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Vauxhall Gardens Community Centre

Report and Accounts

31 March 2025

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Reference and administrative information

Trustees	Patrick Agyeman (Acting Chair 25/11/2023)
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Chair's Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 2025

Dear Friends, Supporters, and Community Members,

It is my privilege to present this Chair's Summary for the year ended 31 March 2025 on behalf of the Board of Trustees of Vauxhall Gardens Community Centre (VGCC).

The past year has been one of consolidation, reflection and resilience. As the cost-of-living crisis continued to affect many households, VGCC remained a trusted and accessible community anchor providing practical support, creative opportunity and safe space for connection to those who needed it most.

Throughout 2024–25, demand for our services remained high. Our open-access foodbank continued to respond to growing need, supported by the dedication of volunteers and the generosity of donors and partner organisations. Alongside this, the Centre sustained a broad range of community, cultural and wellbeing activities, while continuing to provide affordable and flexible space for artists, grassroots groups and local charities.

Partnership working remained central to our impact. We strengthened collaboration with Lambeth Council, Vauxhall One and other partners, enabling us to deliver programmes, cultural events and support services that reflect the diversity and creativity of our local community. These relationships have allowed VGCC to remain adaptable and responsive in a challenging operating environment.

From a governance perspective, the Board placed renewed emphasis on strengthening foundations for the future. Trustees engaged in training, policy review and forward planning to ensure VGCC remains well-governed, compliant and strategically focused, alongside careful financial stewardship in a demanding year.

During the year, we were pleased to welcome Beth Donkin, Duncan Hancox and Dionne Holmes to the Board of Trustees. Their perspectives and commitment have already made a positive contribution to Board discussions and future direction.

We also remember with great respect Tim Kalvis, a long-standing trustee whose integrity, compassion and unwavering commitment to VGCC left a lasting mark on the organisation.

Looking ahead

As we move into the next phase of VGCC's development, the Board is shaping a 2026–2029 strategic framework grounded in realism, community need and long-term sustainability. This is not about rapid expansion, but about sustainable growth ensuring VGCC continues to serve current and future generations as a trusted community asset.

On behalf of the Board, I thank our staff, volunteers, partners, funders and community members for their continued support.

Patrick Agyeman

Acting Chair of the Board of Trustees

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1. Objectives and Activities

VGCC remains dedicated to supporting our local community through a range of inclusive projects and services aimed at tackling food insecurity, social isolation, and inequality.

Our key objective is to improve the wellbeing and resilience of individuals and families in Lambeth and neighbouring boroughs by providing essential services, affordable space, and creative opportunities.

Throughout 2025, VGCC continued to operate an open food bank, offering assistance without restrictions to anyone in need. As living costs and food insecurity persist, the organisation's work remains vital to the local community.

2. Achievements and Performance

Food Support and Community Assistance

Despite economic pressures, VGCC has successfully sustained its community food bank with help from dedicated partner organisations and donors.

While inflation slowed this year, prices for basic goods continued to rise, leaving many households struggling to afford essentials. Our food bank experienced a significant surge in demand, reflecting ongoing community need.

Cultural and Community Events

Culture Clash 2.0 – Building Belonging Through Culture

During the period, VGCC successfully delivered Culture Clash 2.0, a vibrant social evening designed to create a safe, welcoming and inclusive space for migrants, refugees, asylum seekers, Spanish and Portuguese-speaking communities, and the wider North Lambeth community. The event brought together over 120 attendees, representing a rich mix of cultural backgrounds, languages and lived experiences.

Culture Clash 2.0 was intentionally designed to go beyond a social gathering. It provided a platform for cultural exchange, mutual learning and connection, helping to break down social isolation, challenge stereotypes, and foster a shared sense of belonging within the local community.

3. Outcomes and Impact

Strengthening inclusion and community connection

Over 40% of attendees were from migrant or refugee backgrounds, many of whom reported feeling more connected to the local community as a direct result of the event. This is particularly significant in the context of Lambeth's status as a Borough of Sanctuary, where creating meaningful opportunities for integration and belonging is a shared local priority.

