total £
Unrestricted Funds			
General Fund	3,093	26,680	31,773
Restricted Funds			
Citizens Advice Household Support Fund	-	13	13
LCVS Community Impact Fund	-	120	120
Liverpool VCFSE Health and Wellbeing Fund	-	6,240	6,240
Liverpool City Council Local Neighbourhood Fund	-	2,405	2,405
National Lottery Community Fund	-	40,286	40,286
	----- -	----- 49,064	----- 49,064
Totals	----- 3,093 =====	----- 77,744 =====	----- 80,837 =====

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8. Unrestricted funds

2025	Reserves at beginning of year	Movements in the Year		Reserves at End of year
	£	Income £	Expenditure £	
General Fund	31,773	86,675	(83,758)	34,690
	=====	=====	=====	=====
2024	Reserves at beginning of period	Movements in the Period		Reserves at End of period
	£	Income £	Expenditure £	
General Fund	-	108,975	(77,202)	31,773
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General Fund is used to finance the Charitable Incorporated Organisation's general activities and core costs as outlined in the Trustees' Report.

9. Restricted funds

2025	Reserves at beginning of year £	Movement in the Year		Reserves at end of year £
		Income £	Expenditure £	
Another Way Women's Foundation	-	5,000	(-)	5,000
Citizens Advice Household Support Fund	13	8,558	(8,404)	167
Communities Together Grant	-	2,180	(1,172)	1,008
LCVS Community Impact Fund	120	2,998	(1,344)	1,774
Liverpool VCFSE Health and Wellbeing Fund	6,240	28,622	(23,502)	11,360
Liverpool City Council Local Neighbourhood Fund	2,405	3,800	(5,256)	949
Merseyside Women's Fund	-	7,000	(1,189)	5,811
National Lottery Community Fund	40,286	108,587	(101,525)	47,348
North West Housing Community Fund	-	500	(500)	-
Sainsburys Good for all of us Community Grant	-	1,500	(1,500)	-
Torus Foundation CIF	-	686	(686)	-
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	49,064	169,431	(145,078)	73,417
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2025

2024	Reserves at beginning of period £	Movement in the Period		Reserves at end of period £
		Income £	Expenditure £	
Citizens Advice Household Support Fund	-	5,723	(5,710)	13
Innovate UK	-	5,964	(5,964)	-
LCVS Community Impact Fund	-	1,070	(950)	120
Liverpool VCFSE Health and Wellbeing Fund	-	17,716	(11,476)	6,240
Liverpool City Council Local Neighbourhood Fund	-	4,250	(1,845)	2,405
National Lottery Community Fund	-	53,736	(13,450)	40,286
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	-	88,459	(39,395)	49,064
	=====	=====	=====	=====

These are monies given to the Charitable Incorporated Organisation to be spent at the discretion of the Board of Trustees for specific charitable purposes, as follows:

Another Way Women's Foundation – Contribution towards 'Streetwise and Pearls project'

Citizens Advice Household Support Fund – Contribution towards food stock for the pantry and emergency food parcels.

Communities Together Grant – Contribution towards Arnot street school health and wellbeing activities

Innovate UK- Contribution towards research costs

LCVS Community Impact Fund – Contribution towards 'Pearl Project'

Liverpool VCFSE Health and Wellbeing Fund – Contribution towards the health & wellbeing worker

Liverpool City Council Local Neighbourhood Fund- Contribution towards the meal & entertainment for 40 pensioners x2 for easter & Christmas, pensioners day outs, Purchase of a lawn mower, mental health courses & slow cooker courses.

Merseyside Women's Fund - Contribution towards food stock for the pantry and emergency food parcels.

National Lottery Community Fund – Contribution towards salary costs

North West Housing Community Fund - Contribution towards food stock for the pantry and emergency food parcels.

Sainsburys Good for all of us Community Grant - Contribution towards food stock for the pantry and emergency food parcels.

