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Report of the Trustees and  
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025  
for  
Stockton Churches Mission to the Single  
Homeless Limited

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## **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The trustees have adopted the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies, and with the 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).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- 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 operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and 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 taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

### **Objectives and aims**

The primary objective of Stockton Churches Mission to the Single Homeless Limited is to provide supported accommodation for single homeless individuals in Stockton-on-Tees. The charity aims to offer a safe and supportive environment with 24-hour staffing, empowering residents to rebuild their lives.

Our core aims are to:

- Reduce homelessness;
- Enhance overall wellbeing of our community;
- Equip residents with the skills and confidence needed for independent living;
- Provide holistic, trauma-informed support in a Psychologically Informed Environment.

We continue to explore additional resources and partnerships that support residents in achieving their personal goals and improving their quality of life.



## **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

### **Highlights of the Year**

#### **1. Outcomes**

Our support isn't just about beds, it's about building futures. In the year ended 31 March 2025:

- ✓ We accommodated and supported **106 residents**, with **20% successfully moving on into independent living**.
- ✓ Our average occupancy rate was **97%**, equating to **9,955 sleeps**.
- ✓ We provided a total of **19,910 meals**, ensuring residents had access to regular, nutritious food.
- ✓ We facilitated **countless instances of signposting and onsite engagement** with partner agencies, enabling clients to access **rehabilitation, physical and mental healthcare**, and other essential services.

These numbers reflect the consistency, breadth, and daily impact of our work, grounded in meaningful relationships, practical help, coordinated network of professional support and safe, stable accommodation.

#### **2. New Staff Building Opened**

A major milestone was the successful integration of our new two-storey staff extension, which has enhanced morale, improved service delivery, and increased the organisation's overall asset value.

#### **3. Investment in Staff Wellbeing**

In recognition of the vital role our team plays, we introduced complimentary gym memberships for staff who have successfully completed their probation period. This benefit enhances our existing staff wellbeing programme and supports a healthier, more resilient workforce.

This initiative is just one element of our broader Staff Welfare Policy, which outlines a structured and compassionate approach to supporting the mental, physical, and emotional wellbeing of our team. From regular supervision and access to psychotherapy, to crisis support and flexible working responses, the policy underpins our culture of welfare and plays a key role in staff retention, morale, and performance.

#### **4. Professional Development at All Levels**

Continuous Professional Development remained a priority, with staff accessing both in-person and online training throughout the year. One member of our senior leadership team continued their Masters' degree in Psychotherapy, reflecting our commitment to therapeutic leadership.

In addition, several team members began studying an A Level in Autism Awareness, enhancing our ability to support neurodivergent clients more effectively. Another member of staff has taken on an A Level in Social Marketing, strengthening our outreach and communication capacity.

This culture of learning and growth supports high-quality service delivery, promotes innovation, and ensures we remain responsive to the evolving needs of our residents.

#### **5. Investors in People Accreditation Retained**

We successfully retained our Investors in People accreditation in July 2024, demonstrating our ongoing commitment to quality and a values-driven culture. We have proudly held this accreditation since 2013, marking over a decade of investment in our people, strong leadership, and a supportive working environment.

#### **6. Contract Secured Until 2026**

Our Housing Related Support contract was extended through to September 2026, providing important stability and recognition of our performance over the past three years.

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**Impact on Society**

SCMSH doesn't just provide supported housing - it creates change that ripples far beyond the front door. By helping people rebuild their lives after homelessness, we improve the health, safety, and wellbeing of the wider community.

Our work reduces strain on local services, lowers public costs, and contributes to a safer, more connected society. At the same time, we provide employment opportunities for local people and strengthen partnerships with health, justice, education, and housing systems.

