

AVOW

Cyngor Gwirfoddol Sirol Wrexham
Wrexham's County Voluntary Council

Trustee Report and Financial Statements

Year ended 31st March 2025

Including Strategic Report

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Company number: 2993429

Important Notice

This report is a combined Directors Report and Trustees Annual report. This report also contains the Annual Strategic Report as required by law.

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Objectives and Activities

The objects of the charity as stated in the Memorandum and Articles of Association as amended are:

- To promote any charitable purpose for the benefit of the community in the area of Wrexham County Borough and in particular the advancement of education, the furtherance of health, the relief of poverty, distress and sickness.
- Each year the Trustees review these objectives and activities to ensure they continue to reflect the aims of the organisation. In carrying out this review the Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

The strategies and activities employed to achieve the charity's objectives are:

- To provide and promote an accessible and relevant range of locally available support services to enhance development and effectiveness of voluntary/community action.
- To identify the views of local community groups and represent these views to decision makers e.g., Welsh Government (WG), Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA) and local statutory bodies, and in ways which lead to effective outcomes and partnerships.
- To assist the development of locally determined and agreed initiatives, which meet the needs of the voluntary sector and enhance community participation.
- To develop and sustain an effective volunteering service.
- To encourage recruitment into charitable, voluntary and community services.
- To provide and promote accurate, current and relevant information.
- To provide and promote a funding advice service for voluntary organisations.
- To provide and promote a range of training courses to the local voluntary sector.
- To assist organisations to operate legally and efficiently.
- To facilitate/support the establishment of effective structured partnerships with the local authority and other agencies for the benefit of voluntary and community organisations.
- To identify issues of concern to voluntary and community organisations.
- To identify gaps in provision that can be met by new or existing voluntary organisations working in collaboration with statutory bodies.
- To promote the interests of the Third Sector in planning service development including community regeneration projects.
- To establish links with the corporate sector; and
- To promote the sector's role in Health and Social Care.

Third Sector Support Wales (TSSW)

AVOW is the County Voluntary Council (CVC) for Wrexham and is part of Third Sector Support Wales (TSSW). TSSW consists of the 19 CVCs in Wales as well as Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA).

The shared goal is to enable the Third Sector and volunteers across Wales to contribute fully to individual and community wellbeing, now and for the future.

The focus of work concentrates on four pillars of activity:

- Volunteering
- Good Governance
- Sustainable Funding
- Engagement and Influencing

Strategic Report

Introduction

This report includes the combined reports of the Trustees Annual Report and the Directors Report. This section, the Strategic Report, brings together the contents for 'Achievements and Performance', 'Financial Review' and 'Plans for Future Periods' (herein called 'Future Plans For AVOW'). It contains the information required by the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013.

Achievements and performance

AVOW 2024-25 Core Highlights

AVOW records all interactions, funding support, grants distribution, training and events on a Customer Relationship Management (CRM) system. Our statistics are shared with Third Sector Support Wales (TSSW) who in turn reports the overall finds to Welsh Government. AVOW's key performance indicators for 2023-24 are as follows:

○ Funding obtained following support from AVOW	£979,339
○ Funding awarded by AVOW	£12,617
○ Organisations supported with direct advice	259
○ Organisations supported with specialist advice	217
○ Training participants	598
○ Partnership Events	17
○ Partnership event attendees	435
○ Volunteers supported to enter volunteering	33
○ Individuals placed into volunteering	68
○ Total membership of AVOW	184
○ AGM Attendance	60

Development Activities and Achievements: Core Services

AVOW's commitment to Welsh Government as the County Voluntary Council for Wrexham is to provide free advice and signposting around the four core pillars of; Good Governance, Sustainable Funding, Volunteering, and Engagement and Influencing.

Governance

AVOW provided guidance and referrals to organisations to help community groups of all sizes choose appropriate governance structures and ensure that they are operating legally and in line with regulator guidelines.

During this period, alongside Shaun Darlington the governance lead from Flintshire Local Voluntary Council, we held 41 in-person governance surgeries with 31 different organisations. We supported groups with a range of governance issues, including:

- Setting up or closing charities and CICs
- Developing policies and safeguarding procedures
- Managing land, property, banking, and finance matters

We also contributed feedback from Wrexham-based organisations through the WCVA Governance Practitioners Network and supported the development of the TSSW Safeguarding Toolkit.

A strong working relationship between our funding officer and governance lead has helped groups improve their governance, putting them in a better position to secure funding.

Thanks to increased capacity in governance support this year, and collaboration with FLVC, it has also helped us map available resources and services, improving our ability to signpost effectively. We now have a better understanding of the challenges facing groups in Wrexham. This insight will inform future networking opportunities, training, and tailored support.

Funding

During the year, AVOW supported community organisations with advice and guidance on funding. AVOW also supported organisations with funding applications. The AVOW Funding Facebook page provides funding news and updates to 457 followers.

AVOW continued its partnership with Cadwyn Clwyd to deliver WCBC's Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF) Key Fund. This initiative was designed to support community and voluntary organisations whose projects did not meet the minimum threshold required for the main funding stream. The project is underway, with a total of £300,00 distributed to be distributed before December 2025. To support

delivery, AVOW's Funding Officer was seconded to the project for the equivalent of two days per week throughout.

AVOW also partnered with the Wrexham Community and Cultural Trust to deliver an SPF Key Fund with £100,000 dedicated to grants to promote art, heritage and culture in Wrexham.

The Wrexham Young Influencers (WYI) is a youth-led grant-making body, designed and delivered by young people, for young people aged 13–25. Through this initiative, young people take the lead in deciding how funding is allocated to projects that matter to them and their peers. In this year, a total of £9,571 was awarded to 13 youth-led initiatives. Funded projects included:

- Purchasing music equipment to upskill and engage young people.
- Supporting a campfire project.
- Providing resources for a youth club.
- Delivering dance sessions to support wellbeing and mental health.

In addition, WYI supported young people experiencing homelessness by purchasing essential items for those in temporary accommodation or without family support, as well as providing small gifts at Christmas.

During the year, AVOW continued our Making a Difference Grant, funded through income generated from the AVOW Community Lottery. The grant was open to all Wrexham community groups delivering projects valued up to £500 that could make a positive difference locally.

A total of £5,680 was distributed to 14 organisations. Projects supported included craft sessions, litter-picking equipment, a family support worker, music sessions, and woodland development initiatives.

Volunteering

Over the period, we've supported volunteering in Wrexham through a range of activities:

- Held over 70 one-to-one meetings (in person and by phone) to discuss volunteer opportunities, sharing information digitally and provided more intensive support where needed, including attending meetings with volunteer managers.
- Connected 5 corporate organisations with local organisations for volunteering opportunities and supported with their volunteering policies.

- Recruited and inducted 7 new in-house volunteers, while continuing to support existing volunteers at the AVOW Office, The Hub, and The Land through training and regular engagement. We also held a Christmas celebration to thank AVOW volunteers.
- Strengthened local partnerships, including co-delivering a Volunteer Managers' Network meeting with FLVC.
- Supported the Open University's *Get Ahead with Volunteering* online sessions.
- Supported the Inclusion Manager on an inclusive volunteering pilot, connecting St Christopher's School and Erddig, with plans to secure future funding.
- Increased our social media presence to promote volunteering.
- Attended events with key organisation, such as Probation, Maximus, DWP Youth Pathway, and Coleg Cambria to engage individuals in volunteering.
- Helped 17 new organisations join and use the Volunteering Wales platform.
- Provided guidance on volunteer recruitment, retention, management, and policy to volunteer involving organisations.

Engagement

AVOW is responsible for ensuring the Third Sector is appropriately represented on county and regional decision-making bodies. To this end, AVOW actively engages with Public Service organisations ensuring that the voice and views of the Third Sector are presented to strategic partnerships and considered within consultations. The Third Sector should always play a major part in the way that strategies and services can be developed as the champion of the community.

AVOW's Third Sector representation is widely varied. A sample of regularly attended boards and steering groups is listed below. Attendance and active participation ensure Third Sector is heard by the widest possible audience:

- Flintshire and Wrexham Public Service Board
- Wrexham Shared Prosperity Fund Steering Board
- Wrexham Neighborhoods Board (Formerly Town Board)
- Regional Partnership Board
- Wrexham Civic Leaders
- Wrexham Youth Justice Forum
- Regional Integration Fund Regional Management Group.

