



Leeds Sanctuary

Charity No. 1212006

Trustees' Report and Unaudited Accounts

For the period 4 February 2025 to 31 March 2026

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Trustees Annual Report

The trustees present their report with the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the period ended 31 March 2026.

Reference And Administrative Details

Charity No. 1212006

Trustees

The following trustees served during the year:

Anne E S Vautrey	
Elizabeth A Smith	
John Baker-Streevy	
John H Robinson	Treasurer
Joseph Barnes	
Michael J Noble	Chair
Rev Madeleine E Andrews	
Rev Tanya M Short	
Samantha R Havis	

Key Management Personnel

Director	Anna Bland
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Trustees Annual Report (continued)**

Chair's Report

On behalf of the board, I would like to thank our principal funder, the West Yorkshire Methodist District.

Without their ongoing support we would not be able to continue our work of creating sanctuary spaces for those on the margins, enabling supportive relationships and bringing about positive change in people's circumstances and society.

The trustees also wish to acknowledge the support of West Yorkshire Citizens and the many Methodist, Christian and interfaith partners across Leeds and the wider region.

We are especially grateful to our volunteers and staff whose dedication and commitment make the charity's activities possible.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow trustees for their continued service, support and leadership throughout the year.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Noble". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Michael J Noble
Chair of Trustees
23 July 2026

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Trustees Annual Report (continued)

1. Objectives and Activities

The objects of the charity are to create sanctuary spaces where community is built, power is collective and the message that every person matters is constant.

The charity's mission is to host communities and events, and create campaigns and resources, so that belonging, flourishing and transformation can take place within and around the people of Leeds.

The work of Leeds Sanctuary is guided by three core values:

- Relationship – offering time, attention and support to individuals and communities in order to serve them well.
- Justice – seeking fair and equitable treatment for all people and contributing positively to wider society.
- Flourishing – encouraging individuals and communities to grow, develop and thrive.

Leeds Sanctuary hosts communities and events, and creates campaigns and resources, so that belonging, flourishing and transformation can take place within and around the people of Leeds. Through the development of sanctuary spaces for those on the margins, the charity enables supportive relationships to develop and seeks to bring about positive change in people's circumstances and wider society.

As a Christian charity, Leeds Sanctuary seeks to follow the example of Jesus by building relationships, offering compassion and supporting people living, working and volunteering in the city of Leeds.

The charity's activities are informed by the principles of community organising, with programmes and initiatives developed in response to identified needs arising from conversations with local people and communities.

During the period the charity delivered a range of activities including Leeds Craftivists, Craftivism workshops, Social Justice Lunches, Sketch Walks, Surviving Uni and Best Life workshops, Enneagram Book Club, Enneagram Retreat Days, Monday Mindfulness, Sip and Social, Have Your Voice Heard, Blue Christmas events and Chaplaincy drop-in sessions.

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2. Public Benefit Statement

The trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty under section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Leeds Sanctuary provides public benefit by creating sanctuary spaces where people can develop supportive relationships, improve wellbeing, build confidence and participate more fully in community life. Through chaplaincy support, wellbeing activities, workshops, community events and campaigns, the charity seeks to reduce isolation, encourage flourishing and enable positive change in people's circumstances and wider society.

3. Achievements and Performance

During the period Leeds Sanctuary completed its transition from being part of the Yorkshire West Methodist District to becoming an independent Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

The charity delivered a wide range of activities including:

- Leeds Craftivists
- Craftivism workshops
- Social Justice Lunches
- Sketch Walks
- Surviving Uni and Best Life workshops
- Enneagram Book Club
- Enneagram Retreat Days
- Monday Mindfulness
- Sip and Social
- Have Your Voice Heard
- Blue Christmas events
- Chaplaincy drop-in sessions

Between 1 September 2024 and 31 March 2026, Leeds Sanctuary created 201 opportunities for people to gather and participate in its activities. During this period there were 1,668 participant interactions and 26 people were identified as regular members or attendees.