Torus Foundation CIF – Contribution towards Art and craft materials

10. Operating lease Commitments

The charity leases premises from Onward Homes Limited, for 10 years up to 30th June 2030, under the terms of which an annual rent of one peppercorn could be demanded.

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11. Related Parties

There were no material related party transactions during this year ended which require disclosure.

12. Guarantees

As at 31st August 2025, 3 members had given a guarantee of £1 each in the event of the CIO winding-up. Total: £3. (2024: 4 Members £4)

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2025

	2025	Period 3rd November 2023 to 31st August 2024
INCOME	£	£
Grant income	169,431	88,459
Donations	12,434	15,915
Pantry	9,434	12,613
Rental income	37,513	15,391
Café income	14,395	8,537
Activities income	9,790	6,490
Room and Gym Hire	1,110	1,723
Fundraising	1,701	1,020
Bank Interest	298	-
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Operating Income	256,106	150,148
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EXPENDITURE		
<i>Charitable activities</i>		
Staff salary costs	132,603	47,386
Pension	2,998	1,035
Volunteer expenses	1,113	797
Sessional fees	910	7,718
Activities and events	12,768	6,499
Project costs	2,603	1,426
Pantry	16,891	20,014
Equipment	504	-
Café and kitchen	5,953	3,243
Fare share fees	256	999
Donations and gifts	172	-
Refreshments	73	-
Room hire	40	-
Telephone and internet	787	593
Motor costs	1,341	2,034
Utilities	26,642	7,763
Office Costs	5,485	1,061
Subscriptions	36	85
Travel expenses	682	496
Training	1,118	875
Consultancy	-	950
Computer costs	532	148
Cleaning and waste	5,553	4,323
Repairs	1,456	1,921
Sundry	626	43
Insurance	1,123	1,609
DBS fees	342	232
Trustee Expenses	-	196
Bank charges	-	245
Website costs	253	390
Finance support	3,069	2,954
Payroll fees	930	285
Accountancy	1,294	1,065
Depreciation	683	212
	-----	-----
Total expenditure on charitable activities	228,836	116,597
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Operating surplus	27,270	33,551
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Transfer of assets from CIC 12142519	-	47,286
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Net income for the year	27,270	80,837
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(This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements)

OUR HOUSE COMMUNITY

England & Wales - Charity number 1205563

Accounts

OUR HOUSE COMMUNITY

**ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD
3rd November 2023 to
31st August 2024**

Charity Registration No. 1205563

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OUR HOUSE COMMUNITY

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 3RD NOVEMBER 2023 TO 31ST AUGUST 2024

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the Charitable Incorporated Organisation for the period 3rd November 2023 to 31st August 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's trust deed, 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 published (FRS 102) (effective 1st January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The charitable incorporated organisation will exist to:

- 1) Promotes social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society.

for the purpose of this clause 'socially excluded' means being excluded from society, or parts of society, as a result of one or more of the following factors: unemployment; financial hardship; youth or old age; ill health (physical or mental); substance abuse or dependency including alcohol and drugs; discrimination on the grounds of sex, race, disability, ethnic origin, religion, belief, creed, sexual orientation or gender re-assignment; poor educational or skills attainment; relationship and family breakdown; poor housing (that is housing that does not meet basic habitable standards; crime (either as a victim of crime or as an offender rehabilitating into society).

- 2) Relieve the financial hardship among people living or working in the wider Merseyside area by providing such persons with food and other necessities which they could not otherwise afford through lack of means.
- 3) To further or benefit the residents of the wider Merseyside area, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents.

Public Benefits

In considering the objectives and activities, the trustees have considered Charity Commission guidance on public benefit to ensure that the organisation is meeting its public benefit requirements.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Following a Special Resolution dated 6th September 2023 it was resolved that the CIC company be dissolved, and its assets transferred to a newly incorporated Charitable Incorporated Organisation for the purpose of continuing its activities. This came into effect on 3rd November 2023.