AVOW enjoys a strong relationship with our local authority, Wrexham County Borough Council (WCBC). The Chief Officer has regular meetings with the WVBC Senior Leadership Team to discuss issues facing the sector as well as find synergies between Council and community led initiatives.

Marketing and Social Media

AVOW’s Marketing and Media Manager and Engagement Team continue to improve the organisations reach into the local community, increasing awareness and contact with AVOW and its many projects.

The team has created connections into the community, meeting regularly to share best practices and explore new tools with their CVC counterparts, as well as forging networks with those working in local voluntary and community organisations.

The team took on the task of creating both print and virtual material for AVOW’s new Community Agents. The project included branding, creating and producing posters, flyers and postcards, as well as setting up social media pages to enhance communication with clients across Wrexham. The team also provided training and support for the CA’s on how to use their Social Media platforms and get the most out of the software and technology available for the programme.

The team put in special effort to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Volunteers’ Week in June. Over 100 attendees at two events enjoyed entertainment from local artists and influencers who were celebrating the rich history of volunteering throughout Wrexham. This campaign saw videos of prominent Welsh/UK personalities including Doctor Cymraeg, Andy Hickie and Jason Willis sending videos of thanks.

The team actively work on clarifying our message, and iteratively improving our brand, and brand awareness, giving AVOW’s brand sure footing. Our campaign to improve brand recognition and understanding have grown over the last year as shown in our touchpoint interactions.

Website

	1 st April 2023/ 1 st April 2024	1 st April 2024 / 1 st April 2025
Users	12K	15K
Average Engagement	1m 15s	57s
Organic Search	6999	8261

Direct Link	3453	4405
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Facebook:

Note: New Facebook tools, and algorithm change has adjusted the numbers from 2023-2024

	AVOW Main Page (FY 1st April 23/ 1st April 24)	AVOW Main Page (FY 1st April 24 / 1st April 25)	%Change
Reach:	26,678	70,887	+165%
Content Interactions:	2,120	3,518	+66%
Visits:	8,334	15,489	+86.3%
Followers:	3800	3980	
New Followers (on previous Year)	270	264	-1.9%

Development Activities and Achievements: Health and Wellbeing Team

Health and Wellbeing Officer

The Third Sector Health and Wellbeing Development Officer (Health & Wellbeing Officer) involves high level engagement and partnership working, highlighting the value the third sector plays supporting the health and wellbeing of people across Wrexham Borough. In partnership with BCUHB, AVOW Health and Wellbeing team and our Community Agents, we have delivered health and wellbeing community events with the aim of bringing services directly to beneficiaries in the heart of communities. This makes accessing support more accessible, ensuring people can access services such as Stroke Prevention for blood pressure tests, Continence Team, Bone Health (formerly Falls Prevention), local pharmacies, Dementia pathways and a variety of third sector organisations. Occupational Therapists have been present at events to share information on living safely at home and giving excellent tips and tools to people. Moving forward, evidence will determine where the community health events will take place – where uptake is low and ill health is high to support future health outcomes.

We co-hosted quarterly health and wellbeing networks with FLVC with the aim of giving organisations the opportunity to share their projects via networking and as guest speakers. The number of attendees is increasing at each network as we continue to engage with more organisations, which then contributes to new AVOW memberships and collaborative working in communities. An example of this is, I visited Victim Support, St Asaph and from this meeting, connected the service with other CVCs, Wrexham social prescribers and community agents, sent invites to health and wellbeing networks which they have since attended, gave Victim Support flyers to hubs, community centres and groups to share the information and attended the AVOW Volunteer Celebration in 2025 to highlight the invaluable work volunteers bring to the service. The service also holds regular drop-in sessions at the Wellbeing Hub via an AVOW introduction.

We continue to meet with our funders BCUHB and other partners including Public Health Wales, WCBC, WCVA and Wrexham wide GP clusters to share updates on the third sector and strengthen connections between statutory services and voluntary organisations. An example of partnership working has been involved in promoting BCU PHW screening programme. Wrexham scores low in uptake of screening and since I gained this knowledge, I have met with PHW regularly to attend networks, work towards increasing screening uptake and share screening information with community agents, organisations and communities. I hope to receive data in the future to determine if engagement has increased in Wrexham due to this intervention.

Organisation feedback collected from community events:

'Excellent range of services present and great attendance'. (Gresford).

'Extremely happy with the event. Well attended and a great way to share information with others'. (Gresford).

'I have a full week's worth of referrals just from this event'. (Little Acton).

Wellbeing Hub Development Officer

In 2022 AVOW, with seed funding from WCBC, developed a Community Hub Development Officer role to reinvigorate underutilized community buildings to bring meaningful services to local citizens in their own communities. Due to the success of the pilot project at the Gwersyllt Resource Centre, AVOW solely funded this role in 24/25. As sustainable funding has not been found, the project will end early FY25/26.

The AVOW led Gwersyllt Community Support Hub continues to grow and offers beneficiaries support and information on a range of services, learning opportunities, activities and groups to support health and wellbeing. AVOW Hub volunteers have been instrumental in the continuation of Gwersyllt Hub delivery. The volunteers support weekly coffee mornings, community crafting and have also provided support to Acton Community Hub which opened in June 2024. We wanted to reach a wider audience and connect statutory and third sector organisations with other communities to support health and wellbeing and Acton hub was established.

Working in partnership with the Rainbow Foundation Community Agent, Acton Community Council and other partners, beneficiaries from Acton have participated in chair exercise and yoga, cooking, chi-me (a low-level form of Tai Chi that supports arthritis and other ailments), stress less sessions and much more. Community engagement has been high, including very successful hot light lunch sessions which we were able to provide thanks to WCBC warm space funding. On average 16 people attended the weekly sessions which ran over 10 weeks. With support from AVOW Hub volunteers, the sessions provided a safe space for people to socialise over a hot lunch and access information and knowledge on what else they could participate in. Several people who attended lived on their own and told us how much they enjoyed eating and talking to others, improving loneliness and isolation. As the sessions were so popular, Acton community council funded a further 10 weeks of hot light lunches which were only able to run with huge thanks to the continued support of Hub Volunteers.

Feedback from beneficiaries:

“It’s great to get out of the house for volunteering – a great way to give back to the community, to meet other people and explore new places. And I get to enjoy the food too which is great!”

‘We are so grateful to be able to come and enjoy the food which is always lovely, made and presented and meet and chat with the friends we have made’.

‘We have met people who live around the corner from us and didn’t realise’.

Gwersyllt Community Hub continues to engage with the community and events and sessions in are always well attended. Hub volunteers have enjoyed taking responsibility for some drop-in sessions whereby beneficiaries can access a hot drink and information. One Hub volunteer has been a great asset with updating ‘What’s on’ flyers and is a regular at the AVOW office and Gwersyllt hub. Community craft sessions are always well received with some amazing work on show! During a meeting with Wrexham University, it was suggested to me that the University could support a knowledge transfer voucher for health and wellbeing tutors to support AVOW with an exhibition to highlight the wonderful skills on show at the Hub. This led to a week long exhibition at Wrexham Library. Beneficiaries were able to showcase crafts, photography, crocheting (Gwersyllt community blanket was on display created by attendees of the coffee morning) and many other objects. Mayor Beryl Blackmore was invited to attend and throughout the week, a high volume of people were able to visit the exhibition. An award was given by the University to AVOW in recognition of partnership working in the community.

Community Agents

In April 2024, AVOW was successful in securing the Wrexham County Borough Council (WCBC) Community Agents South consortium tender and subsequently being awarded with the Penycae, Gresford and Rossett Community Agent Contracts mid-year. The Community Agents project was developed in response to the recognised need that many people in our communities’ struggle to access essential services that help maintain their wellbeing and quality of life. Community Agents work with people aged 50 and over in Wrexham, providing signposting, advice, and guidance to a wide range of information and services. The aim is to enable individuals to live healthier, happier, and more independent lives. The project also plays a vital role in bridging the gap between local communities, statutory services, and the voluntary sector.