Participants from migrant and asylum-seeking backgrounds often experience acute social isolation due to language barriers, negative media narratives, and the practical challenges of living in temporary accommodation with no recourse to public funds. Culture Clash 2.0 offered a rare,

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accessible and welcoming environment where individuals felt seen, valued and able to participate fully.

Reaching under-represented communities

Spanish and Portuguese-speaking communities, which can be more insular and harder to reach due to language barriers, were actively engaged through targeted outreach, culturally familiar food, and partnerships with trusted community organisations such as Madeira. This approach proved highly effective in encouraging attendance and supporting these groups to integrate into the wider VGCC community.

Celebrating diversity and shared experiences

The event welcomed participants from over 10 different cultural communities, with strong engagement across workshops, activities and informal social spaces. Attendees explored cultural practices, values, norms and language in ways that encouraged curiosity, empathy and mutual respect.

Tangible social outcomes

Post-event feedback highlighted the strength of the connections formed:

- 80% of respondents reported an increased sense of inclusion
- Many attendees stated they had met new people they intended to stay in contact with
- Participants described feeling more confident engaging in future community activities

Empowerment through participation

Interactive workshops supported skill-building, personal confidence and cultural exchange, enabling participants not only to share their own stories and traditions, but also to learn from others in a supportive environment.

Joy, creativity and wellbeing

Alongside its social impact, Culture Clash 2.0 delivered something equally important: fun, laughter and celebration. Music, food and entertainment played a vital role in creating a relaxed atmosphere where relationships could form naturally and positively.

Why It Matters

Culture Clash 2.0 demonstrated the power of community-led, culturally responsive programming to reduce isolation, build bridges between communities and strengthen social cohesion. The event reinforced VGCC's role as a trusted, inclusive community anchor—one that not only responds to need, but actively creates opportunities for connection, understanding and shared belonging.

Looking Ahead

Building on the success of Culture Clash 2.0, VGCC will continue to develop inclusive, culturally responsive events that strengthen community connection and reduce social isolation. In 2026, we

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aim to deepen engagement with migrant, refugee and under-represented language communities through regular social and cultural programming, stronger partnerships with trusted grassroots organisations, and increased opportunities for co-design with participants themselves.

Future iterations of Culture Clash will place greater emphasis on participant leadership, skills sharing and sustained pathways into wider VGCC activities, ensuring that initial connections translate into long-term involvement, confidence and belonging. By embedding learning from Culture Clash 2.0, VGCC will continue to act as a safe, welcoming community hub that reflects the diversity of North Lambeth and supports cohesive, inclusive neighbourhoods.

Future Proof'd – Equipping Young People for Tomorrow's Economy

Programme Overview

During the period, VGCC, NEON Performing Arts and Through the Lab collaborated to deliver Future Proof'd, a forward-looking skills and employability programme designed to support young people to thrive in an increasingly complex and fast-changing world.

The programme responded directly to the growing gap between formal education and the practical, adaptable skills young people need to access sustainable employment—particularly within the creative and digital economy.

Future Proof'd adopted a three-pronged delivery model:

1. Technical training in digital media, creative production and content creation
2. Hands-on, real-world experience, embedding learning through live projects
3. One-to-one mentoring, offering personalised guidance, confidence-building and career navigation support

The concept of “future proofing,” commonly used in business and technology, underpinned the programme's design. Participants were supported not only to develop technical competence, but also adaptability, resilience and an innovative mindset—capabilities essential for long-term employability in uncertain labour markets.

Delivery and Outcomes

With funding from Lambeth Council's Lambeth Made programme, alongside match funding through NEON partnerships, VGCC delivered a paid, six-week programme to 10 young people, creating equitable access to skills development and reducing financial barriers to participation.

