

Registered Charity number
206143

Merton and Morden Guild of Social Service
Trustees' Report and Annual Financial Statements
31 March 2025

Merton and Morden Guild of Social Service
Report and accounts
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Merton and Morden Guild of Social Service Charity Information

Trustees

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Charity number

206143

**Merton and Morden Guild of Social Service
Trustees' Annual Report
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

Registered charity number 206143

Charity's address 34a Aberconway Road
Morden
Surrey

Trustees who manage the charity

Andrew Butcher - Chair
Susan Hedges
Philip Jones
Gillian Lewis Lavender
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Mrs Jolanta Novak
Peter Southgate

Governing instrument

The charity is governed by a constitution adopted 2 October 1945, as amended 18 June 1953, 12 July 1947, 9 June 1967, 29 October 1977 and 14 July 1992.

Objects of the charity and main activities

The Merton and Morden Guild of Social Service is an independent registered charity governed by a Board of Trustees, which is elected at our Annual General Meeting.

Its mission is to provide group activities for older people which aim to encourage independence, social interaction and positive well being. These activities also aim to defer the effects of isolation and calls on more expensive statutory services.

We provide a wide variety of activities as described in our annual Handbook, and thanks to the support from the London Borough of Merton, we are able to produce activities which remain affordable.

The Guild has two paid employees and uses the services of sessional workers to deliver specialist activities such as our exercise classes, line dance, tap dance and Tai Chi. All these sessional workers are qualified to appropriate standards and undertake regular professional development as laid down by their regulatory bodies.

In addition, we receive about 5,000 hours of help from volunteers which, if paid at the National Minimum Wage of approximately £11.44 per hour, would be valued at £57,200. We are extremely grateful for all the help we receive from volunteers, indeed many activities would not take place without their presence.

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Risk management

All Guild activities are risk assessed from time to time and are either held in appropriate premises that we regard as places of safety or, if transport is involved, appropriate vehicles are used.

In financial terms the Guild aims for a broadly balanced budget. It maintains a cash reserve sufficient to deal with contingencies, usually 6 months running costs. After building cash reserves to a record high over the last five years we anticipate that these will be used over the next two years to cover a loss in funding for activities we intend to continue. It is our policy to hold our reserves in a low risk deposit account at CAF (Charities Aid Foundation) Bank.

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:



28/01/25

Andrew Butcher
Chair

27 January 2026

Merton and Morden Guild of Social Service
Independent Examiner's Report to the Members of Merton and Morden Guild
On accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025
Charity number 206143

I report on the accounts of the Guild for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 5 to 13.

Respective responsibilities of trustee and examiner and basis of report

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the Guild'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 which cause me to believe that, in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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 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.

Kathleen Bhujwalla
Chartered Certified Accountant

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27 January 2026

Merton and Morden Guild of Social Service
Charity no: 206143
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Unrestricted Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Income and Expenditure						
Incoming Resources	2					
Income and endowments from:						
Charitable activities		45,650	-	-	45,650	45,650
Donations and legacies		4,398	-	-	4,398	2,482
Other trading activities		11,138	-	-	11,138	22,485
Investment income		9	-	-	9	9
Total incoming resources		61,195	-	-	61,195	70,626
Resources expended	3					
Charitable activities		30,614		87	30,701	33,994
Raising funds		222		-	222	-
Management and administration of the charity	4	28,091		-	28,091	24,123
Total resources expended		(58,927)		(87)	(59,014)	(58,117)
Net income/(expenditure) before transfers		2,268		(87)	2,181	12,509
Transfer between funds		0		0	-	-
Net movement in funds		2,268	-	(87)	2,181	12,509
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		59,916	-	7,012	66,928	54,419
Total funds carried forward	8	62,184	-	6,925	69,109	66,928

Merton and Morden Guild of Social Service
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Balance Sheet
as at 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted designated funds	Restricted funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
		£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets						
Tangible assets	5			262	262	349
Current assets						
Debtors and prepayments	6	132			132	2,614
Short term deposits		-		4,595	4,595	4,507
Cash at bank and in hand		68,724		2,068	70,792	65,902
		68,856	-	6,663	75,519	73,023
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(6,672)			(6,672)	(6,444)
Net current assets		62,184	-	6,663	68,847	66,579
Net assets		62,184	-	6,925	69,109	66,928
Funds						
Unrestricted funds	8	62,184			62,184	59,916
Restricted funds	8			6,925	6,925	7,012
Total funds		62,184	-	6,925	69,109	66,928

Signed on behalf of the trustees:



Andrew Butcher

28/01/26

Approved by the committee on 27 January 2026

Merton and Morden Guild of Social Service
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2025

1 Basis of preparation

Basis of accounting

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 to the 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, with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and with the Charities Act 2011.