AVOW currently supports 16 wards within Wrexham County Borough Council: Gresford, Ruabon, Penycae, Willington & Worthenbury, Bangor-On-Dee, Chirk, Rossett, Esclusham, Holt, Abenbury, Isycoed, Llangollen Rural, Marchwiell, Sesswick, Maelor South,

Since the launch of the Community Agents project, we have supported 171 individuals with signposting and advice, engaged with 122 local groups and attended 168 community events to promote the service and connect with residents. We expect these figures to grow in 2025/2026, as recruitment reaches full capacity and the project continues to expand.

Shopmobility & Accessibility

Shopmobility & Accessibility Manager heads up the Team at the AVOW Wrexham Shopmobility service and warm space. Based at Wrexham Bus Station, the service provides mobility scooters, boot scooters, wheelchairs, disability pushchairs and walkers, enabling people with mobility issues to access shops, services, and events in the city centre. In 2024/25 the service maintained its full five-day opening and supported bespoke opening hours for major events, whilst also continuing to offer ShopMobility as a community warm space open to anyone looking for a safe warm place to sit and rest, engage with others or seek information and signposting.

The Accessibility & Shopmobility Roadshow and attendance at Community and health and wellbeing events continue to be a popular means of sharing knowledge not only about the Shopmobility service but also the new RITA project. The roadshows offer the opportunity to learn about both the services available in Shopmobility and the RITA project while reducing, or even removing, hidden barriers such as language, location, and anxiety, that might prevent people from accessing the services. They also provide a platform to meet new demographics from across Wrexham, to learn and understand their accessibility concerns and needs, form relationships, and offer help and support.

The ShopMobility team has enhanced both its traditional marketing and its social and digital media promotion, ensuring greater awareness and uptake of the services on offer. As a result, the service welcomed 125 new members last year, with notable growth in day rentals for city centre visits and long-term hires supporting holidays, events, and overseas travel. Strengthened partnership with WCBC also enabled ShopMobility to expand its fleet with six new mobility scooters for use in the city centre and two new boot scooters to meet rising demand for long-term hire options. These improvements, alongside targeted promotional activity, have further increased the service's reach and impact.

AVOW received grant funding to run an accessibility scheme providing at-home support for people living with dementia and their unpaid carers, utilising a personalised tablet version of the RITA device. The Accessibility Officer has worked closely with Community Agents from both AVOW's workforce and partner agencies to secure referrals into the project, ensuring those most in need are supported. In addition, AVOW sits on the Dementia Friendly Wrexham Steering Group to ensure the project is widely promoted and accessible to all who require it. Work is also underway with the Wrexham Archives team based in Wrexham Library to introduce Wrexham-specific reminiscence materials into the RITA devices. These include photographic images, historic newspaper clippings and articles, maps, and Wrexham AFC memorabilia, enriching the therapeutic value of RITA.

Development Activities and Achievements: Special Projects

Wrexham Community Lottery

AVOW, in conjunction with Gatherwell, created and launched the lottery with over 40 local good causes on board in 2021. Ticket holders can win up to £25,000 as well as support a local cause who keep 50% of ticket sales.

2024/2025 saw a push with advertising, showing a small growth in ticket sales to 407 per week. The Lottery raised £9,280 over the reporting period for causes signed up to the lottery, and £1,856 for the AVOW Making a Difference Grant.

Development Activities and Achievements: Local Projects

Little Sunflowers Childcare Centre, Plas Madoc

AVOW Board of Trustees oversee the Little Sunflowers Childcare Centre (LSCC). The Centre offers childcare provision from age 2 to 4 years of age through:

- Flying Start
- Rising 3's and 4's
- Early Education
- 30-hour childcare offer

Little Sunflowers have this year been successful in receiving a funding extension from Neumark Foundation to fund a breakfast club and a fun club to provide additional support to children and parents.

Breakfast club: This daily programme ensures all children have access to breakfast before starting the nursery lessons. The funding allows children with special dietary requirements to eat safely with their friends. Along with the food provided by the Neumark Foundation this programme also receives regular donations of cereal and cereal bars from Kellogg's in Wrexham.

Family Fun club: This drop-in group runs Monday, Wednesday and Friday and offers information and support on a range of parenting challenges while the participants enjoy arts and craft, and other fun activities. This group has been very popular with 25-30 attending every session. Thursday afternoons are reserved for private sessions for families who may require additional support.

Play and Community Development Team, Plas Madoc

The AVOW Play and Community Development Team is funded through the National Lottery Community Fund, Invest Local, Children in Need and Families First to work in Plas Madoc providing a service for children, parents, and adults of the community.

The team continued to use National Lottery Community Funds to develop a new model of integrated Play and Community Development work which building on existing high-quality Play and Youth provision and extending our reach into the wider community.

The Land, our junk playground, also offers volunteering opportunities for young people and adults within the Community - this scheme aims to increase levels of aspiration and improve the life chances of adults and also young people not in employment, education or training. We aim to work towards offering more formal access locally to dedicated programmes of support linked to training and education which can equip young people/adults who would otherwise be caught up in cycles of joblessness or self-limiting behaviour.

Other services for youth, families, and the wider community:

- Youth Activities: Playschemes/ Street Schemes, Street Football, Youth Club
- 1:1 work support for children with additional needs
- Parental Support Kettle Club, Breakfast & Brews, Crafty Brew
- The Pantry provides access to affordable food.
- Weekly drop-in meetings open to all community members.
- Thank me it's Friday: Mental health and wellbeing support group to reduce isolation.
- Over 50's: Social support and activities for older residents.
- Environmental Projects: Garden Gang and Plants Madoc
- Volunteer scheme

AVOW are fundholders for Plas Madoc Invest Local which funds WAPM who currently contribute towards the Play/Community Development Manager and a Community Development Officer for We are Plas Madoc. In 2024, AVOW supported local residents to bring to life a new community hub affectionately known as 'Homegrown' — a welcoming space that offers warmth, support, and opportunities for all. Entirely shaped and led by the community itself, Homegrown stands as a testament to collective vision and grassroots action. It's more than just a hub; it's a place built by the community, for the community.

In 2024, we continued to deliver events that celebrate local identity and strengthen community cohesion. Our summer gathering - known locally as Plastonbury - remains a cornerstone of the annual calendar, offering inclusive activities that bring together families, volunteers, and local organisations in a vibrant celebration of belonging and connection.

Plas Madoc's Bonfire and Fireworks event, drawing over 1,000 residents and reinstating community tradition.

Both events highlight the importance of shared celebration in fostering pride, participation, and a sense of connection across generations.

Financial Review

AVOW began the financial year with a predicted surplus of £1,635. However, due to additional in-year funding and strategic changes, this position improved significantly, resulting in a £81,062 surplus in unrestricted funds, as reflected in the accounts.

We are currently nearing the end of several 5-year grants from The National Lottery Community Fund, including funding for *The Land*. As these grants conclude, we are actively exploring alternative funding sources to ensure continuity.

Meanwhile, Little Sunflowers and Flying Start remain financially secure.

Additional funding received during the year includes:

- WCBC Community Agents
- Shared Prosperity Key Fund Scheme
- Cadwyn Clwyd- Shared Prosperity Key Funds joint management project
- WCBC Warm Space Initiative
- WCBC Our Nature
- ACL Training Funding

These contributions have further strengthened our financial position and supported the delivery of key community programmes.

We will continue to look to the future and plan financially to apply for additional funding sources in order to support the core function of AVOW but also to seek continuation funding for those projects that may be coming to the end of their funding period. We will continue to monitor our finances monthly with the help of detailed management reports, and also through quarterly Trustee Finance meetings. These meetings are a chance to debate, challenge and question any figures that are presented.

Ty AVOW has undergone major roof repair to the lean-to addition at the rear elevation. This was funded by the WCBC Town Regeneration Fund. Through this work, it was discovered the building requires major additional works as highlighted in the 2024 building survey. The Trustees determined that it was best to plan a full building renovation not only to repair problem areas but also to bring the building to modern standards with a goal of being as close to NetZero as possible by 2030. The unrestricted funds surplus noted in year has been designated to support the building works. This investment into the building will ensure we have a healthy working environment for staff, volunteers and Trustees but also a vibrant environment for tenants and possibly increase occupancy.

