

Charity Registration No. 1159764

LIGHT PROJECT PETERBOROUGH

**ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The Trustees present their report and financial statements of Light Project Peterborough for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Charitable object

The purpose of the charity is the relief and prevention of poverty and the promotion and preservation of good health by way of providing funds, goods and services to vulnerable individuals, specifically but not exclusively to the homeless or socially isolated, including the provision and facilitation of accommodation, information, advice and guidance, as well as quality support, also via churches to be determined by the charity.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

The vision of Light Project Peterborough (LPP) is 'Enabling and equipping the church and community to heal the brokenhearted, set free the oppressed and bring good news to the poor.' To this end LPP serves the Greater Peterborough area through several different exciting projects and activities.

The Garden House

The Garden House project has been running since October 2018 and has established itself as Peterborough's 'Homeless Hub'. When someone is experiencing homelessness and needs support and hope, they are signposted to this project.

Between April 2024 and March 2025, 1,039 people were supported through the project with a total of 23,148 visits. This is a rise of those in significant need compared to the previous financial year (820 people and 13,879 visits). We were also able to help 596 people to move off the streets and into accommodation during this period.

Since November 2023, we have provided a seven day a week service, including being open all Bank Holidays and the Christmas period. This has been greatly appreciated by our Garden House guests.

By opening at weekends, people can continue to access a safe and secure place to keep themselves distracted from turning to substance misuse. This also helps with mental health and the feeling of loneliness.

When people first come to the project seeking support, our Project Workers are on hand to meet them and understand the situation that they're experiencing. Care and attention are essential so we can identify the right level of support and how best to provide it.

Everyone has their own story and will come to us as a result of various reasons. Some become homeless after a breakdown in a relationship or with family, some will have lost their jobs, whilst others may have had a decline in their physical or mental health meaning they can no longer support themselves fully. There will be some who are fleeing modern slavery or domestic violence. Often, a person will have experienced a combination of these challenges.

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Across the city, there are many access centres such as community hubs, specialists such as offending and drugs/alcohol, and civic offices. Without the Garden House project, the homeless community would be lost in the middle of multiple services, spending much of their time bouncing from one to another. This is one of the reasons why we believe in the importance of a multi-agency approach.

We are able to provide showers and a laundry service to our Garden House guests. Access to washing facilities brings both physical and mental benefits to its users. The combination of the showers and our Health Outreach Bus providing on-site wound management, means people have a stronger chance of avoiding infections. 796 showers were provided over 2024-25.

In late 2024, we secured funding to create a Health and Wellbeing Garden on-site. This space will enable our guests to develop employability and living skills as well as building confidence for personal growth. There will be a dedicated outdoor kitchen and fitness area along with growing and nature areas.

We continued providing a unique support group called 'Seasons'. The aim of the group is to provide a safe space for families, friends and loved ones of people who have been or currently are sleeping rough.

Homeless Health

A big part of the support we provide through the Garden House project involves facilitating access to health services for the people we help. This is called the Homeless Health Hub. Having access to health and care professionals on-site and through Outreach on the Health Outreach Bus helps to overcome barriers that prevent them from accessing mainstream services and improves their health and wellbeing.

Between April 2024 and March 2025, there were 808 engagements made with drug and alcohol support including from Aspire CGL Recovery Service and Alcoholics Anonymous. We've continued to maintain a strong relationship with Boroughbury Medical Centre who help with GP registrations and provide GP and Nurse consultations on-site. Of the 545 people who presented as homeless for the first time, 243 of them weren't previously signed up with a doctor. We managed to register 84 of these.

During this period, the NHS Immunisations and Vaccinations team have provided vaccinations for flu and COVID-19. Terrence Higgins Trust and I-Cash Sexual Health Services have given sexual health advice, guidance and screening. For counselling and mental health support, both Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Foundation Trust's Dual Diagnosis Outreach Team (DDOT) and Greater Peterborough Network's specialist GP and Psychotherapist have delivered one-to-one sessions.

As well as running I-Cash Sexual Health, NHS Cambridgeshire Community Services also provides us support with dentistry and physiotherapy. This means a more rounded health support package can be offered.

