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Karis Neighbour Scheme
Report and Financial Statements
For the year ended
31 December 2025

KARIS NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

Financial Report year ended 31 December 2025

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Trustees' report (including Directors' Report)

The Trustees present their directors' report and accounts for the 12 month period ended 31st December 2025.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name	Karis Neighbour Scheme
Charity Registration Number	1133510
Company Registration Number	06595341
Date of Incorporation	16 th May 2008
Registered Office and Operational Address	c/o Church of the Redeemer Monument Road Birmingham B16 8UU

Officers

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Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 16th May 2008 and registered as a charity on 12th January 2010. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

The company took over the running of a previous charitable trust, registered no. 1077200, which had been in operation since 16th April 1999.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles are known as members of the Board. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the members of the Board are elected to serve for a period of three years after which they must be re-elected at the next Annual General Meeting.

All members of the Board give their time voluntarily and received no benefits from the charity. These appointments were made in line with Charity Commission guidelines and the rules governing the Charity in our constitution. If any expenses have been paid to Trustees, these are outlined in Note 6 of the Arrangements for setting the pay and remuneration of the charity's management personnel are based on Third Sector Benchmarking criteria. Staff employed in our Listening and Guidance NHS Service have also been benchmarked against the same criteria.

Our Aims and objectives

Purposes and Aims

Our charity's purpose as set out in the objects contained in the company's memorandum of association To assist people who are in need of practical or emotional well being by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, poverty or social or economic circumstances.

The support we provide is shaped by how we express our values including grace, kindness, acceptance, compassion, honouring the individual, caring for the whole person, working in partnership and building relationships.

We are faith-based organisation. Our values are based on the bible and the person of Jesus. We are motivated by the love of God and the example of Jesus Christ.

Ensuring our work delivers our aims

The trustees regularly review the work of the charity, by comparing our progress to the annual plan and receiving half yearly reports on the projects, which include the impact and benefits of the work undertaken for the people we are seeking to help. These reviews provide opportunity for trustees to ensure that the focus of our work is consistent with the stated purposes of the charity, and with regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. The reviews also allow us to ensure we are providing benefit to the communities we seek to help.

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The focus of our work

Our main objectives for the year were to:

Provide support to people in our community who are in need by offering a broad range of help including practical support, advocacy and befriending

Bring people in our community together by reaching out, offering friendship, providing opportunity to get to know one another, and enabling people to be good neighbours to help others flourish.

Ensure no one is neglected or forgotten about by standing with people, helping them find the support they need and responding the gaps in provision locally.

Work with other groups and organisations in our community and across the city to strengthen networks of support which contribute to seeing lives and communities changed for the better.

How our activities deliver public benefit

Our main activities and who we try to help are described below. Our charitable activities focus on the reduction of social isolation, relief of poverty in meeting basic needs and support to help overcome hardship and are all undertaken to further our charitable purposes for general public benefit in our local area.

Achievements and Performance this year

We have had another year of increased demand for our services in the community which reflects the challenges being faced by those most vulnerable in the locality. Our year on year contacts have increased to 12026 (2024: 11,553) showing a 4% increase in support provided through our volunteers and staff team.

Who used and benefitted from our services?

Our objects limit the services we provide to Birmingham and the surrounding areas, current funding means our activities are focused on the Ladywood, Edgbaston and Harborne wards of Birmingham and some parts of Smethwick. The Listening and Guidance Service, part funded by Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust, is commissioned to serve the patients from the Edgbaston & Harborne Networks of 7 Primary Care practices.

In the past year 2,139 (2024: 1,966) individuals and families have directly benefited from our work, which is an increase of 9%, a slightly slower rate of increase than we have seen in some recent years but still representing a record number of people supported by the charity. However, apart from reflecting a full year of our Social Prescribing delivery for Edgbaston Primary Care Network, there haven't been any major factors contributing to increased capacity, so this increase does mostly reflect increased activity within our existing projects. On average each beneficiary has been seen between five to six times in the year – reflecting that some of our work involves one-off or short term engagement, whereas for those engaged in our befriending activities we see people more regularly.

