

**THE INVERNESS DARKROOM**

**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**  
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The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025

**Registered Charity Name:** The Inverness Darkroom

**Charity Registration Number:** SC053487

**The Trustees:**

The trustees who served the charity during the year were as follows:



**Contact Address:**

c/o WASPS Inverness Creative Academy  
Midmills Building  
Stephens Street  
Inverness  
IV2 3JP

**Independent Examiner:**

Munro Accounting Services Limited  
Fouracres  
Northfield  
Invergordon  
Ross- Shire  
IV18 0LN

**Bankers:**

Santander Bank

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## Trustee recruitment and appointment:

Trustees are appointed or reappointed by the charity at our annual general meeting.

## Type of governing document:

Constitution

## Charitable purposes:

The purposes of the charity are advancement of education, the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science.

## Summary of the main activities & achievements in relation of these objects:

## The Organisation's Purposes

### 1. *To provide an open access darkroom to local area residents and visitors*

- Bookings by members of the Inverness Darkroom have been steadily increasing:



Jan-24	27
Feb-24	37
Mar-24	40
Apr-24	33
May-24	29
Jun-24	24
Jul-24	34
Aug-24	48
Sep-24	40
Oct-24	46
Nov-24	59
Dec-24	47
Jan-25	31
Feb-25	37
Mar-25	52
Apr-25	38
May-25	57

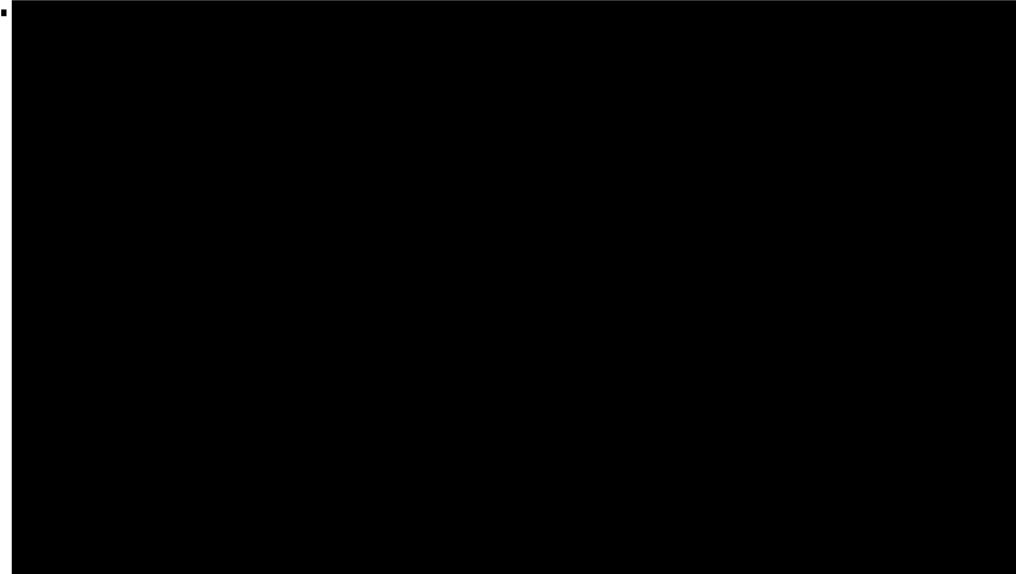
- The organisation strives to ensure membership is affordable and currently basic processing chemistry is included in the annual membership fee.
- The Inverness Darkroom membership stood at 55 members by the end of 31 March 2025.
- Thursday evening confidence boosting sessions (funded by the Inverness Common Good Fund) have played a significant role in boosting use of the facility.
- Community building with Working Across the Generations, Photowalks Reeling Glen - 25 August 2024

### 2. *To promote photography as an art form in the Highlands of Scotland*

- The Inverness Darkroom published a zine to showcase members' work, working with a local printer: The Isle of Riso. We plan to make this an annual

publication. The zine has been distributed to members and is in the collection of the Highland Zine Bothy.