One of the new services we've facilitated is Optometry with the support of First Vision Eyecare. Once a month, opticians came to the Garden House to provide eye tests and eye health screening, and if required, prescription glasses were provided.

Fitness Rush is a mobile gym providing Personal Training. Since 2023, they've been visiting every week providing guests with access to gym equipment and advice. This opportunity to exercise brings many benefits to people's physical and mental health. People are also able to complete Personal Training qualifications.

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Health outreach bus

Since September 2023, we've been using our Health Outreach Bus to facilitate health services, primarily at The Garden House, but also during outreach into the community. The facilities onboard replicate a doctor's consultation room and can be accessed by anyone via its ramp.

We regularly take the bus with a Healthcare professional from Greater Peterborough Network and a member of Peterborough City Council's Rough Sleeper Outreach team to where Peterborough soup kitchens provide food and drink to those who are homeless and hungry. This gives us a captive audience to offer examinations as well as spread awareness of the support available across the city to those who are unaware of our work.

We're proud we've also been able to help facilitate other health services for the wider community. North West Anglia Foundation Trust have carried out prostate screening sessions and The Greater Peterborough Network have used the bus for cervical cancer screenings in various locations across the North of Cambridgeshire. Hundreds of men and women have been checked, thanks to having access to this medical resource.

Peer advocacy

This programme was built upon our previous Peer Support project; a group of volunteers with Lived Experience of homelessness who wanted to give something back by supporting others.

We have now developed this further and have launched our Homeless Health Peer Advocacy project. This is a training programme for people to harness their own knowledge and understanding, whilst learning new skills and experience to help them move further along their journey.

Between April 2024 and March 2025, our Peer Advocates supported 207 people and made 444 engagements. They gave 1,265 hours of their time to support others.

Peer Advocates are trained to provide practical and emotional support to those experiencing homelessness. This includes helping to navigate services such as healthcare, mental health support, substance misuse, benefits, housing and being there when things get tough.

The programme is for six months and by the end of this period, many will have gained practical skills and valuable experience. This means they will be better positioned to move into long-term employment opportunities.

We also regularly collect feedback from our Peer Advocates and others with Lived Experience on different topics and challenges they face. Lived Experience discussion groups are often held so we can listen and seek to understand how we can better support people.

Feedback we receive helps not only us but also informs policy makers and service providers so key issues can be tackled within the city.

Street Chaplains

The charity originated from the good work that City Centre Chaplains started back in 2009. Since then, the project has rebranded, but the aim has continued to be the same. Street Chaplains are volunteers who engage with people in and around the city centre who need a listening ear and a shoulder to lean on. 1,481 hours of volunteering have been given by 27 Street Chaplains during April 2024 and March 2025.

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This project also helps to improve the feelings of safety for everyone within the community, especially in public spaces and the night-time economy, and for women. The Street Chaplains are in active partnership with emergency services which speeds up help to be accessed by those in need.

Some chaplains go out at night time to provide support to those enjoying the nightlife in Peterborough. They help by giving out bottled water, provide First Aid when necessary, and help people into taxis so they can safely get home. We also have flip-flops for people who end up needing alternative footwear at the end of their night.

Chaplains will also be found in other places such as local pubs, Central Park, Community Hubs as well as supporting guests at the Garden House. Many people feel lost or are struggling with tough situations such as having loved ones or friends being in hospital.

Volunteering

We are truly thankful to have such a wonderful and caring team of volunteers. Without their contribution, we wouldn't be able to provide the same level of support to those needing help. Between April 2024 and March 2025, 7,230 hours were given in total by volunteers. This equates to a cost contribution of £91,098 to the city

Over the years, we have established a group of people of all ages and backgrounds who have brought different attributes and experiences. They offer their time for various reasons. Some want to build up their skills and knowledge, some are retired and want to keep busy, others use it as a way to make friends or overcome grief, whilst others simply just want to make a positive impact in their community.

Through the Garden House project, volunteers serve food and drink with a friendly smile and a listening ear. Over time, volunteers can build up a strong rapport with some of the Garden House guests, which can have such a positive impact especially on those who might feel anxious or alone.