The charity also produced blogs, meditations and podcast content. Audio resources were accessed 3,757 times through SoundCloud and website resources were viewed 910 times.

Feedback received from participants demonstrates the positive impact of the charity's activities on wellbeing, community connection and personal development.

Participants reported feeling welcomed, supported and encouraged through activities such as Sketch Walks, Enneagram Book Club, Enneagram Retreat Days, Monday Mindfulness, Have Your Voice Heard and Blue Christmas events.

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Feedback highlighted the value of providing safe and supportive spaces where individuals could build relationships, improve wellbeing, develop self-understanding and engage meaningfully with others. The trustees consider this feedback to be evidence that the charity is successfully delivering its charitable objectives and creating opportunities for belonging, flourishing and transformation within the Leeds community.

Particular achievements during the year included:

- Successful completion of the transition to an independent CIO.
- Development and growth of chaplaincy activities.
- Introduction of an impact measurement framework.
- Trialling of new wellbeing spaces and activities.

4. Financial Review

Total incoming resources for the period were £240,624, comprising donations, grants and investment income. Expenditure totalled £177,826, resulting in a net surplus of £62,798. At 31 March 2026 the charity held total funds of £62,798, comprising unrestricted funds of £42,844 and restricted funds of £19,954. Cash balances at the year end were £63,446.

The principal sources of funding during the period were support from the West Yorkshire Methodist District, the transfer of activities and balances from the former structure, National Lottery Community Fund grant funding and general donations.

5. Reserves Policy

The charity's reserves policy is to maintain unrestricted reserves equivalent to between three and six months of operating expenditure. Based on expenditure for the period ended 31 March 2026, this equates to a target reserve level of approximately £44,000 to £89,000.

At 31 March 2026, unrestricted reserves amounted to £42,844. The trustees consider the current level of reserves to be broadly in line with the charity's reserves policy and sufficient to support the charity's ongoing activities and commitments. The trustees will continue to monitor reserve levels and review the policy annually.

6. Structure, Governance and Management

Leeds Sanctuary was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) on 4 February 2025 following its transition from operating as part of the Yorkshire West Methodist District.

The charity is governed by a board of trustees who are responsible for the overall governance, strategic direction and financial management of the charity.

Day-to-day operations are delegated to the Director, Anna Bland, who reports to the trustees and is responsible for implementing the charity's strategy and overseeing operational activities.

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Trustees Annual Report (continued)

Trustees are appointed in accordance with the charity's governing document and are responsible for ensuring that the charity operates in furtherance of its charitable purposes.

Leeds Sanctuary originated from work undertaken within the Yorkshire West Methodist District and has its roots in the Methodist presence in Leeds city centre. Following extensive engagement with local communities and the development of programmes focused on wellbeing, belonging and social change, the organisation evolved into an independent charitable entity. The charity continues to build on this heritage while developing and expanding its activities across Leeds as an independent CIO.

7. Risk Management

The trustees regularly review the principal risks facing the charity and implement appropriate controls to mitigate those risks.

The key risks identified include:

- Reliance on grant funding and donations.
- The challenge of securing sustainable long-term income streams following transition to an independent CIO.
- Dependence on a small staff team and volunteers for delivery of activities.
- Governance and operational risks associated with organisational growth.

The trustees monitor these risks throughout the year and seek to strengthen financial sustainability through fundraising, grant applications and effective financial management.

8. Future Plans

During the coming year Leeds Sanctuary intends to build on the successful transition to an independent CIO.

The trustees will focus on:

- Developing and expanding chaplaincy activities.
- Growing wellbeing and community-building programmes.
- Further embedding the impact measurement framework.
- Strengthening partnerships across Leeds and the wider region.
- Diversifying income sources to support long-term sustainability.
- Continuing to create sanctuary spaces where belonging, flourishing and transformation can take place.

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Trustees Annual Report (continued)

Statement of trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael Noble", with a horizontal line underneath it.

Michael J Noble

Chair of Trustees

23 July 2026

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Leeds Sanctuary

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Leeds Sanctuary for the period ended 31 March 2026.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements 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 can 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:

- the accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.



