

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1151282

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024
FOR
THE WELCOME CENTRE (HUDDERSFIELD)**

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THE WELCOME CENTRE (HUDDERSFIELD)

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for the year ended 31 August 2024

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 August 2024

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Object of the Charity

The relief of persons suffering from poverty, sickness, disadvantage and the distress arising therefrom, by providing practical advice, guidance and support.

Charitable activities

The Charity provides practical support to people experiencing extreme disadvantage in the Huddersfield area by:

- supplying a range of emergency packs to individuals and families in crisis
- receiving and storing donations of food, toiletries, bedding, basic household items and other goods which are made up into packs
- providing advice, guidance and support to assist individuals with underlying problems to make progress
- offering referrals and signposting to services and agencies that can help with specific needs
- delivering a fair, non-judgmental and inclusive service in a way that respects people's dignity
- working in partnership with local agencies and services, faith groups, schools, businesses and the media
- adapting our provision to meet needs through monitoring, feedback and consultation
- operating a year-round service
- offering volunteering opportunities to help individuals to gain skills, confidence and self respect as a stepping stone into employment.

The Welcome Centre (Huddersfield) has been operating since 1997. The number of people supported by The Welcome Centre has increased year on year since its inception, and The Welcome Centre now supports thousands of people each year. The Welcome Centre is meeting a real need in supplementing statutory and voluntary provision for those in crisis in our community. The Board has the objects of the charity at the front of its mind when making decisions and has regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Strategic objectives

The board has three strategic objectives for the period 2022 - 2025:

- To provide a high quality, flexible service to those experiencing food poverty in our area.
- To provide a first class advice, guidance and support (AGS) service to meet the widest range of need.
- To expand and enhance our partnership working.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Volunteers

Volunteers are at the very heart of our organisation; they are essential to all areas of our work. We value our volunteer team greatly and strive to make volunteers feel proud of their contribution to our team. Thank you to all of our fantastic volunteers, without your tireless efforts, passion and energy we would not be able to do what we do.

Our volunteers come from all walks of life, and carry out a wide variety of roles at the Centre, including:

- Administration support: book-keeping, data entry, and fundraising administration tasks
- Delivery drivers: collecting donations from corporate and community supporters, and transporting stock between The Welcome Centre's two sites
- Warehouse: checking, sorting and recording all incoming donations of goods
- Phone referrals: taking incoming client referral phone calls from frontline agencies
- Store and fresh: making up client packs of food, toiletries, bedding, etc
- Store: making up client parcels of food, bedding, toiletries, etc
- Reception: welcoming clients on arrival and handing over client packs
- AGS: providing a listening ear and signposting to clients in reception
- Event support: helping at fundraising events and collections, and giving talks on behalf of The Welcome Centre
- Specialist support: providing specialist advice on all areas including legal matters, health and safety, policy and procedures, and logistics and IT.

We currently have around 142 volunteers at The Welcome Centre, most of whom volunteer with us regularly, and some of whom volunteer seasonally or on a more casual basis. Our volunteers are recruited, trained, inducted, and supported by our staff team.

In accordance with FRS 102 and the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the economic contribution of general volunteers is not recognised in the accounts.

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STRATEGIC REPORT

Achievement and performance

Our achievements in 2023-24

The Welcome Centre has continued to provide a high-quality food bank and advice, guidance and support service to the growing number of people needing crisis support in south Kirklees. We are considered a strong influencer across partners in the area also providing support to those in crisis.

Our service continues to operate from two sites across the town. Our main office based at Lord St, is central to the town with good access for clients and hosts our office based teams. From this office we receive and respond to our telephone referrals for support, our AGS team meet clients to offer support to those who are collecting their food packs and our admin, finance, fundraising and management functions are conducted. All these functions are supported by a team of around 50 volunteers. Our second site is our warehouse based at Lockwood. This is where our food stocks are held and the majority of our food packs are picked, packed and prepared for distribution. Our picking/packing/driving and decanting functions are almost exclusively completed by a team of 90 volunteers. The warehouse is also where our driver is based using route planning technology to plan deliveries for clients who may struggle to access our services, such as disabilities, transport issues and rural locations. South Kirklees is geographically a large area. This flexibility is really important for our clients who may be leading chaotic lives.