Participants received hands-on training using industry-standard digital tools and software, alongside structured learning in:

- Film production and creative content
- Marketing and audience engagement strategies
- Data and analytics for creative outputs
- CV development and interview preparation

A central feature of the programme was the delivery of a live creative brief. Participants were commissioned to produce videography and photography for the Cultures and Cultures Festival,

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enabling them to apply their learning in a real-world, public-facing context. This project-based approach supported deeper learning, stronger skill retention and a clear portfolio outcome.

In addition, participants gained valuable experience in event delivery and professional collaboration, working directly with festival organisers, creatives and production teams. This broadened their understanding of the creative industries and strengthened their professional networks.

Impact

Feedback from participants was overwhelmingly positive:

- All participants reported increased confidence in their abilities and future prospects
- Many described feeling more ambitious and motivated about their career pathways
- Participants highlighted the value of mentoring and real-world experience in building self-belief
- A stronger sense of community connection and civic pride was consistently reported

Importantly, the programme's impact extends beyond individual outcomes. Participants expressed a clear desire to give back, support peers, and act as positive role models within their networks—creating a ripple effect that strengthens the wider community.

Looking Ahead – Scaling Skills, Employability and Opportunity

Building on the success of Future Proof'd, VGCC aims to expand the programme into a repeatable, partnership-led employability pathway for young people in North Lambeth.

Future iterations will explore innovative collaborations with subject matter experts across creative, digital and growth sectors, including:

- Creative and digital agencies offering masterclasses and live briefs
- Tech, media and marketing professionals providing industry insight and mentoring
- Social enterprises and local employers co-designing paid placements and internships
- Careers specialists supporting progression into further training, apprenticeships or employment

VGCC will also explore thematic programme strands, such as:

- Creative tech and AI for content creation
- Digital storytelling for social impact
- Freelancing, entrepreneurship and portfolio careers
- Transferable skills for employment beyond the creative sector

By embedding employer engagement, accredited skills, and progression pathways, Future Proof'd will evolve from a single programme into a sustainable talent pipeline, supporting young people not only to gain skills, but to access meaningful, long-term opportunities.

Through Future Proof'd, VGCC will continue to play a critical role in bridging the gap between potential and opportunity—ensuring young people are not only prepared for the future, but actively shaping it.

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4. Foodbank

VGCC's foodbank has been running since May 2021, and during that time we have witnessed a significant and continuous rise in demand. Initially established to support residents within the Lambeth borough, we soon found that individuals from surrounding areas were also reaching out for assistance. In response, VGCC made the decision to keep our doors open to everyone in need, ensuring that support is provided without restriction to anyone experiencing hardship.

Although inflation has decreased notably over the past two years, this improvement in statistics does not reflect the reality faced by many households. The cost-of-living crisis continues to affect individuals and families deeply, including those in employment who still struggle to meet basic living costs such as utilities, food, and essential goods.

Our foodbank remains a vital community service, and VGCC is fully committed to maintaining this lifeline for as long as we continue to receive the generous support of our donors and partners.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to our devoted volunteers, whose tireless dedication, compassion, and time make everything we do possible. We also extend our sincere thanks to our staff team for their commitment and attention to detail, ensuring smooth operations and well-organised distributions.

We are deeply grateful to our amazing donors and partner organisations for their ongoing support throughout the year. Your contributions—both financial and in-kind—have been instrumental in allowing us to continue this essential work.

Special appreciation goes to:

Citywire, Shop&Drop, City Harvest, Plan Zheroes, Felix Project / Fareshare, Lambeth Walk Methodist Church, St. Anselm's Church, and to all the individuals within our community who have donated food, funds, and time to support our mission.

Together, we are ensuring that no one in our local community faces hunger alone.

