

MORECAMBE BAY COMMUNITY RENEWABLES LTD
Community Benefit Society Number 31421 R

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 2025

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Legal and administrative information

The society Morecambe Bay Community Renewables Ltd (also known as MORE Renewables) was registered in England and Wales on the 3rd October 2011 under the Industrial and Provident Society Act 1965, (now superseded by the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014) and is governed by its Rules. In June 2015 the Society became a Community Benefit Society, under the 2014 Act.

Directors

Anne C Chapman
Gillian I Fenna (until 31 March 2025)
Caroline J Jackson
Alan Marsden
Dave Brookes
Ailsa Gibson (from 31 March 2025)

Anne Chapman was re-elected and Dave Brookes elected at the AGM on 27 March 2024. Gill Fenna resigned and Ailsa Gibson was elected at the AGM on 31 March 2025. Alan Marsden and Caroline Jackson were re-elected at the AGM on 31 March 2025.

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Report of the Directors

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

Exemptions

The Directors have decided to take the exemption from audit for this financial period as provided for in its Rules, and agreed by the members on 31 March 2025.

Society Objectives

The society's objectives as stated in the Rules are :

(a) to establish sustainable renewable technologies; and

(b) to enhance the sustainability and resilience of these local communities; and

(c) to promote the prudent use of resources, efficient energy use and environmental awareness and behaviour.

Report for the period

Sunshine levels in 2025 were high, resulting in our solar PV systems at Lancaster Co-housing and the Boys and Girls club generating nearly 90MWh of electricity, 11 MWh more than in 2024. Overall, income was 36% higher than predicted for this year in our financial projections and we made a surplus before tax of just under £9,480. This is after putting aside £1,173 (one quarter of the amount of share interest owed for the year, as specified in our rules) for our community benefit fund, which now totals £2,412. The high generation figures were despite problems with the smallest PV array at the Lancaster Co-housing site. The generation from this array had been declining, and in 2024 was about two-thirds what it should have been. The problem was identified in the maintenance inspection as associated with the wiring of the panels and in autumn this year we finally managed to get a local installer, Green Wave, to fix the issue by re-wiring the array. The array is now performing better over the winter months than the other arrays at the site, as has been the case in the past, because being higher up it is less shaded by the hill across the valley.

For the first time in ten years we have invested in a new solar PV system. This is at the Lapwing Housing Co-op in Halton and was installed in September/October. We have a shared ownership agreement with the Co-op, similar to the one that we have with the Boys and Girls Club. The system consists of 15 kWp of panels and a battery. Work has been done to enable the communal areas of the building to be isolated from the incoming electricity supply and just be powered by the battery and solar PV system in the event of a power cut. Lapwing were able to get a grant of £6,000 from the Halton Lune Hydro fund to put towards the array.

In the first few months of 2025 we completed the grant-funded project started last year. This used a grant from the Community Energy Fund to identify the best way to move a group of historic buildings in Yealand, owned by Quakers, from being heated with gas to a non-fossil fuel based heating system. The work was primarily being carried out by consultants, Scene Connect. The study concluded that the best option for replacing the gas central heating systems was air-source heat pumps on the individual buildings. However, the current price differential between electricity and gas means that the costs

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of heating the buildings would be increased, but this cost could be reduced by installation of ground or roof-mounted solar PV systems. The charity that owns the buildings, Lancashire Central and North Area Quaker Meeting, has not yet decided on a way forward. Note that two directors of MORE Renewables, Anne Chapman and Alan Marsden, are members of and Alan Marsden is a trustee of Lancashire Central and North Area Quaker Meeting.

During the year consultancy income was earned from Co-operatives UK's Business support for Co-ops programme (support given to a group looking to set up a renewable energy Community Benefit Society) and from Sharenergy, assisting their Community Heat Development Unit with a public meeting in the West End of Morecambe on the potential for a heat network in that area.

Directors Responsibilities for the Financial Statements

The directors are responsible for preparing financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the society and of the surplus or deficit of the society for that period.