In addition to continuing to offer a high standard of support through our food bank, our AGS (Advice Guidance and Support) service has continued to develop and grow becoming an intrinsic part of our service, supporting clients in crisis and helping move people away from food poverty and the need to use a food bank in the future. Our AGS team structure has experienced some change over the year with staff transition across other areas of the organisation and the opportunity to recognise the skills and talents in the team to allow internal upward movement. Our AGS team deliver a broad range of support interventions, including triage and welfare checks, signposting and referral to other agencies, and emotional and listening ear support, as well as the opportunity to access budgeting and benefits appointments, our in-house fuel bank, and a grant programme providing emergency funding for essentials including white goods and furniture. We have also continued to deliver a digital inclusion offering, providing clients with mobile phones and SIM cards where needed, to help address the digital barriers that many of our clients face. We have also recognised that one of the common 'threads' that many clients are struggling with their mental health and general wellbeing. This has been a focus with the team really looking to engage on a 1-2-1 basis with clients - being a real advocate and safe space. We have worked in partnership with Paddock Community trust on offering wellbeing sessions for our clients - focussing on key groups/themes, such as Isolation, anxiety, men only groups. These have been welcomed by our clients and we look to continue to develop these services more.

In Spring 2024 Trustees and managers attended an 'away day' mid-year review of demand and services and indications at that time were that demand was likely to continue to increase. At that point consideration was given to a number of areas around operating models including food packs, additional packs and provisions. The objective of the meeting was to ensure the long term sustainability of The Welcome Centre and the benefit to clients. Following that meeting some changes were made to the food pack contents, using vouchers for expensive fresh items and key decisions around purchasing some items for supplementary packs or returning to donation only availability. This meeting also invited a discussion around the demand of our AGS service and allowed trustees to provide real clarity to the team around the remit and boundaries of the provision protect the resources and capacity of the team and to prevent burnout/over subscription. As we moved through the year, demand for food packs levelled out and did not increase as predicted. AGS demand remains high with what feels more complex/multiple issues for clients requiring more resource to meet need.

We continue to be incredibly proud of The Welcome Centre's achievements in what has been another challenging year. We can only achieve our positive outcomes with the support others. We would not have been able to do this without our close partnership work, external supporters. Individuals, community groups, businesses, and funders who continue to be incredibly generous during difficult times, and without their generosity The Welcome Centre would not have been able to offer clients such a high quality, consistent service.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 August 2024

STATISTICAL OVERVIEW FOR 2023-2024

	September 2023 - August 2024	September 2022 - August 2023	Percentage change
Total referrals	13,233	14,544	-9.0%
Total number of referring agencies	131	134	-2.2%
Total households helped	3,270	3,571	-8.4%
Total people helped	5,987	6,499	-7.9%
Total children helped	2,379	2,636	-9.7%
% Households with just one referral	43.9%	33.8%	
% clients with more than 5 referrals	17.6%	21.9%	
Total Pack Count	21,938	23,398	-6.2%
Food Pack Count	13,028	14,254	-8.6%
Person Food Days	130,951	142,705	-8.2%
Total households accessing AGS support	3,141	1,898	65.5%
Total support sessions delivered	13,877	5,077	173.3%
Total support interventions completed	8,879	4,813	84.5%

The summary statistics for the year 2023-2024 show that demand for crisis food support fell back by around 8%-9% compared with the previous year. The number of referrals we received fell by 9% with these referrals coming from 8.4% fewer households and with the amount of food being distributed to these households falling by 8.2%.

The reasons behind this fall are difficult to discern as the level of need across the community appears to remain as high as ever. A combination of factors in some of our referring agencies including the removal of face to face services, limited opening hours and a tightening of the criteria used to assess the level of crisis being faced by clients may have contributed to this reduction.