We also have volunteers who have supported us in other ways such as helping to maintain or improve our buildings and grounds. Having a network of people with different skill sets and attributes really helps us to deliver the quality of service we provide.

We feel it's important that we show appreciation to our volunteers and so we organise a couple of events each year to achieve this. We held our yearly Volunteer and Supporter Celebration evening in May 2024 and our Curry and Carols night took place in December. Thank you to the 'Little Punjab Food Company' who support the event with food each year and help to make the evening as special as possible.

Peterborough night shelter

The Peterborough Night Shelter provides emergency accommodation to those living on the streets and are facing barriers or challenges in securing temporary accommodation. This accommodation comes in the form of single-person units which are sited across four church sites in Peterborough. Each unit includes a single bed, shower, toilet, sink, a window, storage, and radiators.

Between April 2024 and March 2025, 25 people were supported with Emergency Accommodation and 2,279 bed nights were provided.

We have seven emergency pods situated across the Salvation Army Citadel, Southside Methodist Church, Peterborough International Christian Centre, and Christ the Carpenter. Dogsthorpe. Guests are referred by our Project Workers and Peterborough City Council's Rough Sleeper Outreach team.

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Guests are picked up from their unit every morning by a Project Worker in our mini-bus and then taken to the Garden House project to be further supported on their action plans throughout the day. They are then returned to their pod in the evening.

The church communities further support this project by providing water and electricity into the units while volunteers supply hot meals, visit them regularly and invite guests to take part in church activities to avoid feelings of loneliness. In total, these amazing volunteers gave 1,448 hours between April 2024 and March 2025.

Furthermore, if this and other accommodation in the city is full or not accessible we strive to not see anyone at risk on the streets. Where this is the case we will source emergency hotel accommodation to give people whose health is spiralling or at risk of abuse such as fleeing domestic violence some respite and safety.

Across Peterborough

Across Peterborough is a communication tool with a website, social media and newsletter. Our aim is to showcase some of the amazing work done in our city and provide resources that will help improve the Peterborough community. On our website, we have a directory of over 100 churches and Christian groups. This enables people to connect and find out how they can engage with the city and receive help if required.

Furthermore, other examples of good work we lead on are the Peterborough Civic Prayer Breakfast, Peterborough Christian Leaders Forum and Peterborough Christians for Social Action.

Peterborough civic prayer breakfast

Every year, we organise an event to bring together Christian and Civic Leaders to consider their work in the city and for those in need and to pray for the City Council, the Police and Health Services.

Peterborough Christian leaders forum

It was recognised by us that senior Christian leaders across denominations and charities were not meeting or considering their social action work together. Early 2025 we worked with denominational leaders from such as

The purpose of the Forum is to:

- Foster unity among Christian leaders across denominations and traditions in Peterborough.
- Encourage activities and promote collaboration in social and community action.
- Serve as a platform for discussion and response to social issues affecting the church and wider community.
- Represent a collective Christian voice to civic leaders.
- Build on historical and current activities; to reimagine the 'possible' for the city.

PC4SA (Peterborough Christians for Social Action)

The group was formed in May 2021 and originated out of the Peterborough Winter Night Shelter meetings. There was a realisation that the churches coming together to open their doors to the homeless in Peterborough were also interested in further social action initiatives. The group meets quarterly to discuss specific social action topics. This has led to increased involvement from churches on issues of food poverty, homelessness, health, substance misuse, sex working, the environment, youth work, and immigration.

Our digital and social media presence is important to our work, focussing on getting good news out to the community, increasing awareness of our work and encouraging others to help those in need. At end of March 2024 on LinkedIn, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter we had a total of 8,426 followers. Our Light Project Peterborough monthly newsletter continues with innovative infographics and video content. In March 2024 this had 827 subscribers and feedback continues to be positive on the content and information given.

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In Summary

Another good year in maintaining and developing our charitable services. We were really pleased to received words of support from local leaders.