In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the society will continue in operation;
- state whether applicable accounting standards of recommended practice have been followed subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the society and to enable them to prepare financial statements.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the society and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Directors on
behalf by:

and is signed on their

Anne Chapman (Secretary)

Alan Marsden (Treasurer)

Dave Brookes (Director)

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Income Statement
For the year ended 31 December 2025

	Note	Y.E 31 Dec 2025 £	Y.E 31 Dec 2024 £
TURNOVER	11	29,634	25,753
Other income	12	5,380	28,418
Administrative Expenses	13	(20,548)	(42,661)
OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS)	2	14,466	11,510
Interest Received		878	1,496
NET PROFIT/(LOSS) BEFORE TAX		15,344	13,007
Share Interest paid and payable	3	(4,693)	(4,953)
Community benefit payable	4	(1,173)	(1,238)
PROFIT/(LOSS) on Ordinary Activities before taxation		9,478	6,815
Tax on surplus/(deficit) on ordinary activities	5	(167)	(284)
PROFIT/(LOSS) FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR AFTER TAXATION		9,311	6,531

Statement of total recognised gains and losses

The society does not have any gains or losses to report other than the Profit and Loss for the period.

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Statement of Financial Position at 31 December 2025

	Notes	31 December 2025		31 Dec 2024	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS	6		91,375		82,024
INVESTMENTS	14		8,000		8,000
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	8,302		24,096	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>37,903</u>		<u>21,346</u>	
			46,205		45,443
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	8	10,021		7,718	
			<u>10,021</u>		<u>7,718</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>36,184</u>		<u>37,725</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			135,559		127,749
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year			<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>
NET ASSETS			<u>135,559</u>		<u>127,749</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Called up Share Capital	9		112,333		113,833
Profit and Loss Account	10		23,226		13,916
Shareholders' Funds			<u>135,559</u>		<u>127,749</u>

For the year ending 31 December 2025 the directors are satisfied that the Society is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 84 of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014.

Members have not required the society to obtain an audit under the above section

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (a) ensuring that the society keeps proper accounting records and
- (b) preparing financial statements in accordance with FRS 102/1a which give a true and fair view of the

This report was approved by the Directors on:-

and signed on their behalf by:- Alan Marsden

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Statement of Changes in Equity
For the year Ended 31 December 2025

	Share Capital	Profit and Loss Account	Total
As at 1 January 2024	134,833	7,385	142,218
Profit for the year		6,531	6,531
Shares withdrawn in the period	(21,000)		(21,000)
As at 31 December 2024 and 1 January 2025	<u>113,833</u>	<u>13,916</u>	<u>127,749</u>
Profit for year and the total comprehensive income	-	9,311	9,311
Shares withdrawn in the period	(1,500)	-	(1,500)
As at 31 December 2025	<u>112,333</u>	<u>23,226</u>	<u>135,559</u>

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Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 31 December 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

b) Turnover represent revenue income earned in the year.

c) Expenditure is included in the accounts on an accrual basis

d) Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life,

Solar PV panels (LCH 1 PV)	4% per annum on straight line basis.
Solar PV panesl additions in 2014 (LCH 2 Terr D PV)	5% per annum on straight line basis
Solar PV panels in shared ownership (B & G C PV)	6.67% on straight line basis
Solar PV panels in shared ownership (Lapwing HC) installed in October 2025	No depreciation provided in year of purchase

2. OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS) is stated after charging:-

After charging	2025	2024
Depreciation	7,468	7,468

3. SHARE INTEREST PAYABLE

Share interest creditor brought forward	4,953	5,453
Share interest paid in the year	(5,153)	(5,453)
Share interest owed for year	4,493	4,953

£200 of share interest owed was omitted from the 2024 accounts.

4. COMMUNITY BENEFIT PAYABLE

	1,123	1,238
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Rule 97 of MORE Renewables' rules requires that at least 25% of the amount paid to members as share interest is used for social and community purposes.

5. TAXATION

Liability to UK Corporation tax in 2025 was £167. (2024 £284).