We are uncertain as to whether this reduction in demand we have seen in the last 12 months reflects the beginning of a new downward trend or just represents a short-term fall around the summer months that will be reversed as we head into the colder and more difficult winter period. We faced similar uncertainty in the summer of 2014, but the reduction was then quickly reversed in a last quarter of the year and we may see something similar this year.

The method used to calculate the percentage of households who made just one referral during the year, or more than five, was adjusted in 2023-2024 to exclude overnight packs. This has resulted in more realistic values for both of these indicators, which suggest that more than 40% of the households we helped in 2023-2024 were referred to us only once during the year, whilst 17.6% of households were referred more than 5 times, this figure falling from 21.9% in the previous year.

The AGS service was established to help address the underlying causes behind every one of these referrals for crisis food support and to try to provide clients with the help needed to allow them to lift themselves out of a cycle of repeated crisis food referrals.

The level and scope of support offered by AGS during 2023-2024 has grown significantly compared with the preceding 12 months reflecting the level of investment we have made in developing this service and our commitment to it as complementary long-term measure to improve outcomes for our clients.

With 3,141 households accessing the AGS service during 2023-2024 we succeeded in offering additional support to 96% of all households referred for food. From the support offered by the AGS service almost 9,000 interventions were made, with an intervention ranging from something as simple as providing a listening ear or emotional support, through to a full package of measures that might include performing a benefits check, sign-posting, making an application for a grant or an onward referral to another organisation.

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Partnership working

The Welcome Centre continues to be very proud of its collaborative outlook and recognises the benefit of learning from and sharing with others in our community and our field. The Welcome Centre continues to actively participate in relevant networks and groups, and to nurture and develop partnerships with other organisations, at a strategic and operational level.

Through close partnership working with other organisations, The Welcome Centre continues to broaden and improve the services and support available to clients. In 2023 - 24, partnership working has enabled us to enhance our offering to clients by working with other organisations, charities and community groups, allowing sign posting to services and provisions we are not able to provide directly.

The Welcome Centre works in partnership with organisations from the public, private and third sector. In 2023 - 24 we continued to develop existing partnership working with other organisations, including Kirklees Council's Local Welfare Provision, Public Health, The Huddersfield Mission, Fusion Housing, Colne Valley Help, Huddersfield Giants Community Trust, Paddock Community Trust and Community Cards. We also work with private companies to form Partnership donors. These companies support us massively with financial donations, but also on a wider significant basis providing guidance and support around setting up our warehousing, funding for our CCTV/security arrangements.

We also continued to work with the generous local supermarkets and businesses who donate surplus food to The Welcome Centre. In 2023- 24 we also continued to develop new partnerships, with noticeable examples including partnerships with Groundworks, the Centre for Social Justice, the council's Money Advice Unit, and the RSPCA.

The Welcome Centre is actively involved in the Kirklees Tackling Poverty Partnership, which brings together council and third sector representatives to work collaboratively on tackling poverty in the borough. The Welcome Centre is also an active member of Feeding West Yorkshire, a collaboration of food network groups from across the county, and part of the national Feeding Britain network. Finally, The Welcome Centre is an active member of the Independent Food Aid Network, a national network of independent emergency food providers.

Staff

During 2023-24 The Welcome Centre's small staff team was reconfigured to better meet our changing operational needs. We now have six full time and five part time staff working across our two sites (9.5 full time equivalent). We recruited a Deputy Chief Exec who is currently covering the Maternity leave of the Chief Exec. Our fundraiser left the organisation in late spring and her role is being filled internally. We have had some longer term sickness absence within the workforce during 23-24 but this has been well covered by other members of the team.

Future Plans and Priorities

In 2022 Trustees agreed a three year strategic plan for the period 2022 - 2025. 2023 - 2024 was year two of delivering this strategic plan.

Over the next two years we will continue to build upon our strengths, with the continued input and support of our stakeholders, to expand and improve the service we provide and to use our influence to improve the lives of those we support.

In practical terms this means:

- Improvements to the support we offer, providing greater choice, quality and flexibility to clients delivered in an efficient and sustainable way.
- Expansion of our advice service to support clients at risk of food poverty and food insecurity to make a successful transition to independence.
- Expansion of our partnerships and networking to improve our own delivery, to support other organisations in their work and to use our influence to bring about change.

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In setting our strategic plan, we have taken into consideration national and regional best practice developments in crisis support provision, and the specifics of the local context in which we operate.

Our Strategic Priorities for 2022 - 2025 are:

To provide a high quality, flexible service to those experiencing food poverty in our area.

This service will:

- guarantee high quality provision which meet the needs and preferences of clients
- boost the dignity, self-esteem and independence of clients by means of offering greater choice and flexibility
- offer place-based support to those in crisis, in food insecurity, or transitioning out of food poverty
- develop across all areas of South Kirklees where there is unmet need.

To provide a first class AGS service to meet the widest range of need.

This will involve:

- developing a highly trained team of staff and volunteers
- offering bespoke advice, guidance and support to clients that are:
 - in crisis
 - in food insecurity and at risk of falling into food poverty
 - transitioning out of poverty.

To expand and enhance our partnership working

- to improve the quality and range of our service
- to support the work of other organisations
- to actively engage in awareness raising, campaigning and lobbying to bring about change in social provision in the UK.

Financial review

Financial position

Overview

Incoming resources in the year to 31 August 2024 were £806,226 (2023: £965,629). Expenditure in the same period was £1,013,855 (2023: £955,376), resulting in a net deficit for the year of £207,629 (2023: net surplus of £10,253). It was expected that a deficit would be incurred in the year, however, the reserves position remains relatively healthy. Our year end cash balance reduced by £172,246 in the year primarily due to the operating deficit.

Income

Total income decreased by 16.5% compared to the prior year, primarily driven by a combination of reductions in donations and the associated gift aid of and a reduction in Household Support Fund grant income, which was partially offset by legacy income in the year.

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STRATEGIC REPORT

Financial review

Principal funding sources

The Welcome Centre received all of its income from five main sources:

1. Donations and its associated gift aid from generous members of the public, faith organisations, schools, and other community organisations.
2. Grants to fund projects, support roles, specific activities or operational costs of running The Welcome Centre.
3. Corporate sponsorship from local and national businesses.
4. Capacity building support from Kirklees Council Local Welfare Team.
5. Fundraising events organised by staff, volunteers and supporters.

In order to create long term sustainable income streams, we would like to increase our income from corporate sponsorship, donations and fundraising to a level in excess of 75% of total income over the next 3 years.

Principal Costs and Expenses

Expenditure increased by 6.1% compared to the prior year which primarily relates to increases in employee costs as we invest in our staff team and the funding of Client grants.

The Welcome Centre's costs and expenses fall into five main categories, as described below:

1. Goods distributed to beneficiaries, which is our most significant cost and accounts for just over 50% of our total expenditure. Approximately 25% of this represents donations of goods from our supporters, with the balance comprising items purchased by ourselves.
2. Employment costs relating to salary and pension costs of our staff team.
3. Accommodation costs relating to the rent and running costs of the two premises we operate.
4. Grants made to beneficiaries for large household items, such as electrical goods and furniture.
5. Other operating costs such as IT, telephone, insurance, professional fees, training costs and fundraising materials.

Restricted Funding

The Welcome Centre has been fortunate again this year to receive several grants and donations totalling £323,460 to support specific projects or restricted activities. This funding was focussed on four main areas:

1. Donations to purchase food and other goods for distribution (£48,405)
2. Targeted support for specific purchases made on behalf of our clients, including an in-house fuel bank (£33,716)
3. Household Support grants from Kirklees Council which were used to purchase food, or provide targeted support for our clients (£148,094)
4. Lottery funding to assist with the development of our advice, guidance and support activities (£32,454)
5. Donations to fund specific salaries including from a legacy (£4,872)
6. Grants to fund accommodation costs (£9,250)

Capital Expenditure

In 2023/24 £1,937 was spent on fixed asset additions, relating to the Lord Street building.

Financial investments

The charity does not hold any financial investments.

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STRATEGIC REPORT

Financial review

Reserves policy

The reserves policy continues to take a risk-based approach focusing on the resilience of key income streams and the commitment levels of charitable activity expenditure. The Trustees understand that unrestricted free reserves are not intended to cover a permanent loss of funds but to maintain service delivery through a period when income is reduced, or demand is increased. Our approach excludes any fixed assets, designated funds and restricted funds.

We propose that reserves are calculated as two months of food pack provision, plus three months of operating expenditure (excluding the value of goods for distribution and depreciation), plus other longer-term commitments. This would allow a period of adjustment to allow the charity to respond to a permanent change in financial situation e.g. reduced income, or period to allow a transition to alternative arrangements for our beneficiaries, staff and volunteers. This figure is £265,500 for the year ending 31 August 2024, based on average annual running costs. As of 31 August 2024, the total unrestricted reserves of The Welcome Centre were £476,917, of which £52,025 is fixed assets, therefore free reserves totalled £424,892 which is above the target level.

The Trustees continue to monitor the level of free reserves and the appropriateness of the Reserves Policy at regular intervals.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Welcome Centre is registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and its governing document (CIO conversion dated 10 January 2019, and amended 3 February 2020) is its constitution.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Trustee Terms of Office

Trustees hold office for a maximum term of six years from the date of their appointment.

During the year ending 31 August 2024, three trustees reached the end of their terms of office and were re-appointed, and one new trustee was appointed.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1151282

Registered office

15 Lord Street
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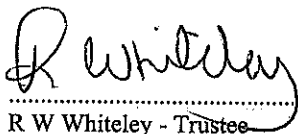
Trustees

A M Tomlinson
J F Norman
R W Whiteley
K Siddique
E R Smith
G D J Bruce
L Rigal
S Mohammed
P Lucitt
D N Williams (appointed 20.11.23)

Independent Examiner

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Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, on and signed on the board's behalf by:


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R W Whiteley - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE WELCOME CENTRE (HUDDERSFIELD)

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Welcome Centre (Huddersfield) ('the Charity')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 August 2024.

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 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. 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 member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, 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 Charity as required by Section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and contents of the accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Report) Regulations 2008 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.

Kevin Winterburn FCA

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Date:

THE WELCOME CENTRE (HUDDERSFIELD)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the year ended 31 August 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	424,871	75,376	500,247	571,411
Charitable activities	5				
Support services and food packs		138,848	107,854	246,702	337,981
Other trading activities	3	12,643	32,624	45,267	45,804
Investment income	4	<u>14,010</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,010</u>	<u>10,433</u>
Total		<u>590,372</u>	<u>215,854</u>	<u>806,226</u>	<u>965,629</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	6				
Support services and food packs		<u>800,250</u>	<u>213,605</u>	<u>1,013,855</u>	<u>955,376</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(209,878)	2,249	(207,629)	10,253
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>686,795</u>	<u>27,959</u>	<u>714,754</u>	<u>704,501</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>476,917</u>	<u>30,208</u>	<u>507,125</u>	<u>714,754</u>

CONTINUING OPERATIONS

All income and expenditure has arisen from continuing activities.

The notes form part of these financial statements

THE WELCOME CENTRE (HUDDERSFIELD)

BALANCE SHEET
31 August 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	12	52,025	2,251	54,276	67,939
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	13	17,357	-	17,357	27,025
Debtors	14	40,728	-	40,728	65,781
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>379,085</u>	<u>79,132</u>	<u>458,217</u>	<u>630,463</u>
		437,170	79,132	516,302	723,269
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	15	(12,278)	(51,175)	(63,453)	(76,454)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>424,892</u>	<u>27,957</u>	<u>452,849</u>	<u>646,815</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>476,917</u>	<u>30,208</u>	<u>507,125</u>	<u>714,754</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>476,917</u>	<u>30,208</u>	<u>507,125</u>	<u>714,754</u>

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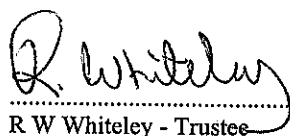
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BALANCE SHEET - continued