During the past year, Our House community has made significant progress in various areas to support and enhance the wellbeing of our beneficiaries. Below is a summary of our main achievements:

- **Volunteer engagement:** we have successfully increased the number of volunteers across our projects, and all volunteers now receive support from dedicated volunteer coordinators. This has greatly enhanced the effectiveness of our services.

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OUR HOUSE COMMUNITY HUB

- **Counselling services:** we onboarded 2 additional counsellors on placement, allowing us to provide more one-on-one support to individuals in need.
- **Exercise and physical health:** we introduced 2 extra exercise classes per week, bringing the total to 6 classes. These classes, including yoga and chair-based exercises, have helped improve the physical health of our members.
- **Community café:** our community café is now open all day, 5 days a week, instead of a few hours per day. This change has allowed more pensioners to access healthy breakfasts and lunches, improving their nutrition.
- **Food pantry & emergency food provision:** we have continued to run our pantry fortnightly to allow the local community to have access to healthy and nutritious food, which they choose at highly reduced prices. We issue foodbank vouchers almost daily and for those who are the most vulnerable in times of crisis.
- **Mental health courses:** continuation of our mental health courses and the introduction of mental health workshop days, helping people reduce anxiety, manage depression and grow in confidence and assertiveness.
- **Healthy eating initiatives:** we launched slow cooker courses aimed at single individuals, helping them to prepare healthy meals on a low budget.
- **Arts and crafts:** an additional arts and crafts class was added, contributing positively to participants' mental health and fostering a sense of creativity and community.
- **Community engagement:** we formed a new working relationship with the city council neighbourhood manager, enabling joint community efforts. Additionally, our work with social prescribers has resulted in better outcomes for patients through a coordinated approach.
- **Outreach and partnerships:** relationships have been established with local schools to provide parents with information about our services. We have also hosted students on placements from various universities, helping them fulfil their learning needs.
- **Community garden:** the community garden now has an allotment area for local residents, allowing them to grow their own healthy fruits and vegetables, promoting self-sufficiency.

STREETWISE AND PEARLS PROJECT:

- **Harm reduction van outreach:** increased volunteers for outreach activities, distributing essential supplies and offering emotional support during outreach activities. Providing safety, crisis support for women who are often at risk of violence and other vulnerabilities. Being a positive point of contact at a time when other services may not be operating.
- **Partnerships with specialist services:** developed partnerships with organisations such as we are with you and Whitechapel, who now join our harm reduction van outreach every two weeks. This collaboration provides specialist support for issues like addiction and mental health, ensuring comprehensive assistance for women in need. We are also working with other relevant services to enhance effectiveness of our support for women.
- **Training and volunteer development:** staff and volunteers have participated in trauma informed training through Merseyside violence reduction partnership and the train the trainer growing stronger together strategies.

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- We have also developed a training and team care and supervision strategy for both existing and incoming volunteers, creating a team of well supported, proficient staff who can provide trauma informed and compassionate support ultimately strengthening our community outreach.
- **Support for vulnerable women:** we have provided holistic support for women. This includes crisis, harm reduction, person centred one to one support, emotional and wellbeing support. Helping attend appointments and access services such as healthcare providers, probation, drug and alcohol and other support services. We have had many more opportunities to help women through trauma recovery and how they manage that in everyday life.
- **Wellbeing support:** working with women to identify interests and new things to try to be involved activities that enhance their engagement in positive activities such as sports, outdoor/community activities or creative activities. It also is part of how we provide trauma recovery through positive activity.

