

West Lothian Women's Aid SCIO

Scotland · Charity number SC046887

Details

Known as	WLWA
Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2016-10-07
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	92 Ivanhoe Rise Livingston West Lothian EH54 6HZ
Website	www.westlothianwomensaid.com

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'any other purpose that may reasonably be regarded as analogous to any of the preceding purposes'

What the charity does: West Lothian Women's Aid provide information, support and practical assistance to women and children who are experiencing domestic across West Lothian. We provide a range of trauma informed services including safe accommodation, specialist support and advocacy, individual and group support alongside specialist support and holiday activity programmes for Children and Young People who have experienced domestic abuse. We also offer an educational and preventative programme within schools.

Beneficiaries: 'Other defined groups'

Objectives: 4.1 The relief of women, children and young people who have experienced, or are in fear of, domestic abuse perpetrated by partners or ex-partners, by: (i) the provision of temporary refuge accommodation (ii) providing support and information on access to other services (iii) providing structured, supportive opportunities to allow these women, children and young people to make choices for their future (iv) liaising with other services, including the police, and advocating for women, children and young people affected by domestic abuse within legal and other protection services. 4.2 The advancement of education by: (i) raising awareness of the effects of domestic abuse with the public and with young people in particular (ii) providing opportunities for women, children and young people to shape the development of services, policy and practice at strategic level. 4.3 The promotion of equality and diversity by upholding and promoting the rights of all women, children and young people regardless of ethnicity, religion or cultural background , who

have experienced domestic abuse in the belief that violence against women is symptomatic of wider structural inequalities in society, and thus mainly perpetrated by men.

Geography

- **Main operating location:** West Lothian
- **Geographical spread:** Wider, but within one local authority area

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£498,293	£501,440	-	9
2024-03-31	£447,994	£469,757	-	10
2023-03-31	£423,950	£412,012	-	11
2022-03-31	£336,799	£360,234	-	11
2021-03-31	£416,384	£338,441	-	7

Accounts



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Trustees' Report and Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2025

SCIO Number: SC046887

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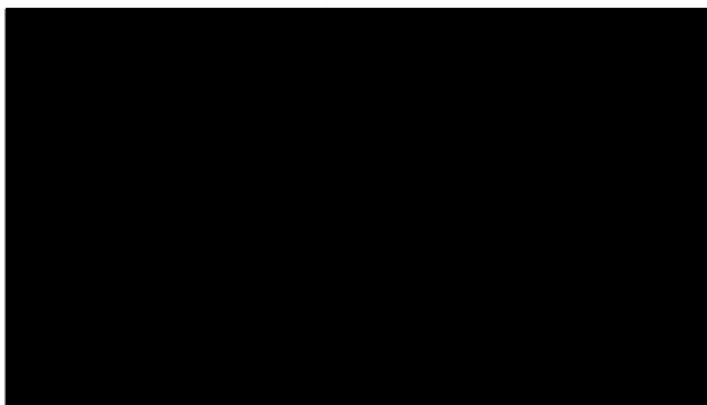
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Legal and Administrative Information

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Report of the Trustees**Year ended 31 March 2025**

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025. The Trustees who served during the period are set out on page three.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

West Lothian Women's Aid (WLWA) is a recognised charity in Scotland and operates under the rules of its constitution. WLWA has been operating within West Lothian since 1980 and became a SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation – SC046887) in October 2016.

Our vision remains to work to ensure:

'a society in which women, children and young people are full and equal participants, unconstrained by the threat of domestic abuse or other forms of abuse, violence or oppression'.

In seeking to establish effective governance arrangements and as an affiliated member of Scottish Women's Aid, we are committed to pursuing the following:

- Governance and management arrangements that are compliant with the requirements of OSCR, SSSC and the Care Inspectorate
- Designing and delivering quality services that are compliant with the Health and Social Care Standards
- Ensuring women children and young people are actively involved in evaluating and shaping our services

The governance of WLWA is the responsibility of the Trustees/Board of Directors who are granted membership under the terms of the governing document. Trustees are committed to ensuring WLWA is administrated effectively and can account for its activities and outcomes to OSCR, our service users, funders and other stakeholders.

