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Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2025

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Reference and Administration Details

For the year ended 31 December 2025

Charity Registered Number	1211291
Company Registered Number	CE038474
Charity's Principal Address	12 Thompson Ave Camberwell London London SE5 0TL
Trustees	Nirav Dave (Appointed 06 December 2024) Wendy Marie Hamam (Appointed 06 December 2024) Sunita Rani (Appointed 06 December 2024)

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Trustees Annual Report

For the year ended 31 December 2025

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document

The object of the CIO is the relief of those in need, by reason of poverty, ill-health, disability, financial hardship, immigration and refugee status or other disadvantage throughout London Boroughs by providing financial and practical support to beneficiaries including providing essential household items (e.g. white goods), sign-posting for advice and guidance on accessing appropriate existing local council services, providing respite and a support network for beneficiaries and by organising and funding social events and day trips for those who ordinarily do not have the means to do so.

Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts

Our activities focused on providing both immediate practical assistance and longer-term community support. This included the provision and distribution of food, essential household items, clothing, school uniforms, hygiene products and other necessities to families experiencing financial hardship. We also provided emergency assistance and signposting to appropriate services where individuals and families required additional specialist support.Connecting Boroughs supported children, young people and families through community activities, educational support, social events, family activities and trips. These activities were designed to reduce isolation, improve wellbeing, create positive experiences for children and provide opportunities that families experiencing financial hardship may otherwise be unable to access.We continued to support survivors of domestic abuse and individuals rebuilding their lives following difficult circumstances, as well as refugees and families adjusting to new communities. Support included practical assistance, guidance, essential items and opportunities to build confidence, independence and stronger support networks.The charity worked collaboratively with local organisations, businesses, community groups, schools, volunteers and other charities to extend the reach of our services and respond effectively to identified community needs.Our services are delivered with a strong emphasis on dignity, inclusion and accessibility. As a volunteer-led charity, we have continued to develop our partnerships and community network so that resources can be directed towards people experiencing the greatest need.

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit

The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission’s guidance on public benefit when planning and reviewing the charity’s activities. The trustees regularly review the charity’s activities and consult beneficiaries, partners and stakeholders to ensure that our work remains relevant and responsive to community needs.

Achievements and Performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity’s work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole

We have been able to give deptived families experiences that they may have not had before , such as trips to the sea side. Practical help in terms of food nd clothing as well as emotional and wellbeing support and advice. Our contact base is constantly grown and we feel we have made a real difference to the wellbeing and morale of the community.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period

This was the first period of accounts at and the conclusion we had retained a surplus with a view to building on the surplus whilst still working towards our objectives.

Structure, Governance and Management

Type of governing document

Connecting Boroughs is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and is governed by its Constitution, adopted on 6 December 2024. The Constitution sets out the charity's objects, powers, trustee responsibilities, decision-making arrangements, meetings and the overall governance and administration of the CIO.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:
The trustees' annual report was approved on 23 September 2026 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Wendy Marie Hamam
Trustee

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Statement of Trustees Responsibility

For the year ended 31 December 2025

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

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming 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 apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the accounts on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011 the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006 and the provisions 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.

This report was approved by the Board on 23-09-2026

Wendy Marie Hamam, Chairman of the Board

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Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31 December 2025

Recommended categories by activity	Note	Unrestricted Funds(£)	Restricted Funds(£)	Endowment Funds(£)	Total Funds(£)
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies		10,751	0	0	**10,751**
Investments		2	0	0	**2**
Total Income		**10,753**	**0**	**0**	**10,753**
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities		7,245	0	0	**7,245**
Total Expenditure		**7,245**	**0**	**0**	**7,245**
Net income/(expenditure) before tax for the reporting period		**3,508**	**0**	**0**	**3,508**
Net income/(expenditure) after tax before investment gains/(losses)		**3,508**	**0**	**0**	**3,508**
Net income/(expenditure)		**3,508**	**0**	**0**	**3,508**
Other recognised gains/(losses):					
Net movement in funds		**3,508**	**0**	**0**	**3,508**
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds carried forward		**3,508**	**0**	**0**	**3,508**

