

# Urbanwise.London

## Annual Report and Financial Statements 2024



CHARITY NO. 288102

COMPANY REGISTRATION NO. 01762007

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## General Information

### LEGAL STATUS

Urbanwise.London Limited is a company limited by guarantee, not having share capital, governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Working Name / Title:

Urbanwise.London (The Urban Studies Centre)

### COMPANY SECRETARY AND STAFF DIRECTOR

Moya O’Hara

### INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Fiona C Hatchman,  
Director, Additions Accountancy (Grantham) Ltd.  
Barn End, Grantham NG33 5EA

### PRINCIPAL ADDRESS

Canalside Activity Centre  
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London W10 5AY

### BANKERS

Lloyds plc  
Ealing  
London W5

### TRUSTEES

Mike Lachowicz (Chair)  
Hilda McCafferty (Vice Chair)  
Mary-Louise Wedderburn (Treasurer)  
Sarah Collinson  
Katy Jack  
John Kain  
Chloe Kenny  
Mahbuba Khan  
Jordana Smith

## Chair's Statement

Urbanwise.London is now in its 41st year, having started out as Hammersmith and Fulham Urban Studies Centre in 1983, working mostly with schools. Over the years, Urbanwise has expanded our range of services, and now includes a wide variety of environmental and heritage projects with schools, local residents and community groups of all ages.

It has been a busy and productive year, and one in which we were able to explore and develop new partnerships and project work linked to our canalside location. Our established work with Hammersmith and Fulham, Kensington and Chelsea and Westminster also progressed well with schools and local community groups.

The 'Children's Environmental Parliament' project with five Kensington and Chelsea and five Hammersmith and Fulham primary schools took place during the spring term, culminating with a lively event in Kensington Town Hall. Our 'Hammersmith and Fulham Mudlarks project' engaged six primary schools throughout the summer term, focusing on pollution issues of the River Thames and Grand Union Canal. These key environmental projects were supported by a range of specialist partner organisations and contributed to local authority action on climate change.

The 'Active Local Learning' programme for Hammersmith and Fulham schools was very popular this year, enabling young people to explore their local area and experience outdoor hands-on learning. Local studies sessions were also provided for primary schools in Kensington and Chelsea, Westminster, Brent, Hounslow, Ealing and Camden. During the school holidays our School Holiday Clubs at Old Oak Community Centre were busy connecting children with nature and healthy living, and we were also pleased to support London Sports Trust 'Safe Camps' at Canalside Activity Centre.

The 'Discover Your Scrubs!' project, supported by HS2 Community and Environment Fund, enabled us to link up local children in the Old Oak and College Park areas of Hammersmith and Fulham more closely to Wormwood Scrubs, the borough's largest green space. The project will be running for a further year.

We were pleased to contribute to a local partnership working on Kensington and Chelsea's Future 'Neighbourhood 2030' project which aims to make Notting Dale a more sustainable place to live. We are looking forward to working with local schools in Phase 3 of the project soon.

This year we delivered two community programmes in Westminster: 'Discover Your Westminster' supported by the Westminster Adult Education Service, which has been running for a few years, and a new project 'Discover and Share' funded by Westminster Community Priorities programme. 'Discover and Share' aimed to improve wellbeing through connecting people from different communities to spend time together exploring culture, heritage and art.

Our 'Towpath Tales' project, funded by the Greater London Authority, finished this year. Local residents, school students and community groups made their own discoveries along the towpath of our local canals, through walks, boat trips, art workshops, kayaking and visits to places of interest. Some residents shared their own stories of living near the canal which you can find on our website along with a new trail.

'Wren's London 300', supported by National Lottery Heritage Fund, celebrated the life and work of Sir Christopher Wren in the 300th year since his death and involved schools, community groups and local residents. A programme of art workshops, city church walks and visits to exhibitions at St. Paul's Cathedral and the Guildhall brought people a greater appreciation of this significant English architect.

In the coming year we are starting our new Greener Canalside project thanks to support from City Bridge Foundation and in partnership with London Sports Trust. The project aims to engage volunteers in transforming our local canalside environment into a cleaner and greener place.

This autumn, we said goodbye to Carlos Izsak, who had been our education officer for eight years and made such a great contribution to Urbanwise during that time. Carlos left us to join Hammersmith and Fulham Council's Climate Team, so we hope to continue working with him, albeit in a different capacity. We were pleased to welcome Michelle



Lindson, an experienced environmental educator, previously of Haringey Council, in November as our new Education Officer. At our AGM, we also welcomed Sarah Collinson to the Board of Trustees. Sarah is a teacher at John Betts Primary school in Hammersmith, who has worked with Urbanwise for some years.

I would like to thank staff, trustees and volunteers for their hard work and commitment this year. Thank you also to our funders and partners for your continued support which makes it all possible.

**Mike Lachowicz, Chair**



**Trustees’ Report**

The trustees, who are also directors of Urbanwise.London Limited (‘the charity’) for the purposes of the Companies Act, submit their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024. The report and financial statements are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors’ report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

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).

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance

issued by the Charity Commission on Public Benefit.

**Objects**

The objects of the charity are:

- (a) the advancement of environmental education at all levels in an urban setting with particular reference to, but not restricted to, the Greater London area by the provision of a Centre; and
- (b) to promote high standards of planning and architecture in or affecting the area of the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham.