Appointment of Trustees

In line with the governance document in place at the end of the period, the number of Trustees comprises a maximum of 11 and minimum of 3 members. The Trustees/Board members meet at least six times a year and all key decisions are made at these meetings and are formally recorded.

Trustees are elected following an open and thorough selection process which takes account of skills, knowledge, experience, and alignment with the aims and objectives of WLWA. During this period, WLWA saw the introduction of 3 new trustees and the departure of 2 trustees. The contributions of all trustees are valued and recognised and WLWA remains grateful for their commitment over their period of service.

Our three new trustees bring a breadth of skills and knowledge to the organisation; [REDACTED] joined as trustee in March 2025. [REDACTED] as a Solicitor specialising in employment law, brings useful legal perspectives to the Board of West Lothian Women's Aid. [REDACTED] is deeply committed to

advocating for the rights and safety of women, children and young people affected by domestic abuse. She wishes to contribute to a future where domestic abuse against women is significantly reduced and those subjected to such abuse are better protected.

██████████ also joined as a trustee in March 2025 and is an experienced healthcare and community development professional with a strong background across statutory, voluntary, and educational sectors. She has worked extensively with marginalised communities, delivering frontline services in healthcare, harm reduction, safeguarding, and trauma-informed care within Lothian.

With additional expertise in business operations and governance, ██████████ offers a rare blend of frontline insight, strategic acumen and is Clinical lead and Director of her own successful independent clinic. She is passionate about equality, empowerment, and driving systemic change for women and girls.

Our final new Trustee in this period is ██████████ ██████████ also joined as a Trustee in March 2025 and is a recognised leader in the financial industry with over a decade's experience in strategy delivery and charity partnerships, built on nearly 20 years in a major corporate firm. Passionate about doing the right thing, she works across areas to create initiatives that strengthen communities and deliver lasting impact.

Our established Chair ██████████ continued in office during this period. ██████████ ██████████ and ██████████ also continued in office, providing the charity with stability and ongoing expertise. The board continued to offer essential support and guidance to the Managers of WLWA and team members on achieving its objectives and programme of works as per the organisational strategic vision.

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Services Manager normally attend all Trustee Committee meetings. The CEO is responsible for the day-to-day operations of WLWA. In exercising her responsibilities, the CEO is supported by a Services Manager and a team of professional, competent and qualified staff, as well as working with key stakeholders in achieving charitable objectives.

Equality & Diversity

The nature of our service means that all staff and Trustee appointments are female and understand the dynamics of gender-based violence. However, we recognise that many individuals and communities experience unlawful and unfair discrimination and oppression. We believe that equality for all is a basic human right and actively oppose all forms of unlawful and unfair discrimination. We celebrate the diversity of society and are striving to promote and reflect that diversity within WLWA in the way we run our organisation and deliver our services.

OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSE

WLWA exists to change the lives of women, children and young people (WCYP) who have experienced or are in fear of domestic abuse and coercive control (whether emotional, psychological, physical, financial or sexual), within a relationship with a partner or ex-partner. The organisation's purposes are:

- The relief of those who have experienced gender based violence, who have experienced, or are in fear of, domestic abuse perpetrated by partners or ex-partners, by: (i) the provision of

temporary refuge accommodation (ii) providing support and information on access to other services (iii) providing structured, supportive opportunities to allow clients to make choices for their future (iv) liaising with other services, including the police, and advocating for clients affected by domestic abuse within legal and other protection services.

- The advancement of education by: (i) raising awareness of the effects of domestic abuse with the public and with young people (ii) providing opportunities for those we support to shape the development of services, policy and practice at strategic level.
- The promotion of equality and diversity by upholding and promoting the rights of all female clients (and their accompanying children), who have experienced domestic abuse in the belief that violence against females is symptomatic of wider structural inequalities in society, and thus mainly perpetrated by men.

Achievements and Performance

Sadly, we continue to see an ongoing increased demand for our services from women who find themselves in very vulnerable positions, with an 12% increase in referrals for support and 14% increase in telephone calls to our helpline compared to 2024. Despite the continued pressure on our services and resources, WLWA continues to deliver high-quality person-centred support to the women, children and young people across West Lothian who need it most.