BENEFITS TO BENEFICIARIES

Our achievements have made a tangible difference in the lives of our beneficiaries in the following ways:

- **Reducing poverty:** our various initiatives, such as healthy eating programs, community café, food pantry community garden, and one to one support for women have provided beneficiaries with access to affordable and nutritious food options, helping to alleviate food poverty and reduce overall financial strain.
- **Mental health improvement:** we have helped improve the mental health of our members through many activities and support through the hub, streetwise and pearls project and participants have reported reduced anxiety and an overall improvement in mental wellbeing.
- **Reduced social isolation:** through our various activities and projects we have successfully reduced social isolation, particularly among pensioners, individuals living alone and those involved in sex working and substance use. Our activities provide opportunities to make new positive connections and friendships, build confidence and foster a sense of belonging.
- **Increased learning and education:** through our various courses and workshops, such as mental health workshops, slow cooker courses, and arts and crafts classes, we have provided valuable learning opportunities. These initiatives have helped participants develop new skills, increase their knowledge, and enhance their personal growth.
- **Physical health and nutrition:** the fitness classes and healthy eating initiatives have helped participants improve their physical health, eat healthier, and adopt a more active lifestyle.
- **Healthcare system impact:** we have contributed to a reduction in the need for gp visits for mental health concerns and reduced the demand on social services for crisis support by addressing issues at the community level. For women involved in the sex industry we have contributed to reducing health inequalities by supporting women to access medical help, appointments and drug and alcohol treatment services.
- **Support for vulnerable women:** through the streetwise and pearls project, we have supported some of those who are most marginalised. Contributing to helping women in their recovery from adverse childhood experiences and trauma.

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- **Increased safety for women:** the harm reduction van outreach has contributed to increased safety and reduction in crimes against women involved in the sex industry by providing a safe point of contact and help to report to police or national ugly mugs.
- **Increased wellbeing:** we have supported women with previous offences to engage in positive activities, helping them reintegrate into the community and reducing the likelihood of reoffending, thereby contributing to lower crime rates.

WIDER BENEFITS TO SOCIETY

- **Increased safety in the community:** by relieving poverty, improving wellbeing and health, and supporting vulnerable individuals, our initiatives have helped increase safety within the community. This has also contributed to reducing crime rates by promoting stability, reducing vulnerabilities, and encouraging positive engagement.
- **Health and wellbeing:** our initiatives, such as the "healthier together project," have had broader positive effects on the community, improving overall health and wellbeing.
- **Increased safety in the community:** by relieving poverty, improving wellbeing and health, and supporting vulnerable individuals, our initiatives have helped increase safety within the community. This has also contributed to reducing crime rates by promoting stability, reducing vulnerabilities, and encouraging positive engagement.
- **Community resilience:** by promoting healthier living, reducing loneliness, and encouraging participation, Our House community has played a part in creating a more resilient and connected community.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total income for the year was £197,434 of which £88,459 related to funding for projects upon which restrictions are placed.

Total expenditure for the year was £116,597, leaving a surplus for the year of £80,837.

At 31st August 2024 the Charitable Incorporated Organisation's reserves stood at £80,837 of which £49,064 represented restricted funds.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charitable Incorporated Organisation is exposed and are satisfied those systems are in place to manage exposure to the major risks

RESERVES POLICY

It is the policy of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation to maintain unrestricted funds, which are free reserves at a level to cover a redundancy provision and three months' running costs should no further funding be received

As at the end of the financial year the unrestricted funds totalled £31,773. The Charitable Incorporated Organisation requires £1,493 for redundancy provision & £19,426 for three months' running costs, Total £20,919.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Our House Community CIO is a registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), number 1205563 registered on 3rd November 2023 under the terms of the Constitution 9th October 2023.

The first charity trustees are as follows and are appointed for the following terms.

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Jonathon Findlay	3 Years
Lisa Madariaga	2 Years
Julie Smedley	3 Years
Joanna Duffton	2 Years

The charity currently has four trustees which is the minimum required, but there is a maximum of twelve trustees allowed according to its constitution.

Appointment of charity trustees

Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed [for a term of two or three years] by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. 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.

Information for new charity trustees

The charity trustees will make available to each new charity trustee, on or before his or her first appointment:

- a copy of the current version of this constitution; and
- a copy of the CIO's latest Trustees' Annual Report and statement of accounts.

