



## **Trustees' Annual Report**

For the period 12 March 2024 – 30 November 2024

### **Charity Details**

Charity name: Congleton Pride

Charity registration number: 1207409

Registered address: 14 Avon Drive, Congleton, Cheshire, CW12 3RQ

Trustees during the period:

- Ronan Clayton – Chair of Trustees
- Richard Walton – Secretary & Treasurer
- Malcolm Pope – Trustee

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

Congleton Pride is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The charity is governed by its Constitution, adopted on registration with the Charity Commission.

The trustees are responsible for the overall strategic direction and governance of the charity, ensuring compliance with legal and regulatory requirements. Trustees are recruited through open expression of interest, often following involvement as volunteers or community partners. Appointment is confirmed by vote of the existing trustee board in line with the Constitution.

Day-to-day management of activities is delegated to working groups and volunteers, overseen by trustees.

## **Objectives and Activities**

Congleton Pride exists to promote equality, diversity, and inclusion for LGBTQ+ people and allies in Congleton and the wider area, through:

- Staging an annual Pride event in Congleton.
- Running community engagement activities throughout the year.
- Raising awareness of LGBTQ+ issues.
- Working with schools, councils, businesses, and local organisations to promote acceptance and reduce discrimination.

During this reporting period, Congleton Pride focused on preparing and delivering the annual Congleton Pride Festival (held in July 2024), alongside a programme of community events, outreach, and awareness-raising activities.

## **Achievements and Performance**

- Successfully staged Congleton Pride Festival 2024, attended by around 4,000 people, featuring 12 performers across two stages, community stalls, and inclusive activities.
- Provided financial and logistical support to Holmes Chapel's first-ever Pride event, helping to extend LGBTQ+ visibility and community support in the wider Cheshire area.
- Continued to strengthen partnerships with local councils, schools, and businesses, increasing sponsorship and awareness.
- Launched and ran monthly outreach sessions, branded Caffeine Connections, hosted at the United Reformed Church. These provided a welcoming social space for LGBTQ+ people and allies to meet, connect, and support one another.
- 30 volunteers contributed their time and skills to help deliver events and outreach activities.

- Increased visibility of LGBTQ+ people in Congleton, contributing to reduced isolation and improved community cohesion.

## **Public Benefit Statement**

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when planning and delivering activities.

Congleton Pride's activities directly support its charitable purposes by:

- Providing safe, inclusive spaces for LGBTQ+ people and allies.
- Educating the wider public about equality and diversity.
- Challenging prejudice and promoting acceptance within the community.
- Supporting mental wellbeing and reducing isolation for LGBTQ+ individuals.

The impact is visible both in the number of people attending our events and in the positive feedback received from participants, partner organisations, and the local community.

## **Financial Review**

Congleton Pride is reliant on grants, donations, sponsorship, and fundraising events.

- Income (12/03/24 – 30/11/24): £16,786
- Expenditure (12/03/24 – 30/11/24): £11,456
- Net position: £5,330 surplus

The charity was initially funded by a transfer of £7,275 from our predecessor organisation, the Congleton Pride Charitable Trust. During this reporting period, we also received £3,356 from local government sponsorship and £5,640 from local company sponsorship, alongside donations and other fundraising income.

The charity ended the reporting period with a positive balance. The trustees' policy is to maintain reserves sufficient to cover at least three months of essential running costs, ensuring stability for future events and commitments.

No significant debts were held at the end of the reporting period.

### **Custodian Trustee Funds**

Congleton Pride does not hold funds as a custodian trustee for any other organisation.

### **Conclusion**

The trustees are proud of the charity's achievements between March and November 2024. Despite challenges facing the voluntary sector, Congleton Pride continues to grow in strength, visibility, and community support. The work of the charity directly benefits LGBTQ+ people and the wider community by fostering inclusion, acceptance, and celebration.

Signed on behalf of the trustees,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Richard Walton', written over a faint horizontal line.

Richard Walton  
Secretary & Treasurer

Date: 25th September 2025



## **Congleton Pride**

**Income and Expenditure Account  
For the Period Ended 30<sup>th</sup> Nov 2024**



## **Congleton Pride**

### **Business Details**

**For the Period Ended 30<sup>th</sup> Nov 2024**

#### **Trustees:**

Mr Ronan Clayton – Chair

Cllr Richard Walton – Secretary & Treasurer

Mr Malcolm Pope

#### **Business Address:**

14 Avon Drive,

Congleton,

Cheshire,

CW12 3RQ.

#### **Accountants:**

DBBK Accountants Ltd,

4 Hassam Parade,

Wolstanton,

Newcastle,

Staffordshire,

ST5 9DS



**Congleton Pride**  
**Accounts Approval Statement**  
**For the Period Ended 30<sup>th</sup> Nov 2024**

I approve these Income & Expenditure Accounts at 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

I acknowledge my responsibility for the accounts including all the information and explanations necessary for their completion.

I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to retain all financial information that relate to these income and Expenditure Accounts for 7 years

**Name :**

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Richard Walton- Trustee, Secretary & Treasurer

**Date:**

25/9/2025



## **Congleton Pride**

### **Income and Expenditure Account**

**For the Period Ended 30<sup>th</sup> Nov 2024**

|                                  | <b>£</b> | <b>£</b>     |
|----------------------------------|----------|--------------|
| <b>Income received</b>           |          |              |
| Merchandise Sales                |          | 311          |
| Donations received               |          | 7295         |
| Sponsorship received             |          | 5640         |
| Grant Income                     |          | 3356         |
| Raffles                          |          | 394          |
|                                  |          | <b>16996</b> |
| <br>                             |          |              |
| Event Costs                      | 5253     |              |
| Room Rental                      | 437      |              |
| Accountancy                      | 825      |              |
| License                          | 0        |              |
| Artist Cost                      | 1554     |              |
| Stationary                       | 79       |              |
| Internet Charges                 | 11       |              |
| Advertising                      | 297      |              |
| Insurance                        | 690      |              |
| Donations                        | 0        |              |
| Sponsorship/Donations            | 1095     |              |
| Bank Charges                     | 45       |              |
|                                  |          | <b>10286</b> |
| <br>                             |          |              |
| <b>Excess Income Expenditure</b> |          | <b>6710</b>  |