Strategy

This ongoing year-on-year increase in demand for our services and resources is a central pillar of our strategic review, which the strategy subcommittee have made significant progress on in 2025. We have worked hard, collaborating with our clients, partner agencies, board members and staff team, to refresh our future strategy and organisational improvement plan for 2025-2028. Following the approval of our refreshed strategy it has been shared with our key stakeholders and the strategy subcommittee's focus has now shifted to oversee its delivery. Our refreshed strategy will enable us to grow sustainably, incorporating the views of all our stakeholders to ensure our resource and skills focus on the areas that will offer greatest impact for our service users.

Our People

Our refreshed organisational values of Safety, Honesty and Empowerment which were established in 2024 remain at the forefront of all of our work as we continue to serve some of the most vulnerable women and children in our society. These remain incorporated in our recruitment processes, day to day staff management support and team development and in our work with clients and partner organisations.

This year saw the exciting development of the organisation becoming accredited as a recognised provider of the international domestic abuse informed Safe & Together™ Model Core Training. All of the team at WLWA were trained in the model during the year alongside working collaboratively with partner agencies to extend the reach of the resource across relevant agencies.

The organisation continues to invest in the learning and development of the staff team with all staff receiving the opportunity to become suitably qualified to meet SSSC registration requirements.

We will also continue to build upon and invest in learning and development for our volunteer opportunities amongst our users to ensure there is lived experience at the heart of our service.

Trustees continue to benefit from a comprehensive induction and ongoing development programme including a range of learning and development opportunities provided via our affiliation to Scottish Women's Aid. These opportunities include training on feminist governance, domestic abuse and safeguarding together with on-going learning and development opportunities specific to the role.

Our focus on our people will continue throughout 2025 as we recognise that having a highly skilled and motivated team, supported by the right processes and infrastructure is critical in delivering the support and services needed across West Lothian.

Finance & Fundraising

The oversight from our Finance and Fundraising subcommittee has led to improved financial reporting and a renewed focus on delivering an ambitious improvement in our fundraising capability, supported by enhanced digital capability. As we continue to see service demand increase, this subcommittee provides oversight of our income and expenditure and works alongside the strategy subcommittee to ensure allocation of our funding reflects our strategic priorities, ensuring monies are directed to the areas of greatest impact.

During this year the charity secured additional funding from a variety of sources to secure its core operational costs and programme of activities. This year saw ongoing support from the Bank of Scotland Foundation, the Henry Smith Trust and the West Lothian Communities Health and Well-Being Fund in support of our expanding repertoire of services for survivors of gender-based violence.

We are also delighted to have received positive funding news of financial support towards our future core running costs and current services from both the Robertson Trust and the Bank of Scotland Foundation, with both pledging their financial support over a three-year period. These funds are instrumental in ensuring the future stability of the organisation from the next financial year (2026) and over a 3-year period.

We were also delighted to receive ongoing financial support from West Lothian Council as our main core grant funder and ongoing support from the Equally Safe Scottish Government Funding (administered by Inspiring Scotland) without whom we would have been unable to operate.

The focus for WLWA during this challenging economic climate remains to continue to secure its core funding provision over the next 3 - 5-year period whilst leveraging-in additional financial support to further develop the current programme of service provision.

The Board receive bi-monthly accounts and monitor the financial position on a 6- 8-weekly basis via the board meeting structure.

Partnerships

WLWA is a Scottish Charitable Independent Organisation and affiliated to Scottish Women's Aid (SWA). SWA provides support, guidance, and training opportunities as part of our affiliation agreement.

Partnership and collaboration are key principles for our organisation and we will continue in our role as key partner in improving the safety and wellbeing of women and children experiencing gender based violence through our multiagency work and representation on relevant forums and groups including MARAC, MATAC and driving a West Lothian wide response to the 16 Days of Activism Campaign.