**Structure, Governance and Management**

The charity is a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up in 1983. It is governed by a memorandum and articles of association, which were amended by special resolution on 26 January 2017.

Day to day administration of the charity and project work is carried out by the full-time staff director, Moya O’Hara, reporting to the Board of trustees, which comprises all the trustees. The director’s salary is based on an annual appraisal with the Chair of trustees subject to approval by the Board.

For the avoidance of doubt, all trustees are

company directors (for company law purposes) and charity trustees (for charity law purposes). Under the articles of association, the Board of trustees comprises:

- a) not more than nine trustees elected by and from the membership of the charity at the Annual General Meeting; and
- b) not more than three persons co-opted to serve on the Board by the elected trustees, provided that at no time shall more than one third of the total Board comprise co-opted trustees.

The election of trustees is conducted in accordance with procedures established by the trustees. Prospective trustees attend trustee meetings as observers and if appropriate a resolution to appoint them is put to members at the next Annual General Meeting.

At every Annual General Meeting, one third of the elected trustees retire from office. In the event that the number is not divisible by three, then the proportion to retire shall be that nearest to one third. The trustees to retire shall be those longest in office since their last election. Where there are trustees who have been in office for the same length of time then, in the absence of agreement, those to retire shall be selected by lot. Retiring trustees are eligible for re-election. Co-opted trustees serve until the end of the Annual General Meeting following their co-option but may then be co-opted again.

## Risk management

The trustees consider the risks facing the charity as part of the normal business conducted at their meetings.

Uncertainty over the charity's premises was a major concern in previous years. The arrangement made in August 2021 to occupy an office at premises leased by London Sports Trust (LST), at the Canalside Activity Centre, Canal Close, W10 5AY (Canalside) has benefited both

charities. It has resulted in complementary activities and the opportunity to develop contacts with residents, organisations and Council representatives in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea (RBKC). John Kain, Operations Manager of LST is a member of the Board of Trustees and contributes particular expertise and knowledge of sports activities in the community to our meetings.

The trustees are very concerned by the effects of inflation and the pressure on both schools and local authorities to save costs. There is also increasing competition for funding from all sources. The trustees continue to monitor the situation and seek to develop the charity's activities to serve schools and the wider community as efficiently and effectively as possible.



## Related Parties

The charity undertakes school project work in partnership with Hammersmith Community Gardens Association (HGCA), a registered charity (number 1111999), registered office 1 Melina Road, London W12 9HY. The staff director of Urbanwise.London Limited, Moya O'Hara, is a trustee of HCGA. There were no transactions between the charity and HCGA during the year. The charity is also connected to London Sports

Trust (LST) (registered charity no. 1077167) through trustee John Kain, Operations Manager at LST. The charity has paid LST a total of £5,100 in the year to 31 March 2024 towards costs of the premises it shares with LST.

## Volunteers

We had seven volunteers through the year, including one from King's College London. (2023: six volunteers, including two from King's College London).

## Fundraising

Urbanwise.London does not fundraise from individuals. All funding is sought from organisations.

## Financial Review

Charitable income rose by £37,199 or 24% on the previous year to £192,113. £43,529 of this sum represented income deferred from the previous year for work on major projects: about £26,000 related to activities delayed by residual effects of the pandemic, and the remaining £17,500 represented funding received just before the year end, for activities to be undertaken in the 2024/25 financial year. All funding and other income except for small donations was for specified projects or in accordance with service level agreements. The key funder was the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham, which provided funding for children's services accounting for £12,192 or 6% of total incoming resources (2023: £12,053) and £19,846 fees for project work, included in total project related fees of £171,672 (2023: £9,917 included in total project related fees of £124,110). 75% of the charity's expenditure (£134,408) was on payroll costs and freelance staff (2023: 85%, £132,072), with project expenses (£9,021) accounting for a further 5% (2023: project expenses £10,159, 7% of total expenses). There was a small surplus for the year of £175 on unrestricted funds, and surplus of

£14,000 on the restricted fund (2023: net surplus on unrestricted fund £352 and no movement on the restricted fund). £22,352 previously held as a restricted fund has been transferred to unrestricted funds as explained in the next paragraph. The balance on restricted funds carried forward at the year end is £14,000 and the unrestricted fund, including £37,352 earmarked amounts, stands at £78,985.



## Reserves Policy

The Board of trustees has considered the charity's need for reserves in the light of its risk assessment and plans for future periods.

The trustees agreed that the fund of £22,352 established in 1989 for costs associated with the move out of Lilla Huset to new premises was no longer required to be treated as restricted because the conditions set in the original funding by London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham had lapsed. The amount has therefore been transferred to unrestricted funds, but earmarked together with the £15,000 already provided, for the costs of setting up or moving to permanent new premises in the future (£37,352 in total).



The trustees aim to maintain the unrestricted income fund at a level of between three and six months’ operating expenditure to enable the charity to operate without interruption if there is a short term break in incoming resources. The balance of unrestricted funds after subtracting £37,352 is £41,633, which represents 4.4 months’ expenditure on projects and support costs not treated as restricted. The trustees consider that this is the minimum level of free reserves needed, given the continuing competition for funds and financial restrictions on the activities of local authorities and schools.



