

# Urbanwise.London

## Annual Report and Financial Statements 2025



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)

## PRINCIPAL ADDRESS

Canalside Activity Centre  
Canal Close  
Ladbroke Grove  
London, W10 5AY

## TRUSTEES

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

## COMPANY SECRETARY AND STAFF DIRECTOR

Moya O'Hara

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

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

## BANKERS

Lloyds plc  
Ealing  
London, W5

## Chair's Statement

This year, we have made significant strides in expanding our community and environmental initiatives, which have opened up new opportunities and partnerships.

The 'Greener Canalside' project, launched this year with support from City Bridge Foundation and in partnership with London Sports Trust, aims to engage volunteers in transforming our local canalside environment into a cleaner and greener space. This project includes delivering sustainable workshops, family events, and activities for young people. Local people and community groups have participated in towpath litter picks, 'paddle and picks' with the bell-boat, and greening workshops, significantly improving the local canalside area.

We were pleased to launch another new project, 'Westminster Children's Environmental Parliament,' supported by the London Community Foundation's Greener Futures Fund and working with eight Westminster Primary schools. Additionally, our 'Hammersmith and Fulham Mudlarks project' engaged six primary schools throughout the summer term, addressing issues of pollution in the River Thames and Grand Union Canal. These significant environmental initiatives were backed by several specialist partner organisations and contributed to local authority actions on climate change.

Our 'Active Local Learning' programme for Hammersmith and Fulham schools was popular this year, allowing young people to explore their local area through outdoor, hands-on learning. During the holidays, our lively School Holiday Clubs, supported by Hammersmith and Fulham HAF fund and John Lyon's Charity at Old Oak Community Centre, engaged children with nature and promoted healthy living. We were also pleased to support London Sports Trust's 'Safe Camps' at Canalside Activity Centre. Additionally, local studies sessions were delivered for primary schools in Kensington and Chelsea, Westminster, Hounslow, Ealing, and Wandsworth.

Our 'Discover Your Scrubs!' project, supported by

the HS2 Community and Environment Fund, has successfully engaged local children in the Old Oak and College Park areas of Hammersmith and Fulham with Wormwood Scrubs, the borough's largest green space. As this project draws to a close, new funding from Hammersmith United Charities will allow us to continue our efforts with local children in the upcoming autumn term with a new after-school project. Additionally, we hope that a recent Forest School pilot project, supported by Hammersmith and Fulham Council, will lead to increased sustainable outdoor learning opportunities in Wormwood Scrubs in the future.

We delivered two community programmes in Westminster this year. 'Discover Your Westminster', supported by Westminster Adult Education Service, which has been running for several years, engages people in learning about the heritage and culture of their local area and sharing their findings together. 'Discover and Share' supported by Westminster Community Priorities programme aims to enhance wellbeing through connecting people from diverse communities, through a series of art courses and cultural visits.

We were delighted to welcome Carolina de Toledo Fattori as our new Greener Canalside and Learning Officer. An experienced environmental educator, Carolina has already made a significant impact on our community and school initiatives, boosting volunteering and participation while enhancing our profile.

We are approaching a time of transition for our charity, as we bid farewell to Moya O'Hara, who has served as Director of Urbanwise.London for 17 years and is now retiring from the role. We wish her all the best for the future.

We are pleased to announce that Carlos Izsak will be joining us as our new Director. Previously part of Hammersmith and Fulham Council's Climate Team, Carlos has a strong connection to our organisation, having previously served as our Education Officer for seven years. His extensive experience and enthusiasm make him an excellent addition to the team, and we look forward to welcoming him on board in a new role.



We also say goodbye to Michelle Lindson, our Education Officer, who is leaving to pursue travelling and conservation work in New Zealand. Michelle has made a positive impact during her time here, improving our administrative systems and leading popular education sessions, walks, and visits; she will be greatly missed.

Lastly, we extend our gratitude to John Kain, who retired from the Board of Trustees this year.