During this year we were delighted to support the West Lothian Domestic and Sexual Assault Team (DASAT) by co-delivering the 12-week CEDAR programme (Children Experience Domestic Abuse Recover) to local women and children. We were also delighted to offer our peer support Freedom Empowerment Group programme to our local partners in Shakti Women's Aid and forge a positive partnership with the local African Women's network to raise awareness of our support services.

We are particularly proud of our educational and preventative work undertaken with Children and Young People this year made possible as a result of positive partnership working with education and Police Scotland. This work enabled us to work in collaboration with officers from Police Scotland to co-deliver Domestic Abuse awareness sessions by way of inputs within high schools around West Lothian. These sessions are designed to help raise awareness and understanding of domestic abuse and encourage healthy relationships. They are delivered to 4th, 5th and 6th year pupils across 8 schools. During the year there were 15 joint sessions delivered with an average of 31 pupils attending each session.

We also launched our "Empower U" resource and worked with smaller groups of pupils identified by education as needing our specialist trauma and domestic abuse informed support.

There are clear and well-established links between poverty and gender-based violence which are sadly playing out in our communities. During this year we continued to be key members of the West Lothian Food Network and are very grateful for their ongoing support in awarding our charity additional resources including developing several positive corporate partnerships to enable us to support those most in need.

We remain hugely grateful to the organisations and partnerships which fund and support our services. Their support and commitment to our organisation ensures that we work seamlessly and tirelessly together to help women achieve better outcomes for themselves and their families. We are particularly grateful to our housing association partners, Horizon and Almond, who enable us to provide emergency self-contained accommodation options for women and children in need of these facilities.

Service Activities

West Lothian Women's Aid (WLWA) has long recognised that a gendered approach to domestic abuse shows that inequalities across several areas in life are closely related to the abuse. The women, children and young people we support are more likely to experience poverty and deprivation, more prone to mental and physical ill health and potentially also more vulnerable to addictions and experiencing further abusive relationships. As leaders in our "whole person approach" to women and their families, we have always advocated for a gendered approach to addressing poverty, health and wellbeing challenges to achieving gender equality across all outcomes.

WLWA has transitioned through a process of change, quality assurance and improvement in recent years and has strengthened our financial position enabling the delivery of an enhanced range of specialist support services. Our current service offering includes.

- A. Information and Support Telephone Line and email response service
- B. Face to face appointment service
- C. Independent Domestic Abuse Advocacy Support
- D. Safety Planning and Support
- E. Safe Temporary Accommodation and support into permanent accommodation
- F. Specialist Domestic Abuse group support
- G. Activity Programmes for Women
- H. 1:1 support (including 24/7 support via on-call service for existing women in safe accommodation)
- I. Income maximisation
- J. Bespoke counselling service
- K. Resettlement Support
- L. Outreach support
- M. Children and Young People's services (1:1 support, group programmes and activities, resettlement support and Outreach support).
- N. Training and consultancy to partner organisations
- O. Awareness raising via relevant campaigns and use of social media
- P. Dynamic social media services

Our key service usage statistics for the 12-month period ending 31st March 2025 are as follows:

- WLWA had 1057 referrals for support from women during the year. These figures demonstrate a 12% increase on the previous year.
- We supported 612 women through our telephone support line, an increase of 14% from the previous year.
- 83 women assessed as high risk of serious harm were offered intense support through our Independent Domestic Abuse Advocacy Service.
- We were able to offer temporary safe supported accommodation to 49 women and 49 children.
- We provided a programme of resettlement support to help women and children transition to permanent housing options for 23 women with 15 accompanying children.
- We provided a comprehensive programme of outreach support for a further 17 women and 13 accompanying children living in other tenancies/accommodation.
- Our Counselling Service supported 52 women through the year, offering up to 14 sessions per woman.
- Our specialist domestic abuse peer support group programme, Freedom Programme (offering between 10 and 12 2–3-hour sessions per programme), supported 58 women during the period.

The Board and team continued to work collectively with our partners to ensure that we work innovatively and collaboratively to provide a valuable suite of support services for women and children.

Risk Management

The Trustees consider the risks to which WLWA is exposed as part of regular reviews and hold a written risk register. Internal risks are minimised by control procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects, and by ensuring appropriate people, policies and practices are in place. The main and continuing risk to WLWA is the financial risk, exacerbated by the current and ongoing economic challenges.