### Plans for the Future

The trustees and staff director are working to generate income from multiple sources to ensure that the charity can continue to meet its objectives. Whilst the potential of the Jetty as a potential asset in attracting funding may have been lost, the certainty and synergies provided by the move to the Canalside premise has brought greater certainty to fundraising activities. The support of our funders has also been crucial and we owe them a great debt of gratitude. The trustees and staff are working together to ensure that the charity remains adaptable and efficient in order to enable it to meet its objective of advancing environmental education through the provision of a Centre. Despite all the difficulties, the trustees are confident that the charity has a

secure basis on which to fundraise and plan for the future.



### Members of the Board of Trustees (being directors for the purposes of the Companies Act)

The trustees who served during the year were as follows:

- Mike Lachowicz (Chair)
- Hilda McCafferty (Vice Chair)
- Mary-Louise Wedderburn (Treasurer)
- Sarah Collinson (Appointed 23 September 2023)
- Katy Jack
- John Kain
- Chloe Kenny
- Mahbuba Khan
- Jordana Smith

John Kain and Mahbuba Khan retire at the Annual General Meeting and, being eligible, offer themselves for reappointment.

### Trustees’ Responsibilities in Relation to the Financial statements

The charity trustees (who are also the directors of Urbanwise.London Limited for the purposes of company law) 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).

Company law requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which 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 company for that period.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees 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 charity will continue in business.

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 Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and the group and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of

financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

## External review arrangements

The company is exempt from the Companies Act 2006 requirement to submit the accounts to an audit. At the Annual General Meeting on 23 September 2023, the members approved the appointment of Fiona Hatchman, Director, Additions Accountancy (Grantham) Ltd. to carry out the examination of the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024. A resolution to reappoint Fiona Hatchman as Independent Examiner will be put to the next Annual General Meeting.

## Approval

This report, which has been prepared taking advantage of the small companies exemption in the Companies Act 2006, was approved by the Board on 22 July 2024.

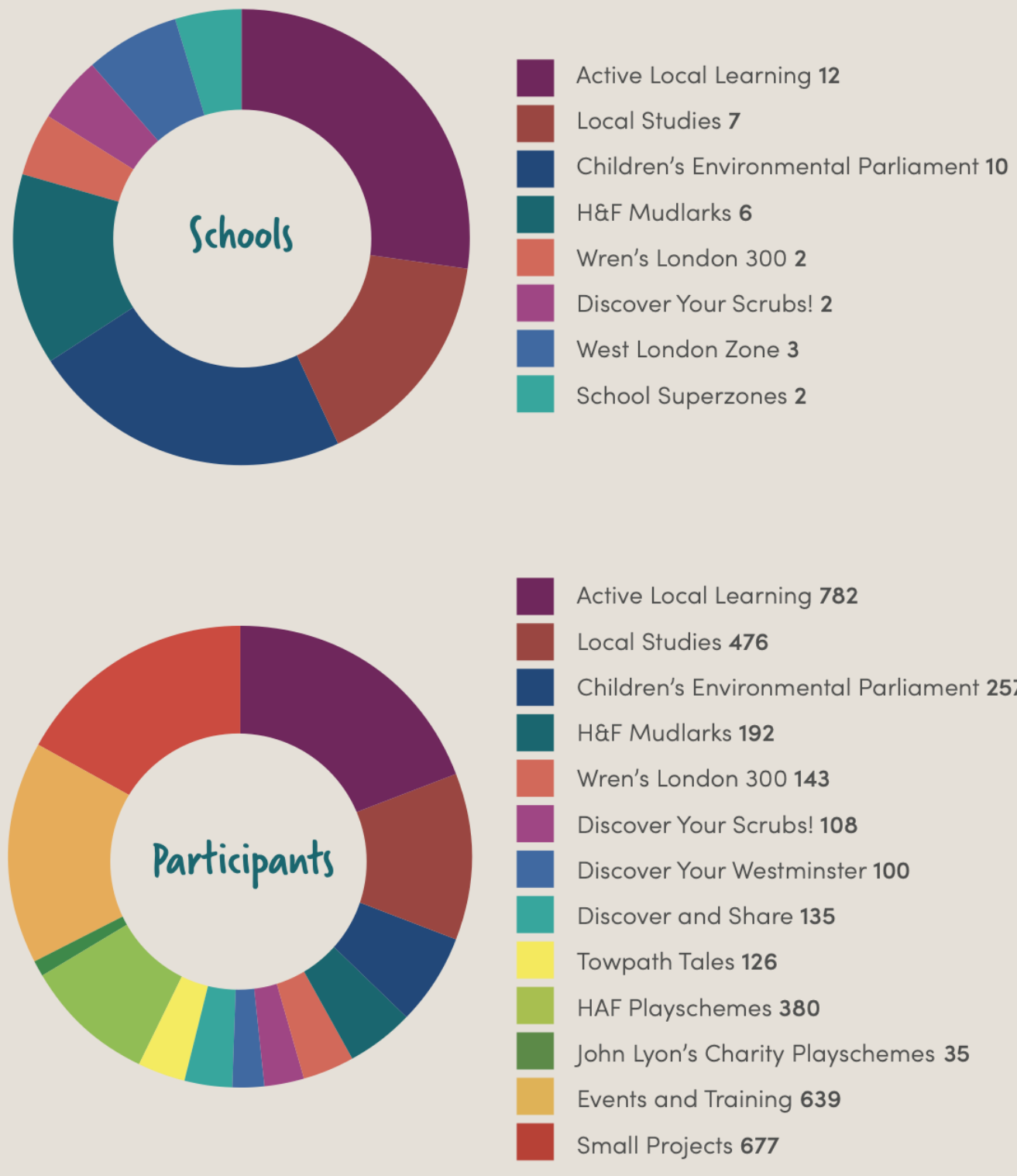
MOYA O'HARA



Moya O'Hara  
Secretary

## Our Work in Numbers

4,050 learning experiences, working with children, young people and adults over a range of 18 projects.



