Company number: 07471406

# Living Streets Services Limited Annual Report and Financial Statements For the year ended 31 March 2025

### **Living Streets Services Limited**

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#### Living Streets Services Limited Reference and Administrative Details

#### For the year ended 31 March 2025

Status The organisation is a company limited by share capital,

incorporated on 16 December 2010

Company number 07471406

Registered office and operational address

Stroke House 240 City Road

London England EC1V 2PR

**Directors** Susan McFarlane (Chair)

Mollie Bickerstaff (resigned 27 September 2024)

**Andy Cottrell** 

Stephen Edwards (resigned 25 April 2024)

Stephen Jefford (resigned 29 April 2024, reappointed 21

November 2024)

Dame Jane Elizabeth Roberts

Sarah Taylor

**Company Secretary** Victor Simango (appointed 27 September 2024)

Faheza Peerboccus (resigned 27 September 2024)

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#### Living Streets Services Limited (Company number: 07471406)

#### **Directors Report**

#### For the year ended 31 March 2025

The Directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

#### The Directors and their interests

Directors are listed on the Reference and Administrative Details page.

#### Principal activities and review

Living Streets Services Limited (LSS) provides products and services which promote walking, wheeling, and other forms of active travel. Trading activity comprises principally of the sale of products to government-funded projects, local authorities, and primary schools, such as WOW - the walk to school challenge and Walk to School Week. Activity relating to younger (early years) and older (secondary school) children is expanding, as is that concerning workplaces (employers and employees).

The company results for the year show an operating profit of £0.6 million (2024: £0.5 million). The increase in profit was due to increased sales volumes during this year.

Total sales are £1.5 million (2024: £1.4 million). Commercial sales contributed £0.4 million (2024: £0.5 million) while internal sales were £1.1 million (2024: £0.9 million).

Cost of sales were £0.9 million (2024: £0.9 million) while administrative costs were £85,000 (2024: £68,000).

#### The impact of inflation and how we are managing it

With the UK inflation rate on an upward trajectory in the latter half of the calendar year, the Board of Directors and Senior Management Team have monitored the situation closely. We are taking responsible decisions promptly to safeguard the company's financial health. For example, we have continued to adapt our pricing strategy to accommodate foreseen increases in WOW badge costs.

While our WOW development project seeks to identify alternatives to badge incentives to improve sustainability and acheive cost efficiencies. The company is experiencing some cost inflation for other suppliers, such as for print and distribution, which is being mitigated through our pricing strategy and operational activities which minimise wastage of stock. The value of historic badges held by the company has now been reduced to £15,000 via reuse and recycling measures, compared with £26,000 in March 2024.

#### Wider economic challenges affecting LSS current and future growth

The funding landscape remains challenging with general budget reductions at local and central government levels which affect our ability to forecast future revenue with certainty. However, we are building resilience within the company by improving our product range (prioritising WOW, our largest revenue stream) and increasing diversified income from our early years and workplaces offers for example, to mitigate against this uncertainty.

#### Living Streets Services Limited (Company number: 07471406)

#### **Directors Report**

#### For the year ended 31 March 2025

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the Directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and the profit or loss of the company for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in operation.

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

The Directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of the financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

#### Provision of information to auditors

Each of the persons who are Directors at the time when this Annual Report is approved has confirmed that:

- So far as that Director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware, and
- each Director has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a director in order to be aware of any information needed by the company's auditors in connection with preparing their report and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

#### Living Streets Services Limited (Company number: 07471406)

#### **Directors Report**

#### For the year ended 31 March 2025

#### **Auditors**

The auditor, MHA, previously traded through the legal entity MacIntyre Hudson LLP. In response to regulatory changes, MacIntyre Hudson LLP ceased to hold an audit registration with the engagement transitioning to MHA Audit Services LLP.

MHA will be proposed for reappointment in accordance with section 485 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Annual Report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

Approved by the Directors on 26 June 2025 and signed on their behalf by

Susan McFarlane - Director

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Living Streets Services Limited (the 'company') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the Statement of Income and Retained Earnings, Balance Sheet and notes to the financial statements, including 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 company's affairs as at 31 March 2025, and of its profit/loss 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 Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report.

We are independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC'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 directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate. Our evaluation of the directors' assessment of the entity's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting included critical reviews of budgets and forecasts provided.