31 August 2024

FUNDS		16	
Unrestricted funds:			
General fund		211,399	367,727
Long Term Reserve		<u>265,518</u>	<u>319,068</u>
		<u>476,917</u>	<u>686,795</u>
Restricted funds:			
Premises Expansion		1,583	2,583
Additional Cold Food Storage Capacity		668	943
Feeding Families		4,109	4,109
KMC - Local Welfare Provision		1,024	1,024
One Community		10,844	-
Lottery Fund		4,449	213
The Julia and Hans Rausing Trust		-	1,542
Aviva		1,885	10,632
Big Give		1,960	6,913
Glasspool Charity Trust		<u>3,686</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>30,208</u>	<u>27,959</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>507,125</u>	<u>714,754</u>

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


R W Whiteley - Trustee

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THE WELCOME CENTRE (HUDDERSFIELD)**CASH FLOW STATEMENT
for the year ended 31 August 2024**

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	<u>(184,319)</u>	<u>(2,420)</u>
Net cash used in operating activities		<u>(184,319)</u>	<u>(2,420)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		<u>(1,937)</u>	<u>(75,331)</u>
Interest received		<u>14,010</u>	<u>10,433</u>
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		<u>12,073</u>	<u>(64,898)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		<u>(172,246)</u>	<u>(67,318)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		<u>630,463</u>	<u>697,781</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u>458,217</u>	<u>630,463</u>

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NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT
for the year ended 31 August 2024

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2024 £	2023 £
Net (expenditure)/income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	(207,629)	10,253
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	15,600	15,007
Interest received	(14,010)	(10,433)
Decrease/(increase) in stocks	9,668	(7,519)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	25,053	(42,237)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	<u>(13,001)</u>	<u>32,509</u>
Net cash used in operations	<u>(184,319)</u>	<u>(2,420)</u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.9.23 £	Cash flow £	At 31.8.24 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>630,463</u>	<u>(172,246)</u>	<u>458,217</u>
	<u>630,463</u>	<u>(172,246)</u>	<u>458,217</u>
Total	<u>630,463</u>	<u>(172,246)</u>	<u>458,217</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 August 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, 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 Charities Act 2001. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

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. Where performance conditions are attached to the income and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

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.

Short leasehold	- Straight line over 6 years
Fixtures and fittings	- 10% on cost
Computer equipment	- 25% on cost

Stocks

Stocks represent goods donated or purchased which have yet to be distributed to beneficiaries. Stocks are valued on the basis of either their purchase price (bought in items) or the estimated cost of the goods in an open market (donated goods).

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.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued for the year ended 31 August 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Fund accounting

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

Donated goods

Income is recognised by the charity for goods donated at fair value based on the estimated cost of the goods in an open market, when the Charity takes control of the donated goods.

Initially the donated items are recorded as stock, with the corresponding amounts recorded as donations. When the stocks are distributed to beneficiaries, they are recognised as an expense in the Statement of Financial Activities.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations and gifts	367,312	445,750
Gift aid	42,753	51,886
Legacies	40,697	4,872
Client support payments	-	4,615
Corporate sponsorship	<u>49,485</u>	<u>64,288</u>
	<u>500,247</u>	<u>571,411</u>

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fundraising activities	<u>45,267</u>	<u>45,804</u>

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>14,010</u>	<u>10,433</u>

THE WELCOME CENTRE (HUDDERSFIELD)**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**
for the year ended 31 August 2024**5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

		2024	2023
	Activity	£	£
Grants	Support services and food packs	<u>246,702</u>	<u>337,981</u>