Change of accounting policy

The accounts present a true and fair view and the accounting policies adopted are those outlined in note 2.

There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.

Changes to accounting estimates

No changes to accounting estimates have occurred in the reporting period.

Material prior year errors

No material prior year errors have been identified in the reporting period.

2 Accounting policies

Income

This standard list of accounting policies has been applied by the charity. Where a different or additional policy has been adopted this is detailed below.

Recognition of income

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- 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.

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.

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 received government grants in the reporting period.

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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

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' 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 incoming resources when receivable.

Donated services and facilities

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.

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.

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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.

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.

Creditors

The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts.

Provision 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.

Value added tax

Value added tax is not recoverable by the charity, and as such is included in the relevant costs in the SoFA.

Assets

Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity and depreciation

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year. Fixed assets are valued at cost and depreciated at the following rates:

Motor vehicles	25% reducing balance
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2 Analysis of income

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<i>Charitable activities</i>				
Grants received	45,650	-	45,650	45,650
<i>Donations and legacies</i>				
Donations and gifts	4,398	-	4,398	2,482
<i>Other trading activities</i>				
Fit for Life	2,206	-	2,206	4,096
Fundraising activities	714	-	714	1,843
Office income	1,570	-	1,570	4,629
Regular activities	6,343	-	6,343	4,475
Minibus income	305	-	305	4,400
Home shopping (Covid 19)	-	-	-	3,042
	11,138	-	11,138	22,485
<i>Other income</i>				
Other income	-	-	-	-
Total income	61,186	-	61,186	70,617

All income in the prior year was unrestricted.

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3 Analysis of expenditure

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Charitable activities				
Staff costs	14,317	-	14,317	14,490
Fit for Life	4,715	-	4,715	4,329
Regular activities	5,402	-	5,402	4,040
Volunteer expenses	60	-	60	17
Telephones	2,269	-	2,269	2,699
Covid 19 Supplies	29	-	29	3,043
Minibus costs	3,822	-	3,822	5,260
Minibus depreciation	-	87	87	116
	<u>30,614</u>	<u>87</u>	<u>30,701</u>	<u>33,994</u>
Raising funds				
Fundraising events	<u>222</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>222</u>	<u>-</u>

4 Management and administration of the charity

Staff costs	4,000	-	4,000	3,000
Printing, postage and stationery	573	-	573	426
Telephones	1,000	-	1,000	1,000
Office expenses	15,750	-	15,750	12,139
Insurances	911	-	911	988
Minibus costs	-	-	-	-
Rent	4,950	-	4,950	4,950
Independent examiner's fees	500	-	500	600
Office refurbishment	208	-	208	1,020
	<u>27,892</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,892</u>	<u>24,123</u>
Total expenditure	<u>58,728</u>	<u>87</u>	<u>58,815</u>	<u>58,117</u>

Details of certain items of expenditure

Independent examiner's fees	<u>500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>600</u>
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5 Staff costs

Staff costs comprised:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	18,317	17,490
Average head count in the year - charitable activities	1.5	1.0

5 Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity

	Motor vehicles
	£
Cost	
At 1 April 2024	26,500
At 31 March 2025	26,500
Depreciation	
At 1 April 2024	26,151
Charge for the year	87
At 31 March 2025	26,238
Net book value	
At 31 March 2025	262
At 31 March 2024	349

6 Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade debtors	59	2,516
Other debtors and prepayments	73	98
	132	2,614

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7 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2025	2024
	£	£
Other creditors and accrued expenses	<u>6,672</u>	<u>6,444</u>

8 Movement of major funds	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	2025
	£	£	£	£
At 1 April	59,916	-	7,012	66,928
Incoming resources	61,195	-	-	61,195
Outgoing resources	(58,927)	-	(87)	(59,014)
Transfer between funds	-	-	-	-
At 31 March	<u>62,184</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,925</u>	<u>69,109</u>

9 Trustees remuneration and benefits

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with their charity or a related charity.