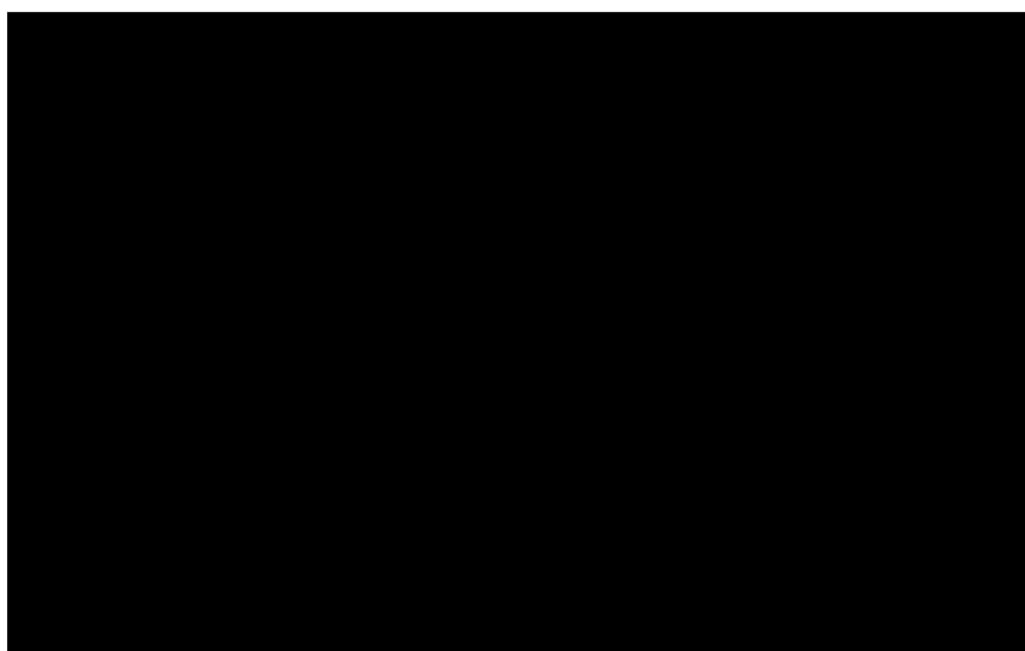
- The Inverness Darkroom participated in the UHI Psychology - Highland wheeled sports association project: Highland Board Brain, hosting photo sessions, cyanotype processing and riso printing workshops with young people connected to the Hilton Skate Park in Inverness



- Inverness Creative Academy 5th Anniversary Exhibition with work that included nine members, 11 October - 11 November 2024.

### **3. *To provide an independent teaching centre for photography***

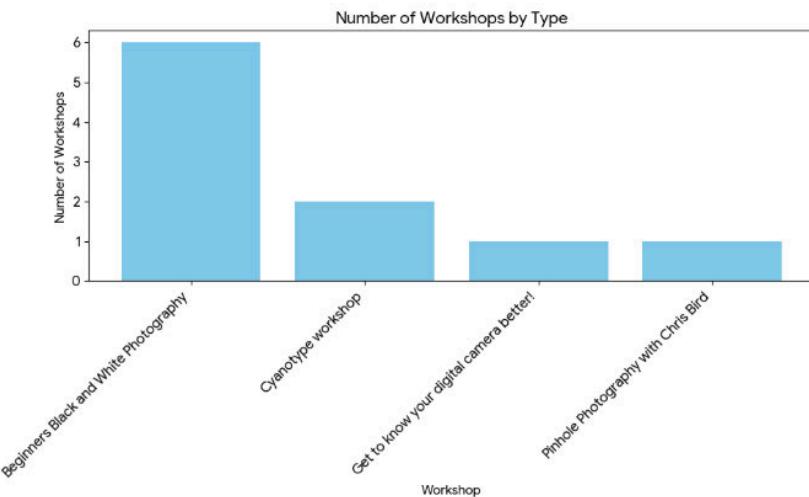
- The Inverness Darkroom ran 11 hands-on workshops attended by 25 non-members between July 9 2024 and 31 March 2025..



- The Inverness Darkroom is curating a photography library from book donations by members and members of the public, that members can borrow from.

**4. To provide accessible workshops in creative strategies and technical skills**

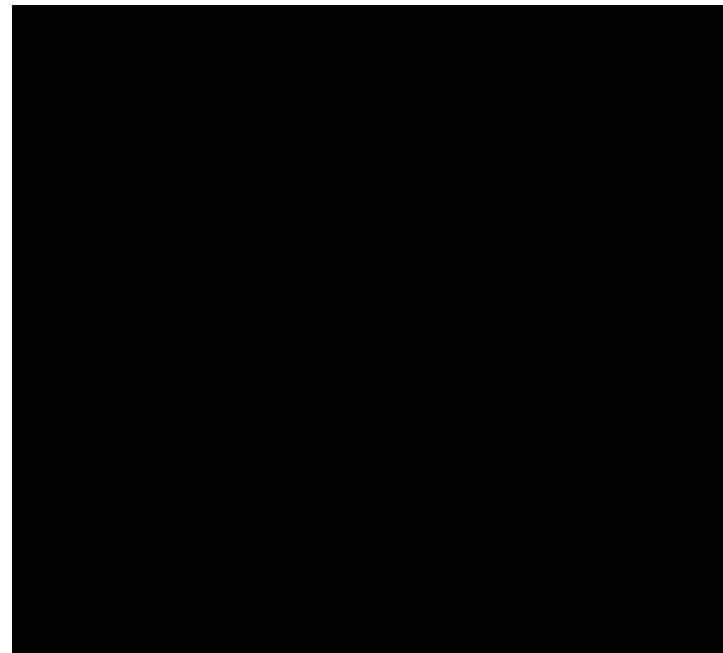
- The 11 workshops covered basic black and white processes, as well as alternative processes such as pinhole and cyanotype; and basic digital camera skills.