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to our staff, trustees, and volunteers for their hard work and enthusiasm this year. A special thank you goes to our funders and partners for your unwavering support, which makes all of this 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 2025. 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.

Many of our activities were funded by local authorities in the past but this source is increasingly uncertain in the context of severe spending cuts. We are working hard to replace this income by extending the scope of our activities, both geographically and across a wider age range, so that we can appeal to more potential funders. However, the year to 31 March 2025 has seen the end of some major projects so funding ongoing activities is becoming increasingly difficult. Our major funders continue to be very supportive, but we cannot take this support for granted in the longer term. Funding future activities is therefore the most serious concern faced by the charity.

The Trustees are very aware of 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 rising cost of living has made it increasingly difficult for staff and the impact of two successive years of wage increases has had a major impact on our operating costs.

Whilst 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 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). Although the tenure of LST is itself for a limited term, the trustees are reasonably confident that the future of both charities in the Canalside premises is secure for two to three years so that some of the designated fund earmarked for moving costs can be released back to general funds to cover ongoing expenses.

The trustees have also been very aware of the risk of relying on a small number of dedicated staff, especially the staff director Moya O'Hara. Moya is to retire at the end of August after more than 15 years running the charity and her experience and ability will be sorely missed. We are very pleased to announce that we have appointed Carlos Izsak, who used to work as Education Officer for the charity, to succeed her, but there will inevitably be a steep learning curve as fundraising takes up an ever greater part of the Director's role.



### 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 and during the year the charity invoiced HCGA £3,815 for project and education related services. The charity was also connected

to London Sports Trust (LST) (registered charity no. 1077167) through trustee John Kain, Operations Manager at LST, until he retired as a Trustee in March. The charity has paid LST a total of £5,100 in the year to 31 March 2025 towards costs of the premises it shares with LST.

### Volunteers

There were 78 volunteers through the year, including 73 through our Greener Canalside project and one from King's College London (2024: five volunteers).

### Fundraising

Urbanwise.London does not fundraise from individuals during the year to 31 March 2025, all funding being sought from organisations including local authorities. Given the severity of the funding situation the trustees have decided to extend fundraising to the wider public.

### Financial Review

Total charitable income rose by £23,000 (12% on the previous year) to £215,000. However, more than £28,000 of income was for a restricted fund project that ended in July 2025, and a further £49,000 was for another restricted fund project running for three years until June 2027 (annual income averaging £59,000). Both funds include an allowance for overheads.

As mentioned in the previous paragraph, we received funding for our Greener Canalside project from City Bridge, for three years from June 2024, £48,750 in the ten months to 31 March 2025. The London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham continued to be a major source of funding, totalling £38,640. The other major funders were Westminster City Council (£23,300), £16,948 for the Westminster Children's Environmental Parliament, from London Community Foundation Greener Futures fund



supported by Grosvenor Estates, and HS2 (£28,366) for the Discover Your Scrubs project, which ended in July 2025.

All funding and other income except for small donations was for specified projects or undertaken in accordance with service level agreements. Further detail is given in Note 2 to the accounts. We are really grateful for the generous support of all our funders. Expenditure related to unrestricted funds increased by 33% from £113,000 to £150,000, mainly due to increased staff costs with the addition of a new member of staff and salary increases reflecting the rising cost of living in London.

72% of the charity’s expenditure (£175,000) was on payroll costs and freelance staff (2024: 75%, £134,000), with project expenses (£16,000) accounting for a further 7% (2024: project expenses £9,000, 5% of total expenses). There was a substantial deficit for the year of £16,604 on unrestricted funds compared to a small surplus of 175 in 2024. The deficit was due mainly to staff costs on developing new services or extending existing project work, funded from reserves.



### 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. Given the slightly better outlook for premises and the uncertainty surrounding future funding, while we are determined to build up our services in line with our charitable objectives, we have decided to release back to general reserves £10,000 of the funds designated for costs that might be incurred in a future move to new premises.

Whereas in the past the trustees have sought to maintain the unrestricted fund at a level of between three and six months’ operating expenditure, we consider it more appropriate to specify more precisely the purposes for holding surplus funds.

In the first place we shall carry forward £27,352 for costs that will arise when we eventually need to move to new premises. Of the £35,029 remaining in general funds, we anticipate that up to £19,000 will be needed to cover the cost of a member of staff employed full time but for whom funding exists for only 3 days per week. The balance of £16,029 is less than the total support costs incurred by the charity in the current year so is needed to cover running costs should we be unsuccessful in too many of our funding applications.

### 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. The support of our funders is 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, so that it can 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
- Katy Jack
- John Kain (retired March 2025)
- Chloe Kenny
- Mahbuba Khan
- Jordana Smith

Hilda McCafferty and Mike Lachowicz 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.

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## External review arrangements

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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, approved by the Board on 15 July 2025.

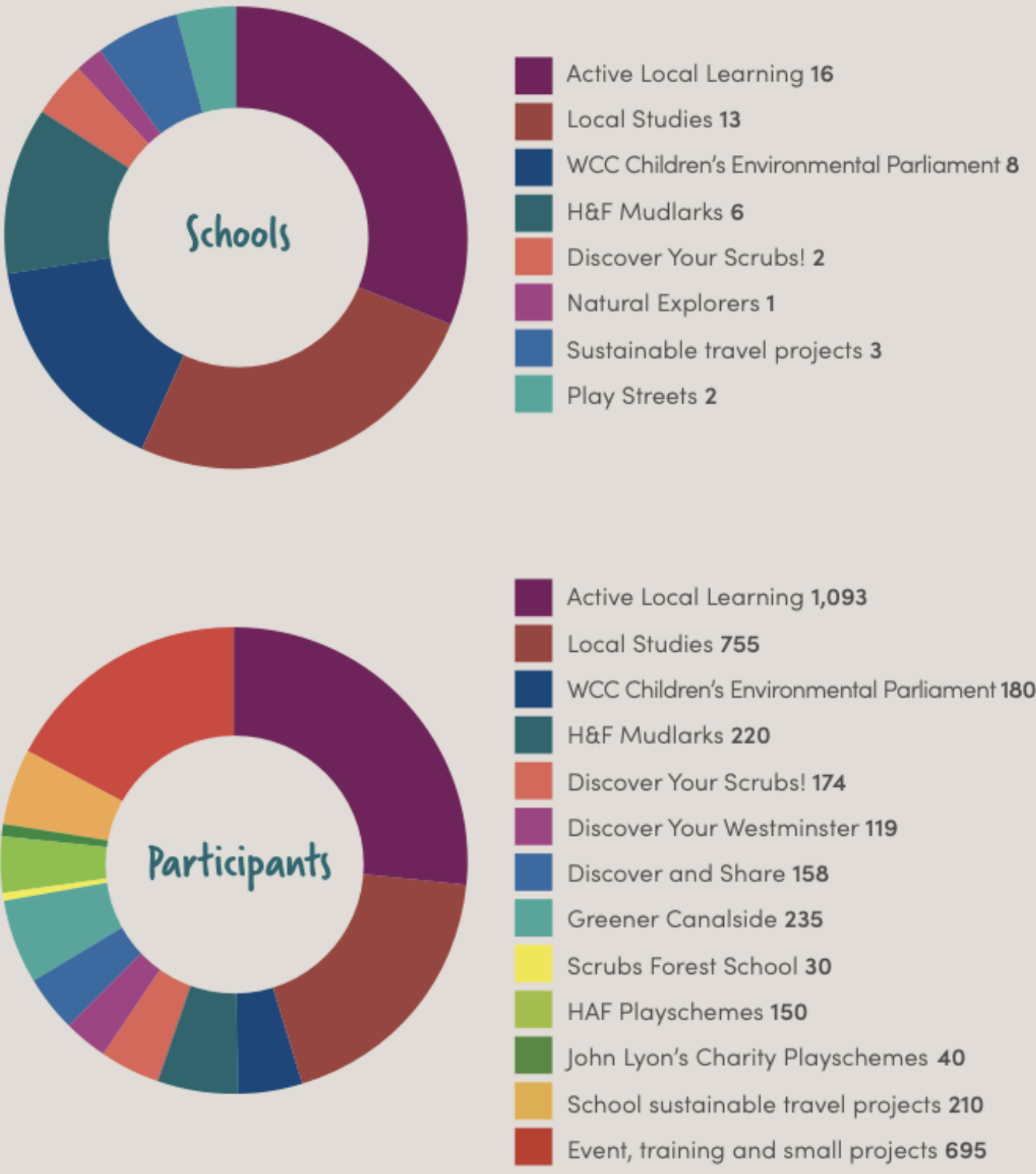
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Moya O'Hara  
Secretary