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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Balance Sheet
As at 31 December 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds(£)	Restricted Funds(£)	Endowment Funds(£)	Total Funds(£)
Current Assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		3,508	0	0	**3,508**
Total current assets		**3,508**	**0**	**0**	**3,508**
Net current assets/(liabilities)		**3,508**	**0**	**0**	**3,508**
Total assets less current liabilities		**3,508**	**0**	**0**	**3,508**
Total net assets or liabilities		**3,508**	**0**	**0**	**3,508**
Funds of the charity					
Unrestricted funds		3,508	0	0	**3,508**
Total Funds		**3,508**	**0**	**0**	**3,508**

The Charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

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

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

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small charities, subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS 102 SORP.

Approved by the trustees on 23 September 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

Wendy Marie Hamam
Trustee

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Notes

For the year ended 31 December 2025

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1. General Information

Connecting Boroughs CIO is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registered in Scotland with the Charity Commission Charity Number: 1211291 and Companies House Company Number: CE038474

The address of its registered office is:
12 Thompson Ave
Camberwell
London
London
SE5 0TL

2. Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

These 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 accounts 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 (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and with the Charities Act 2011. The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

Going Concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income

Recognition of income

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when: the charity becomes entitled to the resources; it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS 102 SORP). In the case of performance related grants, income must only be recognised to the extent that the charity has provided the specified goods or services as entitlement to the grant only occurs when the performance related conditions are met (5.16 FRS 102 SORP).

Legacies

Legacies are included in the SOFA when receipt is probable, that is, when there has been grant of probate, the executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate and any conditions attached to the legacy are either within the control of the charity or have been met.

Government grants
The charity has not received government grants in the reporting period.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts
Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

Contractual income and performance related grants
This is only included in the SoFA once the charity has provided the related goods or services or met the performance related conditions.

Donated goods,facilities and services
Donated goods are measured at fair value (the amount for which the asset could be exchanged) unless impractical to do so. The cost of any stock of goods donated for distribution to beneficiaries is deemed to be the fair value of those gifts at the time of their receipt and they are recognised on receipt. In the reporting period in which the stocks are distributed, they are recognised as an expense at the carrying amount of the stocks at distribution. Donated goods for resale are measured at fair value on initial recognition, which is the expected proceeds from sale less the expected costs of sale, and recognised in ‘Income from other trading activities' with the corresponding stock recognised in the balance sheet. On its sale the value of stock is charged against ‘Income from other trading activities' and the proceeds from sale are also recognised as ‘Income from other trading activities'. Goods donated for on-going use by the charity are recognised as tangible fixed assets and included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as income from donations when receivable.
Donated services and facilities are included in the SOFA when received at the value of the gift to the charity provided the value of the gift can be measured reliably.Donated services and facilities that are consumed immediately are recognised as income with an equivalent amount recognised as an expense under the appropriate heading in the SOFA.

Support costs
The charity has incurred expenditure on support costs.

Volunteer help
The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Income from interest, royalties and dividends
This is included in the accounts when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.

Settlement of insurance claims
Insurance claims are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS 102 SORP) and are included as an item of other income in the SoFA.

Expenditure and Liabilities

Liability recognition
Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Governance and support costs
Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, eg allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other

costs by their usage.

Grants with performance conditions
Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

Grants payable without performance conditions
Where there are no conditions attaching to the grant that enables the donor charity to realistically avoid the commitment, a liability for the full funding obligation must be recognised.

Redundancy cost
The charity made no redundancy payments during the reporting period.

Deferred income
No material item of deferred income has been included in the accounts.

Provisions for liabilities
A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date.

Basic financial instruments
The charity accounts for basic financial instruments on initial recognition as per paragraph 10.7 FRS 102 SORP. Subsequent measurement is as per paragraphs 11.17 to 11.19, FRS 102 SORP.

3. Staff Costs

No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000	Yes

4. Average Number of Employees

	This Year	Last Year
Average Number of Employees	0	0
Include Employee(s) based on categories		No