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**Inspire Middleton
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Unaudited Financial Statements
31 March 2025**

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Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report)
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The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Reference and administrative details

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| Registered charity name | Inspire Middleton |
| Charity registration number | 1126093 |
| Company registration number | 06624568 |
| Principal office and registered office | 18 Aylesbury Grove Middleton Manchester M24 2TG |

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Structure, governance and management

The current Memorandum and Articles of Association that govern Inspire Middleton are those dated June 2008 as amended by Special Resolution no.1 dated 3rd September 2008, which are registered with Companies House and which have been accepted by the Charity Commission of England.

All work carried out is as identified in these documents.

Election to the Board of Trustees is open to other individuals or organisations who:

- (a) apply to the Charity in the form required by the Directors; and
- (b) are approved by the Directors.

All current and future work is monitored through regular trustee meetings. Trustees will supervise and manage the running of the work to ensure that the charity is compliant with its aims and objectives and operating within the Charity Commission's guidelines as presently constituted.

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Objectives and activities

Public Benefit Statement

(1) To develop the capacity and skills of the members of the socially and economically disadvantaged community of Middleton, North Manchester in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to participate more fully in society.

(2) To promote, for the benefit of the public, the efficiency of the police in Middleton, North Manchester and to promote good citizenship and greater public participation in the prevention and solution of crime in the area.

(3) To advance in life and help young people through:

The provision of recreational and leisure time activities provided in the interest of social welfare, designed to improve their conditions of life; providing support and activities which develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals.

(4) To relieve persons who are in condition of need, hardship or distress by reason of their social and economic circumstances in particular but not exclusively by the provision of a drop in centre.

(5) To provide education and training for the persons referred to in clause 4.

(6) To preserve and protect the good health of the persons referred to in clause 4.

(7) To advance the Christian religion.

The trustees believe that these objectives clearly demonstrate the concept of "public benefit", as specified in Section 4 Charities Act 2011.

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Achievements and performance

Charity Overview

Inspire Middleton is a community development charity, and our vision is to inspire the people, places and organisations of Middleton, to make it a better place to live work and visit.

We run a variety of community projects through which the charity's objectives are advanced. These project are the names that the public are more familiar with and include, the amazing Lighthouse Project, our drop-in style community centre/hub, Middleton Central Foodbank, Lighthouse Pantry, Lighthouse Money Advice our FCA registered debt service, and others.

We describe the way we work as 'the plant pot model', the pot being Inspire Middleton, the container in which things are grown; and as seeds become fruit people naturally focus on what is produced more than the pot in which they are carried, and so it is with us. It is the improvement of people's lives that is our focus, not promotion of ourselves.

The charity operates from leased premises on the second floor of Middleton Shopping Centre right in the heart of Middleton town centre. We moved into these premises in December 2016 on a 3-year short-term lease, and subsequently were able to agree a lease for a further ten years, running from December 2019 - December 2029.

The building and its location contribute significantly to the success of our work. We are centrally located, have ease of access in terms of transport and disabled facilities, and have good regular passing footfall. Our presence also contributes to the wellbeing of the Shopping centre as the people visiting us also visit the local shops, and vice versa.

The Lighthouse Project is one of our specific charitable objectives, and as a community anchor organisation it is a multi-service hub used as the main outlet for advancing many of our other charitable aims.

Middleton Central Foodbank is co-located within the Lighthouse Project, and it is run as part of the **Trussell Trust** foodbank network, in collaboration with local churches, tackling poverty, hardship, and individual crisis.

The Lighthouse Pantry is a membership based food club supporting people and families struggling to cover their weekly/monthly household costs. It offers them access to supermarket surplus food to reduce their weekly food costs leaving them with more money to spend on other household costs. The Pantry is part of a growing national network operating under the banner of '**Your Local Pantry**' managed by **Church Action on Poverty**.

The Lighthouse Money Advice service is a FCA accredited debt advice service run as part of the **Community Money Advice** network. The service offers free advice and face-to-face support for people experiencing personal debt and financial crisis. Many of the clients are referrals from the Foodbank, or Pantry and several of our team are dedicated to supporting Foodbank and Pantry members.

Highlights and Project Activity Summary

Attendance

Lighthouse Project - all activities combined

Attendance at the Lighthouse Project has increased throughout the year, and thankfully with the impact of Covid-19 behind us attendance has now risen above our pre-Covid attendance levels.

These are some of the Highlights for 2024-2025, which is a summary of all attendances and sessions.

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Highlights

1. **Annual Footfall of** - 42,725 attendances during the year (which is 16% above our pre-covid target of 37,000 attendances) - we are now seeing a positive return to year-on-year growth.
2. **Sessions** - during the year we ran 7,400 sessions/activities supporting people's needs. A session is a recorded activity of one kind or another, and these typically include structured activities/sessions, drop-in and advice sessions, social, leisure, art/craft sessions, etc.
3. **Individual Visitors** - 3,131 different people/visitors were directly supported during the year.
4. **New Visitors attending** - 1,316 new people who first visited between 1 April 24 - 31 March 2025.

People/Families Fed

Middleton Central Foodbank - crisis food support

The Foodbank opens twice a week offering volunteer led support and food parcel distribution, and when circumstances require we also give out food parcels at other times of the week through the Lighthouse.