Nearly all our activities are provided free of charge, with two exceptions. The first being some trips during school holidays where we ask for a small subsidy to encourage people to secure their places. Secondly, the Baby Bank Club where membership is offered to existing clients to encourage them to become more independent and less reliant on the services of Baby Banks. The Baby Bank Club offers discounted nappies, baby wipes and formula to members at a significantly reduced price compared to the cost in retail shops.

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Those we support represent a broad cross-section of the community, and reflect the diverse neighbourhoods we are working in. Of our contacts 35% identify as White British, the other prominent ethnic groups we work with include African – Black or Black British (13% of contacts), Asian & Indian – Asian British (15% of contacts) and Caribbean – Black or Black British (10% of contacts), with many other ethnic groups being represented in the remaining 27% of our contacts.

As two of our projects focus on befriending older adults, where the needs around social isolation can be particularly acute, over 65s are one of the biggest age groups we work with, representing 38% of our contacts, With a relatively even spread between the remaining age groups, demonstrating that we are succeeding in reaching all parts of the community.

Over a third of our referrals come from GPs and other health professionals, who are well placed to reach those who are socially isolated and refer on to our scheme for social needs they have identified that are impacting on someone's wellbeing. This includes those referrals that come to us from Social Prescribing Link Workers.

Much of our support benefits the wider families and households of those we are supporting, whether this is because of an increase in household income, an improved home environment or improvements in relationships due to decreased stress or improved mood.

The main areas of charitable activity are befriending schemes for over 50s, advocacy and benefits advice in the home for those with mental health difficulties as well as through our Ladywood Community Advice service, neighbourly practical help, support for families who are new to the area – particularly those from refugee and asylum seeker communities - and a GP surgery based Listening and Guidance Service. These activities and the achievements that flow from our work are described below.

Our 'Karis BeFriends' project, enabling isolated older people to build connections in later life and continue to flourish, has directly supported 180 people this year (2024: 174). We further extended our work in this area through the launch of the 'Men's Space' pilot in October 2023. This project ran throughout 2025 and reached 112 clients, with our 'Men's Space' project lead supporting the establishing of or linking to several new activities over the last year – including a monthly events night, weekly 'Coffee and Chat' sessions and linking to a 'Wellbeing Walk' from our local GP practice.

Our work with children & families, largely focusing on asylum seekers and refugees, has continued to grow, supporting 600 families this year (2024: 503 families). The English for Speakers of Other Language classes has continued throughout the year with the crèche facility enabling mothers to focus on learning the language and building relationships with others. We had 90 adults (2024: 81 adults) attend the 'Welcome' group, offering an opportunity for social interaction with other young families in similar circumstances. Our Children & Families Worker, Family Outreach Worker and volunteers carried out 120 visits at home (2024: 83) to offer further befriending, practical help and advocacy and 101 families (2024: 95) received further befriending including taking people out to help them find places in their local area or introduce them to others, accompanying them when they have appointments providing neighbourly help or advice. We arranged with Birmingham Botanical Gardens to bring families along to enjoy the gardens and play area, allowing 66 families who would not have gone away during the holidays to have an enjoyable break. The Baby Bank has supported 516 families (2024: 483 families) with practical items, such as cots, buggies and baby clothes. This enables families, many of whom are living on the poverty line, to access essential equipment they need to properly care for their babies and to free up their limited resources for their other day to day needs. The Baby Bank Club which launched in 2023 offering essential items – nappies, wipes, formula – to parents at a reduced cost compared to the shops, has continued to thrive with 35 families accessing the club this year (2024: 25).