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23 July 2026

Leeds Sanctuary
Statement of Financial Activities
for the period ended 31 March 2026

		Unrestricted funds 2026 £	Restricted funds 2026 £	Total funds 2026 £
	Notes			
Income and endowments				
from:				
Donations and legacies	2	217,708	19,954	237,662
Investments	3	2,962	-	2,962
Total		220,670	19,954	240,624
Expenditure on:				
Other	4	177,826	-	177,826
Total		177,826	-	177,826
Net gains on investments		-	-	-
Net income	5	42,844	19,954	62,798
Transfers between funds		-	-	-
Net income before other gains/(losses)		42,844	19,954	62,798
Other gains and losses				
Net movement in funds		42,844	19,954	62,798
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds carried forward		42,844	19,954	62,798

Leeds Sanctuary**Balance Sheet**

at 31 March 2026

Charity No. 1212006

2026

£

Current assets

Debtors	7	552
Cash at bank and in hand		63,446
		<u>63,998</u>

Creditors: Amount falling due within one year	8	(1,200)
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Net current assets		<u>62,798</u>
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Total assets less current liabilities		<u>62,798</u>
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Net assets excluding pension asset or liability		<u>62,798</u>
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Total net assets		<u><u>62,798</u></u>
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The funds of the charity

Restricted funds	9	
Restricted income funds		19,954
		<u>19,954</u>

Unrestricted funds	9	
General funds		42,844
		<u>42,844</u>

Reserves	9	
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Total funds		<u><u>62,798</u></u>
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Approved by the trustees on 23 July 2026

And signed on their behalf by:



Michael J Noble

Chair of Trustees

23 July 2026

Leeds Sanctuary
Statement of Cash flows
for the period ended 31 March 2026

	2026
	£
Cash flows from operating activities	
Net income per Statement of Financial Activities	62,798
Adjustments for:	
Interest income from investments	(2,962)
Increase other receivables	(552)
Increase in other payables	1,200
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>60,484</u>
Cash flows from investing activities	
Interest income from investments	2,962
Net cash from investing activities	<u>2,962</u>
Net cash from financing activities	<u>-</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	63,446
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	-
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	<u>63,446</u>
Components of cash and cash equivalents	
Cash and bank balances	63,446
	<u>63,446</u>

for the period ended 31 March 2026

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Change in basis of accounting or to previous accounts

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and method of accounting) since last year and no changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds	These are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objects of the charity.
Restricted funds	These are available for use subject to restrictions imposed by the donor or through terms of an appeal.

Income

Recognition of income	Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity becomes entitled to, and virtually certain to receive, the income and the amount of the income can be measured with sufficient reliability.
Income with related expenditure	Where income has related expenditure the income and related expenditure is reported gross in the SoFA.
Donations and legacies	Voluntary income received by way of grants, donations and gifts is included in the the SoFA when receivable and only when the Charity has unconditional entitlement to the income.
Donated services and facilities	These are only included in income (with an equivalent amount in expenditure) where the benefit to the Charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material.
Volunteer help	The value of any volunteer help received is not included in the accounts.
Investment income	This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Expenditure

Recognition of expenditure	Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.
Expenditure on raising funds	These comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income, fundraising trading costs and investment management costs.
Expenditure on charitable activities	These comprise the costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services in the furtherance of its objects, including the making of grants and governance costs.
Governance costs	These include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity, including any audit/independent examination fees, costs linked to the strategic management of the Charity, together with a share of other administration costs.
Other expenditure	These are support costs not allocated to a particular activity.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and on hand, demand deposits with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts. In the statement of financial position, bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings or current liabilities. In the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents are shown net of bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the company's cash management.