"As the Chief Executive of Peterborough City Council, I get to meet some amazing charities and people who are helping to make our city a better place. Light Project Peterborough (LPP) is one of these brilliant organisations. Across all their projects, LPP aims to improve and support people's lives in a positive way. They are a great employer with a dedicated staff team, and I was astonished to hear that they enabled over 7,000 volunteering hours this year! Great people in our city are working together every day to bring hope and guidance to those who cross their paths.

One of LPP's remarkable achievements is their support in providing accommodation, and in particular over the winter, which has provided warmth and safety to many individuals during the harshest months. LPP's successes have come from establishing strong networks and forming key partnerships over many years of dedicated service. By connecting up vital services and reaching out to every part of the city, more lives have benefitted and been improved. LPP is truly a shining beacon in the community, and it continues to meet the needs of those who are most vulnerable."

Matt Gladstone, Chief Executive, Peterborough City Council

"I feel inspired and encouraged by the work that Light Project Peterborough provides and leads on across the city. Their Christian values are evident throughout each project delivered. At the Garden House, staff and volunteers give hope and love to those who are on the edges of society. Street Chaplains express their faith throughout the city centre to give a listening ear, prayer and comfort to people feeling isolated and lost.

Light Project Peterborough demonstrates leadership and initiative as well by bringing together the Christian communities in the city. By building a unified network, more can be achieved to help our neighbours and those in need. They truly do carry out their vision to "enable and equip the church and community to heal the broken-hearted, set free the oppressed, and bring good news to the poor."

The charity has also inspired both St Luke's Youth Group and the Order of Malta Cadets to fundraise and learn more about their commitment to helping others, especially those experiencing homelessness."

The Very Revd. Fr Jeffrey Downie, Catholic Dean of Peterborough & Parish Priest of St. Luke's Orton

"Light Project Peterborough has led the way in improving positive outcomes for the homeless community not only in the city but wider afield too. There are always pressures on health services but with the help of LPP, the NHS has been able to support more people including those experiencing homelessness and the community. Their Health Outreach Bus has been of huge benefit and enables health provision to be accessed both at the Garden House and into the city.

For some of those homeless, there are several barriers preventing them to access a health service and due to their living situation, it would only lead to further repercussions with their wellbeing. Getting a consultation with a GP or nurse, helps to alleviate health inequality and provides a huge step in their journey out of homelessness.

The public have been able to undergo prostate and cervical screenings which has led to cancer diagnoses to be detected, meaning lives have been saved as a result of the vehicle.

For the charity to deliver over 2,400 health consultations across 2024-2025 is an incredible feat. A big thank you to all who were involved in achieving this outcome. I look forward to continuing working with LPP and looking at more and new ways in providing health services to the homeless population and Peterborough residents."

Jonathan Bartram, Programme Director, Strategic Commissioning, Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Integrated Care System (ICS)

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"The Constabulary have a great working relationship with Light Project Peterborough and together we are able to support some of the most vulnerable people in the city. By having a strong partnership and communication between our teams, we can help prevent and deter people from anti-social behaviour and crime as well as provide safety to those whose life is spiralling out of control.

The Garden House and Street Chaplain teams use their knowledge and experience to deliver a non-judgemental and efficient service to those in need. Across the city, some people become homeless as a result of modern-day slavery, sex working or human trafficking. LPP are on hand to give the right help, so they can escape and not return to such horrible and desperate situations.

The presence of LPP within the city has benefitted our work greatly in keeping Peterborough a safer place for its residents."

Superintendent Ben Martin, Area Commander, Peterborough and Fenland, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

Risks

The trustees and senior team regularly review the principal risks facing the charity and have created a full risk register during the year. The principal risks facing the charity are:

- Managing the increase in demand for services
- Maintaining a strong reputation for managing the safety and wellbeing of service users, staff and volunteers;
- Ensuring the long-term security of funding and premises
- Maintaining good governance and compliance with relevant regulations

Financial review and reserves policy

The charity's income comes almost entirely from grants and donations. The majority of the expenditure relates to the direct delivery of the projects being run.

The trustees aim to maintain reserves sufficient to cover the general running costs and to allow the charity to continue with its existing projects as well as embarking on new ones.

