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ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024
FOR
THE LEAGUE OF WELLDOERS
(A company limited by guarantee)

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION
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THE LEAGUE OF WELLDORS**REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT
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The members of the council of management, who are the directors for the purpose of company law, present their annual report with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2024 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes. The legal and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) effective 1 January 2019.

OUR PURPOSES AND ACTIVITIES

The purposes of the charitable company are to carry on charitable work amongst those in need together with the operation and management of community-based centres dedicated to this task. In addition, in line with the vision of our founder Lee Jones, the charitable company is involved with reaching out to people of all ages across Merseyside with a view to improving their quality of life.

In shaping our objectives for the year and planning our activities, the council of management have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance 'public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'. The charity relies on the income from donations, fees and charges to cover its operating costs. Affordability and access to our facilities is important to us and is reflected in our pricing policy.

ACHIEVEMENTS, PERFORMANCE AND PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The results for the year and financial position of the charitable company are as shown in the annexed financial statements. During previous years the charitable company was fortunate to receive some sizeable legacies which have enabled it to continue to develop the operation of the Lee Jones Centre and Goddard Hall which are used by the community. The council of management continue to seek further funding to enable them to improve and expand the facilities offered and to enable them to continue to provide further charitable support for those in need. They take this opportunity of further recognising the contributions of time and effort made by the many friends, volunteers, staff and supporters without whom the achievements to date would not have happened and, are proud to be recognised as a valued community resource.

RESERVES POLICY AND GOING CONCERN

Reserves are needed to bridge the gap between the spending and receiving of income and to cover unplanned emergency repairs and other expenditure. The members of the council of management have established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets ('the free reserves') held by the charity should be between 9 and 12 months of the resources expended, which equates to between approximately £235,000 to £315,000 in general funds. At this level, the members of the council of management feel that they would be able to continue the current activities of the charity in the event of a significant drop in funding. At present the free reserves exceed this target level and the members of the council of management are considering the possible future expansion of operations which is expected to utilise reserves for the future benefit of our beneficiaries.

In preparing the accounts, the council of management considers that the charitable company has sufficient resources to continue operations for the foreseeable future.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The League of Welldors (which can trace its roots back to May 1893) is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 26 June 1937, and registered as a charity on 23 January 1964. Members of the charitable company guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 in the event of the charity winding up. The company is governed by the policies made from time to time by the members of the council of management together with the terms of its Memorandum and Articles of Association which set out the objects and powers of the company. The procedures for the appointment, retirement, and removal of members of the council of management are set out in the Articles. All members of the council of management are encouraged to attend appropriate external training events where these will facilitate the undertaking of their role. The day-to-day operational aspects of the charity have been delegated to the Manager and his team.

The following were members of the council of management during the year and up to the date of this report:

Roy Whitley Bevan, Reginald Kenneth Orme, John Christopher Daly, Ian Christopher Greene, Phyllis Susan Whitfield, Peter Bernard Duggan and Hugh O'Neil (appointed 24 August 2023).

RELATED PARTIES

None of the council of management receive remuneration or other financial benefit from their work with the charity and any contractual relationship with a related party must be disclosed to the full board. In the current year, no such related party transactions were reported.

RISK MANAGEMENT & COVID-19

The council of management have a risk management strategy which comprises: an annual review of the principal risks and uncertainties that the charity faces and, the establishment of policies, systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified in the annual review; and the implementation of procedures designed to minimise or manage any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise.

Financial sustainability is the major financial risk for the charity. A key element in the management of financial risk is a regular review of available liquid funds to settle debts as they fall due and active management of trade debtors and creditor balances to ensure sufficient working capital is available.

Attention has also been focused on non-financial risks arising from fire, health and safety and food hygiene. These risks are managed by ensuring procedures and accreditations are up to date, having robust policies and procedures in place, and regular awareness training for staff and volunteers in these operational areas.

The COVID-19 outbreak created a major challenge with a high level of uncertainty for many charities. The council of management took prompt action to protect cash flow including reducing outgoings and taking advantage of government grants and support measures. In addition, the Lee Jones Centre was utilised to provide a mass testing and vaccination facility. Based on the assessments carried out, the charitable company believes that it has a financial position that will enable it to continue the operation of the facilities and services provided.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The members of the council of management 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).

Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing the financial statements, they are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements 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 on that basis.