AVOW has been a committed Real Living Wage (RLW) employer since 2022 and in line with that commitment increased staff to a minimum of £12.60 per hour from 1st January 2025, with all other staff receiving an uplift of 5%. Inflation remains high and Trustees want to ensure we retain staff and reduce the burden of financial difficulties as best we can.

We have been fortunate during the year to manage our cash flow wisely and invest in multiple long-term fixed investments through Flagstone. Due to the continuous high interest rates in year, we have generated £20,903 in bank interest between our Flagstone accounts and our current accounts. We continue to aim to deposit 4/5 deposits under the FSCS level of £85,000 at one time, and which mature equally throughout the year.

Restricted reserves have decreased in year to a value of £290,557 while Unrestricted funds have increased during the year due to the additional projects and grants undertaken in the year. AVOW now have a very robust unrestricted balance of £619,517 at the 31st March 2025. These funds are broken down into designated building costs £253,435 Redundancy/Other costs £201,515. Leaving our general reserves at £164,566 and free reserves at £46,295. We will apply for match funding and/or capital grants to part fund building upgrades, however, have assigned additional restricted funding to ensure Ty Avow receives the necessary repairs and maintains its value as an asset.

The Trustees have reviewed AVOW's finances for the 2025/2026 financial year and approved a budget through to 31st March 2026, which initially projected a deficit of £19,235. However, shortly after April 2025, continuation funding was secured and additional grants were awarded, effectively reducing the deficit to zero.

We remain committed to building on this proactive approach to financial planning and decision-making. AVOW will continue to actively seek new project opportunities and funding streams to ensure the long-term sustainability of the organisation.

Principal Funding Sources

The principal funding sources for AVOW remains the Infrastructure Core Grant from the Welsh Government - administered by Wales Council for Voluntary Action.

There are other various grants and Service Level Agreements with Wrexham County Borough Council and Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board

WCBC Adventure Play Project – Holiday Funds

WCBC Flying Start

WCBC Early Education

WCBC Families First

WCBC Warm Spaces

WCBC Town Centre Grant

WCBC Community Agents

WCBC ACL Training

WCBC Our Nature

WCBC Children & Young People

WCBC Shared Prosperity Key Fund

BCUHB Health Facilitator

Other substantial funders are detailed below:

BCT Invest Local for Plas Madoc

Cadwyn Clwyd

Charity Commission

Children in Need

Gwersyllt Community Council

Lloyds Foundation

Neumark Foundation

Tesco

The National Lottery Community Funds

We Are Plas Madoc

Lloyds Foundation

Reserves Policy

During the year the Trustees agreed to AVOW's policy of having at least 3-6 months annual running costs, together with a cash flow provision and a redundancy contingency in reserve. Trustees have assigned £38K to contribute towards the funding to support Community Development posts (remains at

4-year level). In practice this means £162,231, representing 3-6 months running costs, designated funds and redundancy contingency. Trustees have also designated £253,435 for building works on the Ty AVOW building. Total designated reserves are £454,951 which is covered by the unrestricted reserve of £619,517 at 31st March 2025. Free reserves on 31st March 2025 amounted to £46,295 (31st March 2024 £97,260). The Trustees noted that the free reserves level at the year-end is an improvement again on last year's figures due to adapting and utilising our assets to create additional unrestricted reserves.

Investment Policy

AVOW's Memorandum and Articles of Association authorises the investment of monies of the Association not immediately required for its purpose, in or upon such investments, securities, or property as may be thought fit subject nevertheless to such conditions if any as may for the time being, be imposed or required by law.

In practice this has led to AVOW investing funding from its reserves with several banks to ensure that we do not exceed our limit of compensation cover to secure the funds within a single Bank Licence cover of £85,000. This investment decision has been reviewed regularly during the year and has been found to be the best available option for AVOW to ensure the level of risk in investing in a single source is reduced.

Future Plans for AVOW

AVOW's future plans are shaped by its commitment to enabling a stronger, more connected voluntary and community sector in Wrexham. Building on recent achievements, AVOW will continue to develop services that promote wellbeing, inclusion, and sustainability while responding to emerging needs and opportunities.

Providing a home base for Voluntary and Community Organisations

AVOW has begun a major renovation and extension project of our home, Ty Avow on Egerton Street in the heart of Wrexham. The building is in need of major renovation including an electrical grid upgrade, sewage line realignment and major roof repairs. With the expert help of volunteer John Edwards, AVOW is taking on a project not only to correct these issue but also to expand our available community space to allow local community and voluntary organizations access to affordable meeting space, after hours, in the city centre. This project will cost approximately £3.1 million and we hope to break ground in Spring 2026.

Strengthening community wellbeing

AVOW will continue to provide delivery of the Community Agents initiative in partnership with Wrexham County Borough Council, coordinating support across 19 Community Councils in the South of the county. The programme focuses on improving wellbeing for residents aged 50+ through meaningful engagement, signposting and connections to local services. AVOW's Health and Wellbeing team will play a key role in ensuring these efforts are linked to wider community and statutory support networks.

Expanding health and accessibility initiatives

AVOW will continue to work closely with WCBC and Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB) to embed third sector contributions within health and social care strategies. The Health and Wellbeing Facilitator, funded by BCUHB, will lead on expanding social prescribing initiatives and exploring the feasibility of establishing a new Health and Wellbeing Hub in Cefn Mawr.

In partnership with the Accessibility Officer, AVOW will also deliver a pilot project using RITA Lite devices to support residents with early onset dementia, funded by WCBC. This cross-cutting work aims to promote inclusive health outcomes by aligning assistive technology with person-centred support.

In parallel, AVOW will expand its accessibility and mobility services, including extended opening hours for the Wrexham Shopmobility scheme and the introduction of an Accessibility Roadshow. The aim is to reduce barriers and raise awareness of available services, particularly for people with visible and hidden disabilities. A wider network of partners and community groups will be brought together to support long-term accessibility improvements across the county.

Supporting young people and families

Youth and family support remains a priority. AVOW will continue to support the play and community development team based at The Land in Plas Madoc, delivering key programmes such as breakfast clubs and family fun activities. Future plans include further development of youth-led initiatives, including environmental projects, volunteer programmes and playschemes that empower young people to shape their communities.

Developing volunteering opportunities

AVOW will continue to champion volunteering across Wrexham, promoting inclusive opportunities through the Volunteering Wales platform and ongoing coordination of the Volunteer Manager Network. A new strand of work will introduce supported volunteering placements for individuals with additional needs, delivered collaboratively by the Volunteer Development Officer and Accessibility Officer. This inclusive approach reflects AVOW's commitment to widening participation and ensuring everyone can contribute meaningfully to community life.

Sustaining and growing organisational support

Work to strengthen governance support will continue through AVOW's partnership with Flintshire Local Voluntary Council (FLVC), providing specialist advice on legal structures, compliance and best practice. AVOW will also maintain its wider support for voluntary and community organisations, including funding advice, training and organisational development.

Enhancing communication and digital presence

AVOW will further invest in its digital and communications strategy to promote the work of local groups and share resources more effectively. This will include the use of video, podcasts and digital storytelling to engage a wider audience. The relaunch of AVOW's bilingual website and use of emerging social media platforms will support better visibility and community engagement.

Improving financial sustainability

Financial sustainability remains central to AVOW's strategic planning. A mixed-income approach is in place, with revenue generated through building rental, partnerships and external grants. Designated reserves are being invested in long-term building maintenance at Tŷ AVOW, safeguarding its role as a central community resource.

Expanding grant and lottery management

AVOW will continue to manage community grant programmes, including the Shared Prosperity Fund, and support small-scale projects with high community impact. Alongside this, development of the Wrexham Community Lottery will provide an additional fundraising tool for local organisations, with AVOW leading on its coordination and growth.