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Our advocacy and advice project, Ladywood Community Advice, saw 612 adults (2024: 653 adults) throughout the course of the year and dealt with over a thousand distinct issues ranging from benefits advice and debt matters to repairs and school applications. We currently employ two Welfare Rights Advisors to support the advocacy & advice work alongside a small team of volunteers. This has allowed more in-depth advice work and scheduled appointments throughout the week to deal with more complex cases. In the current year we have helped those eligible to claim £1.8m (2024: £1.54m) of financial help to aid their situation. The Karis Befriends Advice project has extended our advocacy and advice to include those suffering poor mental health who struggle to leave the home. Our advice worker supports these clients through a mixture of home visits and telephone support.

The Listening & Guidance service, a part NHS funded project has provided chaplaincy to GP surgeries for 316 patients (2024: 308 patients), supporting people to express issues such as stress, bereavement, depression and dealing with loss. Our Chaplains for Wellbeing provide a safe space for patients to be listened to in a constructive way. Patients report outcomes that focus on giving them hope for the future and increased emotional resilience and understanding. Wellbeing measures, using the Warwick and Edinburgh Mental Wellbeing Scale (WEMWBS), show that, for those patients engaging with the service for a series of sessions allowing at least 2 measures to be taken, Listening and Guidance has increased patient's wellbeing by an average of 8.60 points.

Our Social Prescribing service covering three local GP practices has supported 266 patients with 1180 contacts over the last 12 months, as well as an additional Proactive Social Prescribing project working with a selected patient group from the three practices – in this case patients with Dementia and their carers. This support helps patients link to help and support to meet their practical and social needs. We have also invested in building good connections with the teams of healthcare professionals within the 3 practices we currently cover.

We continue to provide practical help – in addition to the considerable reach of our Baby Bank as and when it is needed, ranging from small household tasks such as DIY or moving furniture to distributions of emergency food parcels or referrals to the local Birmingham Central Foodbank.

Volunteers

Karis Neighbour Scheme relies heavily on its volunteers in order to achieve these impacts and public benefits. This last year has seen 94 volunteers involved with delivering our projects, providing 1,834 volunteer hours (2024: 1,656 hrs). Many of our volunteers have worked with Karis Neighbour Scheme for more than 10 years with 9 out of 18 of our current staff coming from volunteering or through benefitting support from us, citing the sense of personal satisfaction and sense of doing something worthwhile as reasons for volunteering. The impact and benefits gained from volunteering are a further public benefit. Our volunteering opportunities are open to all and attract a mixed age range, in the most part from the local area but also from other areas across Birmingham. We are very thankful for the support we receive from our volunteers.

Environmental Context

We seek to minimise our negative environmental impact and seek areas where we can have a positive impact – this is partly inherent to our work which is based in our local community which minimises unnecessary travel and encourages engagement in activities which are often accessible to beneficiaries by walking. We only use printed materials where required for activities – seeking to minimise our use of printed flyers and similar materials although recognising these are needed at times for those who are digitally excluded. One of our most significant environmental impacts is the operation of our Baby Bank where we look to repurpose a significant amount of baby equipment – donations from supporters bring good quality, second hand items back into use and reduce the need to purchase new items where appropriate – we also encourage those receiving parcels to return items when no longer needed so we can continue this cycle of reuse. We also acquired a new van in 2025 which is an electric vehicle, this has meant we are able to reduce the impact of our use of vehicles as a charity – replacing the use of other vehicles belonging to staff which would be more polluting. We have also continued to try to recycle as widely as possible across our sites and activities, despite ongoing challenges due to Birmingham City Council's waste collection issues.

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Financial review

2025 has seen a deficit of £6,114. There has been a decrease in restricted funds of £11,399 and an increase in unrestricted funds of £5,285. Total funds by the end of the year amounted to over £210,000.

Reserves Policy

The Board have examined the charity's requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation. Having reviewed the difficult economic environment for obtaining funding, the Board have agreed a reserves policy whereby the cash backed unrestricted funds should be four and a half months of core expenditure. The Board have made available 12% of this fund towards covering short gaps in project funding with the remaining funds being held to address longer term funding challenges and any liabilities incurred in the closure of projects or activities.