The trustees reviewed the reserves policy during the year and aim to keep 6 months' rent in accordance with the break clause within the new property lease plus between 3 and 6 months' operating expenditure in unrestricted reserves. In addition the trustees have set aside a number of designated funds relating to specific projects and longer term objectives.

The reserves policy equates to maintaining between £154,000 and £297,000 (2024: £131,000 - £251,000) of available funds. The actual amount of available funds at the end of the year was £220,914 (2024: £217,725) which falls within the range set by the policy.

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Structure, governance and management

The charity trustees are responsible for the general control and management of the charity. The trustees give their time freely and receive no remuneration or other financial benefits.

The existing trustees are responsible for the recruitment of new trustees and they have developed a comprehensive induction process.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

T Alban Jones

S Bristow (Appointed 11 December 2024)

S Bucknell (Resigned 10 April 2024)

P Greaves (Appointed 11 December 2024)

M Green

M Jackson

P Logan

A Lidgett

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



M Green

Trustee

10 December 2025

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF LIGHT PROJECT PETERBOROUGH

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Light Project Peterborough (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiners' report

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.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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 charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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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19 December 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Income						
Donations and legacies	3	94,852	-	2,111	96,963	103,943
Income from charitable activities	4	420	-	580,014	580,434	609,102
Investment income		14,962	-	-	14,962	8,631
Other income	5	-	-	-	-	1,170
Total incoming resources		110,234	-	582,125	692,359	722,846
Expenditure						
Cost of generating funds	6	15,491	-	18,947	34,438	27,165
Expenditure on charitable activities	7	71,554	22,623	626,395	720,572	681,545
Total expenditure		87,045	22,623	645,342	755,010	708,710
Net income / (expenditure) and net movement in funds		23,189	(22,623)	(63,217)	(62,651)	14,136
Gross transfers between funds		(20,000)	20,000	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		3,189	(2,623)	(63,217)	(62,651)	14,136
Total funds brought forward		217,725	187,802	153,620	559,147	545,011
Total funds carried forward		220,914	185,179	90,403	496,496	559,147

The notes on pages 15 to 23 form part of these accounts.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Prior financial year

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Income						
Donations and legacies	3	103,227	-	716	103,943	91,093
Income from charitable activities	4	-	-	609,102	609,102	459,004
Investment income		8,631	-	-	8,631	695
Other income	5	237	-	933	1,170	329
Total incoming resources		<u>112,095</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>610,751</u>	<u>722,846</u>	<u>551,121</u>
Expenditure						
Fundraising expenditure	6	4,075	-	23,090	27,165	3,600
Expenditure on charitable activities	7	70,585	20,392	590,568	681,545	403,565
Total expenditure		<u>74,660</u>	<u>20,392</u>	<u>613,658</u>	<u>708,710</u>	<u>407,165</u>
Net income / (expenditure) and net movement in funds		37,435	(20,392)	(2,907)	14,136	143,956
Gross transfers between funds		(20,000)	90,162	(70,162)	-	-
Net movement in funds		17,435	69,770	(73,069)	14,136	143,956
Total funds brought forward		200,290	118,032	226,689	545,011	401,055
Total funds carried forward		<u>217,725</u>	<u>187,802</u>	<u>153,620</u>	<u>559,147</u>	<u>545,011</u>

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	10	65,179	87,802
Current assets			
Debtors	11	42,395	141,636
Cash at bank and in hand		445,496	434,009
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		487,891	575,645
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(56,574)	(104,300)
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Net current assets		431,317	471,345
Total assets less current liabilities		<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>
		496,496	559,147
Funds			
Restricted	16	90,403	153,620
Designated	17	185,179	187,802
Unrestricted		220,914	217,725
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		496,496	559,147
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The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 10 December 2025



Mark Jackson
Trustee

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from / (absorbed by) operations	15		11,487		(31,817)
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets			-		(70,162)
Net cash used in investment activities			<u>-</u>		<u>(70,162)</u>
Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents			<u>11,487</u>		<u>(101,979)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			434,009		535,988
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			<u>445,496</u>		<u>434,009</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Light Project Peterborough is a charitable incorporated organisation registered in England and Wales.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted general funds are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Designated funds are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for specific future purposes or projects.