WLWA continues to adopt a clear strategy to mitigate this risk which includes maximising occupancy within accommodation and minimising void levels, diversifying income streams, delivering public and corporate events and partnering with local businesses to maximise opportunities for raising awareness of our work and to attract additional income.

The charity has retained the lease of 7 self-contained properties and 12 rooms within a shared facility for women, children and young people in need of temporary safe accommodation.

Summary

The Board of Trustees and I remain hugely proud of the commitment of our team and the impact that they have on the lives of so many women and children in West Lothian.

There is ongoing increased demand for our services from women who find themselves in very precarious and vulnerable positions. Our team provide truly person-centred support – working with women and children to address each area of their life which is causing them disadvantage, pain, anxiety and distress. We continue to see more requests from women with higher support needs e.g. mental health concerns, additional support needs and addiction worries. Our team place each woman at the centre of our services and empower her along her journey of recovery where she can thrive.

Looking ahead to 2025-26, we will continue to invest in our premises, processes, services and people, building resilience skills and flexibility into the organisation. We are committed to partnering with and supporting survivors of domestic abuse and in holding perpetrators to account for their abusive patterns of behavioural choices and impact on family functioning and child welfare.

I remain honoured to be one of the WLWA team and look forward to the future where we continue to deliver the best services possible informed by a gendered and human rights approach, co-produced with women and children and embracing our leadership role in our community and partnerships.

FINANCIAL REVIEW AND RESULTS

Reserves Policy

Reserves are needed to bridge the gap between the spending and receiving of income and to cover unplanned emergency repairs and other expenditure. The trustees' policy is to maintain reserves at

around 3 months of normal running costs in order to meet commitments and to cover unexpected expenditure. The balance on unrestricted funds is in excess of this figure.

Funding Sources

Incoming resources for the period amounted to £498,293 which represents a £20,299 (4.25%) increase on the previous year. The net movement in funds reduced slightly from £8,237 in 2023/24 to (£3,147) in 2024/25. The information outlined in pages 13 to 20 provides more detail in support of the financial position.

The main sources of funding remain West Lothian Council and the Equally Safe Funding from the Scottish Government; however, additional funding has also been received from the Henry Smith Trust, Scottish Women's Aid and the Bank of Scotland Foundation. We also received additional funding towards client travel, emergency assistance and towards our summer programme for Children and Young People. Thanks are extended to the Cruden Foundation, The Kelly Family Charitable Trust, Cash for Kids and the Councillors Disbursement Funds for pledging their support in relation to these areas.

We would like to thank all our funders for their generous financial support in this year.

We would also like to thank those who have given resources "in kind" this year. These include partners from Schuh, Church of Scotland, Kirkton Flooring, Wyman Gordon, Baillie Gifford, Tesco, Morrisons, Reuse & Thrive, Front Line Construction Ltd, IQVIA, Fitwise, Saica, Dignity Boxes, Arnold Clark, Dunelm, Kids Out, Riverkids, West Lothian School Bank and West Lothian Food Bank.

We would also like to extend our thanks to everyone who has donated to our charity and/or raised funds on our behalf.

Plans for future periods

The charity's income has increased steadily over the last 5 years as a result of retaining local authority core funding, generating additional financial support for core services and project delivery and as a result of working in collaboration with local housing associations to increase our complement of safe accommodation. The increased expenditure over the last 3 years in turn reflects the enhanced staffing levels associated with these service improvements and associated project and running costs.

WLWA will continue to work towards increasing both the core and grant funding available by exploring a diverse range of funding sources including statutory funds, further grants from trusts and foundations and by building links with corporate sector partners.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

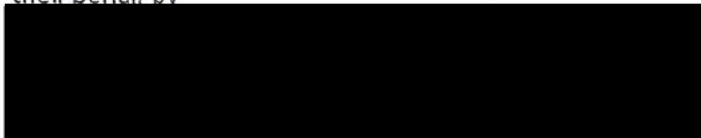
The Trustees are required to prepare Financial Statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for the year. In preparing these Financial Statements the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (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 which 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 Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities (January 2019) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102 and in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small entities.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on the 28 August 2025 and signed on their behalf by



Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees on the Unaudited Financial Statements of West Lothian Women's Aid.