Based on latest board agreed budget projections for the incoming year, reserves have increased from £127,000 to £130,000. Karis Neighbour Scheme has unrestricted funds of £165,000 which are in accordance with the updated policy.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

In 2025 there have been no funds materially in deficit.

Birmingham City Council was one of the largest funders in the past year, with funding received via the Prevention and Communities grants scheme towards two projects. As part of the B:CAN Partnership the council has funded benefits advice to those with mental health needs and through the Body, Mind and Spirit Partnership we received funding towards our work with older people.

Birmingham and Solihull ICB continued to be a major funder this past year through their commissioning of the Listening & Guidance service (via Birmingham & Solihull Mental Health Foundation Trust), alongside funding from Living Well UK who have supported the work since 2021 as part of a group of organisations providing 'Listening Services'. Karis Medical Centre further extended this work in 2024 and have directly funded the equivalent of one full time chaplain this year.

For the majority of our projects, we primarily rely on grants and donations from grant making trusts and individuals. Our largest grant funder this year has been The Henry Smith Charity with their ongoing support for Ladywood Community Advice.

How expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity

The largest area of expenditure continues to be the salaries of staff who manage, support and deliver projects aligned to the key objectives of the charity. The other major area of expenditure is around resources and activities, which are integral to the delivery of the charity's projects. Salaries, Pension contributions and Social Security costs amounted to £345,664 in 2025 (2024: £318,776).

Investment Policy

Aside from retaining a required amount of reserves each year, most of the charity's funds are to be spent in the short term so there are limited amounts available for investment. A proportion of reserve funds are kept in ethical and accessible savings accounts, which have a small return in terms of interest. It is not seen as sensible to tie up funds in investments which may yield higher returns but would be inaccessible for project needs. This will be reviewed if we are able to significantly increase the level of reserves held.

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Plans for Future Periods

The charity plans to continue the activities outlined above in the forthcoming years subject to satisfactory funding arrangements.

Our priority is to sustain our existing activities in the midst of the challenging funding environment, given the continued level of need for all the areas of work we are already involved in - we continue to look for partnerships and ways of working with others in our communities to help strengthen the networks of support that already exist.

One area of focus in terms of funding needs is the 'Ladywood Community Advice' project, our advice work specialising in Welfare Rights for those in and around the Ladywood area – we are grateful to The Henry Smith Charity and Sheldon Trust for helping fund this work and we hope to secure longer term funding going forward into 2026 as key funds come to an end.

We are also looking to ensure our Men's Space project, started in late 2023, also finds longer term funding – we have had generous support from a number of key funders, including Hortons Social Purpose Committee, and local Neighbourhood Network Schemes, in the early stages of establishing this work.

This year we renewed our Foundation Level Improving Quality (IQ) Quality Mark, which is focused on small not for profit organisations, enabling us to evidence our quality and credibility as an organisation within the Charity Sector with very positive feedback received from the assessor.

Risk Management

The Board maintain a range of policies to ensure internal risks are well managed. This includes financial controls and authorisations, robust safeguarding policies and incident reporting which is reviewed at the regular meetings of the Board. Procedures are also in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers, clients and any other visitors to the scheme. Policies are reviewed at regular intervals and agreed by the Board to ensure they still comply with best practice.

A full risk register is reviewed at each Board meeting. Meetings are currently held every quarter. The risk register includes governance risks, external risks, financial risks, regulatory and compliance risks and operational risks. This ensures that steps can be taken to mitigate against these risks in a timely manner, including making any necessary operational changes.

Organisational Structure

Karis Neighbour Scheme has a Board of between 5 and 15 members who meet at least quarterly and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. At present the Committee has eight members from a variety of backgrounds relevant to the work of the charity.

Day to day responsibility for the provision of the services rest with the Chief Executive (CEO) along with the individual project leaders. The Chief Executive is responsible for ensuring that the charity delivers the services specified and that the Annual Plan is delivered. The CEO currently line manages the various project leads who have responsibility for the day-to-day operational management of their respective projects.