Reference and administrative details

Charity number:	1043989
Company number:	2993429
Principal Office:	Tŷ Avow, 21 Egerton Street, Wrexham, LL11 1ND
Auditors:	WR Partners LLP, 1 Edison Court, Ellice Way, Wrexham Technology Park, Wrexham, LL13 7YT
Bankers:	Nat West Bank Ltd, 33 Lord Street, Wrexham, LL11 1LS

Directors and Trustees

The Directors of the charitable company (the charity) are its Trustees for the purpose of charity law and throughout this report are collectively referred to as the Trustees.

The Trustees serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

		<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Reappointed/Retired/Resigned</u>
Peter Howell	Chair	2021	Reappointed 2024
Mervyn Dean		2015	Reappointed 2024 special measures
Wanjiku Mbugua		2015	Resigned 2025
David Thompson		2016	Reappointed 2022
Howard Davies		2017	Reappointed 2023
Margaret Heaton		2019	Reappointed 2022
Helen Davies		2020	Reappointed 2023

Scot Owen	Co-Vice Chair	2020	Reappointed 2023
Kevin Forbes	Co-Vice Chair	2021	Reappointed 2024
Natasha Borton		2023	
Shanone Towers		2023	
Kevin Roberts		2023	Resigned 2025
Olga Fahey		2024	

Chief Officer: Dawn Roberts-McCabe

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

AVOW is a Company Limited by Guarantee governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 7th November 1994 (as amended in 2022). AVOW is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission. Membership is open to all voluntary and community organisations collectively known as the Third Sector and individuals acting for the benefit of the community either as volunteers or employees. The Governing Document is reviewed annually.

Organisational Structure

The Board of Trustees, which can have no more than 20 and not less than 6 members, sets the strategic direction of the charity. The Board of Trustees meet quarterly and there is a standing Finance Committee. A Chief Officer is appointed by the Trustees to manage the day-to-day operations of the charity within a framework of delegated powers along with a team of managers.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

The AVOW Board consists of no fewer than six and up to 20 volunteer Trustees who are also Directors of the Company serving for a three-year period. All trustees resign by rotation on a three yearly cycle. The Trustees may at any time co-opt any individual who is qualified to be appointed as a Trustee to fill a vacancy in their number or as an additional Trustee, but such a co-opted Trustee holds office only until the next election of Trustees or until removed by the Trustees (whichever is earlier) or insert other restrictions.

The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Trustees are appointed by the Trustees annually. The Trustees have the power to appoint or co-opt further Trustees to fill vacancies following a thorough skills audit of existing Trustees.

Per the guidance in the Charity Code of Ethics, in FY 2024-25, the Trustees found that there was no other Trustee available to take on the Chair of the Finance Committee, and reelected Mervyn Dean to a further one year term beyond the nine years stipulated in the governing document. A new Chair of the standing Finance Committee has been appointed in 2025. The Trustees are grateful to Mervyn Dean for supporting the organisation for an additional year.

Trustee induction and training

New Trustees undergo an induction to brief them on legal obligations under charity and company law, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the committee and decision-making processes as well as an overview of the recent financial performance of the charity. Trustees are encouraged to attend appropriate in house and external training events where these will facilitate the undertaking of their role. All Trustees are required to undertake online training in Safeguarding, Equality and Diversity, Data Protection, PREVENT, Whistleblowing and Information Security. All Trustees have undergone a DBS check in line with the requirements of Care Inspectorate Wales as AVOW undertake regulated activity at Little Sunflowers Child Care in Plas Madoc.

Related Parties

AVOW collaborates with a wide range of partners at local, regional, and national levels. These include public bodies and other third sector organisations. The purpose of the collaboration includes development of new projects and services, to secure additional resources, or to represent the interests of the third sector. AVOW receives core funding from the Welsh Government (administered by Wales Council for Voluntary Action, WCVA), through the National Infrastructure Agreement. The charity builds on this core funding by attracting support from a range of sources including Wrexham County Borough Council (WCBC), Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB) and Cadwyn Clwyd. Where trustees have any links with related parties these are declared on a register and trustees are required to declare any potential conflict of interest at the start of each meeting where the Chair will take appropriate action.

The Trustees consider the Board of Trustees, Chief Officer and Development Manager (Volunteer, Community, and Finance) as comprising the key management personnel of the charity. All the Trustees give their time freely and no Trustee remuneration was paid in the year.

Trustees are required to declare all relevant interests and withdraw from decisions where a conflict of interest arises.

Pay Policy for Senior Staff

The Finance Committee meet annually to review the pay and remuneration of the senior management team. The review of all senior staff pay is referenced to the NJC negotiated pay scales but not fully adopted. Any proposed adjustments to the pay of the senior management team are confirmed by the Finance Committee.

Risk management

An organisational Risk Register has been produced and is reviewed by Trustees annually. This identifies organisational risks and the risk management strategies in place to mitigate those risks.

Specialist advisors, SafetyNest, are contracted to oversee all Health and Safety matters by assessing and advising on risk assessments to ensure the safety of staff, volunteers, visitors, beneficiaries, and stakeholders and the Trustees consider the charity to be well positioned to manage.

AVOW contracts with external professional advisors on matters such as:

- Employment (renewed May 2025)
- Health & Safety (2024 for three years)
- Insurance (June 2025 for three years)
- Financial Auditing (next review January 2026)

Vision Statement

"Our vision is a Wrexham where individuals, communities, and voluntary organisations are fully supported, connected, and empowered to thrive. We envision a future where everyone has the opportunity to participate in shaping a fair, inclusive, and compassionate society--where voluntary action is recognised as a powerful force for positive change.

AVOW will continue to be a trusted partner at the heart of this transformation, driving collaboration, amplifying local voices, and championing the value of community-led initiatives across all areas of life in Wrexham. Creating a vibrant, inclusive Wrexham where communities are empowered, voices are heard, and voluntary action drives positive change for all."

Mission Statement

AVOW connects, supports, and empowers the voluntary and community sector in Wrexham to improve lives and strengthen communities. We champion collaboration, promote inclusion, and provide a voice

for local people and organisations to thrive and make a lasting impact.

Annual Trustee and Staff Awaydays are held to focus on key issues and identify challenges and opportunities; to ensure that core functions are in line with the aims and objectives.

Responsibilities of the Board of Trustees

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing such financial statements, the Board of Trustees follows best practice and;

- selects suitable accounting policies and applies them consistently.
- observes the methods and principles in the charities SORP.
- makes judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepares the financial statements on the “going concern” basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the company will continue on that basis.

The Board of Trustees is responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company’s transactions and 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.

Members of the Board of Trustees

Members of the Board of Trustees, who are Directors for the purpose of company law and Trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 3.

In accordance with company law, as the company’s directors, we certify that:

- so far as we are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company’s auditors are unaware; and
- we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity’s auditors are aware of that information.

Auditors

WR Partners LLP, 1 Edison Court, Ellice Way, Wrexham Technology Park, Wrexham, LL13 7YT were appointed, following a tender process in December 2014, as the charitable company's auditors and have continued in that capacity until the end of the 2021/22 financial year. The tender process was completed in January 2022 and WR Partners were instructed to continue as Audit provider for a further 3 years.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities 2015 and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102.

Approval

This Trustees' Annual Report and Strategic Report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 26th September 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Howell', with a horizontal line underneath it.

Peter Howell (Chair)

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS IN WREXHAM

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Association of Voluntary Organisations in Wrexham (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our Auditors' Report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Annual Report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Trustees' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the Charitable Company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate and proper accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under the Companies Act 2006 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

The audit team obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the charitable company and determined that the most significant are those which relate to the reporting framework (The Charity SORP 2019), the relevant tax compliance regulations and the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

We understood how the charitable company complies with these frameworks by making enquiries of management and those responsible for legal and compliance procedures. We also reviewed board minutes to identify any recorded instances of irregularity or non-compliance that might have a material impact on the financial statements.