## Staff Director's Report

### Annual Projects

#### Active Local Learning

Children and young people in Hammersmith and Fulham schools took part in outdoor sessions supporting their geography, history and science curriculum. They enjoyed learning mapping skills and exploring local history and biodiversity. We also ran curriculum linked local studies sessions for schools in Kensington and Chelsea and other boroughs.

*"The children were taught how to observe and analyse familiar environments during their geography fieldwork session" Y5 teacher, Lycee Francais.*

#### HAF Playscheme

Our Holiday Club for young people at Old Oak Community Centre ran right through the school holidays with outdoor play, forest activities, healthy living activities, and crafts for local children.

#### Children's Environmental Parliament

The 'Children's Environmental Parliament' event was held in the council chamber of Kensington Town Hall, for Year 6 classes from five Hammersmith and Fulham and five Kensington and Chelsea primary schools, plus invited guests. During the spring term, the children researched a range of topics linked to climate change including Biodiversity of the River Thames, Food Waste and Helping Bees.

*"I learnt that air pollution is a serious problem and that everyone should help to improve air quality"*  
Year 6 student Oratory, Primary School



#### Hammersmith & Fulham Mudlarks

The Mudlarks project ran throughout the summer term, involving Year 4 and 5 classes from Old Oak, Kenmont, St. Stephen's, John Betts and St. Paul's primary schools, and London Oratory School Junior House. School students enjoyed exploring the important issue of waterway pollution and partnering with other environmental organisations to find solutions together. The project finished with a children's conference held at the Riverside Studios in Hammersmith, where children presented their projects to invited guests and sang the Mudlarks song together.

*"I wanted to write on behalf of J3 to say thank you for the opportunity to take part in this fabulous Mudlarks project. We have all had such a wonderful experience throughout this time and have learnt so much. The presentation morning was also something that will remain with the boys for a long time."* Year 5 teacher, London



### Discover Your Westminster

Our adult education course, in partnership with Westminster Adult Education Service, was delivered at Paddington Library and around and about in the local area. There were local guided walks in Little Venice, Marylebone, Paddington and further afield, and days out to places like Kew Gardens, Regents Park and Hampstead Heath. In our short courses we encouraged adults to research a local history topic, assisted by a visit to Westminster Archives Centre, and to present their own projects to other students at the end of the course.

*"I enjoyed walking around the area and learning history, comparing old photos to the new ones, checking London poverty maps etc. Visit to Westminster Archives was fascinating and is a great resource to anyone interested in history. Teachers are very welcoming and knowledgeable and genuinely care about people on the programme."* DYW student



### Discover Your London Walks

Our regular walks programme supported by Transport for London ran throughout the year, exploring some of London's wonderful parks and open spaces. This year's walks included Kensington Gardens, Grand Union Canal towpath, Regents Park and the City of London.

### Discover Your Earls Court

We ran a series of guided walks and creative workshops for families and local people in the Earls Court area, assisted by a local artist and supported by Earls Court Development Company.

### Natural Explorers

Young people from three primary schools took part in our environmental wellbeing workshops as part of West London Zone's programme to help families thrive. We also ran a nature-based after school club at Thomas Jones Primary School.

### Training and Events

We delivered walk leader training sessions for groups who are new to leading community walks for Groundwork UK. We also participated in some fun community events here at Canalside and at Wormwood Scrubs and Hammersmith. These included Playstreet events in Hammersmith and Fulham, where for a short time children took over their local streets, rode their bikes and played games.



### Special projects

#### Towpath Tales



'Towpath Tales' engaged community groups and local schools in making discoveries about the history of the Grand Union and Regents Canal, with walks, visits to the Canal Museum, boat trips, art sessions and writing workshops. With the help of a local artist we created artistic banners showing a timeline of canal history and some of the significant people who lived or worked nearby, plus a walking trail along the towpath. Some of the stories of local people who took part have been collated and can be found on our website.

*"It was very inspiring to find out about the canal and the people who live there. I loved doing the artwork and visiting the Canal Museum to find out even more"* Westbourne Community Champion.

### Wren's London 300

This project celebrated the life and work of famous English architect Sir Christopher Wren, in the 300th year since his death. We worked with local schools, adults and community groups to find out how Wren's architecture transformed the City of London following the devastation of the Great Fire in 1666. As well as visits to St. Paul's Cathedral and the Royal Naval College at Greenwich, we visited exhibitions about his life and wandered through the streets to discover and enjoy Wren's smaller city churches. An audio guide and printed booklet is underway.

*"For me the highlight was climbing up all the way to the golden gallery, stopping on the way at the whispering and stone galleries. The view was just so beautiful from up there". Wren's London 300 participant*

### Discover Your Scrubs!

Young people in Kenmont and Old Oak Primary Schools have been enjoying our lunchtime and after school clubs, connecting them to the semi-

natural environment of Wormwood Scrubs. Activities have included making seed bombs, bird identification and foraging for blackberries. During the summer there were lively family events and local children also took part in play activities during the school holidays.



### Discover and Share

The 'Discover and Share' project, funded by Westminster City council's Community Priorities Fund, aimed to improve wellbeing through connecting people from different communities, and encouraging new and supportive friendships through active learning and discovery. We were delighted to work with Queen's Park English Speaking Group and Church Street Community Champions on this project. They took part in some short arts, culture and heritage courses, including visits to places of cultural interest like the Saatchi Gallery. Participants worked in a variety of mediums, such as clay, monoprint and paint and held an exhibition of their art work at the end of the project.

*"This project took us back to childhood. We forgot about all our adult problems. We had great fun and*

*our nerves calmed down. We learned a lot of new things and communicated naturally in our poor English, understanding each other perfectly. Many thanks to the organisers of this project.” Discover and Share participant*



### Future Neighbourhoods 2030

We were pleased to be part of Kensington and Chelsea Council and the Mayor of London's ongoing initiative to make a cleaner and greener Notting Dale. Urbanwise ran twenty four different sustainability workshops and walks with schools, community groups and local residents in a variety of local settings. Some favourite activities were an Avondale Park Tree Walk, sustainable flower arranging at the Clement James Centre and crafting natural mobiles with Rugby Portobello Trust and P3 Charity.



### School Superzones

We worked with Edward Wilson and Wormholt Primary Schools, engaging the whole school communities in looking at local issues around the schools, and sharing their ideas for making their locality cleaner, safer and greener. These ideas were shared with the local authorities so that they can address the problems identified.

*"It was great to be involved in a whole school project. The workshops were enjoyed by all !” Year 4 teacher, Edward Wilson Primary School*

**Moya O'Hara, Director**

## Finance

### URBANWISE.LONDON LIMITED

#### (A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE NOT HAVING A SHARE CAPITAL)

#### Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of Urbanwise.London Limited

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2024 which are set out on pages 16 to 24.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees 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 company's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 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 statement

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 that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. 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
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the 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).

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.

*FC Hatchman*

FIONA HATCHMAN

Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy

Director, Additions Accountancy (Grantham) Ltd.

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Grantham NG33 5EA

23 August 2024



**URBANWISE.LONDON LIMITED****(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE NOT HAVING A SHARE CAPITAL)****STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

|                                     | Notes | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>£ | Restricted<br>funds<br>£ | 2024<br>Total<br>funds<br>£ | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>£ | Restricted<br>funds<br>£ | 2023<br>Total<br>funds<br>£ |
|-------------------------------------|-------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Income from:</b>                 |       |                            |                          |                             |                            |                          |                             |
| Charitable activities               | 2     | 112,773                    | 79,340                   | 192,113                     | 154,914                    | -                        | 154,914                     |
| Interest receivable                 |       | 430                        | -                        | 430                         | 76                         | -                        | 76                          |
| <b>Total</b>                        |       | <b>113,203</b>             | <b>79,340</b>            | <b>192,543</b>              | <b>154,990</b>             | <b>-</b>                 | <b>154,990</b>              |
| <b>Expenditure on:</b>              |       |                            |                          |                             |                            |                          |                             |
| Charitable activities               | 3, 4  | 113,028                    | 65,340                   | 178,368                     | 154,638                    | -                        | 154,638                     |
| <b>Total</b>                        |       | <b>113,028</b>             | <b>65,340</b>            | <b>178,368</b>              | <b>154,638</b>             | <b>-</b>                 | <b>154,638</b>              |
| <b>Net income</b>                   |       | <b>175</b>                 | <b>14,000</b>            | <b>14,175</b>               | <b>352</b>                 | <b>-</b>                 | <b>352</b>                  |
| <b>Net movement in funds</b>        | 8, 9  | <b>175</b>                 | <b>14,000</b>            | <b>14,175</b>               | <b>352</b>                 | <b>-</b>                 | <b>352</b>                  |
| <b>Total funds at 1 April 2023</b>  | 8, 9  | <b>56,458</b>              | <b>22,352</b>            | <b>78,810</b>               | <b>56,106</b>              | <b>22,352</b>            | <b>78,458</b>               |
| <b>Transfer between funds</b>       |       | <b>22,352</b>              | <b>-22,352</b>           | <b>-</b>                    | <b>-</b>                   | <b>-</b>                 | <b>-</b>                    |
| <b>Total funds at 31 March 2024</b> | 8, 9  | <b>78,985</b>              | <b>14,000</b>            | <b>92,985</b>               | <b>56,458</b>              | <b>22,352</b>            | <b>78,810</b>               |

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



**URBANWISE.LONDON LIMITED****(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE NOT HAVING A SHARE CAPITAL)****Company registration number 01762007 (England & Wales)****BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2024**

|   | Note | 2024<br>£       | £             | 2023<br>£       | £             |
|---|------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>                                 |      |                 |               |                 |               |
| Debtors   | 6    | 29,722          |               | 15,514          |               |
| Cash at bank and in hand                              |      | <u>86,453</u>   |               | <u>115,566</u>  |               |
|   |      | 116,175         |               | 131,080         |               |
| <b>CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year</b> |      |                 |               |                 |               |
|   | 7    | <u>(23,190)</u> |               | <u>(52,270)</u> |               |
| <b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>                             |      |                 | <u>92,985</u> |                 | <u>78,810</u> |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                                   |      |                 | <u>92,985</u> |                 | <u>78,810</u> |
| <b>LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>                       |      |                 |               |                 |               |
| <b>THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY</b>                       |      |                 |               |                 |               |
| Restricted income fund:                               | 8, 9 |                 | 14,000        |                 | 22,352        |
| Unrestricted fund:                                    | 8, 9 |                 |               |                 |               |
| Designated fund                                       |      | 37,352          |               | 15,000          |               |
| General funds   |      | <u>41,633</u>   |               | <u>41,458</u>   |               |
|   |      |                 | <u>78,985</u> |                 | <u>56,458</u> |
| <b>TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS</b>                            |      |                 | <u>92,985</u> |                 | <u>78,810</u> |