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 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 directors 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 auditor's report thereon. The directors 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 coursed 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.

#### Opinions 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 Directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Directors' report have 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 company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Directors' report.

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

- adequate 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 directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the directors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies' regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

#### **Responsibilities of directors**

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement set out in the Directors' report, the directors 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 directors 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 directors are responsible for assessing the 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 directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### Auditors responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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 specific procedures for this engagement and the extent to which these are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- Enquiry of those in management functions around actual and potential litigation and claims:
- Enquiry of those in management functions to identify any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- Performing audit work over the risk of management override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness;
- Evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business;
- Reviewing accounting estimates for bias;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

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.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: https://www.frc.org.uk/Our-Work/Audit/Audit-and-assurance/Standards-and-guidance/Standards-and-guidance-for-auditors/Auditors-responsibilities-for-audit/Description-of-auditors-responsibilities-for-audit.aspx. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

#### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the 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 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 company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Stuart McKay BSc FCA DChA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of MHA, Statutory Auditor London, United Kingdom

Date: 30.07.2025

MHA is the trading name of MHA Audit Services LLP, a limited liability partnership in England and Wales (registered number OC455542)

## Living Streets Services Limited Statement of Income and Retained Earnings For the year ended 31 March 2025

	Note	Year ended 31 March 2025 £	Year ended 31 March 2024 £
Turnover Cost of sales	2 3	1,540,291 (904,665)	1,420,563 (883,935)
Gross profit		635,626	536,628
Administrative expenses	4	(84,730)	(67,908)
Operating profit	5	550,896	468,720
Profit before taxation		550,896	468,720
Taxation Profit on ordinary activities after taxation	6	550,896	468,720
All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. There were no other recognised gains or losses other than the profit or loss for the year.			
Reconciliation of shareholders' funds			
Retained earnings at the beginning of the year Profit for the year Distribution	ır	468,720 550,896 (468,720)	314,839 468,720 (314,839)
Retained earnings at the end of the year		550,896	468,720

	Note	Year ended 31 March 2025	Year ended 31 March 2024
Current assets			
Stock	7	42,512	71,371
Debtors	8	503,944	656,601
Cash at bank and in hand		253,937	31,364
		800,393	759,336
Creditors: amounts due within one year Net current assets	9	(249,496) 550,897	(290,615) 468,721
Net assets		550,897	468,721
Capital and reserves			
Share capital	10	1	1
Profit and loss account	11	550,896	468,720
Total funds		550,897	468,721

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 Section 1A (Small Entities).

Approved by the Directors on 26 June 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Susan McFarlane - Director

#### 1. Accounting policies

a) These financial statements have been prepared for the year ended 31 March 2025 with comparatives for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102"), the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 as applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime, and under the historical cost convention.

As the Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Charity, Living Streets, the Company has taken advantage of the exemption contained in FRS 102 and has therefore not disclosed transactions or balances with entities which form part of the group (or investees of the group qualifying as related parties). The consolidated financial statements of Living Streets, within which this company is included, can be obtained from the address given in note 12.

The Company is exempt from the requirement of FRS 102 to prepare a cashflow statement as it is a wholly owned subsidiary undertaking of Living Streets group and its cashflows are included within the consolidated cashflow statement of that body.

b) Turnover is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the company and the turnover can be reliably measured. Turnover is measured as the fair value of the consideration received or receivable. The following criteria must also be met before turnover is recognised:

#### Sale of goods

- the company has transferred the significant risks and rewards of ownership to the buyer;
- the amount of turnover can be measured reliably;
- it is probable that the company will receive the consideration due under the transaction; and
- the costs incurred or to be incurred in respect of the transaction can be measured reliably.
- c) Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is determined on a first in first out basis and includes transport and handling costs. Net realisable value is the price at which stocks can be sold in the normal course of business after allowing for the costs of realisation. Provision is made where necessary for obsolete, slow moving, and defective stocks.
- d) The Financial Statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The Directors assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate and have identified no material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the company to continue as a going concern.