We assessed the susceptibility of the charitable company's financial statements to material misstatement including how fraud may occur by meeting with key management to understand where they considered there was a susceptibility to fraud. Based on our understanding our procedures involved enquiries of management and those charged with governance, manual journal entry testing, cashbook reviews for large and unusual items and the challenge of significant estimates used in preparing the financial statements.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

The engagement team consisted of a team that the engagement partner believes is equipped with the relevant level of technical and society awareness to carry out our work to the required standard.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and its members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



WR Partners
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
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Date: 26/11/2025

WR Partners are eligible to act as auditors in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

ASSOCIATION OF VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS IN WREXHAM
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025
(INCORPORATING THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
		£	£	2025 £	2024 £
INCOME					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Donations and legacies	3	1,722	1,070	2,792	1,998
Investment Income-interest receivable		20,903	-	20,903	9,441
Income from charitable activities	4	373,044	673,611	1,046,655	978,541
Total income		<u>395,669</u>	<u>674,681</u>	<u>1,070,350</u>	<u>989,980</u>
EXPENDITURE					
Charitable activities	5	470,510	612,305	1,082,815	875,596
Total expenditure		<u>470,510</u>	<u>612,305</u>	<u>1,082,815</u>	<u>875,596</u>
Net (expenditure)/income for the year					
before transfers	7	(74,841)	62,376	-12,465	114,383
Gross transfers between funds	8	155,903	(155,903)		-
Net movement in funds		<u>81,062</u>	<u>(93,527)</u>	<u>-12,465</u>	<u>114,383</u>
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward	-	538,455	384,084	922,539	808,155
Total funds carried forward	14	<u>619,517</u>	<u>290,557</u>	<u>910,074</u>	<u>922,539</u>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

ASSOCIATION OF VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS IN WREXHAM

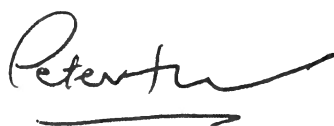
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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2025

		2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Assets	11		235,991		219,469
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	12		55,211		84,965
Cash at Bank and In Hand			<u>752,385</u>		<u>776,644</u>
			807,596		861,609
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	13		<u>(133,513)</u>		<u>(158,358)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>674,083</u>		<u>703,070</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			910,074		922,539
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	13				-
NET ASSETS			<u>910,074</u>		<u>922,539</u>
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY:					
Restricted funds	14		290,557		384,084
Unrestricted funds					
General reserves	14		164,566		193,170
Designated funds	14		454,951		345,285
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS			<u>910,074</u>		<u>922,539</u>

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and their preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on the 26th September 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Peter Howell (Chairman)

ASSOCIATION OF VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS IN WREXHAM
STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net movements in funds	(12,465)	115,732
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	36,798	31,867
Profit or loss in disposal of fixed assets		
Investment income - interest receivable		
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	29,754	(67,167)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(25,027)	52,975
Deferred Grant		-
Net cash generated from operating activities	<u>29,060</u>	<u>133,407</u>
 Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of Fixed Assets	(53,318)	(22,549)
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(53,318)</u>	<u>(22,549)</u>
 Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	<u>(24,258)</u>	110,858
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>776,643</u>	<u>665,785</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u><u>752,385</u></u>	<u><u>776,643</u></u>
 Cash and cash equivalents at the yearend comprise:		
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>752,385</u>	<u>776,643</u>
	<u><u>752,385</u></u>	<u><u>776,643</u></u>

**ASSOCIATION OF VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS IN WREXHAM
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES: -

The following accounting policies have been used consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the financial statements:

(a) Basis of preparation of accounts

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (October 2019– (Charities SORP (FRS102)), The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The Association of Voluntary Organisations in Wrexham (AVOW) meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

(b) Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

The Trustees have reviewed the current position for 2025/2026 and anticipate that they will fulfil the same service delivery in 2024/2025. Any cuts in income will have the appropriate decrease in expenses to safeguard the current level of unrestricted reserves.

(c) Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statements of Financial Activities when receivable. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.
- Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of service provided by the volunteers has not been included in these accounts.
- Investment income is included when receivable.
- Incoming resources from charitable trading activity are accounted for when earned.
- Incoming resources from grants, when related to performance and specific deliverables, are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

(d) Donated services and facilities

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over them, any condition associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and the economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) general volunteer time is not recognised.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in the expenditure in the period of receipt.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

(e) Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

(f) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the Trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charities work or for specific projects being undertaken.

Internal transfers between funds relate to management costs, support and administration charges applied to the projects and recharged back to unrestricted costs. These are a contribution towards management, support and administration costs of the charity as a whole.

(g) Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

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

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

(h) Allocation of support costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include back-office costs, finance, personnel, payroll and governance costs which supports AVOW and its activities.

(i) Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Purchases of furniture and equipment are capitalised where they can be used for more than one year and cost over £500. Depreciation on fixed assets is calculated to write down their costs or valuation to their estimated residual value over the period of their economic lives at the following rates: -

Freehold property	-	2% straight line basis
Furniture and Fixtures	-	20% straight line basis
Computers and Equipment	-	33% straight line basis
Motor Vehicles	-	20% straight line basis

(j) Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discount due.

**ASSOCIATION OF VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS IN WREXHAM
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

(k) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short-term investments.

(l) Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

(m) Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at the amortised cost using the effective interest method.

(n) Pensions

All employees are invited to join the Aegon pension's scheme with a non-contributory 7% contribution on gross salary. The pension is auto enrolment compliant and all those who had not joined the pension scheme as of November 2015 were automatically enrolled when necessary. The contributions made for the accounting period are treated as an expense and were £41,679 (2024: £35,147)

Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

The charity makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. In the opinion of the Trustees there are no estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

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2 LEGAL STATUSES OF THE CHARITY

AVOW is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital.

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
3 INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND LEGACIES				
Membership Fees	1,466	-	1,466	1,408
Donations and Legacies (including Gift Aid)	256	1,070	1,325	590
	1,722	1,070	2,792	£1,998

Income from donation and legacies was £2,792 (2024: £1,998) of which £1,722 was unrestricted (2024: £1,797) and £1,070 was restricted (2024: £201).

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
4a INCOMING FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES				
Grants and Other Service Contract Income				
Wrexham County Borough Council				
Plas Madoc Flying Start	-	103,508	103,508	88,455
Early Education	-	4,430	4,430	8,750
Shopmobility	-	-	-	-
Adventure Play Grant	-	12,923	12,923	16,290
Families First	-	34,116	34,116	33,060
RRRS	-	-	-	250
Community Cohesion Grant	-	-	-	2,250
Ageing Well	-	-	-	22,727
Capital Digital Inclusion	-	-	-	72,449
Town Centre Grant	-	49,999	49,999	-
Community Agents	-	134,905	134,905	-
WCBC City of Culture Grant	-	-	-	-
WCBC Warm Spaces	-	1,692	1,692	-
WCBC ACL Training	-	7,500	7,500	-
WCBC Our Nature	-	6,260	6,260	-
WCBC Children & Young People	-	1,500	1,500	-
WCBC Shared Prosperity Key Fund	-	21,467	21,467	-

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	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
4a				
INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES				
BCUHB				
Health Facilitator	-	44,446	44,446	42,452
Partners In Care	-	-	-	-
GP Facilitator	-	-	-	-
Winter Pressures Grant	-	-	-	-
Poverty Research	-	-	-	-
IMPT	-	-	-	-
Wales Council for Voluntary Action				
Local Voluntary Scheme	220,194	-	220,194	200,754
Safeguarding	-	5,917	5,917	-
Child Poverty	-	-	-	-
Youth Led Grants	-	6,650	6,650	6,650
Comic Relief Grant	-	-	-	-
VSEF Grants	-	-	-	-
Welsh Government				
Winter Pressures Grant	-	-	-	-
Food Poverty	-	-	-	-
Community Transport Grant	-	-	-	-
Ann Duchess of Westminster	-	-	-	10,000
Lottery	-	95,009	95,009	92,646
Lottery Community Fund	-	-	-	10,000
Children In Need	-	19,310	19,310	18,838
Charity Commission	-	957	957	30,000
AVOW MAD Grant	-	468	468	-
Plas Madoc Invest Local	-	78,174	78,174	78,174
BME- Ethnic Minorities & Youth Support	-	-	-	-
Cadwyn Clwyd	-	19,766	19,766	50,895
Community Learning Grant	-	-	-	-
We Are Plas Madoc	-	-	-	-
Tesco	-	330	330	990
Neumark Foundation	-	15,258	15,258	2,500
Wrexham University	-	-	-	-
Gwersyllt Community Council	-	780	780	-
Lloyds Foundation	-	1,000	1,000	-
Neighbourly Fund	-	-	-	555
AVOW Loneliness & Isolation Fund	-	-	-	4,650
Asset Lock	-	-	-	16,211
Match Funding	-	-	-	13,231
	-	-	-	-
Total Grants Receivable	220,194	666,365	886,559	822,787

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	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
4b. INCOME EARNED FROM OTHER ACTIVITIES				
Rents and services	50,678	537	51,215	45,513
Photocopying and postage	72	-	72	157
Payroll services	76,995	-	76,995	78,304
Trips and events	-	-	-	-
Training courses	4,307	-	4,307	5,529
Community Lottery	1,995	717	2,712	2,923
LSCC Income	5,655	-	5,655	9,531
Shopmobility	12,381	-	12,381	5,982
Other income	767	5,992	6,759	7,816
	<u>373,044</u>	<u>673,611</u>	<u>1,046,655</u>	<u>978,541</u>

Income from charitable activities was £1,046,655 (2024: £978,541) of which £373,044 related to unrestricted reserves (2024: £354,953) and £673,611 restricted reserves (2024: £623,288).