Our impact in action:

What we see less of:

- Homelessness
- Drug overdoses and substance misuse
- Anti-social behaviour, reoffending, and arrests
- Use of emergency services and A&E
- Mental illness, self-harm, and exploitation
- Children removed at birth or entering care
- Court cases and prison sentences
- Domestic violence and sex working
- NHS bills and taxpayer burden

What we see more of:

- Independent living and tenancy sustainment
- Confidence, self-worth, and employability
- Access to education, training, and life skills
- Engagement with services and healthcare
- Safer communities and reduced crime
- Harm reduction and improved wellbeing
- Family reconnection and positive social networks
- Financial stability and debt management
- Respect, dignity, and hope

At the heart of our impact is a whole-systems approach - working in partnership to offer holistic, trauma-informed support. When we make changes, we do so collaboratively, drawing on feedback from staff, stakeholders, commissioners, and the people who use our service. Every step is informed by evidence, aligned with best practice, and shaped to meet real needs.

This approach leads to earlier interventions, stronger outcomes, and more cost-effective solutions, not just for our clients, but for the wider community and public services too. This not only strengthens individual lives, it creates a positive social return on investment by reducing reliance on crisis services and supporting people to become active, contributing members of their communities.

**Grant Making**

The 'Moving On' bursary fund, established in 2008, is designed to support residents transitioning into independent living. The fund was originally donated by The Rotary Club, from Peter Hadfield when he was President. While no grants were issued this year, the fund remains available to those who meet the criteria and is reviewed annually to ensure it aligns with current needs.

**Volunteers**

The charity welcomed no volunteers this year. The charity does not rely on volunteers to carry out its charitable work.



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**Charitable Activities**

We provide supported accommodation, personalised guidance, and 24-hour staff support to single homeless individuals in the Stockton area. Our goal is to help residents stabilise, rebuild, and move toward independent living.

**Accommodation**

The charity provides 28 beds (2024: 28), available for individuals experiencing homelessness. All staff employed by the charity typically work on site, delivering food, support, and 24-hour assistance to residents.

Our accommodation is based at 48–56 Bridge Road, a site made up of several interconnected buildings that have been carefully redeveloped into one cohesive unit. Some parts of the property are Grade II listed, formerly part of the historic St John's Crossing railway stop on the Stockton and Darlington Railway. The site is believed to have been a weighing station, and potentially the first place in the world where a passenger railway ticket was sold.

What is known for certain is that on 27th September 1825, the first-ever passenger railway journey began here, a moment of global significance. This legacy gives our setting a unique sense of place, history, and transformation, mirroring the journeys many of our residents make today.

**Support**

Support at SCMSH goes far beyond providing a bed. Every resident receives personalised guidance from a dedicated team who are available 24 hours a day. We work alongside each person to build trust, stability, and a pathway forward.

This support is commissioned and funded by Stockton Borough Council through a Housing Related Support contract, which we follow closely to ensure high standards, measurable outcomes, and strong value for money. We report monthly on key performance indicators and work in partnership with commissioners to regularly review and strengthen delivery.

Our support includes:

- Tailored plans, created with each resident to identify goals, gentle challenges, and progress;
- Practical help with housing applications, benefits, budgeting, ID, and essential life skills;
- Emotional and mental health support, including access to in-house conversations and external counselling;
- Onsite engagement with partner agencies, bringing medical, substance misuse, probation, and specialist services directly to residents;
- Ongoing encouragement and connection, helping residents build confidence, reconnect with loved ones, and move forward with purpose.

Our approach is person-centred, strengths-based, and rooted in the belief that everyone deserves the opportunity to recover, grow, and thrive.

**Internal and External Factors**

The trustees have reviewed all relevant internal and external factors and concluded that none were material enough to significantly affect the charity's financial statements for the year. However, ongoing consideration is given to the wider economic climate, cost of living pressures, and sector-specific challenges, and contingency planning remains in place to manage future risk. Our primary funding, the Housing Related Support contract with Stockton Borough Council, has been confirmed to run until 30th September 2026, providing welcome stability.



## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

### **Principal funding sources**

The principal funding sources for the charity continues to be the Local Authority Contract, through Housing Related Support, and the accommodation charges, charged by the hostel, collected by Housing Benefit.