6. FIXED ASSETS

	LCH 1 - PV panels	LCH 2 Terr D - PV panels	B&GC - PV and ST	Lapwing Housing Co-op - PV	Total £	Total £
COST						
At 1 January	94,839	52,940	15,395	0	163,174	163,174
Additions				16,819	16,819	0
Disposals					0	0
At end of period	94,839	52,940	15,395	16,819	179,993	163,174
DEPRECIATION						
At 1 January	45,528	26,379	9,243	0	81,150	73,682
Charge for period	3,794	2,647	1,027	0	7,468	7,468
At end of period	49,322	29,026	10,270	0	88,618	81,150
NET BOOK VALUE						
At 31 December	45,517	23,914	5,125	16,819	91,375	98,843
At 1 January	49,311	26,561	6,152	0	98,843	98,843

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	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
7. DEBTORS	£	£
Trade debtors	3,302	2,770
HMRC - VAT	-	3,202
CEF grant	-	18,125
Rossendale Valley Energy	5,000	
	<u>8,302</u>	<u>24,096</u>

An investment of £5000 in community shares was made in Rossendale Valley Energy, a community benefit society, to help fund a solar PV installation. Unfortunately their share offer failed to raise the required minimum so shares have not been issued. £5,000 is therefore owed to MORE Renewables.

8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

Trade creditors	1,863	542
Accountancy fees	665	700
Share interest payments	4,493	4,953
Community benefit payment	2,412	1,238
HMRC VAT	421	-
HMRC Corporation Tax	167	284
	<u>10,021</u>	<u>7,718</u>

9. SHARE CAPITAL

Allotted, called up and paid	<u>112,333</u>	<u>113,833</u>
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113,833 Ordinary shares of £1 each

No shares were issued during the year (2024: no shares were issued).

During the year 1500 shares were withdrawn (2024: 21,000 shares withdrawn).

10. RESERVES

At 1 January	13,916	7,385
Profit/(loss) for the year	9,311	6,531
At 31 December	<u>23,226</u>	<u>13,916</u>

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11. TURNOVER	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Electricity payments	10,098	8,606
Feed in tariffs	18,686	16,041
RHI payments	90	51
Heat payments	27	15
Consultancy	734	1,040
	<u>29,634</u>	<u>25,753</u>

12. OTHER INCOME

Community Energy Fund Grant for feasibility study of a heat network in Yealand, disbursed by Lancashire County Council	5,380	28,418
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13. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

Maintenance	1,633	500
Insurance of solar PV systems	2,624	2,104
Administration costs	986	1,744
Salaries	2,230	1,620
Legal and regulatory fees	47	35
Travel, events, conferences and memberships	410	361
Co-op business support expenditure	-	840
Consultants (Yealand project)	5,150	27,988
Depreciation (see note 5)	7,468	7,468
	<u>20,548</u>	<u>42,661</u>

14. INVESTMENTS

Shares in Burnside Community Energy, purchased in 2018 (5000) and 2021 (3000), to help fund the installation of a solar PV system.

15. RELATED PARTIES

In 2024 fees for administrative support and for work for Co-operatives UK Co-ops Business support were paid to one Director, Anne Chapman.

Since April 2024 Anne Chapman, a director of the society, has been employed on a part time basis to provide administrative support.

15. Average number of employees

Average number of employees, including directors, during the period was: 1 (2024: 1)

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**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT UNDER SECTION 85 OF THE CO-OPERATIVE
AND COMMUNITY BENEFIT SOCIETIES ACT 2014**

We report to the members on the unaudited accounts for the year ended 31st December 2025 set out on pages 5 to 10.

Respective responsibilities of officers and reporting accountants

The society's officers are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, and they consider that the society is entitled to opt out of an audit. It is our responsibility to carry out procedures designed to enable us to report our opinion.

This report is made to the society's members, as a body, in accordance with the terms of our engagement. Our work has been undertaken so that we might compile the accounts that we have been engaged to compile, report to the society's members that we have done so, and state those matters that we have agreed to state to them in this 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 society and the society's members, as a body, for our work or for this report.

Basis of opinion

Our work was conducted in accordance with the Statement of Standards for Reporting Accountants, and so our procedures consisted of comparing the accounts with the accounting records kept by the society, then making such limited enquiries of the officers of the society as we considered necessary for the purpose of this report. These procedures provide the only assurance expressed in our opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion:

- (a) The accounts, including the revenue account and balance sheet, are in agreement with the accounting records kept by the society under s75 of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014;
- (b) Having regard to, and on the basis of, the information contained in those accounting records, the revenue account and balance sheet comply with the requirements of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014; and
- (c) For the preceding year of account, the financial criteria for the exercise of the power conferred by section 84 were met in relation to the year.

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