**Statement by the directors under section 476, Companies Act 2006**

For the year ended 31 March 2024 the company was entitled to exemption from the requirement to have an audit under section 477(1) of the Companies Act 2006.

No notice has been deposited under section 476 of the Act by members requesting an audit of the company's accounts for the financial year.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (i) ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386, and
- (ii) preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at 31 March 2024 and of its surplus for the year then ended in accordance with the requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

These accounts, which have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime, were approved by the management committee on 22 July 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Mike Lachowicz



Chair

**URBANWISE.LONDON LIMITED****(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE NOT HAVING A SHARE CAPITAL)****STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2024**

|   | <b>2024</b>     | <b>2023</b>     |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|
|   | <b>£</b>        | <b>£</b>        |
| <b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>  |                 |                 |
| Net cash generated by/(used in) operating activities                                | (29,543)        | (30,357)        |
| <b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>  |                 |                 |
| Bank deposit interest received  | <u>430</u>      | <u>76</u>       |
| <b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the financial year</b>                    | <u>(29,113)</u> | <u>(30,281)</u> |
| <br><b>Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow from operating activities:</b> |                 |                 |
| Net income for the reporting period   | 14,175          | 352             |
| Bank deposit account interest   | (430)           | (76)            |
| (Increase) in debtors   | (14,208)        | (12,783)        |
| (Decrease) in creditors   | <u>(29,080)</u> | <u>(17,850)</u> |
| <b>Net cash (used in) operating activities</b>                                      | <u>(29,543)</u> | <u>(30,357)</u> |
| <br>Cash and cash equivalents at the start of the financial year                    | 115,566         | 145,847         |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year                          | <u>86,453</u>   | <u>115,566</u>  |
| Decrease in cash and cash equivalents in year                                       | <u>(29,113)</u> | <u>(30,281)</u> |
| <br>Cash and cash equivalents comprise:   |                 |                 |
| Cash at bank and in hand  | <u>86,453</u>   | <u>115,566</u>  |

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- a) *Basis of preparation of accounts:* 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) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value. Urbanwise.London Limited meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.
- b) *Going concern:* The trustees have considered the charity's ability to continue to operate for the next 12 to 18 months and are satisfied that the charity will continue to be able to operate in furtherance of its objectives and meet its liabilities as they fall due for the foreseeable future. The trustees are especially grateful for the support of all its funders as listed in Note 2 to these accounts.
- c) Donations include local authority grants, other donations and gifts made on a voluntary basis, that are not conditional on delivering specified levels or volumes of a service. Income from donations and grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, when it has been received or receipt is probable and when its amount can be measured reliably. Unrestricted funding received that relates to activities and expenditure in future periods is treated as deferred income.
- d) Income from charitable activities includes fees paid by schools and organisations for the provision of local studies sessions and similar activities. The income is recognised in the year in which the relevant project or session is undertaken,
- e) The charity has two types of funds. Funds donated subject to specific trusts under charity law are classed as restricted funds to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Donations without further specified purpose and other incoming resources are classed as unrestricted funds, out of which an amount is designated for future expenditure needs identified by the trustees.
- f) The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in the charity's income.
- g) Interest income is recognised in the accounts in the year in which it is received.
- h) Expenditure is recognised on the accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.
- i) Expenditure is allocated to project work where the cost relates directly to that activity. Costs including central functions that support the delivery of activities and services in the furtherance of the charity's objectives are allocated to activity cost categories on the basis of relevant staff time.
- j) Governance costs include costs of the preparation, examination and filing of statutory accounts, the cost of trustee and general meetings and administration and the cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters. Staff costs are allocated to governance activities on the basis of employee time spent on company administration and supporting trustee meetings.
- k) Pension costs: the charity does not operate a staff pension scheme. However, it makes contributions to the personal pension schemes of the employees, the cost shown in the accounts being the charity's share payable in the year. The cost is allocated to activities in the same proportion as other staff costs.

