

Weston Ark

Trustee Report and Accounts

Period Ended 31st December 2025

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the period ended 31st December 2025.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Organisation is registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with the Charity Commission Reference Number 1208455 and is governed by a constitution dated 9th January 2024 and operates from its Registered Office at 25 Blue Water Drive, Elborough, Weston-super-Mare BS24 8PF.

During the year the following were Trustees:

Clive Bodley	
Mary Jeremy	
Donna Pilgrim	Resigned 15th June 2025
Paul Salmons	
Diana Thomas	Appointed 13th August 2025
Emma Wotton	Appointed 21st June 2025

Objectives and Activities

Weston Ark is a Christian Charity seeking to demonstrate the love of God within the local community. In particular, we seek to offer support, training opportunities and guidance for households managing on low incomes, or who may have needed emergency interventions such as support from Foodbanks.

Achievements and Performance

Weston Ark was established in 2024 and has purchased a former church hall in Hughenden Road, Weston-super-Mare to provide an operational base for its work. The purchase completed in April 2025 and the refurbishment of the building is ongoing.

Sufficient funding has been secured to enable the basic refurbishment and funding of operating costs as new programmes are established. In June, Matt Luft was appointed as Centre Manager to oversee the development and use of the facility, and we will partner with appropriate organisations that share our objectives. Weston-super-Mare Foodbank is the first partner organisation committing to work from the centre.

The Hughenden Centre provides a base for meetings of two Christian Churches (weekends and some evenings) and is now one of the four outlet points for Weston-super-Mare Foodbank in its provision of emergency food (Weston Foodbank identifies it provided 3-day emergency food supplies sufficient for 7656 people during 2024/5). The Centre is also the base for other organisations including 1st Ashcombe Scout Group and The Purple Sheep Pantry (surplus food distribution). The Centre is used by Burley Inclusive to support its work of Alternative Post-16 SEND Provision.

The Ark Café is planned to open at the Hughenden Centre early in 2026. This community café is intended to provide a safe, warm space open to all. It will also offer a base from which can be delivered information and support to enable individuals and families to cope on low incomes. Plans have been made to offer budgeting advice and support. Facilities exist to enable the offer of basic cooking courses and batch cooking opportunities. We plan to partner with appropriate agencies able to offer specialist advice and support.

Financial Review

The organisation receives donations from individuals and churches who support the work of the Charity.

During the year to 31st December 2025, donations of £42,100 (£6,600 Prior Year) were received from Trustees and Orange Door Property Company Limited. Paul Salmons is a Director and shareholder of Orange Door Property Company Limited

For the accounting period the Charity had one part time employee from June 2025 along with temporary cover from a second employee.

The financial circumstances for the year are set out in the accompanying financial statements.

The Accounts for the period have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

The Organisation has cash reserves of £20,113 as at 31st December 2025 (£3,846 Prior Year), all of which is held in a CAF Bank Account.

The Trustees have adopted a Reserves Policy which requires 3 months of expenditure to be held in general reserves. This will allow the Charity to continue to operate for a minimal period of time should giving reduce. The value of the reserves will be monitored on a regular basis in the light of current giving levels, items of expenditure, and annually as part of the budget process.

At the balance sheet date, the Charity holds unrestricted reserves of £8,189 (£3,846 prior year). With operating expenses are approximately £2000 per month and the potential for higher heating costs in the winter and annual payments like insurance, the Trustees believe that this is in line with the Reserves Policy and therefore the level of reserves is appropriate.

The Trustees are satisfied that the Charity has sufficient reserves at the Balance Sheet date, together with ongoing income anticipated, to enable the organisation to function effectively in the coming year.

The Restricted Funds all relate to either the set up of the café or the building improvement works. The current budget for improvements in 2026 indicates that all the gifts / grants will be used for the purpose they were given

During April 2025 the Charity completed the purchase of 25 Hughenden Road, "The Hughenden Centre", the purchase was funded from an interest free loan from Orange Door Property Company Limited. The loan has no repayment terms other than a charge on the building for repayment of the loan at the time the property is sold. Paul Salmons one of the Trustees is a shareholder and Director of Orange Door Property Company Limited.

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with the applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the income, resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;

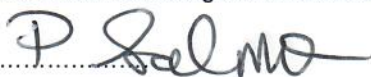
Make judgement and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provision of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Trustee

13 Jan 2026

Weston Ark

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees

Period Ending 31 December 2025

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Weston Ark

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of Weston Ark for the period ended 31st December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity Trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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



Peter Needham

Date: 13th January 2026

Receipts and Payments Accounts**Period to 31st December 2025**

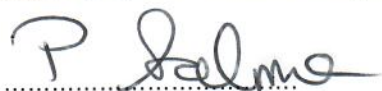
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Last Year £
<u>Receipts</u>				
General Donations	9,900	33,000	42,900	6,600
Grants		4,600	4,600	
Gift Aid Received		4,763	4,763	
Investments			0	
Letting Income	14,852		14,852	
Interest Received	23		23	1
Total Receipts	24,775	42,363	67,138	6,601
<u>Payments</u>				
Charitable Activities				
Direct Costs				
Salaries & Pension	8,213		8,213	
Support Costs				
Premises	7,528		7,528	
Premises Refurbishment		30,439	30,439	
Professional Fees Re Purchase of Hughenden Road Property	1,589		1,589	2,730
Administrative and Other Costs	3,102		3,102	25
			0	
Total Payments	20,432	30,439	50,871	2,755
<u>Net of Receipts and Payments</u>	4,343	11,924	16,267	3,846
<u>Cash Funds Last Year</u>	3,846	-	3,846	0
<u>Cash Funds This Year End</u>	8,189	11,924	20,113	3,846

There were no Designated Funds in the period.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st December 2025

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Cash Funds			
CAF Bank	8,189	11,924	20,113
Total Cash Funds	8,189	11,924	20,113
Assets retained for the charity's own use			
Hughenden Centre		350,000	350,000
Liabilities			
Loan to Orange Door Property Company Ltd		350,000	350,000

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Trustee

13 Jan 2026



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