In the event of the CIO being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Name Our House Community

Charity number 1205563

Address & Office Our House Community Hub
15 Heathcote Road
Walton
Liverpool
L4 6XB

Trustees The members of the Board of Trustees are as follows:

J Dufton

J Findlay

L Madariaga

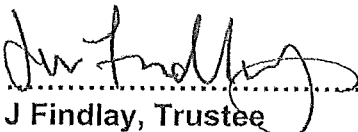
(Resigned 3rd November 2023)

J Smedley

Independent Examiner Ying Huang, ACCA
c/o LCVS
151 Dale Street,
Liverpool,
L2 2AH

Bankers The Co-operative Bank- Business
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PO Box 250
Skelmersdale
WN8 6WT

Signed on behalf of the Trustees


.....
J Findlay, Trustee

03/03/2025
.....
Date

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF OUR HOUSE COMMUNITY

I report on the accounts of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation for the period 3rd November to 31st August 2024 which are set out on pages 9 to 18.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 the 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.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

Independent examiner's statement

(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 Charities Act;
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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.

Name: Mrs Ying Haung



Relevant professional qualification or body: ACCA

Address: c/o LCVS 151 Dale Street, L2 2AH

Dated:18/03/2025.....

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE PERIOD 3rd November 2023 TO 31ST AUGUST 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
		3 rd November to 31 st August 2024		
Income and Endowments from:		£	£	£
Donations and legacies	2a	15,915	-	15,915
Charitable activities	2b	29,363	88,459	117,822
Other trading activities	2c	16,411	-	16,411
Other income	2d	47,286	-	47,286
		-----	-----	-----
Total income		108,975	88,459	197,434
		-----	-----	-----
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	3	77,202	39,395	116,597
		-----	-----	-----
Total expenditure		77,702	39,395	116,597
		-----	-----	-----
Net income, net movement in funds		31,773	49,064	80,837
		-----	-----	-----
Total funds brought forward	8, 9	-	-	-
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Total funds carried forward	7 - 9	31,773	49,064	80,837
		=====	=====	=====

The notes on pages 11 to 18 form part of these accounts.

All the above amounts relate to continuing activities of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST AUGUST 2024**

	Notes	31 ST August 2024	
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	4		3,093
Current assets			
Debtors	5	2,319	
Cash at bank and in hand		77,324	

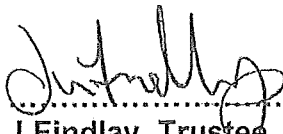
		79,643	
Current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	(1,899)	

Net current assets			77,744

Total assets less current liabilities			80,837
			=====
Funds:			
Unrestricted funds	7, 8		31,773
Restricted funds	7, 9		49,064

			80,837
			=====

Approved by Trustees on 03/03/2025


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J Findlay, Trustee

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE PERIOD 3rd November 2023 TO 31ST AUGUST 2024

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (SORP 2015) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1st January 2019) and Charities Act 2011.

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

The Charitable Incorporated Organisation has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for Charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charitable Incorporated Organisation has adequate reserves to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The Trustees are confident that the levels of liquidity and free reserves will not affect the Charitable Incorporated Organisation operations. Thus, the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are the charitable Incorporated Organisation's free reserves available for the Trustees to apply in accordance with the charitable objects.

Restricted funds are subject to specific restrictive conditions imposed by the donor. All restricted funds are accounted for as restricted income and expenditure for the purposes is charged to the fund.

Income recognition

All income is recognised once the Charitable Incorporated Organisation has entitlement to the income, there is sufficient certainty of receipt and so it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies comprise donations which are recognised in the accounts when received, with the exception of known legacies which are accounted for when their receipt is certain.

Income from charitable activities is recognised on an accrual's basis except for grants receivable, which are recognised on the date on which their unconditional payment is confirmed by the donor.

Income from Other trading activities relates to Fundraising and rental income and is recognised on an accruals basis.

Other Income relates to the transfer of assets from the CIC.