#### 2. Turnover

Turnover is attributable to the principal activity of the company.		
	Year ended	Year ended
	31 March	31 March
	2025	2024
	£	£
Commercial Sales		
	410,055	498,613
Scotland	-	31,476
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Scotland and Wales		242,685
	1,540,291	1,420,563
Cost of sales		
Intercompany Salary Recharge	155.899	211,079
	94	1,996
3	19,061	36,322
Purchase of Resources - Production Costs	520,786	468,648
Purchase of Resources - Fulfilment	132,790	109,139
Marketing Costs	43,236	32,876
Website Development and Support	32,204	23,040
Subscriptions, membership, and publications	595	835
	904,665	883,935
	Commercial Sales     England and Wales     Scotland  Internal Sales     England     Scotland and Wales  Cost of sales Intercompany Salary Recharge Staff Training Purchase of Resources - Design Purchase of Resources - Production Costs Purchase of Resources - Fulfilment Marketing Costs Website Development and Support	Year ended 31 March 2025 £ Commercial Sales England and Wales Scotland - Internal Sales England Scotland Scotla

#### Staff costs

The company did not have direct staff during the year and for the prior period, as all staff were employed by the parent, Living Streets (The Pedestrians Association).

		Year ended	Year ended
		31 March	31 March
		2025	2024
4.	Administrative expenses	£	£
	Bank Charges	4,166	2,660
	Irrecoverable VAT	60,534	47,122
	Audit and Accountancy Fees	8,386	6,250
	Bad Debt Provision	9,949	-
	Stock impairment losses	-	5,567
	Legal and sundry costs	1,535	5,726
	Consultants/Contractor Fees	-	583
	Monitoring and Evaluation	160	
		84,730	67,908

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5.	Operating profit	Year ended 31 March 2025 £	Year ended 31 March 2024 £
	This is stated after charging:		
	Auditor's remuneration	6,500	6,000
	Non audit fees (preparation of Corporation Tax return)	1,000	1,100
	Directors' remuneration		

One director (2024: one) received payment as employees of Living Streets (The Pedestrians Association), the Company's parent, whilst they were also a director of the company.

#### 6. Taxation

No corporation tax is payable in the year as the Company donates all its profits to Living Streets, its ultimate parent undertaking. The total amount of profits is payable, nine months after the year end. In line with ICAEW Technical Release 'Tech16/14BL', the Company treats this donation as a distribution of reserves, and it is paid either pre year end or within 9 months of the year end. Any donation made in this manner is capped to the level of distributable reserves available. The Board is responsible for formally agreeing the amount to be distributed each year.

7.	Stock		
		Year ended	Year ended
		31 March	31 March
		2025	2024
		£	£
	Finished goods	57,847	86,510
	Less: Allowance for obsolete stock	(15,335)	(15,139)
		42,512	71,371
8.	Debtors		
		Year ended	Year ended
		31 March	31 March
		2025	2024
		£	£
	Trade debtors	128,469	141,811
	Less: provision for doubtful debts	(11,810)	(1,861)
		116,659	139,950
	Amounts due from group companies	387,285	516,651
		503,944	656,601

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9.	Creditors: amounts due within one year		
		Year	
		ended 31	Year ended
		March	31 March
		2025	2024
		£	£
	Trade creditors	19,104	34,084
	VAT payable	35,770	(3,878)
	Accruals	11,807	7,100
	Deferred income	182,815	253,309
		249,496	290,615
10.	Share capital		
		Year	
		ended 31	Year ended
		March	31 March
		2025	2024
	The company's share capital at the year-end was:		£
		No.	No.
	£1 ordinary shares:		
	Called up, issued, and fully paid	1	1
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		Year	
		ended 31	Year ended
		March	31 March
11.	Reserves	2025	2024
		£	£
	Balance as at 1 April	468,720	314,838
	Profit for the financial year ended 31 March 2024	550,896	468,720
	Distribution made to parent company (Living Streets)	(468,720)	(314,838)
	Balance as at 31 March	550,896	468,720
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#### 12. Ultimate controlling party

The company's ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party is Living Streets (The Pedestrians Association), a registered charity (Charity number: 1108448) and company limited by guarantee (Company number: 05368409), with registered office address Stroke House, 240 City Road, London EC1V 2PR.

Living Streets Services Limited has taken advantage of the FRS 102 exemption not to disclose intra-group transactions.

The largest group in which the results of the company are consolidated is Living Streets (The Pedestrians Association). Copies of the consolidated financial statements are available from The Charity Commission.

Living Streets Services Limited Gift Aids available profits to its parent undertaking.