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Trustee's responsibilities statement – charitable company

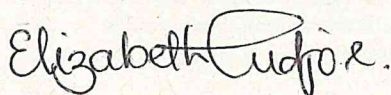
The trustees (who are also directors of Karis Neighbour Scheme for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustee's Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 (FRS 102);
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the board of trustees on 15th July and signed on its behalf by:



Director and Trustee

Name ELIZABETH CUDJOE

Karis Neighbour Scheme
Independent Examiners Report
For the Year Ended 31st December 2025

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025 set out on the following pages

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the company (who are treated as directors for the purposes of the company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('The 2006 Act')

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination , I report in respect of my examination of your company'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

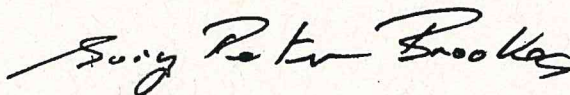
Independent Examiner's Statement

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 that in any material respect :

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- (3) the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view ' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination
- (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 (FRS102).

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



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Date : July 2026

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Statement of Financial Activities (to include Summary Income and Expenditure Account) year ended 31 December 2025

	<u>Notes</u>	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds 2025	Total Funds	Total Funds 2024
		£	£	£	£
Income					
Voluntary Income	2(a)	50,171	237,047	287,218	274,355
Charitable Activities	2(b)	1,359	113,332	114,691	98,068
Fundraising		7,414		7,414	1,686
Total Income		58,944	350,379	409,323	374,109
Expenditure on					
Charitable activities	3	37,643	377,794	415,437	375,293
Total Expenditure		37,643	377,794	415,437	375,293
Net Income / (Expenditure)		21,301	(27,415)	(6,114)	(1,184)
Transfers between funds	10	(16,016)	16,016	-	-
Net movement in funds		5,285	(11,399)	(6,114)	(1,184)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		160,181	55,938	216,119	217,303
Total funds carried forward		165,466	44,539	210,005	216,119

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There were no recognised gains or losses for 2025 or 2024 other than those included in the Statement of Financial Activities

** See note 14 for full comparatives for 2024

KARIS NEIGHBOUR SCHEME**Balance Sheet****As at 31 December 2025**

	Notes	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets for use by the charity	7		3,752		2
Current Assets					
Debtors	8	27,241		31,211	
Bank & Cash in hand		257,166		242,862	
		<u>284,407</u>		<u>274,073</u>	
Creditors : Amounts falling due within one year	9	78,154		57,956	
Net Current Assets			206,253		216,117
Total Assets less Current Liabilities			<u>210,005</u>		<u>216,119</u>
Capital Funds					
Restricted Funds	10		44,539		55,938
Unrestricted Funds					
General			165,466		160,181
Total Charity Funds			<u>210,005</u>		<u>216,119</u>

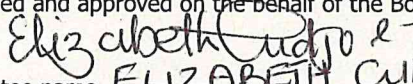
For the year ended 31 December 2025 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 (1) of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the period in question in accordance with section 476.

The Directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with s386 and s387 of the Companies Act 2006 and for preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at 31 December 2025 and of its deficit for the year then ended in accordance with the requirements of s396 and which comply with the requirements of the Act relating to the accounts so far as applicable to the company.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Signed and approved on the behalf of the Board on 15th July 2026


Trustee name..... ELIZABETH CUDJOE

Company number 06595341

The notes on the following pages form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Accounts
Year ended 31 December 2025

1. Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of Accounts Preparation

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) second edition published October 2019, the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice. The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

(b) Recognition of incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

Donated facilities and donated professional services are recognised in income at their fair value when their economic benefit is probable, it can be measured reliably and the charity has control over the item. Fair value is determined on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity. For example the amount the charity would be willing to pay in the open market for such facilities and services. A corresponding amount is recognised in expenditure.

No amount is included in the Financial Statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102). Any further detail is given in the Trustees' Annual Report.