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

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other Grants	-	2,000
Kirklees Capacity Building	68,768	68,768
One Community Foundation	18,000	12,000
Charles & Elsie Sykes	3,000	3,000
Howitt Homeless Trust	1,800	-
FV & E Brook Charitable Trust	-	6,000
Groundwork UK	-	1,000
The Neighbourly Foundation	1,280	5,905
Lottery Grant	35,354	32,254
Household Support Fund	60,000	148,094
The Inman Charity	-	5,000
The Julia and Hans Rausing Trust	-	9,250
William Brooke Benevolent	-	18,000
National Unplanned Pregnancy Advisory Service	-	25,000
Charities Trust	-	1,710
Lloyds Bank Foundation	500	-
Sir George Martin Trust	4,000	-
Fine & Country Foundation	1,000	-
Glasspool Charity Trust	10,000	-
The Hobson Charity	15,000	-
National Lottery Community Fund	25,000	-
Souter Charitable Trust	<u>3,000</u>	-
	<u>246,702</u>	<u>337,981</u>

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6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Grant funding of activities (see note 7) £	Support costs (see note 8) £	Totals £
Support services and food packs	<u>946,054</u>	<u>64,140</u>	<u>3,661</u>	<u>1,013,855</u>

7. GRANTS PAYABLE

	2024 £	2023 £
Support services and food packs	<u>64,140</u>	<u>42,725</u>

8. SUPPORT COSTS

	Governance costs £
Support services and food packs	<u>3,661</u>

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

	2024 Support services and food packs £	2023 Total activities £
Accountancy fees	1,200	1,200
Professional fees	<u>2,461</u>	<u>12,923</u>
	<u>3,661</u>	<u>14,123</u>

9. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

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

	2024 £	2023 £
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>15,600</u>	<u>15,007</u>

THE WELCOME CENTRE (HUDDERSFIELD)**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**
for the year ended 31 August 2024**10. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2024 nor for the year ended 31 August 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 August 2024 nor for the year ended 31 August 2023.

11. STAFF COSTS

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	<u>334,404</u>	<u>256,160</u>
	<u>334,404</u>	<u>256,160</u>

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

	2024	2023
Support staff - Full time equivalent	<u>12</u>	<u>9</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Short leasehold £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 September 2023	78,890	24,658	27,277	130,825
Additions	<u>1,937</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,937</u>
At 31 August 2024	<u>80,827</u>	<u>24,658</u>	<u>27,277</u>	<u>132,762</u>
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 September 2023	16,114	19,495	27,277	62,886
Charge for year	<u>13,148</u>	<u>2,452</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,600</u>
At 31 August 2024	<u>29,262</u>	<u>21,947</u>	<u>27,277</u>	<u>78,486</u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 August 2024	<u>51,565</u>	<u>2,711</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>54,276</u>
At 31 August 2023	<u>62,776</u>	<u>5,163</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>67,939</u>

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13. STOCKS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Stocks	<u>17,357</u>	<u>27,025</u>

14. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade debtors	-	664
Prepayments	<u>40,728</u>	<u>65,117</u>
	<u>40,728</u>	<u>65,781</u>

15. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	5,405	16,938
Accruals and deferred income	<u>58,048</u>	<u>59,516</u>
	<u>63,453</u>	<u>76,454</u>

16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.9.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.8.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	367,727	(209,878)	53,550	211,399
Long Term Reserve	<u>319,068</u>	-	<u>(53,550)</u>	<u>265,518</u>
	686,795	(209,878)	-	476,917
Restricted funds				
Premises Expansion	2,583	(1,000)	-	1,583
Additional Cold Food Storage Capacity	943	(275)	-	668
Feeding Families	4,109	-	-	4,109
KMC - Local Welfare Provision	1,024	-	-	1,024
One Community	-	10,844	-	10,844
Lottery Fund	213	4,236	-	4,449
The Julia and Hans Rausing Trust	1,542	(1,542)	-	-
Aviva	10,632	(8,747)	-	1,885
Big Give	6,913	(4,953)	-	1,960
Glasspool Charity Trust	-	3,686	-	3,686
	<u>27,959</u>	<u>2,249</u>	-	<u>30,208</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>714,754</u>	<u>(207,629)</u>	-	<u>507,125</u>