The Housing Related Support funding received during the year was £183,456 (2024: £183,456). In March 2024, Housing Benefit was reviewed, which resulted in the weekly agreed rate increasing from £499.62 (£463.37 eligible, £36.24 ineligible) to £545.18 (£506.50 eligible, £38.69 ineligible). While this uplift reflects inflationary pressures, it also followed extensive financial planning and negotiation to address a range of rising operational costs, including staffing, national insurance, insurance premiums, and IT infrastructure.

Accommodation charges, collected via Housing Benefit, naturally fluctuate with occupancy levels. This year, our average occupancy rose to **97.41%** (2023-2024: 96.77%), amounting to **9,955 nights of accommodation** provided for individuals experiencing homelessness (2023-2024: 9,890). We remain focused on maintaining full occupancy wherever possible to maximise both our impact and income stability.

In-kind donations continued to play a vital role in supporting our residents' daily needs. We received generous contributions of bedding, towels, toiletries, and food from both individuals and local/national businesses, including KFC, Nando's, Tesco, Greggs, Aldi, and Lidl, for which we are incredibly grateful.

### **Investment policy and objectives**

Under the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the charity has the power to invest in any way the trustees see fit. In September 2024, the trustees approved a formal Investing Charities Funds Policy, which outlines our commitment to ethical, low-risk investment practices aligned with our mission and financial stability.

The policy prioritises the security and liquidity of funds, ensuring reserves remain accessible to meet operational needs. In line with our ethical investment principles, we avoid investments that conflict with our values, such as those in industries that could harm vulnerable individuals or exacerbate homelessness.

In practice, we continue to hold our reserves in interest-bearing tracker deposit accounts. The funds achieved an average return of less than 1% during the year, reflecting our cautious, low-risk approach in the current financial climate. The trustees review the investment approach annually, taking into account changes in interest rates, inflation, operational needs, and broader economic conditions.

### **Financial Controls and Oversight**

In September 2024, the trustees also approved a formal Financial Controls Policy, setting out clear procedures for handling cash, debit card use, high-value transactions, and financial reporting. The policy ensures that all financial activity is secure, transparent, and compliant with Charity Commission guidance. Controls include dual authorisation for large payments, weekly reconciliations, and regular oversight by the CEO and board of trustees.

### **Reserves policy**

The trustees are committed to ensuring the long-term financial stability of the charity and the continuity of its services. In September 2024, a formal Reserves Policy was approved, setting out the charity's approach to managing and monitoring reserves in line with Charity Commission guidance.

The purpose of holding reserves is to safeguard service delivery in the event of short-term income loss or unforeseen financial pressures. The policy sets a target reserve level of at least three months' operational costs, currently estimated at £222,950 (2024: £191,044). This target is reviewed annually to ensure it remains proportionate and appropriate.



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As of 31 March 2025, the charity holds net current assets of £252,469 (2024: £212,523), which is considered healthy and in line with expectations. Reserves will only be used in exceptional circumstances and any decisions regarding their use will be approved by the board of trustees following a full financial review.

The reserves position is monitored six-weekly and forms part of ongoing financial planning and risk management processes.

**Funds in Surplus**

At year-end, the charity recorded a surplus of £46,517 (2024: £89,106), bringing total reserves to £941,299 (2024: £894,782). This strong position is particularly noteworthy given that, during the last two years, the charity fully funded the construction of a new two-storey staff extension from its own resources, a significant capital investment that was delivered without recourse to borrowing or external fundraising.

While income rose, so too did expenditure, largely due to the ongoing cost of living and energy crisis, as well as inflationary pressures affecting staffing and operational costs.

Maintaining healthy reserves in the same years as a major two-year infrastructure project is an exceptional achievement, particularly against the backdrop of the energy crisis, rising inflation, and increased operating costs. This outcome reflects careful planning, prudent financial management, and the strategic leadership of the Chief Executive Officer, Louise Lefevre

**FUTURE PLANS**

The charity intends to continue delivering the services outlined above in the coming years, subject to the continuation of satisfactory funding arrangements. We have secured funding through our Housing Related Support contract with Stockton Borough Council, which has now been extended to 30th September 2026, offering medium-term stability. Alongside this, we remain proactive in seeking funding from other sources to enhance and future-proof our service offer.