Highlights

1. During the reporting period the Foodbank **redeemed 1225 vouchers**, which is a small increase on the number of vouchers issued in the previous year. It is a significant number of families in need, showing us that poverty and deprivation still has a grip on the town.
2. We were able to moderate the demand for crisis support because of the partnership with the Lighthouse Pantry where users of the foodbank who need extended support are offered membership in the Pantry to support them for longer and as a progressive step towards self-management. This is a positive relationship limiting increasing demand for the Foodbank and helping families to move away from reliance on emergency support. The Pantry is also used to catch families who are starting to struggle to help them before they need to use the Foodbank.
3. The food parcels we issued provided the equivalent of **71,731 meals** during the year, supporting **2,771 adults and children**, who came from **658 different** families.
4. The foodbank **received 27 tonnes of food donations** during the year from a variety of groups, individuals and organisations, which is a slight reduction on the previous year reflecting that donors continue to face their own challenges due to the ongoing impact of the cost-of-living crisis.
5. The foodbank **gave away 27 tonnes of food** in its 3-day emergency food parcels. This equates to approx. **71,100 meals valued at over £72,000**. The total food given out was 3 tonnes more than what we received in donations meaning we had to buy a lot of additional food to keep up stocks.
6. From time to time we also donated surplus short-dated food to other groups as we choose not to operate in isolation, supporting other where we can. This builds wider community.
7. As part of its reach into the community the Foodbank has over 60+ referral agencies it works with, which includes local schools, community groups, churches, and other support agencies. These operate as the eyes-and-ears of the foodbank, and helps us reach those in need.
8. We are also happy to accept referrals from organisations not on our books making sure we maintain as few barriers

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as possible for families to get access to crisis food support. New referrers are then usually offered the opportunity to join the Foodbank's list of regular referral agencies.

The purpose of using a referral system is to ensure that people receive additional support relevant to their need or circumstances, not just simply giving them a bag of food for the short term.

Lighthouse Pantry

The Lighthouse Pantry opens for three sessions per week for 50 weeks during the year, typically supporting 100-110 families per week. Demand for Pantry membership remains high and we have a waiting list to manage demand. The waiting list is regularly reviewed.

The Pantry needs over 1,500 items each week to stock the shelves, which is sourced from donations, or full-priced purchases. There is a practical limit to how many families the Pantry can support, which is our ability to access enough food to cover the weekly sessions. Maintaining enough stock to support over 100 families per week is an ongoing and increasing challenge.

Highlights

1. The Pantry ran **151 sessions**, and **supported 4889 member visits** during the year. This is a similar number of members who attended as last year. The demand is not abating, and it is being sustained by economic challenges and the growing number of people still struggling with low income, and the cost-of-living crisis which is not reducing.
2. We supported **353 different families**, and within these families there were an **additional 447 adults or children**, so collectively the Pantry supported **800 people** during the year.
3. The Pantry supplied 4889 'baskets' of food for members to use. A weekly basket is typically valued at between £25-30, which would have an estimated retail value of between £122,225 - £146,670.
4. For every £1 members spent (£4.50 / week) they received an average of £6.67 worth of food in return! This is an excellent social return of value for them, and produces a potential saving of £1,275 per family on their annual food bills, leaving more money available for other household expenditure, which is one of the primary aims of the Pantry.
5. In addition to this we gave families several weeks of free attendance during the year with support from local Food Solutions grants we received.

Collectively the Pantry and Foodbank provided food support for 3,570 individuals from 1,010 families. the equivalent of **170,000 meals** with an estimated retail value of **£264,400**. This is a significant amount of support being provided helping to hold back the relentless tide of poverty that is impacting more and more families in the area.

Financial & debt support

Lighthouse Money Advice

The Lighthouse Money Advice service provides access to daily face-to-face appointments for people needing financial help and support, be this debt or benefit advice. We are one of only 2 organisations in the whole of the Rochdale Borough who do this.

It is widely recognised by the governments Money and Pensions Service (MAPs) that there is a national shortage of face-to-face appointments available for people in debt. There is plenty of online, or self-help type services, but so little direct face-to-face support.

This is what we are working to change because there are many people who are not able to manage their debt journey

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on their own due to vulnerability, poor mental health, anxiety, or long term health conditions. In these cases face-to-face appointments are essential to help the clients engage.

Here are some of the Highlights from the year.

Highlights

1. The team worked with **840 different clients** during the year (20% increase on 2023-24) who made use of our service on at least one occasion, attending **2,846** appointments, conversations or meetings, and having collective personal debts **estimated at £1.14 million** in total value.
2. Of these we had **410 new clients** (19% increase) requesting help and support.
3. From the clients supported during the year, **£175,823** worth of debts were removed by Debt Relief Orders (DRO's), and a further **£18,988** was written off by creditors - **totalling £194,811** of relief.
4. Other clients tackled their debts through the use of other options such as Debt Management Plans valued at circa **£25,369**.
5. For clients helped with benefit advice we recorded over **£190,000** worth of grants, or benefit income increases, or expenditure reductions during the year.
6. This totals over **£384,815 of financial benefits/relief** gained by people we have supported.
7. For each client/family supported by the service the knock on benefits of improvement in health, mental health and general wellbeing is significant and clear for all to see.
8. For the majority they describe the support they receive as life changing once they start to get help or see their debts/benefits being reduced / increased, or removed. In many cases these improvements are considered by the clients as 'significant'.

Computer Classes, Employment, Skills and Getting back into work

The Lighthouse Project is a long term member of the National Digital Inclusion Network, formerly the UK Online Centre network, and through this we support people with free access to the internet, and access to tutor and peer supported free basic computer training. Digital exclusion within the UK remains stubbornly high at over 20% of people, so this work is our contribution to tackling exclusion and disadvantage, especially as more and more people are being digitally left behind.

The uptake of attending computer courses has been slow post-Covid, and not at the levels we have previously seen. This therefore remains a work in progress in terms of re-engaging people.

In conjunction with our digital services we also offered various form of support during the year, which involved a combination of remote interaction and support, and face-to-face engagement. We have plans to re-start our Work Club and some new employability partnership work later in the year.

Highlights

1. We provided digital support for **246 people** during the year, attending **over 3,600 times**. Within this **25 people specifically attended** Learn My Way basic computer skills training courses, collectively completing over 540 different modules, through 119 session.
2. Our employability sessions supported **110 people who were looking to improve their life chances** by developing

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their employability and job hunting skills and to help them get back into work, or improve their chances of getting back into work.

3. Of these people we recorded **365 attendances** for activities related to actively looking for work, improving their job hunting skills, and improving work place skills through online learning and face-to-face appointments.

4. We provided 1-2-1 **CV support for 26 people**, and **54 people** attended job hunting sessions to help them get back into work.

Family and Children support - Toy Appeal

Over the last seven years we have organised an annual 'Toy Appeal' aimed at collecting toys and games from the general public to support Lighthouse Project families, and others who may be referred to us from partner organisations, including local schools and foodbank referral agencies. Its aim is to ensure that as many of the families we work with, or are connected to, are able to have some toys and gifts to open at Christmas.

As with previous years we were supported by many local organisations, individuals, and schools who collected toy donations for us to give out. Middleton Shopping Centre, our local Tesco Extra, and several other groups helped with the promotion and setting up of collection points. The local community have been extremely generous when it comes to supporting the Toy Appeal, and it is safe to say that we were inundated with toys, gifts and financial support for the Appeal.

Highlights

1. We were inundated with local support providing toys, gifts and financial donations.
2. We were able to support **217 children** from **93 different families**. Each child receiving at least one main present, 4 medium presents, 3 small presents, a game, book, confectionery, and stocking fillers.
3. 63 children came from the **Lighthouse Project, foodbank and pantry families**, 130 children were referred through **local schools**, 11 children came from **self-referrals** or other family contacts, and 4 children came from **Lighthouse Money Advice families**.
4. The local schools, as well as nominating children, also arranged fun themed toy collections, sponsored runs and devised other interesting ways of giving toys and donating money.
5. We received over £2,300 in cash and online donations which help us buy targeted gifts and gift cards to fill gaps in the types of toys donated, and 100's of individual toys donated so we could help and support different aged children. This made sure that no-one missed out

Social Leisure and Health Activities

Social activity and engagement is an essential part of life and community. Isolation and exclusion quickly lead to a decline in health and wellbeing, as Covid highlighted. With Covid successfully behind us our social groups and activities have once again flourished and increased, with new groups and activities being added to our offer.

The types of groups and activities include, knitting sessions, arts, craft and card making, photography, walking, a Tea Disco, quiz and gaming sessions, healthy living, veterans group, ladies group, and cooking. With others still in the planning.

Highlights

1. During the year 2024/25 we ran over **910**, social/leisure/health related sessions/activities (an increase of 30% on last

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year - 2023/24).

2. These activities which were attended **9,778 times** by **623 different people**.

3. The activities aim to tackle social isolation and poor health/mental health by offering opportunities for people to connect with others, make new friends, learn new skills, and improving their health. This included physical events, such as walking, leisure activities/interest groups, and some social groups/gatherings.

The Brick Multi-bank - Borough sub-distribution hub

During the year we started a new project in conjunction with 'The Brick Multibank' based in Wigan. The Brick has been supporting its local community for many years, and they wanted to expand their reach by working with other partner organisations to provide a network of sub-distribution hubs around Greater Manchester. The Lighthouse Project became one of two sub-hubs in Rochdale Borough, serving 20 local community groups with regular multibank donations.

A multibank generally receives non-food donations of surplus items from manufacturers and distributors, e.g. Amazon surplus stock, which is then distributed to community organisations in support of their work, or for them to give out to their beneficiaries to combat poverty, or low income. The donated items can be anything from deodorants, to heaters, craft materials to nappies, and they are different every time.

Each week we apply for donations on behalf of 4 groups, which are delivered to us on a Friday and then generally collected on the same day. We facilitate the donations and ensure they are distributed locally.

Since we started we've distributed an estimated **20 tonnes of products** through **120 bulk donations**.

Other Achievements and Developments

Core Staff: As with previous years the trustees want to acknowledge and give thanks to our core staff team who have worked so hard during the year, Pam Semp, Cath Stott, Carl Roach, and Donna Williams, who all live locally in Middleton, and who have such a great passion to see the Community changed and transformed. The teams passion continues to inspire and innovate both the volunteers and our visitors to encourage them to advance and progress. They are at the forefront of advancing the Charity's objectives, and their work is to be greatly commended.

Well done, and thank you! Your work is often unseen by the majority, but it doesn't go unnoticed by those who see behind the scenes. The collaboration and flexibility of the core team is one of our organisational strengths, and is key to making sure that all of our services are integrated and work in concert; and their efforts underpin all that we do.

Volunteers: The Lighthouse Project is about empowering people, which includes our volunteers. Our volunteers provide a significant amount of support to our work, and without them it would be difficult, or expensive to provide the same amount of help and support that they offer to us. We've calculated that they typically provide over **15,600 hours of free support**, which if we had to pay for at minimum wage rates would cost over **£196,000** per year.

To mark their contribution to our work we hold a Volunteer Celebration every two years, with the last being in October 2023 where we gave out 92 awards. Our next Volunteer Celebration is due in August 2025 where we will again express our thanks and appreciation for all that our volunteers contribute.

Our Premises: Our main base is the Lighthouse Project Community Hub located in Middleton Shopping Centre. This centre makes a significant contribution to the success of our work.

It is a great place for a community hub as we are accessible to the whole area, and it allows us to work with a wide variety of people and services in supporting the community. Being centrally located means we offer ease of access in terms of transport and disabled facilities, and we also have good amount of regular passing footfall.

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We are part way through a 10 year lease which offers us stability and longevity in terms of building and sustaining the work and services we provide.

Development of our Systems and facilities: this is an ongoing process where we review and adapt our infrastructure and admin systems to help us be 'light of foot' and continually improve how we work.

A particular challenge on the horizon is the upgrading of our IT systems and PCs in the light of Microsoft's decision to end support for their Windows 10 operating system which all of our systems are based upon. Unfortunately based on Microsoft's advice none of our PCs are capable of being upgraded to run their new Windows 11 operating system. This leaves us having to explore different options.

Our Community Impact

Our work remains people centred and solution focussed, and by having a people first community development approach our impact increases as we support more ongoing needs and challenges.

As with previous years our biggest and most noticeable impact remains the support offered through our food projects and the Lighthouse Money Advice service. All three remain strong and effective in the face of the ongoing cost-of-living crisis and the negative effects of expanding levels of poverty faced by our community. These projects are taking the strain and thankfully we have remained steadfast and strong during this year, whilst also looking to try and find ways of doing things in a better way.

Through both food projects we have ensured that over a 1,000 families have had regular food on their table, been able to feed their kids, and able to save money to meet other household bills/cost.

Collectively the Foodbank and Pantry have served and supported **3,571 individuals** (Adults and Children) from **1,010 different families**, and provided the equivalent of an estimated **170,000 meals** valued at an estimated £263,400.

The Lighthouse Money advice service has also seen continued growth in demand resulting in the need to have a waiting list for support, and it remains a life-line to many new people this year, with over 20% increase in the number of clients being helped to face over **£1.14m worth of debt**. It has supported 841 people during very difficult financial and challenging times. Providing essential debt and benefit advice.

Funding from different partners has allowed us to maintain the capacity of the money advice team, retaining our specialist debt and benefit staff, helping meet the continued and increasing demand for debt and benefit advice support. The anticipated increase in families struggling with their finances has manifested, fuelled by the cost of living crisis', and deepening poverty that our community is experiencing.

Partnership Working: : Our operational model is built upon partnership and collaborative working, so, in addition to our own activities we partner with and support other groups and organisations with their work. We don't work in isolation and we chose to build collaborative relationships.

Our approach is to complement and not to compete. The needs of Middleton are substantial and we recognise that no one organisation has the capacity or resources to meet all those needs. Therefore, it is essential that we nurture and encourage a collaborative approach of supporting the community, with each playing their part and using their skills and resources to best advantage.

To this end we also participate in many of the community prevention networks organised through Action Together operating as the co-ordinator for many VCFSE activities in the Borough, and some of the Council's and NHS neighbourhood partnerships. We attend the Anti-Poverty Network, Welfare Network, Food Solutions Network, etc. Our aim is to participate in strategic public service and structural reforms as well as providing 'on-the-ground' practical solutions for day-to-day needs.

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During the year our work was showcased in a number of settings. A relationship with Comic Relief based around food insecurity and food poverty resulted in them making a short appeal film about the Lighthouse Pantry, which was aired on national TV as part of their 40th Anniversary Red Nose Day appeal show, raising awareness of the impact of food poverty in the UK.

Within Greater Manchester there is currently a lot of discussion about public service reform of NHS and local authority health and welfare services, under the banner of something called 'Live Well'. There has already been a lot of pilot work carried out exploring new ways of working with the VCFSE sector and the challenges of moving public services from crisis response to a prevention response model.

One concept being progressed is about the creation of 'Live Well' centres, multi service hubs based in VCFSE settings where lots of activities and services can be hosted, just like how the Lighthouse Project currently runs. In March 2025 the Lighthouse Project featured in a 'Live Well' commissioned short film exploring existing community projects where 'live well' type activities were already being modelled. This video was shown at a major Greater Manchester Live Well showcase event.

Things we've learned

Person Centred/Whole person Approach

We remain committed to a **person centred approach** as a founding principles upon which our work is built; and whilst we ourselves have always believed this to be true its value in recent years is being more widely recognised and adopted by other groups, e.g. GM Live Well.

Co-location, and co-delivery are also key principles we advance. We have always used this multi-service approach, which is now becoming the aspiration of many other organisations, both large and small.

Providing '**wrap around**' support is something we have always done, it is the most beneficial means of helping people in a '**whole person**' way. Many organisations start with a single focus, e.g. Foodbanks delivering emergency food, or a Pantry's making use of supermarket surplus to feed people, but now it is recognised that providing access to multi stranded support is the most effective approach.

A good example of this **integrated approach** is the three-stranded support provided by the Foodbank, Pantry and Lighthouse money advice service. Each has its own strengths but by working together they are more successful in helping people move away from crisis and return to being more self-sufficient.

If someone is in crisis and ends up at the Foodbank, they will get food, but if their crisis is as a result of financial difficulties they can be supported by the debt or benefit adviser to improve their situation, and after a while we can move them from using the Foodbank into becoming a member of the Pantry, where they still save money but are on a progressive journey away from poverty towards recovery.

This is where the benefit of being whole person / person centred project comes into its own. Everyone who uses the Lighthouse Project comes in via a different doorway depending upon their need or circumstances, but once inside we don't just help them in one way and then say 'goodbye'.

Through relationship and active listening we become aware of other related needs, and are then able to link them up with other services and activities within the centre to progress in those areas too.

For us it's all about helping people to cope with or to remove burdens they are carrying alone, and giving them access to opportunities, helping them to develop their own potential and finding ways of solving problems or needs. In essence we do stuff 'with' people, not 'to' them.