The council of management are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

BY ORDER OF THE COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT:



J C Daly – Member of the Council of Management

17-03-2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
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	31.3.2024			31.3.2023
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Income:				
Donations & gifts	23,775	-	23,755	30,669
Legacies	-	-	-	4,000
Charitable activities, room hire & funds generated	177,660	-	177,660	64,887
Grants – Job Retention Scheme	-	-	-	-
Investment and rental income	34,509	-	34,509	33,092
Total income	235,924	-	235,924	132,648
Expenditure:				
Costs of operation of centres and fundraising	310,500	-	310,500	220,949
Investment management costs	2,928	-	2,928	2,861
Governance costs	3,318	-	3,318	3,289
Total expenditure (note 2)	316,746	-	316,746	227,099
Net income/ (expenditure) for the year and net movement in funds before other recognised gains and losses	(80,822)	-	(80,822)	(94,451)
(Losses)/ gains on investment assets	11,190	-	11,190	(11,300)
Net movement in funds for the year	(69,632)	-	(69,632)	(105,751)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward	757,295	2,654	759,949	865,700
Total funds carried forward	687,663	2,654	690,317	759,949

The statement of financial activities incorporates the income and expenditure account.

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

The notes form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2023

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	Notes	31.3.24 £	£	31.3.23 £	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	5		329,099		339,718
Investments	6		<u>298,143</u>		<u>313,339</u>
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS			627,242		653,057
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	25,498		11,317	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>47,556</u>		<u>110,907</u>	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		73,054		122,224	
LIABILITIES					
Creditors falling due within one year	8	<u>9,979</u>		<u>15,332</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS/ (LIABILITIES)			63,075		106,892
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			690,317		759,949
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY	9				
Restricted income funds			2,654		2,654
Unrestricted income funds			<u>687,663</u>		<u>757,295</u>
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS			690,317		759,949

The company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members of the council of management acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of each financial year and of its income and expenditure for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and constitute the annual accounts required by the Companies Act 2006 and are for circulation to members of the company.

The financial statements were approved by the Council of Management and authorised for issue on 17/03/2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

J.C. Daly – Member of the Council of Management

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) effective 1 January 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006. The League of Welldors meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

In preparing the accounts, the council of management have taken account of the financial resources available to the charity and consider that the charity should be able to continue operations for the foreseeable future.

Income recognition

Items of income are recognised and included in the accounts when all of the following criteria are met: the charity has entitlement to the funds; any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met or are fully within the control of the charity; there is sufficient certainty that receipt of the income is considered probable; and the amount can be measured reliably. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these accounts.

Expenditure recognition

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

Freehold properties	- 2% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 10% on cost
Motor vehicles	- 25% on cost
Computer equipment	- 25% on cost

2. NET INCOME/ (EXPENDITURE)

This is stated after charging:	31.3.2024	31.3.2023
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	13,339	12,441
Independent Examination and accountancy fees	<u>3,305</u>	<u>3,276</u>

The members of the council of management were not paid nor did they receive any other benefits from employment with the charity in the year (2023: £nil) neither were they reimbursed expenses during the year (2023: £nil). No member received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity (2023: £nil).

3. ANALYSIS OF STAFF COSTS AND STAFF NUMBERS

	31.3.2024	31.3.2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries (No employee had emoluments in excess of £60,000)	111,022	105,995
Employers National Insurance – Social security costs	4,486	2,663
Pension contributions	<u>876</u>	<u>1,338</u>
	<u>116,384</u>	<u>109,996</u>

The average monthly head count during the year was as follows:

Management and operation of the community-based centres	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>
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4. CORPORATION TAX

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold properties £	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST					
At 1 April 2023	618,738	60,092	27,109	3,264	709,203
Additions	-	-	-	2,720	2,720
Disposals	-	-	(6,749)	-	(6,749)
At 31 March 2024	<u>618,738</u>	<u>60,092</u>	<u>20,360</u>	<u>5,984</u>	<u>705,174</u>
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 April 2023	279,418	59,695	27,109	3,263	369,485
Charge for year	12,375	66	-	898	13,339
Eliminated on disposal	-	-	(6,749)	-	(6,749)
At 31 March 2024	<u>291,179</u>	<u>59,761</u>	<u>20,360</u>	<u>4,161</u>	<u>376,075</u>
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31 March 2024	<u>326,945</u>	<u>331</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,823</u>	<u>329,099</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>339,320</u>	<u>397</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>339,718</u>

6. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

Investments held as fixed assets are revalued at mid-market value at the balance sheet date and the gain or loss taken to the Statement of Financial Activities