Fixed Assets

Capital expenditure of £250 and above is treated as a fixed asset and depreciated on the following bases in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

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Equipment:	20% per annum reducing balance basis
Computer equipment	33.33% per annum straight line basis
Motor Vehicle:	20% per annum reducing balance basis

Expenditure recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Charitable Incorporated Organisation to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accrual's basis. All expenses, including support costs and governance costs, are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings in the Statement of Financial Activities. Support and governance costs are applied to unrestricted funds unless specifically included in the restrictions, as specified by the donor.

Expenditure on charitable activities relate to the operation of the charity comprising of direct charitable expenditure to meet the objectives of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Support and governance costs relate to the management and operation of the Organisation and also compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements in producing the annual report. These are dealt with in the Statement of Financial Activities when payment has been approved by the charity.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts.

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 receipts 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.

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Derecognition of financial liabilities

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

Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an on-going basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accrual's basis. All expenses, including support costs and governance costs, are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings in the Statement of Financial Activities. Support and governance costs are applied to unrestricted funds unless specifically included in the restrictions, as specified by the donor.

Cost of charitable activities relate to the operation of the charity comprising of direct charitable expenditure to meet the objectives of the charity. Support and governance costs relate to the management and operation of the organisation and also compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements in producing the annual report. These are dealt with in the Statement of Financial Activities when payment has been approved by the charity

Taxation

Income and gains are exempt from taxation as they are received and applied for charitable purposes only. The Charitable Incorporated Organisation benefits from various exemptions from taxation afforded by tax legislation and is not liable to corporation tax on income or gains falling within those exemptions. The Charitable Incorporated Organisation is not able to recover Value Added Tax. Expenditure is recorded in the accounts inclusive of VAT.

2. Income and endowments from:

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	3 rd November 2023 to 31 st August 2024		
	£	£	£
a. Donations and legacies			
Donations	15,915	-	15,915
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	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	3 rd November 2023 to 31 st August 2024		
	£	£	£
b. Charitable activities			
Activities	6,490	-	6,490
Café Income	8,537	-	8,537
Citizens Advice Household Support Fund	-	5,723	5,723
Innovate UK	-	5,964	5,964
LCVS Community Impact Fund	-	1,070	1,070
Liverpool VCFSE Health and Wellbeing Fund	-	17,716	17,716
Liverpool City Council Local Neighbourhood Fund	-	4,250	4,250
National Lottery Community Fund	-	53,736	53,736
Pantry Income	12,613	-	12,613
Room and Gym hire	1,723	-	1,723
	29,363	88,459	117,822
	=====	=====	=====
c. Other trading activities	£	£	£
Fundraising	1,020	-	1,020
Rental Income	15,391	-	15,391
	16,411	-	16,411
	=====	=====	=====
d. Other income	£	£	£
Transfer of assets from CIC 12142519	47,286	-	47,286
	=====	=====	=====

3. Expenditure on Charitable activities

	Direct Charitable Expenditure	Support & Governance Costs	Total
	3 rd November 2023 to 31 st August 2024		
	£	£	£
To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society.	93,545	23,052	116,597
	=====	=====	=====

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a. analysed as follows:

	3 rd November 2023 to 31 st August 2024
<i>Direct charitable expenditure:</i>	£
Staff salary costs	37,224
Pension	828
Volunteer expenses	797
Sessional fees	7,718
Activities and events	6,499
Pantry	20,014
Community Hub Costs	15,068
Café & Kitchen	3,243
Project Costs	1,426
Travel expenses	496
DBS fees	232

	93,545

<i>Support & Governance costs:</i>	£
Staff salary costs	10,162
Pension	207
Telephone and internet	593
Trustee Expenses	196
Subscriptions & Fees	1,084
Insurance	1,609
Training	875
Motor expenses	2,034
Consultancy	950
Sundry	43
Bank Charges	245
IT	538
Finance Support	2,954
Payroll fees	285
Accountancy	1,065
Depreciation	212

	23,052

Total expenditure on charitable activities	116,597
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£39,395 of the above expenditure is restricted expenditure

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	3 rd November 2023 to 31 st August 2024
b. Staff costs	£
Gross wages and salaries	47,386
Social security costs	-
Pension	1,035

	48,421
	=====

c. Particulars of employees:

The average number of employees during the year, calculated on the basis of full-time equivalents, was as follows:

	2024
Charitable activities	3
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No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the period.