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Relationship and Trust

We value the importance of building relationships and trust. The key thing that people are often looking for when accessing support services is the quality of welcome, relationship and trust that they can develop with you in order to help them solve their needs.

Success in these areas means that the impact of the work is significantly amplified, even if all you did was make someone a cup of tea and listen to them.

Providing a 'safe place' within the community is one of Inspire Middleton's foundational objectives, and being an accessible community anchor organisation where people know they will get a good welcome, be listened to, and be supported to achieve is our goal.

Time and time again we see people opening up to our staff or volunteers in ways that they haven't done with other types of organisation. People are often guarded when they talk to agencies, e.g. the council, DWP, their housing provider, etc., which can mean that their underlying needs may not be fully explained or revealed. Yet, when they feel safe and welcomed, they will then often ask for support or share a deeper need allowing it to be addressed or supported.

Change, and the need to adapt is not always a bad thing

The pandemic made us all to look at what we did, and to evaluate how we could work differently to meet the needs of the day. We learnt from that experience that 'change is not always a bad thing', and that 'adaptation can actually make a service better'.

We have learnt that we can be adaptable and that change should not to be feared, and actually a fresh look at the way things are done can prove positive and illuminating.

We have always been a reflective organisation and open to change, so, this is something we are not afraid of and realise that flexibility and being adaptable is actually one of our organisational strengths.

Emerging needs - how the challenge of low income affects every area of life

The impact of low income continues to affect more and more people, drawing them into increasing levels poverty and hardship. As an organisation this is one of the reasons that Inspire Middleton was set up, to help improve the lives of the people in Middleton.

We continue to see year-on-year the number of people experiencing the difficulties of low income grow and expand, to the extent that it now threatens the daily lives of a significant proportion of our community. Low income also often leads to the decline of health/mental health, homelessness, destitution, and related indebtedness and isolation.

For us tackling low income and debt is a practical reality as well as a campaign topic. We are not yet a campaigning organisation, but we may well be drawn into this, increasingly advocating on behalf of people, through the Anti-Poverty network, if the local economics don't improve, and people's lives become less sustainable.

We are already helping people deal with the practical impact of low income, by tackling food insecurity, through the provision of access to food, and/or helping them with debts and benefits. But these needs are growing, along with the associated impact on mental and physical health and wellbeing. We can already see that the next few years are likely to expose a much greater need than those currently manifesting.

A solution needs to be found, and maybe it is actually many solutions rather than just one, of how to help people to increase their income, or reduce their expenditure. This is not just simply about improving budgeting skills as many

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suggest. The expenses and outgoings that people have are not always within their ability to change, e.g. energy costs, rents, council tax, etc., and neither is their ability to increase their income, so, they become trapped.

These societal challenges, which are huge topics, only strengthens our resolve to remain whole person focussed and people centred, to strengthen the safe space, and the co-located services that we offer. We need to build more bridges, to connect with more people, and support them so that they can be connected to more opportunities to improve their lives.

Working Relationships with other organisations

Here is a selection of the organisations we have worked with during the year, or who have used the Lighthouse to provide services / activities for visitors.

- Action Together - voluntary sector support
- Alkington & Junction GP surgeries,
- All Saints & Martyrs C of E Church Langley
- Ashdown Phillips - MSC management
- Barclays Bank - Community spaces
- Better Health 4 Middleton - community activist group
- Bowlee Primary School - foodbank supporter
- BOC - Cardiac Care services
- Cardinal Langley RC High School - foodbank supporter
- Creative Health and Wellbeing - art and creative craft sessions
- Chris Clarkson MP - Apprenticeship Fair / exhibition
- Church Action on Poverty - Lighthouse Pantry
- Chinese Overseas Christian Mission - Alpha course and community cohesion sessions
- Comic Relief - Pantry and Foodbank funder
- Community Connectors - RMBC advisers
- Community Money Advice - Lighthouse Money Advice
- Edgar Wood Academy High School - foodbank supporter
- Elmwood Primary School - foodbank supporter
- EnergyWorks - Drop-in support group
- Fareshare - Food recycling - Lighthouse Pantry
- FareshareGO - supermarket surplus
- GMP - anti fraud advisers
- GM Business Growth Hub - development training
- GM Tenants Union Middleton - a new local tenants support group
- Good Things Foundation - National Digital Inclusion Network
- Hollin Primary School - foodbank supporter
- Ingeous - employability drop-ins
- Inspire Community - missional community
- Job Centre Plus - Middleton
- Long Street Methodist Church
- Many local schools and community groups through the Foodbank referral agency network
- Middleton Cooperating - collaborative working and digital skills development
- Middleton Photography Group - community camera club
- Middleton Rotary - Community humanitarian group
- Middleton Shopping Centre - promotions and support
- Mills Hill Baptist Church
- Mizkan Food Distributor - foodbank supporter
- N-Compass Carers Hub - drop in and training events
- New Economics Foundation
- NHS Early Attachment Service
- Neighbourly - surplus food distribution

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- Parkfield Primary School - foodbank supporter
- Pike Fold Primary School - foodbank supporter
- Positive Steps - careers service for young people
- RBH - Rochdale Boroughwide Housing
- Rochdale Council - Adult Care, Revenue & Benefits Service, Welfare team and recycling team
- Rochdale Healthwatch - independent voice on health for the community- Riverside Housing
- Rotary Club Middleton - Community Awards activities
- Royal British Legion - Middleton
- Slimming World - foodbank supporter
- St. Anne's Academy - foodbank supporter
- St. John Fisher RC Primary School - foodbank supporter
- St Mary's RC Primary School - foodbank supporter
- Tesco Extra Middleton branch, and Tesco Express branches
- The Hive, Drs Stockton & Thompson - Boarshaw Clough surgery
- The National Lottery - Reaching Communities Fund
- Trussell Trust - national Foodbank network charity
- Veterans in Community - Veterans support group
- Wonderfully Made Women - women's support group
- Your Local Pantry - Pantry food network

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Financial review

During the year unrestricted funds have increased from £258,008 to £294,817. Restricted income of £300,808 was received during the year with £294,433 of its related expenditure occurring before the year end.