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 as set out on pages 13 to 20.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 (the Act) and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

The charity's Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (a) to (c) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulations 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given in the accounts.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations
 - have not been met, or
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

9/9/2025

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(Incorporating the Income and Expenditure Account)

Year Ended 31 March 2025

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	17,664	-	17,664	102,827
Charitable activities	3	142,107	338,522	480,629	373,254
Other trading activities	4	-	-	-	1,913
Total Income		159,771	338,522	498,293	477,994
Expenditure:					
Raising funds	5	-	-	-	1,524
Charitable activities	6	162,221	339,219	501,440	468,233
Total Expenditure		162,221	339,219	501,440	469,757
Net Income / (Expenditure) before transfers		(2,450)	(697)	(3,147)	8,237
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net Movement in Funds		(2,450)	(697)	(3,147)	8,237
Reconciliation of Funds:					
Total Funds Brought Forward		210,682	697	211,379	203,142
Total Funds Carried Forward	12	208,232	-	208,232	211,379

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in year.
All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

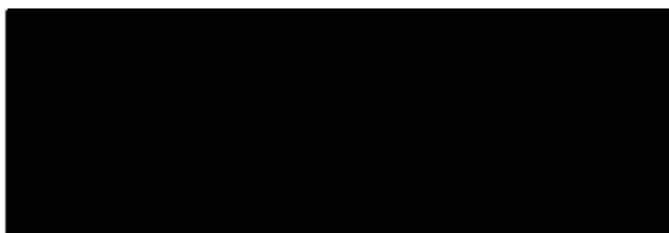
The notes on pages 15 to 20 form an integral part of these financial statements

BALANCE SHEET

At 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025	2024
		£	£
Fixed Assets:			
Tangible Fixed Assets	9	6,120	1,502
Current Assets:			
Debtors	10	30,779	11,400
Cash at bank and in hand		278,303	300,768
		<u>309,082</u>	<u>312,168</u>
Liabilities:			
Creditors: Amount falling due within one year	11	(106,970)	(102,291)
Net Current Assets		202,112	209,877
Total Net Assets		<u>208,232</u>	<u>211,379</u>
The Funds of the Charity:			
Restricted Funds		-	697
Unrestricted Funds		208,232	210,682
Total Charity funds	12	<u>208,232</u>	<u>211,379</u>

The Financial Statements were approved by the Trustees on and signed on its behalf by



The notes on pages 15 to 20 form an integral part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Year Ended 31 March 2025

1. Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and the preceding year.

1.1 Basis of Accounting

The Financial Statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) that applies the provisions of Section 1A "Small Entities" of Financial Reporting Standard 102 "Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland". The Trustees are of the view that the immediate future of the Charity is secured and on this basis, the assessment of the Trustees is that the company remains a going concern.

1.2 Cashflow

The charity has taken advantage of the exemption from the requirement to produce a cashflow statement in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2019).

1.3 Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal. Note 12 in the statements refer.

1.4 Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the Charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

1.5 Resources Expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

1.6 Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Assets less than £500 are not capitalised. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Fixtures & Fittings	- 25% straight line
Computer Equipment	- 33% straight line

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

Year Ended 31 March 2025

2. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
WLC - Voluntary Organisation	-	-	-	84,450
General Small Grants	5,687	-	5,687	4,280
Donations Received	11,977	-	11,977	14,097
	17,664	-	17,664	102,827

3. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Bank of Scotland	-	13,789	13,789	8,273
BBC Children in Need	-	12,556	12,556	24,716
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Inspiring Scotland	-	74,830	74,830	74,831
Natwest - Safe Lives Circle	-	2,500	2,500	3,096
SWA - 100 Days	-	14,555	14,555	25,534
VOLANT	-	-	-	4,700
WLC - Community Justice	-	3,267	3,267	3,000
WLC - Food Network	-	3,963	3,963	4,000
WLC - CYP	-	8,135	8,135	11,588
WLC - Main Support	-	136,410	136,410	36,400
WL Wellbeing Fund	-	18,800	18,000	
The Swire Funds	-	21,617	21,617	
Housing Benefit	74,923	-	74,923	86,538
Rent & Services	64,794	-	64,794	65,899
Miscellaneous Income	2,390	-	2,390	2,403
	142,107	338,522	480,629	373,254