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	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
5 ANALYSES OF EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES:				
Grants Payable				
Youth Led Grants	-	9,571	9,571	7,659
MAD Grant	-	5,680	5,680	-
Glyndwr University	-	-	-	3,000
Asset Lock	-	2,656	2,656	-
WCBC Loneliness & Isolation Grant	-	-	-	16,500
WCBC Food Poverty	-	-	-	(1,543)
Other Costs of Charitable Activity				
Bad Debts written off			-	-
Volunteer Match	-	-	-	13,231
Staff salaries & pensions	284,357	446,520	730,877	624,928
Staff travel	1,472	493	1,965	1,264
Staff training	5,172	1,934	7,106	6,142
Other staff costs	3,026	1,985	5,011	1,892
DBS Charges	269	695	964	482
Volunteer expenses & Training	367	605	972	445
Other Training	4,231	5,842	10,073	-
Consultancy	6,000	-	6,000	-
Depreciation	30,954	5,840	36,794	31,869
Telephone	1,207	1,973	3,180	1,181
Computer maintenance and expenses	22,523	7,486	30,040	23,039
Insurance	7,450	-	7,450	10,548
Heat and light	8,276	-	8,276	6,341
Water rates	566	-	566	498
Repairs and maintenance	51,029	50,405	101,434	24,385
Printing, postage & stationery	910	5,424	6,334	2,279
Projects and events	7,528	53,511	61,039	46,495
Project publicity and promotion costs	2,682	4,906	7,588	9,119
Sundry expenses	367	-	365	231
Bank charges	4,617	1	4,618	3,954
Subscriptions, books and publications	1,675	819	2,494	1,009
Research Project		-	-	-
Shopmobility	1,071	2,372	3,443	1,993
Van Expenses	-	3,587	3,587	2,062
Governance Costs				
Audit fees	12,346	-	12,346	9,866
Accountancy Fees	-	-	-	-

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5. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES continued:

Legal and professional fees	11,005	-	11,005	12,401
AGM Expenses	1,357		1,357	3,575
Health & Safety	22	-	22	201
	<u>470,510</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,082,815</u>	<u>875,596</u>

Expenditure on charitable activities was £1,082,815 (2024: £875,596) of which £470,510 was unrestricted (2024: £428,693) and £612,305 was restricted (2024: £446,903)

	Costs of Activities £	Support Costs £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
6 ANALYSES OF OTHER COSTS				
Bad Debts written off			-	-
Volunteer Match	-	-	-	13,231
Staff salaries & pensions	550,880	179,997	730,877	624,928
Staff travel	957	1,008	1,965	1,265
Staff training	1,994	11,112	13,106	6,142
Other staff costs	2,396	2,615	5,011	1,892
DBS Charges	741	223	964	482
Volunteer expenses & Training	692	280	972	445
Other training costs & Consultancy	10,073	-	10,073	8,780
Depreciation	5,840	30,954	36,794	31,869
Telephone	1,973	1,207	3,180	1,181
Computer maintenance and expenses	8,661	21,379	30,040	23,039
Insurance	-	7,450	7,450	10,548
Heat and light	-	8,276	8,276	6,341
Water rates	-	566	566	498
Repairs and maintenance	50,596	50,838	101,434	24,385
Printing, postage & stationery	5,457	877	6,334	2,279
Projects and events	58,913	2,126	61,039	46,495
Project publicity and promotion costs	4,924	2,664	7,588	9,120
Sundry expenses	-	367	367	231
Bank charges	783	3,835	4,618	3,954
Subscriptions, books and publications	1,453	1,041	2,494	1,009
Research Project	-	-	-	-
Shopmobility	3,443		3,443	1,993
Van Expenses	3,587	-	3,587	2,062

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6. ANALYSES OF OTHER COSTS continued

Legal and professional fees	-	23,351	23,531	12,401
AGM Expenses	-	1,357	1,357	3,575
Health & Safety	-	<u>22</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>201</u>
		<u>713,362</u>	<u>351,546</u>	<u>1,064,908</u>
			<u>1,064,908</u>	<u>849,978</u>

Expenditure on other costs was £1,064,908 of which £713,362 was cost of activities (2024: £549,027) and £351,546 was support costs (2024: £300,951).

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	2025	2024
	£	£
7 NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR		
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation	36,798	31,869
Auditors Remuneration	11,500	9,763

8 GROSS TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS

This figure comprises internal recharges for services provided by AVOW to various restricted fund projects and contributions towards AVOW's management of the restricted projects, net of any overspends on restricted projects which have been covered by general funds. A more detailed breakdown is given under note 14 c).

9 TRUSTEES AND EMPLOYEE INFORMATION

a) Trustees:

No Trustees received any remuneration during the year (2024- Nil).

Travel expenses to the value of Nil (2024: Nil) were paid to 0 trustees (2024: Nil) during the year to attend meetings.

During the year a number of trustees donated their expenses to AVOW. All the transactions were conducted on an arm's length basis in support of the charity.

	2025	2024
	£	£
b) Employees:		
Staff Costs:		
Salaries and Wages	644,638	552,151
Social Security Costs	44,560	37,630
Pension Costs	41,679	35,147
Redundancy Costs	-	-
	730,877	622,305

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 (2024 – nil).

The key management personnel of the charity are the Chief Officer and Development Manager for Volunteering, Community & Finance. Their employee benefits total £115,496 (2024: £105,126).

	2025	2024
The average number of employees was:	27	27
The average number employees FTE	18	18

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10 CORPORATION TAX

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

11 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Building £	Furniture & Fixtures £	Computer Equipment £	Motor Vehicles £	Totals £
COST					
Opening balance 1 April 2024	292,108	153,317	51,214	117,597	614,236
Additions	-	-	31,477	21,841	53,318
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Closing balance 31 March 2025	<u>292,108</u>	<u>153,317</u>	<u>82,691</u>	<u>139,438</u>	<u>667,554</u>
DEPRECIATION					
Opening Balance 1 April 2023	147,514	148,731	49,249	49,271	394,765
Charge for the year	5,842	1,813	5,228	23,915	36,798
Disposals					
Closing Balance 31 March 2024	<u>153,356</u>	<u>150,544</u>	<u>54,477</u>	<u>66,252</u>	<u>431,563</u>
Net Book Value 31 March 2025	<u>138,752</u>	<u>2,773</u>	<u>28,214</u>	<u>66,252</u>	<u>235,991</u>
Net Book Value 31 March 2024	<u>144,594</u>	<u>4,586</u>	<u>1,965</u>	<u>68,326</u>	<u>219,471</u>

The freehold property referred to above is Ty Avow, 21 Egerton Street, Wrexham, which is included in these financial statements at original cost less depreciation.

12 DEBTORS

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade Debtors	38,805	64,014
Prepayments	15,626	20,233
Accrued income	465	403
Accrued Gift Aid Tax	315	315
	<u>55,211</u>	<u>84,965</u>

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	2025	2024
	£	£
13 CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade Creditors	10,631	39,043
Accruals and Deferred Income	16,003	17,795
PAYE & NI Creditor	16,050	11,555
Payroll Creditor	90,829	90,145
	133,513	158,538
	133,513	158,538

The creditor and bank balances include £96,219 in respect of the HMRC creditor for AVOW's payroll clients along with credits held on account.