Trade and other creditors

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	2026
General Donations	853	-	853
Grant Income	-	19,954	19,954
Opening Balance Transfer	81,855	-	81,855
District Grant Oxford Place	135,000	-	135,000
	<u>217,708</u>	<u>19,954</u>	<u>237,662</u>

3 Income from investments

	Unrestricted	Total
	2026	2026
	£	£
Bank Interest Received	2,962	2,962
	<u>2,962</u>	<u>2,962</u>

4 Other expenditure

	Unrestricted	Total
	2026	2026
	£	£
Employee costs	145,434	145,434
Motor and travel costs	3,594	3,594
Premises costs	10,700	10,700
General administrative costs	16,898	16,898
Legal and professional costs	1,200	1,200
	<u>177,826</u>	<u>177,826</u>

5 Net income before transfers

	2026
	£
This is stated after charging:	
Independent Examiner's fee	1,200

6 Staff costs

	2026
Salaries and wages	133,267
	<u>133,267</u>

No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

7 Debtors

	2026
	£
Prepayments and accrued income	552
	<u>552</u>

8 Creditors:

amounts falling due within one year

	2026
	£
Accruals	1,200
	<u>1,200</u>

9 Movement in funds

	Incoming resources (including other gains/losses) £	Resources expended £	At 31 March 2026 £
Restricted funds:			
Restricted income funds:			
National Lottery Community Fund	19,954	-	19,954
<i>Total</i>	<u>19,954</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,954</u>
Unrestricted funds:			
General funds	220,670	(177,826)	42,844
Total funds	<u>240,624</u>	<u>(177,826)</u>	<u>62,798</u>

Purposes and restrictions in relation to the funds:

Restricted funds:

National Lottery Community :To support the Have Your Voice Heard campaign.

Fund

10 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Total £
Net current assets	62,798	62,798
	<u>62,798</u>	<u>62,798</u>

11 Reconciliation of net debt

	Cash flows £	At 31 March 2026 £
Cash and cash equivalents	63,446	63,446
	<u>63,446</u>	<u>63,446</u>
Net debt	<u>63,446</u>	<u>63,446</u>

Leeds Sanctuary
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the period ended 31 March 2026

	Unrestricted funds 2026 £	Restricted funds 2026 £	Total funds 2026 £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies			
General Donations	853	-	853
Grant Income	-	19,954	19,954
Opening Balance Transfer	81,855	-	81,855
District Grant Oxford Place	135,000	-	135,000
	<u>217,708</u>	<u>19,954</u>	<u>237,662</u>
Investments			
Bank Interest Received	2,962	-	2,962
	<u>2,962</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,962</u>
Total income and endowments	220,670	19,954	240,624
Expenditure on:			
Employee costs			
Salaries/wages	133,267	-	133,267
Staff recruitment	9,757	-	9,757
Staff training	2,410	-	2,410
	<u>145,434</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>145,434</u>
Motor and travel costs			
Travel and subsistence	3,594	-	3,594
	<u>3,594</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,594</u>
Premises costs			
Rent	10,700	-	10,700
	<u>10,700</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,700</u>
General administrative costs, including depreciation and amortisation			
Practitioners costs	1,835	-	1,835
Bank charges	80	-	80
Equipment expensed	1,496	-	1,496
Transition to CIO Costs	3,458	-	3,458
General insurances	1,122	-	1,122
Information and publications	3,570	-	3,570
Advertisement costs	1,877	-	1,877
Subscriptions	1,413	-	1,413
Sundry expenses	772	-	772
Telephone, fax and broadband	1,275	-	1,275
	<u>16,898</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,898</u>
Legal and professional costs			
Independent examination fees	1,200	-	1,200
	<u>1,200</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,200</u>

Leeds Sanctuary**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities**

Total of expenditure of other costs	<u>177,826</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>177,826</u>
Total expenditure	<u>177,826</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>177,826</u>
Net gains on investments	-	-	-
Net income	<u>42,844</u>	<u>19,954</u>	<u>62,798</u>
Net income before other gains/(losses)	<u>42,844</u>	<u>19,954</u>	<u>62,798</u>
Other Gains	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	<u>42,844</u>	<u>19,954</u>	<u>62,798</u>
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward	-	-	-
Total funds carried forward	<u>42,844</u>	<u>19,954</u>	<u>62,798</u>