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
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4. Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Income from Fundraising	-	-	-	-	1,913
	-	-	-	-	1,913

5. Cost of Raising funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Fundraising Event Expenses	-	-	-	-	1,524
	-	-	-	-	1,524

6. Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Client Support & Development	8,518	17,505	26,023	20,799
Staff Costs	70,605	232,835	303,440	281,121
ICT Costs	29,859	2,466	32,325	20,480
Property Costs	42,007	52,022	94,029	90,962
Admin Costs	11,232	34,391	45,623	54,871
	162,221	339,219	501,440	468,233

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7. Staff costs and numbers

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Staff Salaries	63,926	212,797	276,723	257,313
National Insurance	4,966	14,899	19,865	16,848
Pension Contributions	1,713	5,139	6,852	6,960
	70,605	232,835	303,440	281,121

No employees received emoluments of more than £60,000 (2024: None)

The average monthly number of employees during the year was 11 (2024 - 11)

8. Trustees' Remuneration and benefits

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for this or the previous year.

9. Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures & Fittings	Office Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
As at 1 April 2024	11,026	17,363	28,389
Additions	6,120	-	6,120
Disposal	-	-	-
As at 31 March 2025	17,146	17,363	34,509
Depreciation			
As at 1 April 2024	10,192	16,695	26,887
Disposal	-	-	-
Charge for the year	834	668	1,502
As at 31 March 2025	11,026	17,363	28,389
Net Book Value			
At 31 March 2025	6,120	-	6,120
At 31 March 2024	834	668	1,502

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10. Debtors falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade Debtors	0.000	-
Prepayments & accrued income	28,524	11,400
	30,779	11,400

11. Creditors: amount falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade Creditors	15,960	16,842
Accruals & other creditors	4,120	3,134
Social Security & Other Taxes	6,841	1,669
Deferred Income**	80,049	80,646
	106,970	102,291

**Deferred Income made up as follows:

Fund	2025	2024
	£	£
BBC Children in Need	-	6,278
Bank of Scotland Foundation	6,895	20,684
Volant	-	18,800
The Swire	-	21,617
SWA 100 days	20,114	12,767
WLC	3,083	500
Wellbeing Fund	27,094	
Other funds	8,363	
Henry Smith	13,000	
Natwest - Safe Lives Circle	1,500	-
Total Deferred Income	80,049	80,646

12. Movement in funds

	As at 01/04/24	Income	Expenses	Transfer between funds	As at 31/03/25
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds	210,682	159,771	162,221	-	208,232
Restricted Funds	697	338,522	339,219	-	-
Total Funds	211,379	498,293	501,440	-	208,232

See full Restricted Fund Analysis breakdown below

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12. Movement in funds (continued)

	As at 01/04/24	Income	Expenses	Transfer between funds	As at 31/03/25
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds:					
Bank of Scotland Foundation	-	13,789	13,789	-	-
BBC Children in Need	-	12,556	12,556	-	-
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Inspiring Scotland - Equally Safe	-	74,830	74,830	-	-
Inspiring Scotland - Staff Wellbeing	697	-	697	-	-
Natwest - Saving Lives	-	2,500	2,500	-	-
Scottish Women's Aid - 100 Days	-	14,555	14,555	-	-
WLC - Community Justice	-	3,267	3,267	-	-
WLC - Food Network	-	3,213	3,213	-	-
WLC - CYP	-	8,135	8,135	-	-
WLC - Main Support	-	136,410	136,410	-	-
WL Wellbeing Fund	-	18,800	18,800	-	-
The Swire Funds	-	21,617	21,617	-	-
Total Restricted Funds	697	332,697	333,394	-	-