The Trustees have reviewed the reserve policy and agreed to maintain reserves of at least six months expenditure, for the Lighthouse Project. Current reserves are sufficient to meet this requirement.

Historically our work has been mainly grant funded, but as we have grown in size the challenge of covering all of our costs this way is proving more difficult. In response we are actively exploring new alternative sources of funding and are working to develop a Sustainability and Fundraising plan to set out future strategic fundraising goals and objectives for the charity.

In November 2023 we received a 2-year grant from the National Lottery Communities Fund for a project called 'Lighthouse Project - Community Toolbox' to support a proportion of our core and running costs. This commenced in November 2023 running until October 2025. By the time you read this report this funding will have ended, and we will once again be looking for ongoing core funding support.

Some other parts of our core work were also supported through short-term grants from Comic Relief, the Trussell Trust and the RBC Innovation Fund, which helped cover the projects core costs for the balance of the year, and into 2024/25.

In December 2023 we started to receive some funding from Comic Relief who wanted to support the Pantry and Foodbank tackling food poverty and food insecurity, which are part of their aims. Through this relationship the Appeal film was created, and they also offered to help us with a second award towards some of our ongoing core costs. This funding runs from March 2025 through to February 2027. We hope to strengthen this relationship throughout this period of time.

As of November 2025 our main core funding support from the National Lottery Community Fund will end leaving us with the challenge of sourcing and finding new support.

This remains an ongoing sustainability challenge for VCFSE organisations, and is something we often highlight with funders or other potential commissioning organisations in order to advocate for better long-term funding solutions in the future.

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Plans for future periods

With regards to the future, and the upcoming year, our biggest and most immediate challenges are:

1. Continuing to support our existing and new visitors and empowering them to improve their lives through the range of services that they can access through the Lighthouse Project.
2. Building up our volunteer capacity so that we can continue to offer a full and varied selection of activities for them to support.
3. To develop and expand our donor and Funder base in support of our ongoing growth, helping us to be sustainable in our ambition to be less reliant on short-term grant funding.
4. To participate in the discussions about public service reform and the development of better and stronger links and funding for the VCFSE sector, and ourselves.
5. Developing new resources to meet emerging needs brought on by the cost-of-living crisis, e.g. increased mental health support, tackling isolation and loneliness, etc.
6. Promoting the availability of community rooms and spaces that can be hired, which will help us offer more services and build up a sustainable income stream.

We will continue to reflect and review how we operate, we are keen to ensure that our work remains effective and efficient in an ever changing environment.

Review and reflection is an ongoing process especially as we see new needs and emerging issues showing themselves in the community and wider society. Thankfully our structure and team dynamic allows us to be light of foot in adapting to change and meeting new needs. This is something we have confidence in being able to do in the year to come.

We want to offer more face-to-face services and expand the relational basis of our work. We have learnt a number of lessons from having to adapt and rethink our methods and approach over the last few years, and we want to continue this.

We want to say 'Thank You' to everyone who has contributed to our work and achievements over this last year. Together we have been able to achieve so much.

We trust that this report inspires you as much as it has inspired us.

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

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The trustees' annual report was approved on 9 December 2025 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



C.A. Roach
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Inspire Middleton
Year ended 31 March 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Inspire Middleton ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

The trustees are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a 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 charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements 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 financial statements 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).

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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.



Simon Gretton Watson A.C.A.
Independent Examiner

2 Heap Bridge
Bury BL9 7HR

9 December 2025

Inspire Middleton
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Statement of Financial Activities
(including income and expenditure account)

Year ended 31 March 2025

| | Note | 2025 | | Total funds £ | 2024 |
|---|------|----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | | Unrestricted funds £ | Restricted funds £ | | Total funds £ |
| Income | | | | | |
| Donations and grants | 5 | 74,378 | 300,808 | 375,186 | 242,431 |
| Other trading activities | 6 | 70,515 | – | 70,515 | 67,173 |
| Investment income | 7 | 5,424 | – | 5,424 | 2,917 |
| Other income | 8 | 7,935 | – | 7,935 | – |
| Total income | | <u>158,252</u> | <u>300,808</u> | <u>459,060</u> | <u>312,521</u> |
| Expenditure | | | | | |
| Expenditure on charitable activities | 9,10 | 38,137 | 294,433 | 332,569 | 276,512 |
| Total expenditure | | <u>38,137</u> | <u>294,433</u> | <u>332,569</u> | <u>276,512</u> |
| Net income and net movement in funds | | <u>120,115</u> | <u>6,375</u> | <u>126,491</u> | <u>36,009</u> |
| Reconciliation of funds | | | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | | 269,228 | 25,589 | 294,817 | 258,808 |
| Total funds carried forward | | <u>389,343</u> | <u>31,964</u> | <u>421,307</u> | <u>294,817</u> |

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

The notes on pages 21 to 29 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