- The Inverness Darkroom runs a regular weekly, supervised evening session where members of any level of darkroom skill are welcome to brush up on techniques or to get feedback on photographs and prints.
- The Thursday evening confidence boosting sessions (funded by the Inverness Common Good Fund) were well attended. Autumn 2024.
- Hilton Skate Park Project.

**5. To explore the creative possibilities of chemical and digital photography**

- This is being achieved through:
  - The Zine project
  - Access to digital scanners in the facility
  - Tuesdays Evening sessions
  - Specialist workshops and library collection
  - Exhibitions of members work



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**Trustee's remuneration and expenses:**

During the year [REDACTED] received reimbursement of expenses of £552.41

**Reserves:**

As a result of the surplus of £3,558.71, the charity has unrestricted funds of £10,462.55 at the year end. The financial position of the Charity remains stable with sufficient funds to uphold the objectives for the forthcoming financial year.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

[REDACTED]

Date:

**THE INVERNESS DARKROOM**  
**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS**  
**PERIOD ENDING 31 MARCH 2025**

	2025
	£
<b>RECEIPTS</b>	
Donations	£327.65
Grants	£2,000.00
External Events Income	£1,810.00
Workshop Income	£2,365.52
Membership	£5,206.00
Other charitable activities	£0.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>£11,709.17</b>

**PAYMENTS**

Payments for Charitable Activities:

Purchase of Materials	£557.56
Rent	£6,993.12
Repairs and Renewals	£0.00
Printing Postage and stationery	£0.00
Travel and Subsistence	£22.84
Telephone	£0.00
Fees for workshop bookings	£327.76
Bank fees	£3.78
Governance Costs : Accountancy Fees	£245.40
<b>Total Payments for Charitable Activities</b>	<b>£8,150.46</b>

**Payments relating to assets and investment movements**

Purchase of Fixed Assets	£0.00
	£0.00
	£0.00
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£8,150.46</b>

<b>[Deficit]/Surplus for the year</b>	<b>£3,558.71</b>
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All funds are unrestricted

The notes on form an integral part of these accounts.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

#### 1 Accounting Policies

##### **Accounting convention and policies**

The accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

##### **Taxation**

The Inverness Darkroom is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from Taxation.

##### **Legacies and Donations**

Legacies and donations are included in the financial statements when received.