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|   |                   |                     | <b>2024</b>    | <b>2023</b>    |
|---|-------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|
|   | <b>Restricted</b> | <b>Unrestricted</b> | <b>Total</b>   | <b>Total</b>   |
| LBHF grants                               |                   |                     |                |                |
| 3SIF Active Local Learning                | -                 | 12,193              | 12,193         | 12,053         |
| Project funding by LBHF                   |                   |                     |                |                |
| Children's environmental parliament       | -                 | 5,615               | 5,615          | 5,408          |
| Mudlarks                                  | -                 | 9,950               | 9,950          | 9,999          |
| Schools Superzone                         | -                 | 2,000               | 2,000          | -              |
| Other                                     | -                 | 2,281               | 2,281          | -              |
| Earls Court Community Fund                | 6,500             | -                   | 6,500          | 5,000          |
| John Lyons Charity                        |                   |                     |                |                |
| Urban Steam project                       | -                 | -                   | -              | 26,000         |
| Playscheme grant                          | 5,000             | -                   | 5,000          | 2,000          |
| Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea     |                   |                     |                |                |
| Children's environmental parliament       | -                 | 5,615               | 5,615          | 5,408          |
| Black History event                       | -                 | -                   | -              | 800            |
| Future Neighbourhoods                     | -                 | 6,600               | 6,600          | -              |
| National Lottery Community Fund Together  | -                 | -                   | -              | 9,650          |
| WCC                                       |                   |                     |                |                |
| Discover and Share                        | -                 | 9,986               | 9,986          | -              |
| Healthy Commute                           | -                 | 1,000               | 1,000          | -              |
| School Superzones                         | -                 | 4,548               | 4,548          | -              |
| Transport for London - Walking Grant      | -                 | 2,000               | 2,000          | 2,940          |
| Old Oak and Park Royal - Scrubs Bird Life | -                 | -                   | -              | 3,970          |
| WAES - Discover your Westminster          | -                 | 14,294              | 14,294         | 12,936         |
| HS2 Discover Your Scrubs                  | 32,490            | -                   | 32,490         | -              |
| Young Explorers                           | -                 | -                   | -              | 11,510         |
| Greater London Authority - Towpath Tales  | -                 | 14,897              | 14,897         | 9,590          |
| West London Zone                          | -                 | 6,540               | 6,540          | 8,720          |
| LMP Play Schemes                          | 25,350            | -                   | 25,350         | 14,801         |
| NHLF; Wren's London                       | 10,000            | -                   | 10,000         | -              |
| Other donations                           | -                 | 7,106               | 7,106          | 5,493          |
| Education fees                            | -                 | 8,148               | 8,148          | 8,636          |
|   | <b>79,340</b>     | <b>112,773</b>      | <b>192,113</b> | <b>154,914</b> |



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|                           | <b>Restr<br/>Direct<br/>costs</b> | <b>U/restr<br/>Direct<br/>costs</b> | <b>Total<br/>Direct<br/>costs</b> | <b>Support<br/>Costs</b> | <b>Total<br/>2024</b> | <b>Direct<br/>costs</b> | <b>Support<br/>Costs</b> | <b>Total<br/>2023</b> |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Staff costs (Note 4)      | 26,028                            | 46,628                              | 72,656                            | 17,169                   | 89,825                | 65,570                  | 22,733                   | 88,303                |
| Freelance staff           | 12,528                            | 29,270                              | 41,798                            | -                        | 41,798                | 41,140                  | -                        | 41,140                |
| Playscheme                | 21,852                            | -                                   | 21,852                            | -                        | 21,852                | -                       | -                        | -                     |
| Projects and materials    | 3,712                             | 5,309                               | 9,021                             | -                        | 9,021                 | 10,159                  | -                        | 10,159                |
| Premises (see note below) | 920                               | 1,315                               | 2,235                             | 2,234                    | 4,469                 | 3,710                   | 1,855                    | 5,565                 |
| Printing & comms          | 267                               | 733                                 | 1,000                             | 834                      | 1,834                 | 1,758                   | 879                      | 2,637                 |
| Governance (Note 3.2)     | -                                 | -                                   | -                                 | 4,919                    | 4,919                 | -                       | 3,903                    | 3,903                 |
| Accountancy               | -                                 | -                                   | -                                 | 1,632                    | 1,632                 | -                       | 1,632                    | 1,632                 |
| Computer and internet     | -                                 | -                                   | -                                 | 1,503                    | 1,503                 | 251                     | 251                      | 502                   |
| Travel                    | -                                 | 617                                 | 617                               | 90                       | 707                   | 448                     | -                        | 448                   |
| Training                  | -                                 | 155                                 | 155                               | 76                       | 231                   | -                       | -                        | -                     |
| Sundries                  | 33                                | 273                                 | 306                               | 271                      | 577                   | 233                     | 116                      | 349                   |
|                           | <b>65,340</b>                     | <b>84,300</b>                       | <b>149,640</b>                    | <b>28,728</b>            | <b>178,368</b>        | <b>123,269</b>          | <b>31,369</b>            | <b>154,638</b>        |

Expenses attributable both to projects directly and to the support of charitable activities are allocated between the different activities on the basis of estimated staff time spent/resources expended,

**3.2 GOVERNANCE COSTS**

|   | <b>Total<br/>support<br/>costs<br/>2024<br/>£</b> | <b>Total<br/>support<br/>costs<br/>2023<br/>£</b> |
|---|---|---|
| Salary and pension costs relating to governance | 2,786   | 2,629   |
| Independent examination                         | 450   | 450   |
| Annual accounts printing                        | 515   | 760   |
| Annual General Meeting costs                    | <u>1,168</u>                                      | <u>64</u>   |
| Total governance costs                          | <u>4,919</u>                                      | <u>3,903</u>                                      |

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|                       | <b>Governance</b> | <b>Direct &amp;<br/>Support</b> | <b>Total<br/>2024</b> | <b>Governance</b> | <b>Direct &amp;<br/>Support</b> | <b>Total 2023</b> |
|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|
|                       | <b>£</b>          | <b>£</b>                        | <b>£</b>              | <b>£</b>          | <b>£</b>                        | <b>£</b>          |
| Salaries and wages    | 2,212             | 75,752                          | 77,964                | 2,216             | 79,149                          | 81,365            |
| Social security costs | 408               | 8,634                           | 9,042                 | 259               | 4,408                           | 4,667             |
| Pension costs         | 165               | 5,440                           | 5,605                 | 154               | 4,746                           | 4,900             |
|                       | <u>2,785</u>      | <u>89,826</u>                   | <u>92,611</u>         | <u>2,629</u>      | <u>88,303</u>                   | <u>90,932</u>     |

No holiday pay has been provided in the current period as the amount involved is negligible (2023: no holiday pay provided).