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

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis. All costs have been allocated directly to a charitable activity and therefore there are no support costs to allocate between activities.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Mobile health unit	20% straight line
Computer and equipment	33% straight line
Motor vehicles	20% straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.8 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

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2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Regular donations	11,319	-	296	11,615	9,269
One off donations	31,003	-	590	31,593	41,412
Gift aid reclaim	11,588	-	-	11,588	10,928
Church donations	12,698	-	600	13,298	7,418
Other donations	26,331	-	625	26,956	24,916
Legacies	-	-	-	-	10,000
Other income	1,913	-	-	1,913	-
	<u>94,852</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,111</u>	<u>96,963</u>	<u>103,943</u>

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Peterborough City Council	-	-	118,675	118,675	253,816
DLUCH	-	-	99,999	99,999	57,283
The National Lottery	-	-	151,734	151,734	145,890
Grants: other	420	-	209,606	210,026	152,113
	<u>420</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>580,014</u>	<u>580,434</u>	<u>609,102</u>

5 Other income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Other income	-	-	-	-	1,170

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6 Cost of generating funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Fundraising costs	15,491	-	18,947	34,438	27,165

7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Salary costs	6,263	-	332,148	338,411	277,553
Recruitment costs	51	-	439	490	597
Other staff related costs	50	-	5,414	5,464	991
Guest expenses	525	-	40,079	40,604	19,852
Direct costs: other	65	-	173,616	173,681	180,212
Volunteer expenses	1,111	-	303	1,414	278
Consultancy & project work	-	-	16,275	16,275	77,450
Marketing	6,006	-	1,747	7,753	3,816
Rent	16,816	-	3,623	20,439	18,492
Rates	3,640	-	460	4,100	1,286
Insurance	3,148	-	333	3,481	2,913
Electricity	4,213	-	1,200	5,413	10,229
Repairs & renewals	1,516	-	8,898	10,414	16,291
Cleaning	1,952	-	10,738	12,690	9,107
Vehicle costs	(837)	-	10,864	10,027	6,962
Travel & subsistence	1,263	-	697	1,960	1,192
Printing, postage & stationery	1,492	-	1,566	3,058	5,774
Telephone & internet	826	-	2,382	3,208	1,551
Computer costs	7,636	-	5,773	13,409	11,072
Accountancy	12,591	-	450	13,041	11,231
Consultancy & professional fees	2,139	-	500	2,639	260
Bank charges	2,337	-	-	2,337	2,448
Subscriptions	(1,269)	-	8,890	7,621	1,596
Other expenses	20	-	-	20	-
Depreciation	-	22,623	-	22,623	20,392
	71,554	22,623	626,395	720,572	681,545
Analysis					
Direct charitable activities	50,363	22,623	626,395	699,381	630,949
Support costs	20,711	-	-	20,711	50,116
Governance costs	480	-	-	480	480
	71,554	22,623	626,395	720,572	681,545

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8 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year. No expenses were reimbursed to trustees during the year.

9 Staff costs

	2025	2024
	£	£
Salaries	340,485	279,541
Social Security costs	25,929	19,609
Pension costs	6,694	4,751
	<u>373,108</u>	<u>303,901</u>
Average actual number of employees	<u>13</u>	<u>11</u>

The remuneration of key management personnel relates to the Chief Executive and amounts to £55,812 (2024 - £53,160). No employee earned £60,000 p.a. or more.

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Mobile health unit £	Plant & equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 April 2024	97,758	12,023	23,096	132,877
Additions	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2025	<u>97,758</u>	<u>12,023</u>	<u>23,096</u>	<u>132,877</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2024	13,032	12,023	20,020	45,075
Charge for the year	19,548	-	3,075	22,623
At 31 March 2025	<u>32,580</u>	<u>12,023</u>	<u>23,095</u>	<u>67,698</u>
Net book value				
At 31 March 2025	<u>65,178</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>65,179</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>84,726</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,076</u>	<u>87,802</u>

All of the fixed assets are used for direct charitable purposes.

11 Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accrued income	28,886	129,388
Prepayments	13,509	8,884
Other debtors	-	3,364
	<u>42,395</u>	<u>141,636</u>

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12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	31,041	82,488
Accruals	12,786	4,441
Taxation and social security	-	134
Other creditors	12,747	17,237
	<u>56,574</u>	<u>104,300</u>

13 Lease commitments

At the reporting end date the charity had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments

	2025	2024
	£	£
Expiring within 2 - 5 years	<u>86,298</u>	<u>-</u>

14 Related party transactions

During the year the charity paid rent amounting to £20,439 (2024: £18,492) for the rental of the property used for the Garden House project to Peterborough Cathedral, at which T Alban-Jones is a member of the Cathedral Chapter.

15 Cash generated from operations

	2025	2024
	£	£
Surplus / (deficit) for the year	(62,651)	14,136
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	22,623	20,392
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase) / decrease in debtors	99,241	(138,809)
Increase / (decrease) in creditors	(47,726)	78,502
(Decrease) in deferred income	-	(6,038)
Cash generated from / (absorbed by) operations	<u>11,487</u>	<u>(31,817)</u>

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16 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Balance at 31 March 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Homelessness	47,105	234,103	(249,300)	-	31,908	234,234	(261,844)	-	4,298
Overnight provision	17,571	276	(2,226)	-	15,621	276	-	-	15,897
Peer advocacy	3,315	44,668	(13,858)	-	34,125	25,401	(49,468)	-	10,058
Volunteer support	-	5,366	(5,366)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pods: DLUHC	42,718	57,283	(98,794)	-	1,207	99,999	(86,848)	-	14,358
Pods: other	34,559	50,614	(46,824)	-	38,349	31,612	(52,558)	-	17,403
Mobile health unit	72,404	-	-	(70,162)	2,242	-	(2,242)	-	-
Health hub	-	190,969	(169,116)	-	21,853	146,088	(167,941)	-	-
Fenland health project	-	21,120	(13,200)	-	7,920	-	(7,920)	-	-
Community garden	-	-	-	-	-	40,000	(14,869)	-	25,131
Chaplaincy	9,017	6,352	(14,974)	-	395	1,215	(898)	-	712
United Christian projects	-	-	-	-	-	3,300	(754)	-	2,546
	<u>226,689</u>	<u>610,751</u>	<u>(613,658)</u>	<u>(70,162)</u>	<u>153,620</u>	<u>582,125</u>	<u>(645,342)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>90,403</u>

The homelessness, overnight provision and pods funds are restricted funds set up to receive grants and donations specifically related to the overnight and day care provision for the homeless. They consist of a variety of grants from different organisations as well as many one off private donations and some regular monthly donors.

The mobile health unit relates to a grant to build a specialised mobile health vehicle unit, which was completed in the year and the expenditure was transferred to the designated fixed asset fund.

The health hub and Fenland health funds are for health related projects linked to people in need.

Funds were received specifically to support a peer support worker and volunteer coordinator.

The chaplaincy and united Christian projects funds relate to joint projects between churches and chaplaincy work across the city.

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17 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Balance at 31 March 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Fixed asset fund	38,032	-	(20,392)	70,162	87,802	-	(22,623)	-	65,179
Property development	70,000	-	-	20,000	90,000	-	-	20,000	110,000
New opportunities fund	10,000	-	-	-	10,000	-	-	-	10,000
	<u>118,032</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(20,392)</u>	<u>90,162</u>	<u>187,802</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(22,623)</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>185,179</u>

The fixed asset fund relates to the book value of fixed assets.

The property development fund has been set up to begin to set aside a capital sum for potential future property development.

The new opportunities fund has been set up to ensure funds are available to support a new project that the trustees believe the charity should pursue.

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18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2024 £
Fixed assets	-	65,179	-	65,179	-	87,802	-	87,802
Current assets / (liabilities)	220,914	120,000	90,403	431,317	217,725	100,000	153,620	471,345
	220,914	185,179	90,403	496,496	217,725	187,802	153,620	559,147