5. Partnerships and Collaboration

VGCC continues to build and maintain robust partnerships that underpin all aspects of our service delivery. Key partners include:

Citywire	Shop&Drop
Lambeth Council	Vauxhall One
City Harvest	Felix Project
Plan Z Heroes	Care4Calais
Cool it Art	Thursday Art Group
Lambeth Walk Methodist Church	St. Anselm's Church

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We also express our gratitude to the many **individual donors and volunteers** who consistently provide financial and in-kind support to sustain our foodbank.

We would also like to highlight our pleasure in collaborating with Louise Wakefield, who reached out to us to help raise funds for the lift repair. A special acknowledgment goes to Su Koe, who worked tirelessly to secure all the prizes for the raffle, contributing significantly to the day's success. Thanks to Su, the funds raised helped to fix the lift.

6. Community Facilities and Services

VGCC continues to offer affordable workspace for resident artists and community groups, fostering creativity and inclusion.

Groups that benefit from our spaces include local churches, Aikido and Taekwon-Do classes, and an Art Support Group.

We are also proud to offer free venue space to Cool it Art and the Lambeth Together Health and Wellbeing Bus, which provides information, advice, and health support within the community.

For more details, visit: <https://www.lambethtogether.net/lambeths-health-and-wellbeing-bus>

Cool it Art

We finished our 11th yearly programme of Cool it Art Kids at VGCC (Sept 2023 - August 2024) with 675 attendances over 39 classes at the centre and 3 trips to cultural organisations. Funding was disjointed; we received 3 lots of funding to make the year possible. The news of funding being successful was often last minute so this made it more difficult to keep families engaged, though we still greatly appreciated receiving the funding. The uncertainty from month to month impacted our numbers over the programme, which was unfortunate, however we still benefitted many local families through our offerings which is the main thing - many families see the classes as a lifeline in the community.

We started our 12th yearly programme in Sept 2024, facing the same issue, lack of funding - with around 150 funders closing this has been extremely hard in the third sector for charitable organisations to function. Many organisations locally as well as countrywide have ceased running or massively cut back on their programmes. We were able to run from Sept 2024 - Feb 2025 when we had to stop the classes for children and families at VGCC. We were able to run longer due to Citywire contributing to our running costs on top of our grant from Lambeth for which we are really grateful.

We ran our annual "May Makes" at Great Art- celebrating creativity throughout Fridays in May with free workshops for the community to inspire creativity, as well as a Halloween and Christmas workshop in-store in Shoreditch.

We continued our Young at 'Art programme with 2 short term funded projects, June - August 2024 and October - December 2024 through funding from Lambeth. In March 2025 we successfully secured a 3 year funding bid to cover March 2025 - February 2028. Young at 'Art is our award winning programme minimising isolation and loneliness through creativity. With this long term funding we can provide classes and trips over 48 weeks of the year including an annual exhibition to be held at

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The Handbag Factory on Loughborough Street. These classes for adults welcome people from all skill levels and backgrounds; we support a lot of unpaid carers and other potentially vulnerable people

7. Studios and Other Users

VGCC is proud to be home to a thriving community of artists and creative practitioners, most of whom are based on the second floor of the building. We value their contribution to the cultural life of VGCC and regularly invite them to participate in projects that serve the wider community.

In addition to our resident artists, VGCC provides space to a diverse range of community and support groups, including:

- Two church groups
- Various support and wellbeing groups
- Taekwondo and Aikido classes
- Muay Thai classes
- Old English Country Dance classes
- ChoirCo Orchestra rehearsal sessions
- Care4Calais, which runs English classes for asylum seekers
- Cicely Northcote Trust, Lambeth Walk Methodist Church, and Community Housing Trust, who use our facilities for meetings and workshops
- Sudanese Men's and Women's Groups, who meet regularly for community gatherings, including a men's weekly group, a women's monthly group, and a weekly prayer meeting during Ramadan

VGCC remains committed to the guiding mission established by our founders nearly 40 years ago—to serve the community with openness, creativity, and compassion. This legacy continues to inspire all that we do today.