There were two full time employees during the year (2023: two full-time employees). No employee earned more than £60,000 (2023: no employee earned more than £60,000).

Urbanwise.London is a Living Wage employer.

**5. TRUSTEE EXPENSES AND TRANSACTIONS**

There were no trustee expenses to be reimbursed in the year and no trustee or any person connected with a trustee received any remuneration (2023: no trustee expenses or remuneration). There were no transactions between the charity and Hammersmith Community Gardens Association during the year and no balance outstanding at the year end. In 2023 the charity invoiced Hammersmith Community Gardens Association £1,314 for assistance with project work and Hammersmith Community Gardens Association made a grant of £3,600 to the charity to deliver a walks programme as part of their RBKC adult education funding. There was no balance outstanding between the charity and HCGA at 31 March 2023.

Premises costs include £5,210 paid to London Sports Trust under a Service Level Agreement signed in August 2021.

**6. DEBTORS**

|                               | <b>2024</b>          | <b>2023</b>          |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
|                               | <b>£</b>             | <b>£</b>             |
| Fees receivable               | 29,626               | 15,096               |
| Other debtors and prepayments | <u>96</u>            | <u>418</u>           |
|                               | <u><b>29,722</b></u> | <u><b>15,514</b></u> |

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|  | <b>2024</b>   | <b>2023</b>   |
|--|---------------|---------------|
|  | <b>£</b>      | <b>£</b>      |
| Income deferred in current year (Note 7.2) | 10,263        | 43,529        |
| Other creditors and accruals               | <u>12,927</u> | <u>8,741</u>  |
|  | <u>23,190</u> | <u>52,270</u> |

**7.2 ANALYSIS OF MOVEMENT ON DEFERRED INCOME ACCOUNT**

|  | <b>2024</b>   | <b>2023</b>   |
|--|---------------|---------------|
|  | <b>£</b>      | <b>£</b>      |
| Deferred income at start of year       | 43,529        | 62,157        |
| Amount applied to relevant expenditure | (43,529)      | (62,157)      |
| Amount received during year            | <u>10,263</u> | <u>43,529</u> |
| Deferred income at end of year         | <u>10,263</u> | <u>43,529</u> |

Deferred income represents the proportion of grants and project income received for which the relevant expenditure has not yet been incurred by the charity.

**8. STATEMENT OF MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

|                       | <b>01-Apr<br/>2023</b> | <b>Incoming<br/>Resources</b> | <b>Outgoing<br/>Resources</b> | <b>Transfers</b> | <b>31-Mar<br/>2024</b> |
|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|
|                       | <b>£</b>               | <b>£</b>                      | <b>£</b>                      | <b>£</b>         | <b>£</b>               |
| Total restricted fund | 22,352                 | 79,340                        | 65,340                        | -22,352          | 14,000                 |
| Unrestricted funds    | 56,458                 | 113,203                       | 113,028                       | 22,352           | 78,985                 |
| Total all funds       | <u>78,810</u>          | <u>192,543</u>                | <u>178,368</u>                | <u>-</u>         | <u>92,985</u>          |

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|                     | <b>Unrestricted<br/>Fund<br/>£</b> | <b>Restricted<br/>Fund<br/>£</b> | <b>Total<br/>£</b> |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Current assets      | 102,175                            | 14,000                           | 116,175            |
| Current liabilities | <u>(23,190)</u>                    | <u>-</u>                         | <u>(23,190)</u>    |
|                     | <u>78,985</u>                      | <u>14,000</u>                    | <u>92,985</u>      |

| <b>Restricted fund project title/donor</b> | <b>01-Apr<br/>2023</b> | <b>Income</b> | <b>Exp.</b>   | <b>Transfer</b> | <b>31-Mar<br/>2024</b> |
|--|------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| Development fund/LBHF                      | 22,352                 | -             | -             | -22,352         | -                      |
| Discover your Scrubs/HS2                   | -                      | 32,490        | 24,490        | -               | 8,000                  |
| Wren's London                              | -                      | 10,000        | 9,000         | -               | 1,000                  |
| Earls Court                                | <u>-</u>               | <u>6,500</u>  | <u>1,500</u>  | <u>-</u>        | <u>5,000</u>           |
| Total                                      | <u>22,352</u>          | <u>48,990</u> | <u>34,990</u> | <u>-22,352</u>  | <u>14,000</u>          |

Funding totalling £30,350 for playschemes was spent in full so no balance remains to be carried forward.

The whole of the restricted fund is represented by cash at bank. The remaining assets and liabilities of the company belong to the Unrestricted income fund, which is the cumulative surplus on the charity's activities.

**11. STATUS**

The Company, which is limited by guarantee, was formed in 1983 otherwise than for profit and is registered as a charity. The liability of each member is restricted to £1.