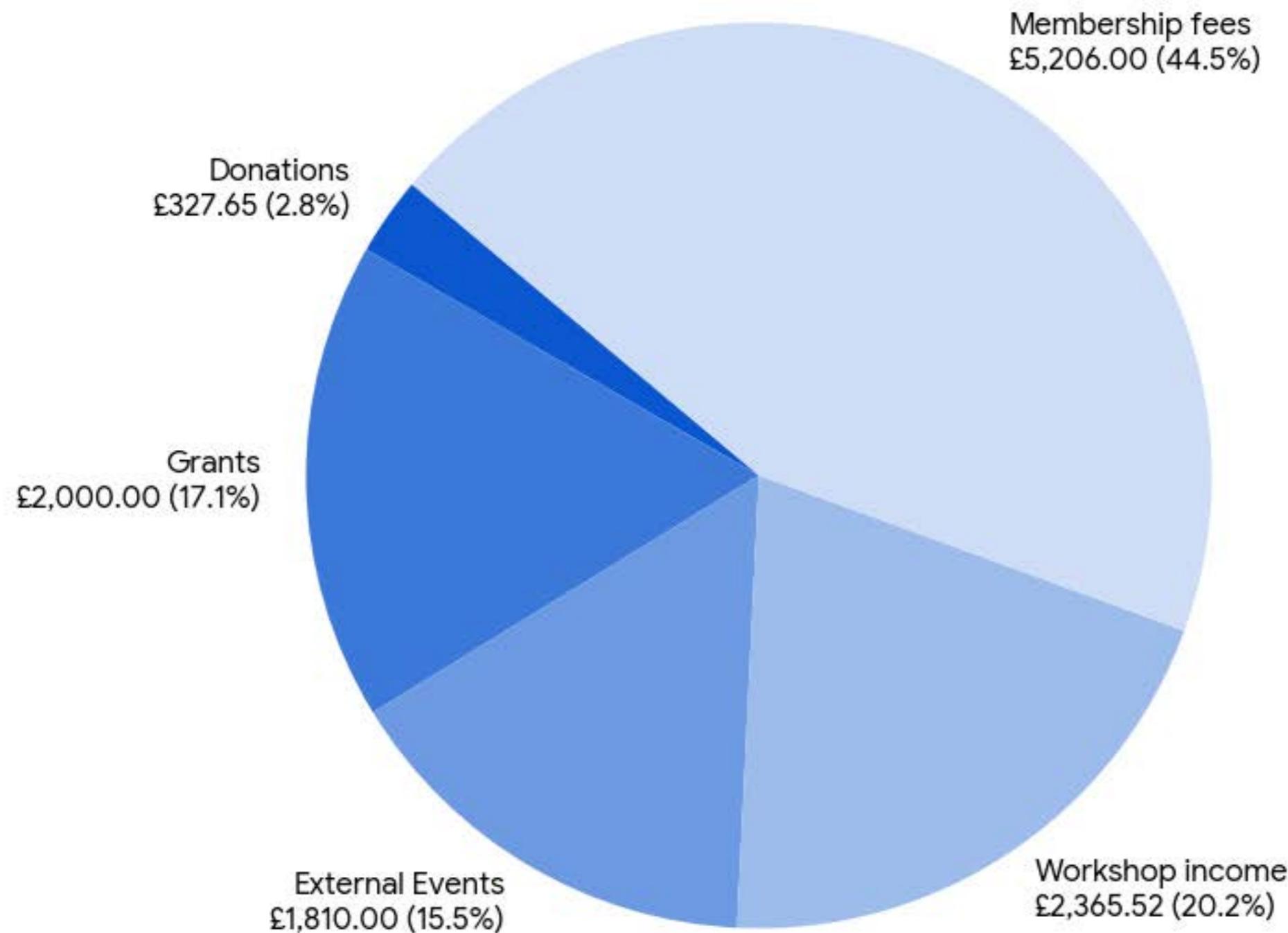
2 Cash at bank and in hand	2025
	£
Santander Bank	10247
Paypal	216
	<u>10463</u>
3 General Fund	
At 9 July 2024	6904
Net movement for the year	3559
As at 31 March 2025	<u>10463</u>

