

Leighton Buzzard Mencap (Reg No:- 259104) is an independent, locally run charity operating for the benefit of people with learning disabilities within the local area. It is affiliated, but not supported in any financial or strategic way, with Royal Mencap which is a national based charity.

Current Trustees are:-	Mrs Gaye Beattie	Chair
	Mr Peter Ingram	Secretary
	Mr Christopher Porter	Treasurer
	Mr David Deacon	Trustee
	Ms Daisy Axtell-Powell	Trustee
	Ms Sian Rebecca Wilkinson	Trustee

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It began in 1968 when a local couple who had a child with a learning disability formed a friendship group for other parents with similarly disabled children to provide mutual support and friendship during the initial difficult years when their children were first diagnosed. This friendship grew over the years into the LBMencap of today which provides companionship, support and a variety of activities to people of all ages within the Leighton Buzzard area.

It currently runs four activity groups which meet on a weekly basis throughout the year. These groups have a named leader supported by teams of volunteers who are all DBS checked. No one receives payment for their time although all expenses are re-imbursed.

The Opportunity Group is for parents of young children up to five years old providing a place where they can meet other parents in a similar situation providing comfort and advice at this most difficult time when other help is not readily available.

The High 5's Group is for older children between the ages of 5 and 16 years old where they can safely meet and play with other children on a weekly basis. It also provides an opportunity for parents to meet other parents with similar needs and gives them a chance to relax knowing that their offspring are enjoying themselves in a safe and caring environment.

The Friends Within Group is for members over 16 years old. The group meets on a weekly basis where they enjoy pastimes of a more adult nature. The Group Leaders, along with a small team of dedicated volunteers, lay on activities such as quizzes, sports challenges and craftwork, together with occasional presentations and entertainment from outside providers such as the Police, Fire Service and local bands. During the year the group have gone on organised camping trips and visits to the Theatre and Cinema.

The Sunshine Club is a relatively new group which LBMencap has recently taken over from a Royal Mencap Residential Home. This group is also for adults but it is largely focussed on helping the members develop a range of life skills. The hall has a small kitchen where members can hone their cooking and culinary skills under close and safe supervision.

In addition to the weekly groups LBMencap also runs an annual Holiday Club for school age children for three weeks during the summer school holidays. Each week it provides three days of activities for example, visiting magicians or musicians, craftwork, tobogganning, sailing, soft play, swimming, to name but a few. The trustees visit local Upper schools in the spring to enlist the help of post GCSE students who are willing to give up their time in the school holidays to enable the group to provide one to one support to each child. Each student is DBS checked.

The Trustees constantly endeavour to maintain and increase up to date management procedures to ensure that the appropriate standards of safety and care are maintained at all times. During the past 12 months the charity has undergone a thorough analysis of all operating and management practices by a qualified consultant and is constantly updating its procedures and documentation to meet and maintain appropriate Ofsted standards.

The town of Leighton Buzzard is currently undergoing a period of expansion with new housing being built at a rapid rate. As the population of the town increases it will place more demand on LBMencap's services resulting in the need to recruit and train more volunteers to maintain the level of services it currently provides. To this end the charity has managed to enlist new trustees with charity management, fundraising and social media experience to enable it to access a wider audience than it was previously able to.

LBMencap does not own property or any other material assets other than equipment which it uses to deliver its activities. All monies raised from donations, grants and awards are used to provide and pay for the services it currently runs. Any monies not spent during the year are put aside to maintain operations in subsequent years when income falls short of expenditure.

# Leighton Buzzard Mencap

## Summary Receipts and Payment Account

Year ending 31st March 2025

	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	2024/25	2023/24
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
Grants & Awards	£15,300.00	£1,776.86	£17,076.86	£15,221.20
Donations	£2,417.97	£33,555.80	£35,973.77	
Fund Raising Events	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£4,358.98
Membership Fees/Subscriptions	£3,384.00	£0.00	£3,384.00	£2,373.56
Gift Aid	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Bank Refunds	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£168.00
Bank Interest	£0.00	£554.80	£554.80	£527.51
Sundry	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>£21,101.97</b>	<b>£35,887.46</b>	<b>£56,989.43</b>	<b>£22,649.25</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
<b>Charitable Activity Direct Expenditure</b>				
Materials, Services & Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£613.22
Training	£202.50	£0.00	£202.50	£70.00
Admin Services	£5,792.50	£6,160.00	£11,952.50	£12,967.81
Fund Raising Event Costs	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£216.00
Entertainment & Refreshments	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£3,187.46
Volunteers Expenses	£2,292.31	£0.00	£2,292.31	£2,949.54
Entrance Fees, Visits & Outings	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£4,111.90
Activities & Materials	£7,975.93	£2.75	£7,978.68	£0.00
Equipment & Materials Storage	£790.80	£1,927.20	£2,718.00	£0.00
Safety & Compliance	£3,650.72	£51.80	£3,702.52	£0.00
Marketing & Advertising	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Computers & Technology	£749.00	£558.28	£1,307.28	£0.00
Transport	£5,448.55	£158.70	£5,607.25	£4,690.00
Premises Hire	£2,758.00	£0.00	£2,758.00	£4,709.60
<b>Total Charitable Expenditure</b>	<b>£29,660.31</b>	<b>£8,858.73</b>	<b>£38,519.04</b>	<b>£33,515.53</b>
<b>Other Expenditure</b>				
Membership Fees/Subscriptions	£114.00	£276.00	£390.00	£174.00
Marketing & Advertising	£136.68	£21.30	£157.98	£0.00
Insurance	£125.00	£460.56	£585.56	£553.14
Sundry/Other	£87.50	£123.00	£210.50	£274.92
<b>Total Other Expenditure</b>	<b>£463.18</b>	<b>£880.86</b>	<b>£1,344.04</b>	<b>£1,002.06</b>
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£30,123.49</b>	<b>£9,739.59</b>	<b>£39,863.08</b>	<b>£34,517.59</b>
<b>Net Receipts for Year</b>	<b>-£9,021.52</b>	<b>£26,147.87</b>	<b>£17,126.35</b>	<b>-£11,868.34</b>

Bank Balances @ 1st April 2024  
Bank Balances @31st March 2025  
Difference

£45,280.72
£62,731.15
£17,450.43



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Leighton Buzzard Mencap

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 March 2025

Charity no  
(if any)

259104

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 5 April 2024.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 Trust'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 gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities 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 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.

Signed:

*K Y Wilson*

Date:

28 November 2025

Name:

KENNETH YOUNG WILSON

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

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