# Our Work in Numbers

4059 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 primary schools across Hammersmith and Fulham participated in outdoor sessions that enriched their history geography, history and science curricula. They enjoyed exploring the riverside environment, learning mapping skills and discovering significant local heritage. We also ran curriculum-linked local studies sessions for schools in Kensington and Chelsea as well as other boroughs.

#### Hammersmith & Fulham Mudlarks

The Mudlarks project took place during the summer term, involving Year 4 and 5 students from Old Oak, Flora Gardens, Wendell Park, St John XXIII primary schools and London Oratory School Junior House. Students explored the critical issue of waterway pollution and collaborated with council officers and other environmental organisations to devise solutions together. The project concluded in a children's conference at the Riverside Studios in Hammersmith, where participants presented their projects to invited guests and sang the Mudlarks song together.

*"I enjoyed learning all about plastics in the River Thames and how we can improve things for the animals that live there." Year 4 student*



#### Hammersmith & Fulham Holiday Clubs

During the summer, Easter, Christmas and half-term holidays, our Holiday Clubs for young people at Old Oak Community Centre offered a variety of engaging activities. Led by our playscheme manager and her dedicated team, local young people participated in outdoor play, sports, forest school activities, healthy living sessions, art workshops, and excursions to Wormwood Scrubs and other places of interest.

#### Discover Your Westminster!

Our adult education course, in partnership with Westminster Adult Education Service, included a short arts course at Westminster Reference Library, a heritage course at Mayfair Library for people learning English, and a summer series of Green Walks. Additionally, we organised visits to Kew Gardens for both the Orchid Festival and to enjoy the autumn colours, as well as a guided tour of the Wallace Collection.

*"I really enjoyed the course and hope to do more with Urbanwise in the future. It was a pleasure and a privilege to get access to fantastic places for free and to have the benefit of learning from talented trainers like you." Learner, Kew Gardens visit*



### Discover Your London Walks

Our programme of regular walks, supported by Transport for London, took place throughout the year, discovering some of London's wonderful parks and open spaces. This year's walk highlights included Kensington Gardens, Walthamstow Wetlands, the Grand Union Canal towpath, Regent's Park and the City of London's Secret Gardens.

### Training, Workshops and Events

We delivered walk leader training sessions for groups who are new to leading community walks for Groundwork UK, and we supported Grand Junction Art Centre heritage volunteers in leading two new local walks. We also participated in some enjoyable community events at Canalside Activity Centre, Wormwood Scrubs, Portobello Road and at venues throughout Hammersmith and Fulham. These included Playstreet events, where for a short time, children took over their local streets to ride their bikes and play games, and some sustainable workshops in local libraries, making seasonal wreaths, beeswax candles and weaving with wool.