Watch This Space – What's Next at Vauxhall Gardens Community Centre

VGCC continues to evolve as a welcoming neighbourhood hub where culture, connection and social action come together. As we look ahead, we are excited to build on the momentum of the past year and develop new programmes that respond directly to local needs, interests, and ideas—creating more opportunities for people to connect, learn and belong.

Over the coming year, we are actively exploring new partnership opportunities with like-minded organisations and subject matter experts to help develop a number of initiatives designed to strengthen community wellbeing, skills and sustainability, including:

Doing our bit to tackle food insecurity!

As the cost-of-living crisis continues, as far as possible VGCC strives to expand our food bank offer with wrap around care and support to ensure that our service users are supported holistically.

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A community cooking club using surplus food

We are developing a regular, inclusive cooking club that transforms surplus food into shared meals. The programme will combine practical cooking skills, nutrition, budgeting and sustainability, while creating a relaxed social space where people can cook, eat and learn together. This initiative will support food security, reduce waste and foster connection across generations and cultures.

An open community café

Alongside this, VGCC is exploring the development of an open café model—a welcoming, low-barrier space where local residents can drop in, socialise and take part in community life. The café will act as a social anchor within the centre, offering opportunities for volunteering, skills development and informal peer support, while strengthening everyday connections between people who might not otherwise meet.

Expanded social programmes for older residents

We are continuing to grow our offer for older members of the community, with a focus on regular social activities, creative workshops and interest-led groups that reduce isolation and support wellbeing, confidence and friendship.

A Reuse Hub for practical sustainability

Our Reuse Hub will provide opportunities for the community to donate, share and repurpose everyday items—encouraging sustainable living, creativity and mutual support while reducing waste.

Cultural and community events

VGCC will continue to host accessible, community-building events that celebrate the diversity of North Lambeth. These shared experiences—centred around food, culture and creativity—will offer safe, welcoming spaces for people to come together, learn from one another and build lasting relationships.

Skills and employability pathways

We are developing skills-based and employability-focused programmes that support people to build confidence, gain practical experience and access pathways into work, training or volunteering—often delivered in partnership with subject matter experts and local employers. And this is just the beginning.

Co-Creating the Programme Together

To ensure our programmes genuinely reflect the aspirations and priorities of the community, VGCC is in the process of establishing a Community Programming Committee—and we are currently seeking participants.

The committee will bring together local residents, centre users and community stakeholders to help shape the activities, projects and events delivered at VGCC. Members will play a meaningful role in influencing decisions, sharing ideas and ensuring our programme remains inclusive, relevant and rooted in lived experience.

The group is expected to meet 4–8 times per year, with flexibility to suit members' availability. Meetings will be welcoming, informal and supported—with refreshments provided—but most importantly, they will offer an opportunity to be part of something that creates real, positive change.

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Get Involved

If you care about your community and would like to help shape the future of Vauxhall Gardens Community Centre, we would love to hear from you.

To register your interest in joining the Community Programming Committee, please contact us:

Phone: 020 7793 1110

Email: admin@vgcc.org.uk

(Subject line: Programme Committee Membership)

8. Financial Review

VGCC continues to operate with careful financial management, ensuring that every donation and grant is used effectively to deliver front-line community services.

We remain deeply thankful for the continued financial support from our donors, partner organisations, and our landlord, whose belief in VGCC's mission enables us to sustain affordable premises for our vital community work.

9. Going Concern

The trustees have considered the charity's financial position and cash flow forecasts and believe that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, the accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis.

10. Independent Examination and Approval

We are pleased to confirm that Mohammad Ali FCCA was reappointed as our Independent Examiner, following approval by members at the Annual General Meeting held on 21 March 2025.