- One key area of focus for the future is the exploration of Registered Housing Provider (RHP) status. We are at the early stages of considering this development, recognising the potential benefits it could bring in terms of access to additional funding, strengthened compliance, and increased security for our residents. Initial discussions are taking place to understand the requirements of registration and the implications for governance, finance, and service delivery;
- In line with our approved Investing Charities Funds Policy, the trustees will also be reviewing how best to invest the charity's funds to balance security, liquidity, and ethical responsibility. This review will ensure any investment decisions continue to support the charity's mission while adapting to evolving financial opportunities and obligations;
- We also intend to build on the momentum of our social media growth, using platforms like Facebook and Instagram to raise awareness, showcase impact, and challenge public perceptions around homelessness. This digital engagement continues to be a valuable tool in building community support and sharing the positive stories that emerge from our work;
- In 2025, we will also be celebrating the 200th anniversary of the Stockton & Darlington Railway's first passenger journey - a moment of global significance that began right here at Bridge House. We are working in partnership with The Friends of the Stockton & Darlington Railway and Stockton Borough Council to honour this incredible heritage. Together, we plan to mark the occasion in a way that celebrates the past, engages the community, and reinforces our belief in personal and collective transformation.



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The Management Committee remains confident that the charity provides excellent value for money to local and government authorities. With continued prudent financial oversight and a strong leadership team, we are committed to maintaining financial parity and deepening our social impact over the next accounting period and beyond

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and by its Memorandum and Articles of Association and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

This structure ensures that the organisation remains accountable to both the Charity Commission and Companies House, with clearly defined governance, reporting duties, and charitable objectives.

### **Organisational structure**

The charity is overseen by a Management Committee (Board of Trustees), made up of up to 15 members. At present, there are 6 trustees from a range of professional backgrounds relevant to the work of the charity. The Board meets every six weeks, providing strategic oversight, ensuring good governance, and monitoring both financial and operational performance. The charity does not currently appoint a Company Secretary.

A clear scheme of delegation is in place. Day-to-day leadership and decision-making are entrusted to the Chief Executive Officer, supported by the Service Manager and Operations Manager, who together form the Senior Leadership Team (SLT).

- The Chief Executive Officer is responsible for the strategic direction, financial oversight, funding, governance compliance, and the overall delivery of contracted outcomes.
- The Service Manager oversees the quality of support provision, resident outcomes, partnership working, and safeguarding, while also managing the support team.
- The Operations Manager leads on health and safety, facilities, housekeeping, meal provision, maintenance, and overall operational delivery.

The structure is designed to ensure that Bridge House functions as a high-performing, psychologically informed service. Roles and responsibilities are outlined clearly in our Competency Framework, which promotes transparency, accountability, and continual development across the organisation. It also ensures all staff understand how their contribution links to the charity's wider goals of **Support; Grow; Achieve**.

### **Induction and training of new trustees**

Trustees are recruited in line with our Trustee Recruitment Policy, which sets out a transparent and values-led process to identify and appoint individuals with the right skills, diversity, and commitment to the charity's mission.

All new trustees are invited to meet with the CEO, receive a tour of the service, and attend up to three board meetings in an observation capacity. This ensures that both the candidate and the existing board can assess suitability and alignment before appointment.

Once appointed, trustees complete a structured induction led by the Chief Executive Officer, which includes:

- A welcome pack with key governance documents including the Memorandum and Articles of Association, annual accounts, and housing-related support contract;
- Copies of The Essential Trustee and Good Governance: A Code for the Voluntary and Community Sector;
- A review of the Trustee Role Description, policies on Conflict of Interest, Expenses, and relevant safeguarding protocols;
- Registration with Companies House, the Charity Commission, and the charity's bank.

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Trustees are also asked to complete eligibility declarations, conflict of interest disclosures, and personal details forms for internal records.

The charity actively supports ongoing trustee development, with opportunities to attend relevant training sessions, engage with the wider team, and stay up to date with sector developments. This ensures the board remains, effective, informed, and equipped to provide robust governance in line with Charity Commission expectations.