Where practicable, gifts in kind donated for distribution to the beneficiaries of the charity are included in stock and donations in the financial statements upon receipt. If it is impracticable to assess the fair value at receipt or if the costs to undertake such a valuation outweigh any benefits, then the fair value is recognised as a component of donations when it is distributed and an equivalent amount recognised as charitable expenditure.

Fixed asset gifts in kind are recognised when receivable and are included at fair value. They are not deferred over the life of the asset.

For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. At this point income is recognised. On occasion legacies will be notified to the charity however it is not possible to measure the amount expected to be distributed. On these occasions, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed.

Investment income is earned through holding assets for investment purposes such as shares and property. It includes dividends, interest and rent. Where it is not practicable to identify investment management costs incurred within a scheme with reasonable accuracy the investment income is reported net of these costs. It is included when the amount can be measured reliably. Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method and dividend and rent income is recognised as the charity's right to receive payment is established.

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c) Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose. It is categorised under the following headings:

Governance costs

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

(d) Funds

Restricted Funds

Restricted funds are those funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such fund are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds

Designated funds comprise of unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

(e) Tax

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts

Gift Aid and other tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as the donations to which they relate.

(f) Debtors and creditors

Debtors and Creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

(g) Assets

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost (or deemed cost) or valuation less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Costs includes costs directly attributable to making the assets capable or operating as intended. These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £1000. They are valued at cost.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset on a systematic basis over its expected useful life as follows:

Office equipment

25% on a straight line basis

(h) Going Concern

The directors have reviewed and consider that the charity remains viable for the year ahead. Funding for the Listening and Guidance service has been secured through funding from the NHS Birmingham & Solihull ICB, Karis Medical Centre and the Living Well Consortium. The work of Karis BeFriends and Karis BeFriends Advice will be significantly supported until 2027 via Thrive Partnership and B:CAN Partnership respectively, from the Birmingham City Council recommissioning of the Prevention and Communities fund. The work of the Advocacy and Children's and Families Projects are reliant on grant applications for which we are hopeful that adequate funding will be obtained for the incoming year. The Men's Space Project was funded for a 12 month pilot and continues with now secured funding.

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2(a). Income from grants, donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds	2025 Restricted Funds	Total	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£
B:CAN Partnership	-	32,400	32,400	32,233
Thrive Together Birmingham	-	48,164	48,164	26,700
Birmingham City Council	1,000	7,758	8,758	-
Cadburys Trust	-	1,000	1,000	-
I M Props	3,000	-	3,000	-
Grimmitt Trust	1,500	-	1,500	-
Home Instead	-	1,000	1,000	-
Lord Mayor Bham	-	1,500	1,500	-
BCC - IAG Extension	-	-	-	17,898
W G Edwards C Foundation	-	1,500	1,500	-
The Henry Smith Charity	-	19,650	19,650	16,000
The Tramore Trust	15,000	-	15,000	15,000
Martin Carter Associates	-	-	-	13,500
Hinchley Charitable Trust	-	-	-	12,000
PHP Properties	-	-	-	10,000
St Germain's Church	-	-	-	9,800
Hortons SPC	-	9,000	9,000	8,000
The Eveson Trust	-	-	-	8,000
Richard Kilcuppe	-	1,000	1,000	-
Karis Medical Centre	-	-	-	7,000
Stewardship	-	-	-	5,704
Charles Hayward Foundation	-	-	-	5,000
Edgbaston NNS	-	-	-	5,000
Garfield Weston	-	10,000	10,000	5,000
Gas Street - Love Your Neighbour	-	-	-	5,000
Ridgeons Family Endowed Fund	-	-	-	5,000
National Garden trust	-	2,728	2,728	-
Ladywood NNS	-	4,871	4,871	4,871
Trusthouse Charitable Trust	-	9,167	9,167	4,167
The Roger & Douglas Turner Charitable Trust	-	4,000	4,000	4,000
Birmingham City Council WFAF	-	-	-	3,000
The Sheldon Trust	-	-	-	3,000
Joseph Hopkins Trust	-	-	-	-
Toy Trust	-	3,000	3,000	-
Released from Deferred B/f	-	50,858	50,858	-
Interest	-	6,650	6,650	6,151
Gift Aid tax	3,331	-	3,331	1,973
Small grants and Donations	26,340	22,801	49,141	40,358
	<u>50,171</u>	<u>237,047</u>	<u>287,218</u>	<u>274,355</u>