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14 MOVEMENT OF FUNDS TO 31ST MARCH 2025

a) Summary of funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Brought forward	538,455	384,084	922,539	808,155
Net Movement in Funds	81,062	(93,527)	(12,465)	114,384
Carried forward	619,517	290,557	910,074	922,539

b) Unrestricted Funds

	General Fund	Designated Funds: Running Costs and Redundancy Contingency	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Brought forward	193,170	345,285	538,455	493,170
Income & Expenditure Account	(184,507)	109,666	(74,841)	(119,929)
Transfer from Restricted Funds	155,903		155,903	165,214
Carried forward	164,566	454,951	619,517	538,455

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C) Restricted Funds

	1st April 2024	Incoming	Outgoing	Manage- ment	Internal charges/Overheads	Transfers from/to unrestricted	At 31st March 2025
Accessibility Projects Moondance	11,438	0	4,067	4,131	3,240	0	0
Acton Craft Event	0	500	21	0	0	0	479
Acton Warm Space	0	820	820	0	0	0	0
Ann Duchess of Westminster	154	0	0	0	0	0	154
BCT Adv Play & Dev officer Plan 2	10,408	60,546	65,250	4,287	5,944	0	-4,527
BCT Plan 2	20,649	17,628	9,013	743	0	0	28,521
Broughton Comm Asset Lock	11,304	0	2,656	0	0	0	8,648
Cadwyn Shared Prosperity	-135	19,766	12,882	4,750	1,999	0	0
Charity Commission	30,000	957	13	0	0	0	30,944
Community Agents	0	135,314	106,920	20,496	300	7,598	0
Community Transport	4,960	2,101	2,821	0	0	0	4,240
Core AVOW Safeguarding	0	5,917	5,917	0	0	0	0
Core Buildings	123,561	0	5,841	0	0	0	117,720
Gwersyllt Community Council	0	780	669	0	0	0	111
Gwersyllt Community Cohesion	2,250	0	2,189	0	0	0	61
Gwersyllt Community learning	0	7,500	0	0	0	0	7,500
Gwersyllt Craft	0	50	0	0	0	0	50
Gwersyllt MAD Grant	0	468	0	0	0	0	468

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Gwersyllt Our Nature	0	6,260	6,260	0	0	0	0
Gwersyllt Hub Loneliness & Isolation	627	0	627	0	0	0	0
H&SC Facilitator & Dev Officer	11,905	44,446	36,947	5,351	5,685	0	8,368
LSCC Lil Stars	0	4,430	881	434	0	0	3,115
LSCC Capital Grant	1,953	0	528	0	0	0	1,425
LSCC EYDCP	1,655	0	0	0	0	0	1,655
LSCC Flying Start	-3,372	103,508	80,731	9,000	7,088	0	3,317
LSCC Neumark	163	15,258	12,086	1,511	1,824	0	0
LSCC Plastonbury	0	923	882	0	0	0	41
LSCC RRRS Grant	861	0	575	0	0	0	286
Lloyds Foundation	0	1,000	1,000	0	0	0	0
MAD Grant	1,544	729	6,180	0	0	-4,228	321
Play Barclaycard Football Fund	325	0	0	0	0	0	325
PM CIN	-2,241	19,310	13,200	-756	2,038	0	2,587
PM Drama Club	405	0	0	0	0	0	405
PM Families First	297	0	23	0	0	0	274
PM Families First 2	12,975	0	0	0	0	0	12,975
PM Families First Parent Carers	-492	9,999	0	3,306	3,108	0	3,093
PM Families First Parent Support	5,895	24,117	28,858	0	0	0	1,154
PM Play Donations	11,315	500	0	0	0	0	11,815
PM Play Lottery	-7	95,009	79,382	6,505	7,672	0	1,443
PM Play Neighbourly	855	0	0	0	0	0	855
PM WCBC Holiday/Summer of fun	183	0	0	0	0	0	183
PM Play Winter Pressures	239	0	0	0	0	0	239
PM WCBC City of Culture	4,000	0	3,387	0	0	0	613

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PM WCBC holiday	7,648	0	1,314	0	0	0	6,334
PM WG Holiday Playworks	22,915	12,000	2,590	1,500	0	0	30,825
Penycae Warm Space	0	871	827	0	0	0	44
Shopmobility Loneliness & Isolation Grant	2,500	0	0	0	0	2,500	0
Shopmobility Lottery	254	0	0	0	0	0	254
Shopmobility Shared Prosperity	0	21,467	2,371	0	0	19,096	0
Shopmobility Tesco Blue Tokens	-307	330	0	0	0	0	23
Shopmobility Warm Space	-4	0	0	0	0	-4	0
Town Centre Grant	0	49,999	49,999	0	0	0	0
Youth led Grants	2,414	6,750	9,071	0	93	0	0
WCBC 3rd Sector Hub	6,291	537	16,933	4,800	3,864	0	-18,769
WCBC City of Culture	750	0	0	0	0	0	750
WCBC Food Poverty	1,543	0	0	0	0	0	1,543
WCBC Mobility & Digital Inclusion	72,449	0	34,117	6,000	0	11,610	20,722
WCBC Wrexham Town Board Senedd Yr Ifanc	0	1,500	757	150	40	0	553
WG Winter Pressures	-273	0	0	0	0	0	-273
Wrexham Business Group Asset Lock	4,228	0	0	0	0	4,228	0
Wrexham City Of Culture	0	3,388	3,688	0	0	0	-300
Rounding	2	3	1				4
Total	384,082	674,678	612,304	72,208	42,895	40,800	290,557

Management charges/Internal charges totalling £155,903 represent grant monies expended on services provided by AVOW during the year. Management transfers include contribution towards AVOW's administration according to the terms of the grant. Transfers from unrestricted funds represents any overspends which have been covered by general funds. The negative balances at the 31st of March 2025 are timing issues and will be carried forward to the 2025/2026 accounts.

All the grants listed above are held by AVOW and managed according to their contract restrictions. All restricted funds are used to provide services, assistance and advice to our members, service users and members of the public in the Wrexham area and further afield. All expenses are applied against the correlating income. The property grant relates to the grant AVOW received to purchase Ty Avow, depreciation is charged against the income on an annual basis. Further details of these projects can be found in the Trustees Annual Report.

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15 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Fund Balances on 31st March 2025 are represented by:				
Tangible Fixed Assets	118,271	117,720	235,991	219,471
Net Current Assets	501,246	172,837	674,083	703,068
	619,517	290,557	910,074	922,539
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Fund Balances on 31st March 2024 are represented by:				
Tangible Fixed Assets	95,910	123,561	219,471	228,789
Net Current Assets	442,545	260,523	703,068	579,366
	538,455	384,084	922,539	808,155

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16. OPERATING LEASES

At 31st March 2025, the charity had commitments to make sure minim leases payment under non-cancellable leases as follows:

2025

No later than 1 year £2,623

Later than 1 year and not £5,903
later than 5 years

Later than 5 years -

£8,526

17 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Scot Owen is Chair of the Board of Trustees at Treasure Chest, a childcare provider based at Park CP School. Treasure chests are clients of AVOW payroll services. Sales Transactions during the year totalled £1,279 (2024: £1,323). Scott also manages Xplore who are potential beneficiaries of AVOW and providers of services to The Land. Sales transactions £10 (2024: £298).

Peter Howell is a Councillor for Wrexham County Borough Council, a Community Councillor for Gwersyllt and a Committee member of Wrexham Athletics club who are potential beneficiaries of AVOW.

Shanone Towers is a Director of Litegreen who rent premises at Ty Avow. Rent charges for 2024/2025 was £7,895 (£7,125 2024).

Mervyn Dean, David Thompson are both Trustees of Wrexham Miners Project who are potential beneficiaries of AVOW. Sales Transactions during the year totalled £20.

Kevin Roberts is a Community Councillor for Little Acton of which AVOW have benefited from donations totalling £500.