#### 4 Related party transactions

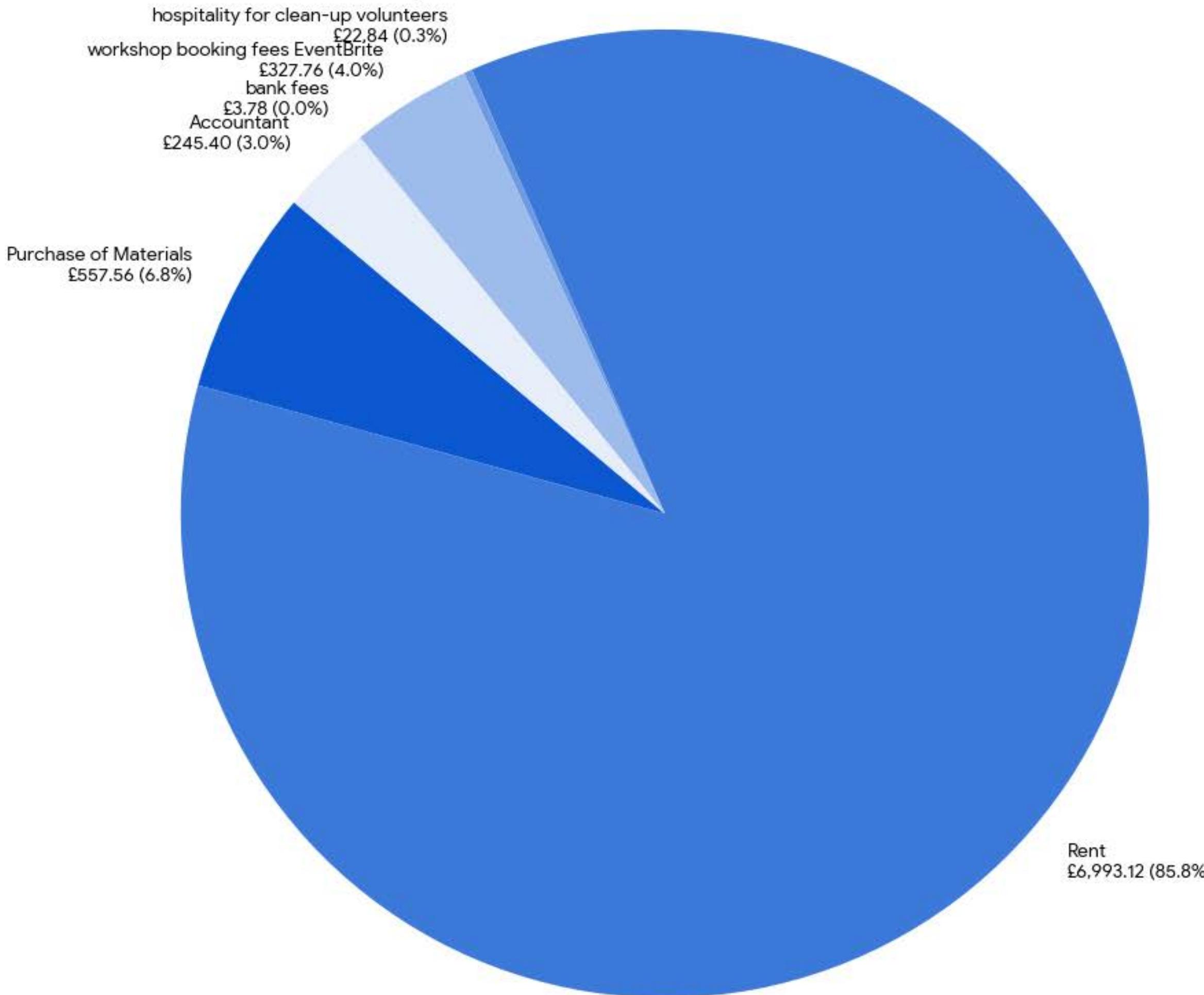
During the year [REDACTED] received reimbursement of expenses of £552.41, mainly for the purchase of materials. [REDACTED] has been receiving the donations from the Tuesday night club in cash and transferring the money across, to the bank account from his personal account.

2 amounts of cash ticket sales £45 and £85.00 and 1 amount of membership fee £120(20.03.2025) were received cash and transferred from [REDACTED] bank account to the charity bank account.

### Receipts Distribution



### Payments for Charitable Activities Distribution



<b>The Inverness Darkroom Asset Inventory as of July 9 2024</b>		Approx value of donations
Enlarging Equipment		£2,830.00
Cameras		£1,200.00
Processing Equipment		£2,775.00
Digital Equipment		£500.00
Furniture		£190.00
Miscellaneous		£381.00
<b>TOTAL ASSET VALUE</b>		<b>£7,876.00</b>

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## STATEMENT OF BALANCES

31 MARCH 2025

	Note	2025 £
<b>Bank and Cash in hand</b>		
Opening Balances		£6,903.84
Surplus/Deficit for the year		£3,558.71
	2	<hr/> £10,462.55
<b>Reserves</b>		
General Funds	3	£10,462.55
		<hr/> £10,462.55
<b>Other Assets:</b>		
Enlarging Equipment		£2,830.00
Cameras		£1,200.00
Processing Equipment		£2,775.00
Digital Equipment		£500.00
Furniture		£190.00
Miscellaneous		£381.00
Total Estimated Value		<hr/> £7,876

The Inverness Darkroom has the above equipment and furniture as fixed assets that were donated so the values above are market value, estimated by the Trustees. The equipment was acquired pre registration of the charity.

All funds are unrestricted.

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Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by :

Date:



## **Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts of The Inverness Darkroom**

Report to the Trustees of The Inverness Darkroom, Registered charity Number SC053487 on the Accounts of the charity for the period ended 31 March 2025.

### **Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the Accounts as required under Section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the Accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the Accounts and seeks explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all of the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the Accounts.

### **Independent Examiner's Statement**

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
  - To keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
  - To prepare Accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or

2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the Accounts to be reached.

The matter that has to come to my attention is regarding related party transactions, cash that is being banked by a trustee and then transferred to the charity bank account, in respect of donations, ticket sales and membership fees. My

recommendation is that all cash, without deduction is banked directly into the charity bank account.