2(b). Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds	2025 Restricted Funds	Total	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£
Service Provision	1,359	111,144	112,503	96,065
Baby Bank Club	-	2,188	2,188	2,003
	<u>1,359</u>	<u>113,332</u>	<u>114,691</u>	<u>98,068</u>

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3. Charitable Activities

Analysis of Expenditure

	2025	2024
	£	£
Salaries, pension contributions and social security costs	345,664	318,776
Resources and activities	31,796	23,708
Rent & Room Hire	7,150	6,600
Telephone & Postage	2,469	2,312
Office Expenses	2,704	1,931
Consultancy Fees	-	1,300
Light Heat & water	5,395	4,980
Insurance	2,563	2,790
Training & Supervision	2,750	3,835
Governance costs	3,000	1,910
Travel	5,102	1,623
Computer costs and software	690	1,581
Maintenance and small equipment	2,360	1,587
Cleaning	780	720
Depreciation of assets	1,250	
Payroll Costs	1,100	989
Volunteers	324	238
Recruitment	340	413
	<u>415,437</u>	<u>375,293</u>

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4. Governance Costs

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accounts preparation and independent examination	3,000	1,300
Professional Fees	-	610
	<u>3,000</u>	<u>1,910</u>

5. Employees

Wages & Salaries	308,643	289,881
Social Security Costs	20,167	14,965
Pension Costs	16,854	13,930
	<u>345,664</u>	<u>318,776</u>

The average monthly number of staff employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

Charitable activities	17	17
	<u>17</u>	<u>17</u>

There were no employees whose annual emoluments were £60,000 or more.

6. Trustees' and key management personnel remuneration expenses

Declared as Related Party Transactions

Mrs H Watts - Chaplain for Wellbeing	Gross	20,767	20,001
	Ers Pension	1,038	1,000
		<u>21,805</u>	<u>21,001</u>
Mrs E Northcott - Children and Families Project Lead	Gross	9,055	3,515
	Ers Pension	453	176
		<u>9,508</u>	<u>3,691</u>

In the year, one Trustee claimed expenses to the amount of £59.00 (2024: £32). This an expense reimbursement

Aggregate Donations from Trustees

In line with the requirement of Paragraph 9.18 of FRS 102

Aggregate donations from trustees, related and connected parties are of the order of £11,200 (cp £3,200 2024)

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7. Tangible Fixed Assets for use by the Charity

Cost	Equipment	
	£	£
	2025	2024
At 1 January 2025	30,262	30,262
Additions for the year	5,000	-
At 31 December 2025	<u>35,262</u>	<u></u>
Depreciation		
At 1 January 2025	30,260	30,260
Charge for Year	1,250	-
At 31 December 2025	<u>31,510</u>	<u>30,260</u>
Net Book Values		
At 31 December 2024	<u>3,752</u>	<u>2</u>

8. Debtors	2025	2024
	£	£
Gift Aid tax	2,359	6,473
Income Due	24,782	24,738
	<u>27,141</u>	<u>31,211</u>

Income Due

NHS Birmingham & Solihull	-	5,920
Bath Row Medical Practise	-	15,545
Karis Medical Centre	-	2,748
Undeposited Donations	100	525
	<u>100</u>	<u>24,738</u>

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9. Creditors : Amounts falling due in less than one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Creditors	3,000	472
Accruals	3,000	2,423
Employment Taxation and Social Security	5,504	36
Deferred Income	66,650	55,025
	<u>78,154</u>	<u>57,956</u>