Trustees' Declaration

The Trustees confirm that this report has been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and accurately represents VGCC's activities and achievements for the financial year ending 2025.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on30 Jan 2026..... and signed on their behalf by



Pamela Fry
Treasurer



Patrick Agyeman
Acting Chair

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Vauxhall Gardens Community Centre

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 14 to 23

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:-

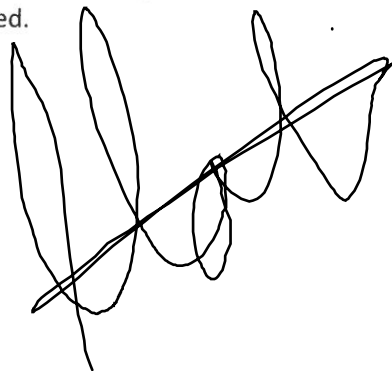
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This report was signed on

30 Jan 2026



Vauxhall Gardens Community Centre - Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Income & Endowments from:					
Donations & Legacies	5	3,720	7,000	10,720	15,890
Charitable activities	6	110,760	-	110,760	151,485
Other Income	14	5,000	-	5,000	-
Investments	7	678	-	678	719
Total income		<u>120,158</u>	<u>7,000</u>	<u>127,158</u>	<u>168,094</u>
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds		15,775	-	15,775	20,378
Charitable activities	8	140,029	6,613	146,642	149,168
Total expenditure		<u>155,804</u>	<u>6,613</u>	<u>162,417</u>	<u>169,546</u>
Net income for the year		<u>(35,646)</u>	<u>387</u>	<u>(35,259)</u>	<u>(1,452)</u>
Transfers between funds		(55)	55	-	-
Net income after transfers		<u>(35,701)</u>	<u>442</u>	<u>(35,259)</u>	<u>(1,452)</u>
Reconciliation of funds:-					
Total funds brought forward		113,640	4,998	118,638	120,090
Total funds carried forward		<u>77,939</u>	<u>5,440</u>	<u>83,379</u>	<u>118,638</u>

All activities are derived from continuing operations

The notes attached form an integral part of these accounts.

Vauxhall Gardens Community Centre - Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	2	4,471	11,469
Total fixed assets		<u>4,471</u>	<u>11,469</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	3	40,668	25,855
Cash at bank and in hand		54,605	94,976
Total current assets		<u>95,273</u>	<u>120,831</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	4	<u>(16,365)</u>	<u>(13,662)</u>
Net current assets		<u>78,908</u>	<u>107,169</u>
The total net assets of the charity		<u>83,379</u>	<u>118,638</u>
The total net assets of the charity are funded by the funds of the charity, as follows:-			
Restricted funds			
Restricted Revenue Funds		<u>5,440</u>	4,998
		5,440	4,998
Unrestricted Funds			
Unrestricted Revenue Funds		<u>77,939</u>	113,640
		77,939	113,640
Total charity funds	13	<u>83,379</u>	<u>118,638</u>

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of charity legislation with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The Trustees are satisfied that, although the charity is not registered under the Companies Acts, if it were so registered, it would be eligible to prepare accounts in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006. applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.


Pamela Fry

Treasurer


Patrick Agyeman

Acting Chair

Approved by the board of trustees on 30 Jan 2026

The notes attached form an integral part of these accounts.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2019): Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011

Public benefit entity

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The charity can comfortably operate based on confirmed funding with sufficient reserves.

Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and that the amount can be measured reliably.

Where donations and grants are restricted to future accounting periods, they are deferred and recognised in those future accounting periods. Grants for immediate financial support and assistance, or to reimburse costs previously incurred, are recognised immediately.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the charity that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Hall hire, rental and trading income is accounted for on a receivable basis.

Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

Fund accounting

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is charged to the fund.

Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources received or generated for the charitable purposes of the charity and are available for general use at the discretion of the trustees.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.

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Expenditure and basis of apportioning costs

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis with the irrecoverable element of VAT included with the item to which it relates and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

Raising funds: Costs of raising funds relate to the costs incurred by the charity in inducing third parties to make voluntary contributions to it, as well as the cost of any activities with a fundraising purpose.