*"Amazing session. Each facilitator bringing incredible knowledge and enthusiasm to the session. Learnt so much and lovely atmosphere. Love the ethos of the organization!" Walk Leader Training Participant*

## Special projects

### Greener Canalside

We began our Greener Canalside project in June this year when Greener Canalside and Learning Officer, Carolina de Toledo Fattori, joined the team. The project has enabled us to green up our canalside basin by planting flowers and vegetables, removing litter from the towpath and the canal, and improving the environment for people and wildlife. There have also been visits from school groups, family events and a series of sustainability workshops for local community groups. A dedicated group of weekly volunteers and regular 'paddle and pick' sessions with a variety of community groups has contributed to the project's progress.

*"It feels great to see the canalside area gradually improving, bit by bit." Volunteer*



### Scrubs Forest School Project

During the autumn and spring, we conducted a pilot project with Key Stage One children from Old Oak Primary School at Wormwood Scrubs, where they took part in nature activities, games

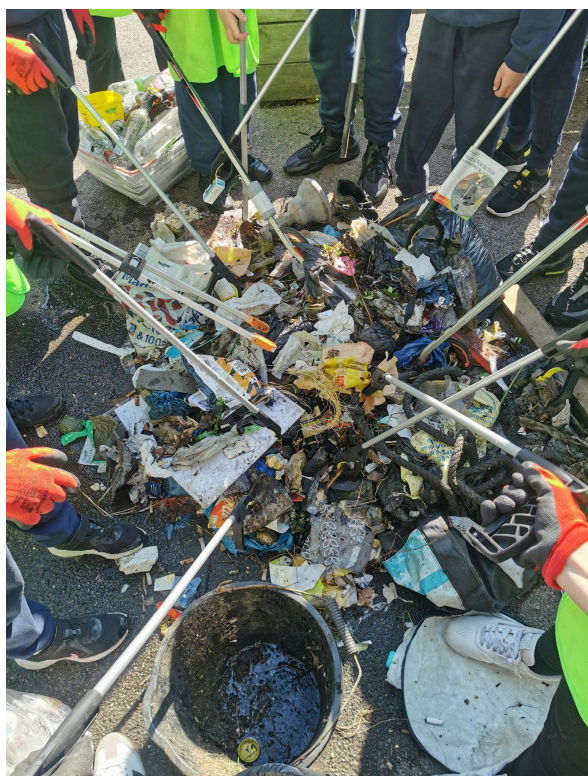


and crafts in their own dedicated space, whatever the weather! Due to its success, we hope to continue running similar projects in the future.

### Westminster Children's Environmental Parliament

This year, a new 'Children's Environmental Parliament' project involved Year 5 and Year 6 children from eight Westminster primary schools. The children researched a range of topics linked to climate change, including food miles, school gardening, the Grand Union Canal and the biodiversity of the River Thames. The project concludes with a school event in the summer term, hosted by ZSL at London Zoo.

*"We are very grateful for the opportunity to work with Urbanwise and your support with this environmental project. The pupils enjoyed the process and the excitement of presenting their research work over the term. It has added impetus to their work and drive as young ambassadors to help protect our environment and global issues."*  
Class teacher



### Discover Your Scrubs!

Young people at Kenmont and Old Oak Primary Schools and the 'Play and Stay' families enjoyed our lunchtime and after-school clubs, connecting them to the semi-natural environment of Wormwood Scrubs. Activities included nature crafts, bird identification and making smoothies with a smoothie bike. Throughout the summer, we hosted lively family events and local children participated in play activities during the school holidays.



### Discover and Share

The 'Discover and Share' project, supported by Westminster City Council's Community Priorities Fund, aims to enhance wellbeing through connecting people from different communities and fostering new and supportive friendships through active learning and discovery. We were delighted to collaborate with Westminster's Library Service, the Church Street Community Champions, and various other local groups and local residents on this initiative. Participants engaged in short arts courses, making their own illustrated story books, local walks and visits to cultural sites, including Hampton Court Palace, Kensington Palace and the Wallace Collection.