31 March 2025

| | Note | 2025 £ | £ | 2024 £ |
|---|------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Fixed assets | | | | |
| Tangible fixed assets | 15 | | 949 | 1,265 |
| Current assets | | | | |
| Debtors | 16 | 2,110 | | 4,615 |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | 427,425 | | 297,405 |
| | | <u>429,535</u> | | <u>302,020</u> |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | 17 | <u>9,177</u> | | <u>8,468</u> |
| Net current assets | | | <u>420,358</u> | <u>293,552</u> |
| Total assets less current liabilities | | | <u>421,307</u> | <u>294,817</u> |
| Net assets | | | <u>421,307</u> | <u>294,817</u> |
| Funds of the charity | | | | |
| Restricted funds | | | 31,964 | 25,589 |
| Unrestricted funds | | | <u>389,343</u> | <u>269,228</u> |
| Total charity funds | 19 | | <u>421,307</u> | <u>294,817</u> |

For the year ending 31 March 2025 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 9 December 2025, and are signed on behalf of the board by:



C.A. Roach
Trustee

The notes on pages 21 to 29 form part of these financial statements.

Inspire Middleton
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Notes to the Financial Statements
Year ended 31 March 2025

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales and a registered charity in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is 18 Aylesbury Grove, Middleton, Manchester, M24 2TG.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

Incoming resources

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income, any performance related conditions attached have been met or are fully within the control of the charity, the income is considered probable and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes VAT and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates. Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

- 25% reducing balance

Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where it is recognised at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Defined contribution plans

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

4. Limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee and as such has no share capital. The liability of the members of the company, as set out in the Memorandum of Association is limited to £10 per member in the event of the company being wound up whilst they are a member or within a year of ceasing to be a member.

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5. Donations and grants

| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total Funds 2025 £ |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Donations | | | |
| Donations Inspire Middleton | 41,030 | – | 41,030 |
| Donations Lighthouse Project | 6,448 | – | 6,448 |
| Donations Foodbank | 8,761 | – | 8,761 |
| Donations LMA | 300 | – | 300 |
| Donations Pantry | 2,400 | – | 2,400 |
| Donations Toy Appeal | 229 | – | 229 |
| Donations DIAL | 48 | – | 48 |
| Grants | | | |
| Big Lottery | – | 181,235 | 181,235 |
| RMBC Foodbank Contribution | 3,600 | – | 3,600 |
| RMBC Innovation Fund | – | 24,950 | 24,950 |
| Trussell Trust | 8,862 | 45,000 | 53,862 |
| Action Together | 2,700 | 24,623 | 27,323 |
| Comic Relief | – | 25,000 | 25,000 |
| | <u>74,378</u> | <u>300,808</u> | <u>375,186</u> |
| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total Funds 2024 £ |
| Donations | | | |
| Donations Inspire Middleton | 38,445 | – | 38,445 |
| Donations Lighthouse Project | 5,718 | – | 5,718 |
| Donations Foodbank | 9,632 | – | 9,632 |
| Donations LMA | 300 | – | 300 |
| Donations Pantry | 540 | – | 540 |
| Donations Toy Appeal | 1,025 | – | 1,025 |
| Donations DIAL | 40 | – | 40 |
| Grants | | | |
| Big Lottery | – | 88,989 | 88,989 |
| RMBC Foodbank Contribution | 3,600 | – | 3,600 |
| RMBC Innovation Fund | – | 16,380 | 16,380 |
| Trussell Trust | 3,012 | 51,750 | 54,762 |
| Action Together | 1,800 | 8,700 | 10,500 |
| Comic Relief | – | 12,500 | 12,500 |
| | <u>64,112</u> | <u>178,319</u> | <u>242,431</u> |

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6. Other trading activities

| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Total Funds 2025 £ | Unrestricted Funds £ | Total Funds 2024 £ |
|------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Room hire | 42,618 | 42,618 | 40,283 | 40,283 |
| Dial sales and rentals | 8,567 | 8,567 | 6,934 | 6,934 |
| Pantry subscriptions | 19,330 | 19,330 | 19,276 | 19,276 |
| Other income | — | — | 680 | 680 |
| | <u>70,515</u> | <u>70,515</u> | <u>67,173</u> | <u>67,173</u> |

7. Investment income

| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Total Funds 2025 £ | Unrestricted Funds £ | Total Funds 2024 £ |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Bank interest receivable | 5,424 | 5,424 | 2,917 | 2,917 |

8. Other income

| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Total Funds 2025 £ | Unrestricted Funds £ | Total Funds 2024 £ |
|------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Gift Aid Reclaim | 7,935 | 7,935 | — | — |

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9. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total Funds 2025 £ |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Inspire Middleton | 2,649 | — | 2,649 |
| Lighthouse Project | 7,007 | 188,644 | 195,650 |
| Middleton Central Foodbank | 12,209 | 27,520 | 39,729 |
| Lighthouse Money Advice | 8,199 | 68,565 | 76,764 |
| Lighthouse Pantry | 7,096 | 9,704 | 16,800 |
| DIAL | 183 | — | 183 |
| Support costs | 794 | — | 794 |
| | <u>38,137</u> | <u>294,433</u> | <u>332,569</u> |
| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total Funds 2024 £ |
| Inspire Middleton | 2,220 | 2,176 | 4,396 |
| Lighthouse Project | 90,384 | 68,996 | 159,381 |
| Middleton Central Foodbank | 9,606 | 7,108 | 16,714 |
| Lighthouse Money Advice | 2,915 | 68,630 | 71,544 |
| Lighthouse Pantry | 17,318 | 5,900 | 23,218 |
| DIAL | 499 | — | 499 |
| Support costs | 40 | 720 | 760 |
| | <u>122,982</u> | <u>153,530</u> | <u>276,512</u> |

10. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

| | Activities undertaken directly £ | Support costs £ | Total funds 2025 £ | Total fund 2024 £ |
|----------------------------|---|--------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Inspire Middleton | 2,649 | — | 2,649 | 4,396 |
| Lighthouse Project | 195,650 | — | 195,650 | 159,381 |
| Middleton Central Foodbank | 39,729 | — | 39,729 | 16,714 |
| Lighthouse Money Advice | 76,764 | — | 76,764 | 71,544 |
| Lighthouse Pantry | 16,800 | — | 16,800 | 23,218 |
| DIAL | 183 | — | 183 | 499 |
| Governance costs | — | 794 | 794 | 760 |
| | <u>331,775</u> | <u>794</u> | <u>332,569</u> | <u>276,512</u> |

11. Net income

Net income is stated after charging/(crediting):

| | 2025 £ | 2024 £ |
|---------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Depreciation of tangible fixed assets | <u>316</u> | <u>422</u> |

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12. Independent examination fees

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|--|------------|------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Fees payable to the independent examiner for: Independent examination of the financial statements | <u>794</u> | <u>760</u> |

13. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Wages and salaries | 215,168 | 191,207 |
| Social security costs | 10,286 | 8,541 |
| Employer contributions to pension plans | <u>5,026</u> | <u>4,479</u> |
| | <u>230,480</u> | <u>204,227</u> |

The average head count of employees during the year was 12 (2024: 11). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| | No. | No. |
| Number of support staff | 8 | 7 |
| Number of administrative staff | 2 | 2 |
| Number of management staff | <u>2</u> | <u>2</u> |
| | <u>12</u> | <u>11</u> |

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2024: Nil).

14. Trustee remuneration and expenses

During the year £35,729 (2023: £34,833) was paid to C.A. Roach a trustee of the charity for his employment as Development Manager. No monies were paid for any trustee duties undertaken.

15. Tangible fixed assets

| | Motor vehicles | Total |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Cost | | |
| At 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025 | <u>4,000</u> | <u>4,000</u> |
| Depreciation | | |
| At 1 April 2024 | 2,735 | 2,735 |
| Charge for the year | 316 | 316 |
| At 31 March 2025 | <u>3,051</u> | <u>3,051</u> |
| Carrying amount | | |
| At 31 March 2025 | <u>949</u> | <u>949</u> |
| At 31 March 2024 | <u>1,265</u> | <u>1,265</u> |

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16. Debtors

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Trade debtors | 154 | 2,407 |
| Prepayments and accrued income | 1,335 | 2,087 |
| Other debtors | 621 | 121 |
| | <u>2,110</u> | <u>4,615</u> |

17. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Trade creditors | 1,034 | 50 |
| Accruals and deferred income | 2,742 | 3,074 |
| Social security and other taxes | 3,753 | 3,773 |
| Other creditors | 1,648 | 1,571 |
| | <u>9,177</u> | <u>8,468</u> |

18. Pensions and other post retirement benefits

Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £5,026 (2024: £4,479).

19. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

| | At 1 April 2024 | Income | Expenditure | At 31 March 2025 |
|---------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| General funds | <u>269,228</u> | <u>158,252</u> | <u>(38,137)</u> | <u>389,343</u> |

| | At 1 April 2023 | Income | Expenditure | At 31 March 2024 |
|---------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| General funds | <u>258,008</u> | <u>134,202</u> | <u>(122,982)</u> | <u>269,228</u> |

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19. Analysis of charitable funds (continued)

Restricted funds

| | At 1 April 2024 | Income | Expenditure | At 31 March 2025 |
|--------------------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------|---------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Comic Relief | 3,625 | 22,300 | (22,300) | 3,625 |
| Rochdale Innovation Fund | – | 24,950 | (22,340) | 2,610 |
| Big Lottery | 21,164 | 181,235 | (182,789) | 19,610 |
| Action Together | – | 27,323 | (21,204) | 6,119 |
| Ambition for Aging | 800 | – | (800) | – |
| Trussell Trust | – | 45,000 | (45,000) | – |
| | <u>25,589</u> | <u>300,808</u> | <u>(294,433)</u> | <u>31,964</u> |

| | At 1 April 2023 | Income | Expenditure | At 31 March 2024 |
|--------------------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------|---------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Comic Relief | – | 12,500 | (8,875) | 3,625 |
| Rochdale Innovation Fund | – | 16,380 | (16,380) | – |
| Big Lottery | – | 88,989 | (67,825) | 21,164 |
| Action Together | – | 8,700 | (8,700) | – |
| Ambition for Aging | 800 | – | – | 800 |
| Trussell Trust | – | 51,750 | (51,750) | – |
| | <u>800</u> | <u>178,319</u> | <u>(153,530)</u> | <u>25,589</u> |

20. Analysis of net assets between funds

| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Total Funds 2025 |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ |
| Tangible fixed assets | 949 | – | 949 |
| Current assets | 391,947 | 37,588 | 429,535 |
| Creditors less than 1 year | (9,177) | – | (9,177) |
| Net assets | <u>383,719</u> | <u>37,588</u> | <u>421,307</u> |
| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Total Funds 2024 |
| | £ | £ | £ |
| Tangible fixed assets | 1,265 | – | 1,265 |
| Current assets | 276,431 | 25,589 | 302,020 |
| Creditors less than 1 year | (8,468) | – | (8,468) |
| Net assets | <u>269,228</u> | <u>25,589</u> | <u>294,817</u> |

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21. Operating lease commitments

In 2019 a 10 year lease was been signed with Middleton Shopping Centre with a breakclause exercisable by the charity at 5 years. No disclosure has been made due to the commercial confidentiality agreement in the lease.