Charitable activities: Expenditure on charitable activities includes costs associated with the delivery of the charity's activities and services for its beneficiaries, and include both the direct costs and support costs relating to these activities. Governance costs include those incurred in the governance of the charity and its assets and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements. Support costs include office costs and those

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

The charity operates a policy of capitalising fixed asset items over £500. Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost

Fixtures, fittings & equipment 25% on cost

Office Equipment- 25% on cost

Leasing and hire purchase commitments

Rental charges are charged on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments. The trustees seek to use short term deposits to maximise the return on monies held at the bank and to manage cash flow.

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can

Fundraising

Funds are raised through individual donations, grants from Trusts, Foundations and Government grants and contracts. Some fundraising events may also be carried out.

Pensions

The charity operates an Auto Enrolment defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities as they are incurred.

Volunteers and donated services and facilities

The value of services provided by volunteers is not incorporated into these financial statements as it is impractical to estimate such value.

2 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and Fittings £	Office Equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2024	35,748	2,586	38,334
At 31 March 2025	35,748	2,586	38,334
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2024	25,294	1,571	26,865
Charge for the year	6,581	417	6,998
At 31 March 2025	31,875	1,988	33,863
Net book value			
At 31 March 2025	3,873	598	4,471
At 31 March 2024	10,454	1,015	11,469

3 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	33,057	19,295
Prepayments and accrued income	7,611	6,560
	40,668	25,855

Creditors: amounts falling due within

4 one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Deposits on Rentals	8,714	9,951
Accruals	5,980	2,450
Rental income received in advance	1,515	1,105
PAYE, NIC VAT and other taxes	156	156
	16,365	13,662

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5 Donations, Grants and Legacies

	£	£	£	£
London Borough of Lambeth	-	2,000	2,000	1,800
Vauxhall One	-	-	-	1,600
Citygrove Securities PLC	-	5,000	5,000	9,000
Citygrove Securities PLC-Website	-	-	-	3,000
Santander	-	-	-	150
CLSH Management Ltd.	3,600	-	3,600	-
Small donations individually less than	120	-	120	340
Total public sector revenue grants	3,720	7,000	10,720	15,890
Total Donations, Grants and Legacies	3,720	7,000	10,720	15,890

6 Income from charitable activities - Trading Activities

	Unrestricted 2025 £	Restricted 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Rental Income Basement	5,610	-	5,610	5,628
Rental Income Hall Hire	61,673	-	61,673	76,420
Rental Income Cafe	4,660	-	4,660	15,014
Rental Income Studio and Office	38,817	-	38,817	54,423
Total	110,760	-	110,760	151,485

7 Investment income

	Unrestricted 2025 £	Restricted 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Bank Interest Receivable	678	-	678	719
Total investment income	678	-	678	719

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8 Expenditure

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	2025	2025	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Salaries	41,301	-	41,301	35,078
Defined contribution pension costs	843	-	843	718
Centre management	15,775	-	15,775	20,378
Rent and rates	24,066	-	24,066	22,289
Utilities	14,468	-	14,468	10,809
Cleaning and waste management	13,567	-	13,567	10,959
Premises repairs, renewals and	9,211	-	9,211	6,432
Security	5,160	-	5,160	6,307
Property insurance	3,908	-	3,908	3,035
Telephone and internet	1,184	-	1,184	985
Software licences and IT support	417	-	417	411
Health and safety costs	1,563	-	1,563	1,028
Website rebranding	714	-	714	6,000
Bank charges	60	-	60	55
Depreciation	6,997	-	6,997	6,972
Governance costs	723	-	723	1,142
Direct Expenditure on				
Charitable activities	9	6,613	6,613	16,570
Total support costs	140,029	6,613	146,642	149,168

Governance cost include Independent Examination Fees for the 24/25:£560 (2023/24:£560)

9 Direct Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	2025	2025	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
VGCC Project-ESOL	-	-	-	1,435
NTEZ Culture Clash	-	1,075	1,075	-
Over 60s event	-	-	-	725
Black History Month	-	-	-	1,500
Food Bank	-	5,538	5,538	12,910
Total	-	6,613	6,613	16,570

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10 Staff costs and emoluments	2025 £	2024 £
Gross Salaries	41,301	35,078
Employer's operating costs to defined contribution pension schemes	843	718
Total salaries, wages and related costs	42,144	35,796

There were no full-time members of staff in 2025 (2024: none).