Deferred Income

Hinchley Charitable Trust	-	5,000
The Henry Smith Charity	16,500	16,000
Trusthouse Charitable Trust	20,833	20,833
BCC - Warm Spaces Grant	-	1,000
Living Well UK	4,167	4,167
Sheldon Trust	3,000	3,000
Saintbury Trust	2,000	1,000
Joseph Hopkins Trust	-	1,000
Thrive Together Birmingham	-	800
Grace Trust	1,150	-
GJW Turner Trust	2,000	-
BCC IAG EX	1,000	-
South Birmingham Friends	2,000	-
BCC re Winter Food	5,000	-
Truelight(Truemark) Trust	5,000	-
George Henry	1,000	-
Cole Char Trust	1,000	-
Roughley Char Trust	2,000	-
Citizen Housing Local Fund	-	2,000
Heinz Anna & Carol Kroch Foundation	-	225
	<u>66,650</u>	<u>55,025</u>

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10. Fund Reconciliation

	Fund Balances 1 January 2025	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Fund Balances 31 December 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
KBF Advice	1,055	28,779	35,999	6,165	-
Advocacy	14,011	44,493	54,960	-	3,544
Listening and Guidance	10,646	91,054	96,959	-	4,741
Karis Befriends	6,565	36,654	53,070	9,851	-
Children and Families	13,856	70,832	66,170	-	18,518
Men's Space	4,403	38,123	31,451	-	11,075
SPLW	307	40,159	38,877	-	1,589
Practical Work	5,095	-	31	-	5,064
Core Costs	-	1	(1)	-	2
Total restricted	<u>55,938</u>	<u>350,095</u>	<u>377,516</u>	<u>16,016</u>	<u>44,533</u>
					-
Unrestricted reserves					-
General funds	140,828	59,228	37,921	(16,016)	146,119
Designated funds	19,353	-	-	-	19,353
Total unrestricted	<u>160,181</u>	<u>59,228</u>	<u>37,921</u>	<u>(16,016)</u>	<u>165,472</u>
					-
Total Funds	<u>216,119</u>	<u>409,323</u>	<u>415,437</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>210,005</u>

The designated fund balance is the remaining funds from a legacy donation which the Trustees have set aside to be used toward specific project work.

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11. Taxation

As a charity, Karis Neighbour Scheme is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or s256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the Charity.

12. Commitment under operating leases

Karis Neighbour Scheme had annual commitments under non cancellable leases:

	2025 Equipment £	2024 Equipment £
Operating lease payments are as follows:		
Within one year	2,823	11,218
In one to two years	-	2,823
In two to five years	-	-
	<u>2,823</u>	<u>14,041</u>

The services contract payments are for a property rental, photocopier, phone system and business level broadband supply.

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13. Net Assets Between Funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Tangible Fixed assets	3,752	-	3,752
Current assets	172,411	111,996	284,407
Creditors amounts falling due within one year	(22,095)	(56,059)	(78,154)
	<u>154,068</u>	<u>55,937</u>	<u>210,005</u>

14 SOFA Previous year's Comparison

Statement of Financial Activities (to include Summary Income and Expenditure Account)
year ended 31 December 2024

	<u>Notes</u>	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total Funds £
Income				
Voluntary Income	2(a)	45,088	229,268	274,356
Charitable Activities	2(b)	124	97,944	98,068
Fundraising		1,371	315	1,686
Total Income		<u>46,583</u>	<u>327,527</u>	<u>374,110</u>
Expenditure on				
Charitable activities	3	29,104	346,449	375,553
Total Expenditure		<u>29,104</u>	<u>346,449</u>	<u>375,553</u>
Net Income / (Expenditure)		<u>17,479</u>	<u>(18,922)</u>	<u>(1,443)</u>
Transfers between funds	10	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>17,479</u>	<u>(18,922)</u>	<u>(1,443)</u>
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>142,702</u>	<u>74,860</u>	<u>217,562</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>160,181</u>	<u>55,938</u>	<u>216,119</u>