The Trustees are not remunerated for their services and are not included in the above number of employees.

4. Tangible fixed assets

	Plant & Machinery	Motor Vehicle	Total
	£	£	£
Cost:			
Balance at 3 rd November 2023	-	-	-
Additions in the period	2,320	-	2,320
Transfers in	-	985	985
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Balance at 31st August 2024	2,320	985	3,305
	=====	=====	=====
Depreciation:			
Balance at 3 rd November 2023	-	-	-
Charge for the period	48	164	212
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Balance at 31st August 2024	48	164	212
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Net Book Value at 31st August 2024	2,272	821	3,093
	=====	=====	=====

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5. Debtors

	2024
	£
Prepayments	2,319
	=====

6. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024
	£
Accruals	1,555
Pension	344

	1,899
	=====

7. Analysis of net assets between Funds

	Tangible Fixed Assets £	Net Current Assets £	Total £
Unrestricted Funds			
General Fund	3,093	26,680	31,773
Restricted Funds			
Citizens Advice Household Support Fund	-	13	13
LCVS Community Impact Fund	-	120	120
Liverpool VCFSE Health and Wellbeing Fund	-	6,240	6,240
Liverpool City Council Local Neighbourhood Fund	-	2,405	2,405
National Lottery Community Fund	-	40,286	40,286
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	-	49,064	49,064
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Totals	3,093	77,744	80,837
	=====	=====	=====

8. Unrestricted funds

	<u>Movements in the Period</u>			
	Reserves at beginning of period £	Income £	Expenditure £	Reserves at End of period £
General Fund	-	108,975	(77,202)	31,773
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General Fund is used to finance the Charitable Incorporated Organisation's general activities and core costs as outlined in the Trustees' Report.

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9. Restricted funds

	Reserves at beginning of period £	Movement in the Period		Reserves at end of period £
		Income £	Expenditure £	
Citizens Advice Household Support Fund	-	5,723	(5,710)	13
Innovate UK	-	5,964	(5,964)	-
LCVS Community Impact Fund	-	1,070	(950)	120
Liverpool VCFSE Health and Wellbeing Fund	-	17,716	(11,476)	6,240
Liverpool City Council Local Neighbourhood Fund	-	4,250	(1,845)	2,405
National Lottery Community Fund	-	53,736	(13,450)	40,286
	-	88,459	(39,395)	49,064

These are monies given to the Charitable Incorporated Organisation to be spent at the discretion of the Board of Trustees for specific charitable purposes, as follows:

Citizens Advice Household Support Fund – Contribution towards food stock for the pantry and emergency food parcels

Innovate UK- Contribution towards research costs

LCVS Community Impact Fund – Contribution towards delivery of mental health courses

Liverpool VCFSE Health and Wellbeing Fund – Contribution towards the health & wellbeing worker

Liverpool City Council Local Neighbourhood Fund- Contribution towards the meal & entertainment for 40 pensioners x2 for easter & Christmas, pensioners day outs, Purchase of a lawn mower, mental health courses & slow cooker courses

National Lottery Community Fund – Contribution towards salary costs

10. Operating lease Commitments

The charity leases premises from Onward Homes Limited, under the terms of which an annual rent of one peppercorn could be demanded.

11. Related Parties

There were no material related party transactions during this year ended which require disclosure.

12. Guarantees

As at 31st August 2024, 4 members had given a guarantee of £1 each in the event of the CIO winding-up. Total: £4