The average monthly number of employees during the year on a part-time basis was 2 (2024: 2). The full-time equivalent for 2025 was 1 (2024: 1).

No staff member received remuneration exceeding £60,000 in either year.

11 Related Party Transactions

No trustee was paid or reimbursed expenses during the year (2024:Nil), no other person connected with trustees received expenses or payments (2024:Nil).

12 Particulars of how funds are represented by assets and liabilities

At 31 March 2025	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Tangible Fixed Assets	4,471	-	-	4,471
Current Assets	89,892	-	5,381	95,273
Current Liabilities	(16,365)	-	-	(16,365)
	77,998	-	5,381	83,379

At 1 April 2024	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Tangible Fixed Assets	11,469	-	-	11,469
Current Assets	115,838	-	4,993	120,831
Current Liabilities	(13,662)	-	-	(13,662)
	113,645	-	4,993	118,638

Vauxhall Gardens Community Centre

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13 Fund reconciliation

	At 1 April 2024	Incoming Resources	Resources expended	Transfer	At 31 March 2025
Restricted funds:-					
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Restricted Fixed Asset Funds</i>		-	-		-
<i>Restricted Revaluation Reserve</i>		-	-		-
Black History Month	300				300
Vauxhall One	875				875
Foodbank	483	5,000	(5,538)	55	-
Sport England Grant	840				840
VGCC HAF Project	2,500				2,500
NTEZ Culture Clash		2,000	(1,075)		925
	4,998	7,000	(6,613)	55	5,440
 <i>Unrestricted Revenue Funds</i>	 113,640	 120,158	 (155,804)	 (55)	 77,939
	113,640	120,158	(155,804)	(55)	77,939
 Total Funds	 118,638	 127,158	 (162,417)	 -	 83,379

The purposes for which the funds as detailed below

Unrestricted and designated funds:-

Unrestricted Revenue Funds

Restricted funds:-

Black History Month	A special showcase to entertain, inform and educate invited guests as well as participants to improve community cohesion and foster links between the diverse cultural groups of residents in the local area, during Black History Month in October.
Vauxhall One	Over 60's Social Club
NTEZ Culture Clash	Improve community cohesion and foster links between the diverse cultural groups of residents in the local area
Foodbank	VGCC project to tackle food poverty so this programme provides food parcels to families who are struggling with cost of living. This is being funded with donations from Citywire, Shop & Drop, Fare Share/Felix Project, Planzheros (surplus food from Borough Market), Lambeth Walk Methodist and St Anselm's churches and individuals.

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14 *Other Income*

During the year ended 31 March 2025, the charity received £5,000 from a property developer in connection with its support for a local development project. The trustees confirmed that this support was consistent with the charity's objects and that no trustee or connected person received any personal benefit.

The charity has also been notified of potential further payments totalling £65,000, payable in instalments subject to the commencement of construction works and the passage of time. As at 31 March 2025, these amounts were not receivable and have therefore not been recognised in the accounts.

15 *Foodbank Donation*

During the year, the method of supporting the foodbank changed. In the earlier part of the year the charity received cash donations and grants, which were recognised as income and used to purchase food items.

In the later part of the year, supporters purchased food and toiletry items directly and paid suppliers themselves, with the charity receiving the goods but not controlling the related funds. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), no amounts have been recognised in respect of these donated goods.

The trustees estimate that the value of donated food and toiletry items received in this way could be approximately £20,000 per year; however, due to the difficulty in obtaining reliable valuation information, these amounts have not been included in the financial statements.