	Listed investments £
VALUATION	
At 1 April 2023	313,339
Additions	105,196
Disposals	(131,582)
Revaluations	<u>11,190</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>298,143</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2024 stated on a fair value basis as reported by Rathbone Investment Management	<u>298,143</u>

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7. DEBTORS

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Trade debtors	1,240	2,882
Other debtors	22,000	-
Prepayments and accrued income	2,258	8,435
	<u>25,498</u>	<u>11,317</u>

8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Trade creditors	4,259	8,416
Social security and other taxes	1,610	2,078
Accruals and deferred income	3,538	4,633
Other creditors	572	205
	<u>9,979</u>	<u>15,332</u>

9. ANALYSIS OF MOVEMENTS IN CHARITABLE FUNDS

Restricted income funds:	At 1 April 2023	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	At 31 March 2024
Recording Studio (Future studio funding)	500	-	-	500
LCVS (Magic school funding)	1,000	-	-	1,000
Zurich Community Trust (Cameras)	754	-	-	754
North Liverpool (Digital displays)	400	-	-	400
Total restricted funds:	2,654	-	-	2,654
Unrestricted income funds:				
General funds	757,295	235,924	305,556	687,663
Totals funds:	759,949	235,924	305,556	690,317
Restricted income funds:	At 1 April 2022	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	At 31 March 2023
Recording Studio (Future studio funding)	500	-	-	500
LCVS (Magic school funding)	1,000	-	-	1,000
Zurich Community Trust (Cameras)	754	-	-	754
North Liverpool (Digital displays)	400	-	-	400
Total restricted funds:	2,654	-	-	2,654
Unrestricted income funds:				
General funds	777,346	283,326	197,626	757,295
Totals funds:	780,000	283,326	197,626	759,949

10. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

At 31 March 2024	General Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
Tangible fixed assets	329,099	-	329,099
Investments	298,143	-	298,143
Current assets	70,400	2,654	73,054
Creditors	(9,979)	-	(9,979)
Net assets at year end	687,663	2,654	690,317

At 31 March 2023	General Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
Tangible fixed assets	339,718	-	339,718
Investments	313,339	-	313,339
Current assets	119,570	2,654	122,224
Creditors	(15,332)	-	(15,332)
Net assets at year end	757,295	2,654	759,949

11. FRC ETHICAL STANDARD - PROVISIONS AVAILABLE FOR SMALL ENTITIES

In common with many other charities of our size and nature we use our Independent Examiner to assist with the preparation of the financial statements.

12. LEGAL STATUS OF THE CHARITY

The charity is a private company, limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales and has no share capital. In the event of the charitable company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £10 per member of the company. The company's registered number and registered office address can be found on page 1. The charitable company is a Public Benefit Entity.

I report to the council of management on my examination of the accounts of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2024 which are set out on pages 4 to 9.

This report is made to the charity's council of management, as a body, in accordance with the terms of engagement. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the council of management, as a body, for my work or for this report.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the council of management of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

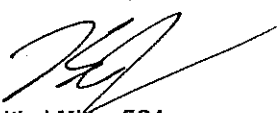
Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's report

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

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those accounting records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) effective 1 January 2019.

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.



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DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
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	31.3.24		31.3.23	
	£	£	£	£
Income:				
Fundraising, room hire, legacies, donations & gifts		201,415		99,556
Rental income	26,913		25,293	
Grants – Job Retention Scheme	-		-	
Income from listed investments	7,308		7,377	
Interest receivable	288		422	
		34,509		33,092
		235,924		132,648
Expenditure:				
Rates & water	2,922		4,561	
Insurances	10,359		9,185	
Light, heat & power	22,016		26,478	
Wages & salaries	111,022		105,995	
National Insurance	4,486		2,663	
Pension contributions	876		1,338	
Telephone & communications	2,176		1,945	
Post, printing & stationery	414		737	
Advertising & sponsorship	664		1,328	
Motor & travelling expenses	2,661		5,402	
Fundraising & activities expenditure	115,167		24,027	
Investment management fees	2,928		2,861	
Repairs, renewals, refurbishments & maintenance	16,215		12,905	
Cleaning & hygiene	7,220		7,737	
Security	1,387		3,601	
Statutory filing fee	13		13	
Professional fees	3,305		3,276	
Bank charges & card processing fees	326		606	
Profit on disposal of Motor vehicles	(750)		-	
Depreciation - Freehold properties	12,375		12,375	
Depreciation - Fixtures & fittings	66		66	
Depreciation - Computers	898		-	
		316,746		227,099
Net (expenditure)/ income before investment gains and losses		(80,822)		(94,451)