*"Thank you so much for arranging this visit. I have already had two regular customers come into the library telling me how much they enjoyed the trip. Their eyes sparkled with so much interest and appreciation for the visit. It truly is helping them."*  
*Library Officer, Marylebone Library*



### School Superzones / Safe Routes to School

We worked with Thomas's Academy, Addison and St. John XXIII primary schools in Hammersmith and Fulham. During the projects, students investigated traffic and transport issues, explored their local area, and developed plans for promoting sustainable and safe travel to and from school to share with local authority professionals.

### Small Projects

We worked in partnership with Hammersmith Community Gardens to consult local families and schools about the wildlife area at Ravenscourt Park, which is due for a transformation by Hammersmith and Fulham Council. We also delivered our Natural Explorers program for SEND children at Avonmore Primary School in partnership with AllChild.

**Moya O'Hara, Director**

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## Finance

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### **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 2025 which are set out on pages 17 to 25.

#### **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.



FIONA HATCHMAN

Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy

Director, Additions Accountancy (Grantham) Ltd.

Barn End  
Grantham NG33 5EA

15 August 2025

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	Note s	Restricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £	2025 Total funds	Restricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £	2024 Total funds
<b>Income from:</b>							
Charitable activities	2	82,116	132,979	215,095	79,340	112,773	192,113
Interest receivable		0	455	455	0	430	430
		<b>82,116</b>	<b>133,434</b>	<b>215,550</b>	<b>79,340</b>	<b>113,203</b>	<b>192,543</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>							
Charitable activities	3,4	91,468	150,038	241,506	65,340	113,028	178,368
<b>Total</b>		<b>91,468</b>	<b>150,038</b>	<b>241,506</b>	<b>65,340</b>	<b>113,028</b>	<b>178,368</b>
<b>Net -expenditure/income</b>		<b>-9,352</b>	<b>-16,604</b>	<b>-25,956</b>	<b>14,000</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>14,175</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	8,9	<b>-9,352</b>	<b>-16,604</b>	<b>-25,956</b>	<b>14,000</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>14,175</b>
<b>Total funds at 1 April 2024</b>	8,9	<b>14,000</b>	<b>78,985</b>	<b>92,985</b>	<b>22,352</b>	<b>56,458</b>	<b>78,810</b>
<b>Transfer between funds</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-22,352</b>	<b>22,352</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total funds at 31 March 2025</b>	8,9	<b>4,648</b>	<b>62,381</b>	<b>67,029</b>	<b>14,000</b>	<b>78,985</b>	<b>92,985</b>

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

**Company registration number 01762007 (England & Wales)**

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2025**

	Note	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	6	11,440		29,722	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>88,714</u>		<u>86,453</u>	
		100,154		116,175	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>(33,125)</u>		<u>(23,190)</u>	
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			<u>67,029</u>		<u>92,985</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>			<u>67,029</u>		<u>92,985</u>
<b>LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
<b>THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY</b>					
Restricted income fund:	8, 9		4,648		14,000
Unrestricted fund:	8, 9				
Designated fund		27,352		37,352	
General funds		<u>35,029</u>		<u>41,633</u>	
			<u>62,381</u>		<u>78,985</u>
<b>TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS</b>			<u>67,029</u>		<u>92,985</u>

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

For the year ended 31 March 2025 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 2025 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 15 July 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Mike Lachowicz  Chair

**STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2025**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>		
Net cash generated by/(used in) operating activities	1,806	(29,543)
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>		
Bank deposit interest received	<u>455</u>	<u>430</u>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the financial year</b>	<u>2,261</u>	<u>(29,113)</u>
 <b>Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow from operating activities:</b>		
Net deficit/(income) for the reporting period	(25,956)	14,175
Bank deposit account interest	(455)	(430)
Increase/(decrease) in debtors	18,282	(14,208)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	<u>9,935</u>	<u>(29,080)</u>
<b>Net cash generated by/(used in) operating activities</b>	<u>1,806</u>	<u>(29,543)</u>
 Cash and cash equivalents at the start of the financial year	86,453	115,566
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	<u>88,714</u>	<u>86,453</u>
Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents in year	<u>2,261</u>	<u>(29,113)</u>
 Cash and cash equivalents comprise:		
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>88,714</u>	<u>86,453</u>



## NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- 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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**2. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

			<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>Restrict</b>	<b>Unrestrict</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>d</b>	<b>d</b>		
LBHF grants				
3SIF Active Local Learning	-	12,680	12,680	12,193
Project funding by LBHF				
Children's Environmental Parliament	-	-	-	5,615
Mudlarks	-	10,430	10,430	9,950
School Superzone/ Safer Routes	-	6,600	6,600	2,000
Forest School	-	6,930	6,930	-
Other	-	2,000	2,000	2,281
Greener Canalside – City Bridge	48,750	-	48,750	
Earls Court Community Fund	-	2,500	2,500	6,500
John Lyon's Charity				
Playscheme grant	5,000	-	5,000	5,000
Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea				
Children's Environmental Parliament	-	-	-	5,615
Future Neighbourhoods	-	50	50	6,600
WCC				
Discover and Share	-	9,078	9,078	9,986
Healthy Commute	-	-	-	1,000
School Superzones	-	-	-	4,548
Children's Environmental Parliament*	-	16,948	16,948	-
WAES - Discover your Westminster	-	14,221	14,221	14,294
Transport for London - Walking Grant	-	3,000	3,000	2,000
HS2 Discover Your Scrubs	28,366	-	28,366	32,490
Community Events	-	6,055	6,055	-
Greater London Authority - Towpath Tales	-	-	-	14,897
West London Zone – All Child	-	2,289	2,289	6,540
LMP Holiday Club	-	25,750	25,750	25,350
NHLF; Wren's London	-	-	-	10,000
Ravenscourt Park	-	3,000	3,000	-
Other donations	-	1,138	1,138	7,106
Education fees & Training	-	10,310	10,310	8,148
			215,09	192,11
	82,116	132,979	5	3

\* Greener Futures project from London Community Foundation supported by Grosvenor Estates

## NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025 (continued)

### 3.1 CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025	<b>Restr Direct costs</b>	<b>U/restr Direct costs</b>	<b>Total Direct costs</b>	<b>Support Costs</b>	<b>Total 2025</b>
Staff costs (Note 4)	36,933	76,094	113,027	17,194	130,221
Freelance staff	20,840	20,672	41,512	0	41,512
Playscheme	15,248	19,020	34,268	0	34,268
Projects and materials	14,914	1,361	16,275	0	16,275
Premises (see note below)	2,114	2,607	4,721	1,058	5,779
Printing & comms	826	935	1,761	1,068	2,829
Governance (Note 3.2)	0	0	0	4,418	4,418
Accountancy & professional	0	0	0	3,946	3,946
Computer and internet	125	239	364	419	783
Travel	187	177	364	30	394
Training	232	92	324	0	324
Sundries	49	355	404	353	757
	91,468	121,552	213,020	28,486	241,506

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024	<b>Restrict ed Direct costs</b>	<b>Unrestr' d Direct costs</b>	<b>Total Direct costs</b>	<b>Support Costs</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>
Staff costs (Note 4)	26,028	46,628	72,656	17,169	89,825
Freelance staff	12,528	29,270	41,798	-	41,798
Playscheme	21,852	-	21,852	-	21,852
Projects and materials	3,712	5,309	9,021	-	9,021
Premises (see note below)	920	1,315	2,235	2,234	4,469
Printing & comms	267	733	1,000	834	1,834
Governance (Note 3.2)	-	-	-	4,919	4,919
Accountancy	-	-	-	1,632	1,632
Computer and internet	-	-	-	1,503	1,503
Travel	-	617	617	90	707
Training	-	155	155	76	231
Sundries	33	273	306	271	577
	65,340	84,300	149,640	28,728	178,368