THE WELCOME CENTRE (HUDDERSFIELD)**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**
for the year ended 31 August 2024**16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	530,372	(740,250)	(209,878)
Household Support Fund	<u>60,000</u>	<u>(60,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
	590,372	(800,250)	(209,878)
Restricted funds			
Premises Expansion	-	(1,000)	(1,000)
Additional Cold Food Storage Capacity	-	(275)	(275)
FOODAID	1,500	(1,500)	-
One Community	18,000	(7,156)	10,844
Lottery Fund	35,354	(31,118)	4,236
The Julia and Hans Rausing Trust	-	(1,542)	(1,542)
Unwin Legacy	40,697	(40,697)	-
Aviva	67,303	(76,050)	(8,747)
Big Give	-	(4,953)	(4,953)
Glasspool Charity Trust	10,000	(6,314)	3,686
Hobson Charity Grant	15,000	(15,000)	-
National Lottery Community Fund	25,000	(25,000)	-
Souter 24	<u>3,000</u>	<u>(3,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>215,854</u>	<u>(213,605)</u>	<u>2,249</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>806,226</u>	<u>(1,013,855)</u>	<u>(207,629)</u>

THE WELCOME CENTRE (HUDDERSFIELD)**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
for the year ended 31 August 2024****16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued****Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.9.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.8.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	441,454	4,035	(77,762)	367,727
Long Term Reserve	<u>241,306</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>77,762</u>	<u>319,068</u>
	682,760	4,035	-	686,795
Restricted funds				
Premises Expansion	3,583	(1,000)	-	2,583
Additional Cold Food Storage Capacity	1,218	(275)	-	943
Feeding Families	7,614	(3,505)	-	4,109
KMC - Local Welfare Provision	1,024	-	-	1,024
Surviving Winter for the over 60s	3,472	(3,472)	-	-
The Neighbourly Foundation	4,830	(4,830)	-	-
Lottery Fund	-	213	-	213
The Julia and Hans Rausing Trust	-	1,542	-	1,542
Aviva	-	10,632	-	10,632
Big Give	<u>-</u>	<u>6,913</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,913</u>
	<u>21,741</u>	<u>6,218</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,959</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>704,501</u>	<u>10,253</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>714,754</u>

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	642,169	(638,134)	4,035
Household Support Fund	<u>148,094</u>	<u>(148,094)</u>	<u>-</u>
	790,263	(786,228)	4,035
Restricted funds			
Premises Expansion	-	(1,000)	(1,000)
Additional Cold Food Storage Capacity	-	(275)	(275)
ACTS 435 Provision of Grants to Clients	4,155	(4,155)	-
Development Worker	3,000	(3,000)	-
Feeding Families	-	(3,505)	(3,505)
FOODAID	5,100	(5,100)	-
One Community	10,000	(10,000)	-
Surviving Winter for the over 60s	-	(3,472)	(3,472)
The Neighbourly Foundation	500	(5,330)	(4,830)
Lottery Fund	32,254	(32,041)	213
Groundwork	1,000	(1,000)	-
The Inman Charity	5,000	(5,000)	-
Marsh Charitable Trust	500	(500)	-
The Julia and Hans Rausing Trust	9,250	(7,708)	1,542
Unwin Legacy	4,872	(4,872)	-
William Brooke Benevolent	18,000	(18,000)	-
Aviva	62,674	(52,042)	10,632
Big Give	<u>19,061</u>	<u>(12,148)</u>	<u>6,913</u>
	<u>175,366</u>	<u>(169,148)</u>	<u>6,218</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>965,629</u>	<u>(955,376)</u>	<u>10,253</u>

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for the year ended 31 August 2024

16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Purpose of restricted funds

Premises Expansion	- Specific fixed assets for use in the charity
Additional Cold Food Storage Capacity	- Specific fixed assets for use in the charity
Feeding Families	- Food costs
KMC - Local Welfare Provision	- Food costs
Lottery Fund	- Staff costs and overheads for AGS service
The Julia and Hans Rausing Trust	- Warehousing costs
Aviva	- Staff costs, food costs and client grants
Big Give	- Client fuel grants
One Community	- Food costs
Glasspool Charity Trust	- Client grants

17. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 August 2024.