**Wider network**

While Stockton Churches Mission to the Single Homeless is not formally part of a wider national network, we work closely with a range of local statutory and voluntary partners. Our approach is rooted in collaboration, and we remain open to future opportunities for partnership and network affiliation where it aligns with our values and strengthens our impact.

**Related parties**

The charity maintains strong working relationships with a range of local agencies that support individuals with complex needs. These include local authority teams, health and social care services, criminal justice partners, education providers, housing associations, and specialist charities.

Our key funder is Stockton Borough Council, who commission support through the Housing Related Support contract and facilitate accommodation charges via the Housing Benefit Scheme. These partnerships are essential to the delivery and sustainability of our services.

**Risk management**

The trustees recognise the importance of proactively identifying and managing risks to protect the charity's operations, reputation, and resources. In September 2024, the board formally adopted a comprehensive Risk Management Policy, which sets out a structured approach to risk identification, assessment, mitigation, and monitoring.

Risks are considered across key areas including finance, operations, compliance, reputation, and strategy. The charity maintains a risk register, reviewed quarterly by senior leadership and annually by the board, to ensure that mitigation measures remain appropriate and effective.

Internal control risks are minimised through robust procedures for authorising transactions, safeguarding assets, and complying with legal and regulatory obligations. Health and safety procedures are also regularly reviewed to ensure a safe environment for staff, residents, and visitors.

Our approach to risk management has been thoroughly tested and proven, most notably during the COVID-19 pandemic. The charity continued to operate throughout, adapting quickly, protecting residents and staff, and maintaining service continuity, demonstrating resilience, preparedness, and strong leadership.

A culture of risk awareness is embedded throughout the organisation, with all staff encouraged to report concerns and contribute to ongoing improvement. In the event of a serious incident, the charity's crisis management plan outlines the roles, responsibilities, and communication strategies to respond effectively.





## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF STOCKTON CHURCHES MISSION TO THE SINGLE HOMELESS LIMITED ('THE COMPANY')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2025.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's 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 charity'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**

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), which is one of the listed bodies.

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:

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.



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Statement of Financial Activities  
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	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.25 Total funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	4,152	-	4,152	9,793
<b>Charitable activities</b>	5				
Hostel		893,083	-	893,083	842,186
Other trading activities	3	99	-	99	104
Investment income	4	795	81	876	1,199
<b>Total</b>		898,129	81	898,210	853,282
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>	6				
Hostel		(851,693)	(-)	(851,693)	(764,176)
<b>NET INCOME</b>		46,436	81	46,517	89,106
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		748,481	146,301	894,782	805,676
<b>Transfer between fund</b>		140,818	(140,818)	-	805,676
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>935,735</u>	<u>5,564</u>	<u>941,299</u>	<u>894,782</u>

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Balance Sheet  
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	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.25 Total funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	13	683,266	-	683,266	682,259
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Stocks	14	500	-	500	500
Debtors	15	6,506	-	6,506	6,006
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>248,356</u>	<u>5,564</u>	<u>253,920</u>	<u>208,550</u>
		255,362	5,564	260,926	215,056
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	16	(2,893)	-	(2,893)	(2,533)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>252,469</u>	<u>5,564</u>	<u>258,033</u>	<u>212,523</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>935,735</u>	<u>5,564</u>	<u>941,299</u>	<u>894,782</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>935,735</u>	<u>5,564</u>	<u>941,299</u>	<u>894,782</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	17				
Unrestricted funds				935,735	748,481
Restricted funds				<u>5,564</u>	<u>146,301</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>941,299</u>	<u>894,782</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

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



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Balance Sheet - continued  
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These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 10/6/25 and were signed on its behalf by:

S P Savage - Trustee

Stephen P. Savage

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Cash Flow Statement  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Cash generated from operations	1	66,866	105,484
Interest paid		<u>(587)</u>	<u>(714)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities		<u>66,279</u>	<u>104,770</u>
 <b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(21,785)	(332,279)
Interest received		<u>876</u>	<u>1,199</u>
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		<u>(20,909)</u>	<u>(331,080)</u>
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<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>		45,370	(226,310)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period</b>		<u>208,550</u>	<u>434,860</u>
 <b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>		<u>253,920</u>	<u>208,550</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements



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Notes to the Cash Flow Statement  
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**1. RECONCILIATION OF NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
<b>Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)</b>	46,517	89,106
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Depreciation charges	20,778	15,281
Interest received	(876)	(1,199)
Interest paid	587	714
(Increase)/Decrease in debtors	(500)	1,489
Increase in creditors	360	93
Decrease in stock	-	-
<b>Net cash provided by operations</b>	<u>66,866</u>	<u>105,484</u>

**2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS**

	At 1.4.24	Cash flow	At 31.3.25
	£	£	£
<b>Net cash</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand	208,550	45,370	253,920
	<u>208,550</u>	<u>45,370</u>	<u>253,920</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>208,550</u>	<u>45,370</u>	<u>253,920</u>

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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

**Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

**Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

**Tangible fixed assets**

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

Freehold property	- 2% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 33% on cost
Motor vehicles	- 25% on cost

**Stocks**

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.



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**Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Donations	<u>4,152</u>	<u>9,793</u>

**3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Miscellaneous income	<u>2,510</u>	<u>104</u>

**4. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>876</u>	<u>1,199</u>

**5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

		31.3.25	31.3.24
		£	£
Accommodation charges	Hostel	707,216	655,718
Grants	Hostel	183,911	186,468
Emergency crash pad	Hostel	<u>1,956</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>893,083</u>	<u>842,186</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Housing Related Support Contract	183,456	183,456
Change Grow Live Grant	<u>455</u>	<u>3,012</u>
	<u>183,911</u>	<u>186,468</u>

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**6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 8) £	Totals £
Hostel	<u>847,108</u>	<u>4,585</u>	<u>851,693</u>

**7. GRANTS PAYABLE**

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
Hostel	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

**8. SUPPORT COSTS**

	Governance costs £
Hostel	<u>4,585</u>

**9. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>20,778</u>	<u>15,281</u>

**10. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.



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**11. STAFF COSTS**

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Wages and salaries	574,506	532,530
Social security costs	49,176	44,191
Other pension costs	<u>21,015</u>	<u>17,728</u>
	<u>644,697</u>	<u>594,449</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.25	31.3.24
Chief executive office	1	1
Direct charitable work	<u>24</u>	<u>18</u>
	<u>25</u>	<u>19</u>

1 employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000 (2024: 1)

**12. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	9,793	-	9,793
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Hostel	842,186	-	842,186
Other trading activities	104	-	104
Investment income	<u>1,199</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,199</u>
<b>Total</b>	853,282	-	853,282
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Hostel	(756,492)	(7,684)	(764,176)
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	96,790	(7,684)	89,106
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	651,691	153,985	805,676
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>748,481</u>	<u>146,301</u>	<u>894,782</u>

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**13. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>				
At 1 April 2024	881,332	98,300	30,728	1,010,360
Additions	-	-	21,785	21,785
Disposals	-	(-)	(21,588)	(21,588)
At 31 March 2025	<u>881,332</u>	<u>98,300</u>	<u>30,925</u>	<u>1,010,557</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>				
At 1 April 2024	272,735	24,638	30,728	328,101
Charge for year	17,626	3,152	-	20,778
Eliminated on disposal	-	(-)	(21,588)	(21,588)
At 31 March 2025	<u>290,361</u>	<u>27,790</u>	<u>9,140</u>	<u>327,291</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>				
At 31 March 2025	<u>590,971</u>	<u>70,510</u>	<u>21,785</u>	<u>683,266</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>608,597</u>	<u>73,662</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>682,259</u>

**14. STOCKS**

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
Stocks	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>

**15. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
Other debtors	-	-
Prepayments	<u>6,506</u>	<u>6,006</u>
	<u>6,506</u>	<u>6,006</u>



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**16. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
Payments on account	-	-
Social security and other taxes	-	-
Accrued expenses	<u>2,893</u>	<u>2,533</u>
	<u>2,893</u>	<u>2,533</u>

**17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.4.24 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.25 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Accumulated funds	573,481	46,436	140,818	760,735
Contingency fund	<u>175,000</u>	-	-	<u>175,000</u>
	748,481	46,436	140,818	935,735
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Capital fund	144,798	-	(144,798)	-
Moving on bursary fund	<u>1,503</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>3,980</u>	<u>5,564</u>
	146,301	-	(140,818)	5,564
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>894,782</u>	<u>46,517</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>936,299</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
Accumulated funds	898,129	(851,693)	46,436
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Moving on bursary fund	<u>81</u>	<u>(-)</u>	<u>81</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>898,210</u>	<u>(851,693)</u>	<u>46,517</u>

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**17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.4.23	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 31.3.24
	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Accumulated funds	476,691	96,790	(-)	573,481
Contingency fund	<u>175,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>175,000</u>
	651,691	96,790	-	748,481
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Capital fund	152,482	(7,684)	-	144,798
Moving on bursary fund	<u>1,503</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,503</u>
	153,985	(7,684)	-	146,301
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>805,676</u>	<u>89,106</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>894,782</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
Accumulated funds	853,282	(756,492)	96,790
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Capital fund	-	(7,684)	(7,684)
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>853,282</u>	<u>(764,176)</u>	<u>89,106</u>

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**17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.23	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 31.3.25
	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Accumulated funds	476,691	143,226	140,818	760,735
Contingency fund	<u>175,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>175,000</u>
	651,691	143,226	-	935,735
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Capital fund	152,482	(7,684)	(144,798)	-
Moving on bursary fund	<u>1,503</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>3,980</u>	<u>5,564</u>
	153,985	(7,603)	(140,818)	5,564
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>805,676</u>	<u>135,623</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>941,299</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
Accumulated funds	1,751,411	(1,608,185)	143,226
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Moving on bursary fund	81	(7,684)	(7,603)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>1,751,492</u>	<u>(1,615,869)</u>	<u>135,623</u>

**18. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2025.



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	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations	4,152	9,793
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Miscellaneous income	99	104
<b>Investment income</b>		
Deposit account interest	876	1,199
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Accommodation charges	707,216	655,718
Grants	183,911	186,468
Emergency crash pad	1,956	-
	<u>893,083</u>	<u>842,186</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	898,210	853,282
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Wages and salaries	574,506	532,530
Social security	49,176	44,191
Employer pension contribution	21,015	17,728
Rates, water and refuse	11,385	9,090
Insurance	24,229	16,248
Light and heat	21,125	14,109
Training and group supervision	12,181	8,599
Health and safety costs and uniform costs	5,506	5,121
Property upkeep & maintenance	10,545	14,132
Catering supplies	15,898	14,208
Motor and travelling expenses	6,609	3,563
Ancillary equipment	20,426	18,678
Cleaning expenses	4,878	4,151
Welfare	1,597	68
Service users bad debts	9,404	8,068
Housing benefit bad debts	1,095	158
Licences and subscriptions	1,844	4,874
Media and marketing	997	876
Womens project	-	-
Carried forward	792,416	716,392

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	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Brought forward	792,416	716,392
Reward and recognition	5,579	1,589
Recruitment	1,176	265
Telephone and internet	3,848	3,581
Computer costs	20,045	8,739
Postage and stationery	1,375	2,379
Legal insurance	6,304	6,063
Depreciation of freehold property	17,626	12,139
Depreciation of fixtures and fittings	3,152	3,142
Profit on sale of assets	(5,000)	-
Bank charges	587	714
	<u>847,108</u>	<u>755,003</u>
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Accountancy fees	4,585	4,469
Legal and professional fees	-	4,704
	<u>4,585</u>	<u>9,173</u>
Total resources expended	<u>851,693</u>	<u>764,176</u>
<b>Net income</b>	<u>46,517</u>	<u>89,106</u>

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