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,

## NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025 (continued)

### 3.2 GOVERNANCE COSTS

	<b>Total support costs 2025 £</b>	<b>Total support costs 2024 £</b>
Salary and pension costs relating to governance	2,866	2,786
Independent examination	475	450
Annual accounts printing	243	515
Annual General Meeting costs	<u>834</u>	<u>1,168</u>
Total governance costs	<u>4,418</u>	<u>4,919</u>

### 4. STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS

	<b>Governanc e £</b>	<b>Direct &amp; Support £</b>	<b>Total 2025 £</b>	<b>Governanc e £</b>	<b>Direct &amp; Support £</b>	<b>Total 2024 £</b>
Salaries and wages	2,426	112,553	114,979	2,212	75,752	77,964
Social security costs	269	9,988	10,257	408	8,634	9,042
Pension costs	170	7,681	7,851	165	5,440	5,605
	<u>2,865</u>	<u>130,222</u>	<u>133,087</u>	<u>2,785</u>	<u>89,826</u>	<u>92,611</u>

No holiday pay has been provided in the current period as the amount involved is negligible (2024: no holiday pay provided).

There were three full time employees during the year (2024: two full-time employees). No employee earned more than £60,000 (2024: 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 (2024: no trustee expenses or remuneration). During the year the charity invoiced Hammersmith Community Gardens Association (HCGA) £3,815 for project and education related services. There was no balance outstanding between the charity and HCGA at the year end. In 2024 there were no transactions between the charity and HCGA and there was no balance outstanding between the charity and HCGA at 31 March 2024.

Premises costs include £5,100 paid to London Sports Trust (LST) under a Service Level Agreement signed in August 2021 (2024: £5,100). The charity also paid £3,677 to LST for project related fees (2024: £NIL).

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**6. DEBTORS**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Fees receivable	11,362	29,626
Other debtors and prepayments	<u>78</u>	<u>96</u>
	<u>11,440</u>	<u>29,722</u>

**7.1 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Income deferred in current year (Note 7.2)	23,670	10,263
Other creditors and accruals	<u>9,455</u>	<u>12,927</u>
	<u>33,125</u>	<u>23,190</u>

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

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Deferred income at start of year	10,263	43,529
Amount applied to relevant expenditure	(10,263)	
		(43,529)
Amount received during year	<u>23,670</u>	<u>10,263</u>
Deferred income at end of year	<u>23,670</u>	<u>10,263</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 2024</b>	<b>Incoming Resources</b>	<b>Outgoing Resources</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>31-Mar 2025</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Total restricted fund	14,000	82,116	91,468	-	4,648
Unrestricted funds	78,985	133,434	150,038	-	62,381
Total all funds	92,985	215,550	241,506	-	67,029



**NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**9. STATEMENT OF DISPOSITION OF FUNDS AT 31 MARCH 2025**

	<b>Unrestricted Fund £</b>	<b>Restricted Fund £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
Current assets	90,506	9,648	100,154
Current liabilities	<u>(28,125)</u>	<u>(5,000)</u>	<u>(33,125)</u>
	<u>62,381</u>	<u>4,648</u>	<u>67,029</u>

<b>Restricted fund project title/donor</b>	<b>01-Apr 2024</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expend</b>	<b>31-Mar 2025</b>
Greener Canalside – City Bridge	-	48,750	44,980	3,770
Discover your Scrubs/HS2	8,000	28,366	35,488	878
John Lyons Playscheme	-	5,000	5,000	-
Wren's London	1,000	-	1,000	-
Earls Court	<u>5,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>14,000</u>	<u>82,116</u>	<u>91,468</u>	<u>4,648</u>

The whole of the restricted fund assets are represented by cash at bank, and £5,000 funding received in advance of project expenditure is carried forward as deferred revenue. 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.