Western Counties Liberal Democrats
Accounts for Year Ending 31st December 2025

Registered Address: 66 Buckingham Gate, London, SW1E 6AU**.**

Elected Representatives

Responsible Officers

For the purposes of the Political Parties Elections Referendums Act 2000, the responsible officers are:

Names	Position
Fergus Ustinowski	Chair
Merche Clark	Treasurer

Branches

There are no branches

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Accounting Notes

This statement of accounts uses accruals accounting method.

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Income Overview

Income remained in lline with last year

Expenditure Overview

Expenditure was focussed on Staffing: 2.8 fte were contracted with HQ; schemes to support interns during elections were in place; where staff were shared between local parties, Western Counties contracted them and invoiced local parties

Balance Sheet Overview

Reserves increased due to a surplus made in the revenue account

Overview of Political Activities

Local elections in Wiltshire and Gloucestershire were supported through intern schemes

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Income and Expenditure Account

	Note	2025	2024
Income			
Membership	1	£48,880.25	£47,331.11
Affiliations	2	£0.00	£0.00
Donations	3	£216.00	£221.00
Branch income	4	£0.00	£0.00
Fundraising income	5	£3,856.60	£5,055.75
Investment income	6	£1,368.62	£2,510.17
Transfers in	7	£18,483.60	£17,046.14
Property & rental income / Other services	8	£0.00	£0.00
Miscellaneous	9	£233.96	£0.00
Total income		£73,039.03	£72,164.17
Expenditure			
Premises	-	£0.00	£0.00
Office & admin costs	-	£7,151.32	£3,440.73
Branch expenditure	4	£0.00	£0.00
Staff costs	10	£10,346.37	£40,559.56
Transfers out	7	£45,950.74	£5,260.39
Campaigning costs	-	£0.00	£18,951.89
Fundraising costs	5	£0.00	£4,673.79
Financing charges and Taxation	11	£253.75	£115.35
Depreciation	12	£0.00	£0.00
(Profit) / loss on sale of assets	15	£0.00	£0.00
Miscellaneous	9	£156.30	£0.00
Total expenditure		£63,858.48	£73,001.71
(Deficit) / surplus		£9,180.55	£(837.54)

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Balance Sheet

	Note	2025	2024
Fixed Assets			
Property	12	£0.00	£0.00
Fixtures and fittings	12	£0.00	£0.00
Office equipment	12	£0.00	£0.00
Investments	6	£0.00	£0.00
Total fixed assets		£0.00	£0.00
Current Assets			
Cash in hand and at bank	6	£66,486.28	£60,156.81
Stock	13	£0.00	£0.00
Debtors and Prepayments	14	£3,744.12	£3,040.00
Total current assets		£70,230.40	£63,196.81
Liabilities			
Creditors and Accruals	-	£3,908.83	£6,055.79
Loans outstanding	15	£0.00	£0.00
Total liabilities		£3,908.83	£6,055.79
Total Net Assets / (Liabilities)		£66,321.57	£57,141.02
Reserves			
Accumulated fund at the start of the year		£57,141.02	£57,978.56
Transfers between accumulated fund and other funds		£0.00	£0.00
Deficit / surplus		£9,180.55	£(837.54)
Accumulated fund at the end of the year		£66,321.57	£57,141.02
Asset Revaluation Reserve		£0.00	£0.00
Other funds		£0.00	£0.00
Total reserves		£66,321.57	£57,141.02

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Notes to the Accounts

Note 1: Membership

	2025	2024
Membership fees received via the central party	£48,880.25	£47,331.11

Note 2: Affiliations

	2025	2024
There were no affiliation fees	£0.00	£0.00

Note 3: Donations

	2025	2024
Cash and cash equivalent donations	£216.00	£221.00
Notional / Donations in Kind	£0.00	£0.00
Total Donations	£216.00	£221.00

Note 4: Branch Income and Expenditure

	2025		2024	
	Income	Expenses	Income	Expenses
This area has no branches				
	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00

Note 5: Fundraising Income and Expenditure

Fundraising in the year included

Note 6: Investment Income

	2025		2024	
	Year-end balance	Income received	Year-end balance	Income received
Bank accounts	£66,486.28	£1,368.62	£60,156.81	£2,510.17
Investments	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00

Note 7: Transfers

	2025	
	Incoming	Outgoing
From / to Liberal Democrat regional/state/central parties	£12,400.00	£45,537.60
From / to other Liberal Democrat local parties	£6,063.60	£400.00
Internal transfers between branches and accounting unit	£0.00	£0.00
From / to other Liberal Democrat accounting units	£20.00	£13.14
	£18,483.60	£45,950.74

Note 8: Property and rental income / Office services

	2025	2024
Rent received	£0.00	£0.00
Other services income	£0.00	£0.00
	£0.00	£0.00

Note 9: Miscellaneous Income / Expenditure

	2025		2024	
	Income	Expense	Income	Expense
Received on behalf of SWINDON (membership)	£33.96			
Held on Behalf os Swindon (Lost Deposit Grant)	£200.00			
Paid on behalf o SWINDON		£156.30		
	£233.96	£156.30	£0.00	£0.00

Note 10: Salary Costs

	2025	2024
Salary costs	£9,430.86	£37,239.52
Employer's National Insurance and Pension costs	£915.51	£3,320.04
Training costs	£0.00	£0.00
	£10,346.37	£40,559.56
Number of staff	3	0

Note 11: Financing Charges and Taxation

	2025	2024
Bank charges	£253.75	£115.35
Interest charged	£0.00	£0.00
Taxation charged	£0.00	£0.00
	£253.75	£115.35

Note 12: Fixed Assets

	Property	Fixtures & Fittings	Equipment	Total
Value at start of year	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Additions	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Disposals	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Revaluations	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Depreciation	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Value at end of year	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00

Note 13: Stock

	2025	2024
Opening balance	£0.00	£0.00
Movements: Increase	£0.00	£0.00
Movements: Decrease	£0.00	£0.00
Closing balance	£0.00	£0.00

Note 14: Debtors and Prepayments

Prepayments	£97.50	£0.00
Debtors	£2,958.85	£3,040.00
	£3,056.35	£3,040.00

Note 15: Loans

	2025	2024
Outstanding at start of year	£0.00	£0.00
Capital repayments	£0.00	£0.00
New loans	£0.00	£0.00
	£0.00	£0.00

Note 16: Profit / (Loss) on Disposal of Assets

	Book value at disposal	Sale Proceeds	Profit / (Loss) on Disposal
No assets were disposed of during the year	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00

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Declaration

I confirm that the above statement of accounts has been prepared in accordance with guidance issued by the Electoral Commission and is correct to my knowledge.

In addition I confirm that these accounts have been approved by the executive committee of Western Counties Liberal Democrats.

Signature:

Name: Merche Clark
Position: Treasurer
Date:

Signature:

Name: Fergus Ustinowski
Position: Chair
Date:

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Independent Examiner's Report

I have examined the Income and Expenditure and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December 2025 together with the underlying accounting records and confirm that the accounts are in accordance therewith.

I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that the accounting records were not kept as required; the accounts are in accordance with the accounting records; the accounts comply with the requirements of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000.

Signature:

Name:
Position: Independent Examiner
Date: