

**REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: CE031318 (England and Wales)**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND  
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025  
FOR  
AGE CONCERN - BARNSTAPLE AND NORTH DEVON  
CIO**

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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<b>TRUSTEES</b>	Mr S P Harvey (resigned 15/7/24) Ms B M Gravett Mr I Roome (resigned 15/7/24) Mr R J Ward Mr J A Challis Miss A Walter Mrs L C E York (appointed 19/8/24) Mr N P Timms (appointed 13/11/24)
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<b>REGISTERED OFFICE</b>	116-118 Boutport Street BARNSTAPLE Devon EX31 1TD
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<b>REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER</b>	CE031318 (England and Wales)
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<b>REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER</b>	1201835
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<b>INDEPENDENT EXAMINER</b>	Stevens & Willey Chartered Certified Accountants Grenville House 9 Boutport Street Barnstaple Devon EX31 1TZ
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# **AGE CONCERN - BARNSTAPLE AND NORTH DEVON CIO**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

#### **Objectives and aims**

The principal objective of the Charity is the relief of older people in any manner which now or hereafter may be deemed by law to be charitable.

The principal activity of ACBND is that of providing sustainable community services in the Barnstaple and North Devon District, in order to reduce isolation and loneliness, improve health and wellbeing and support independent living for older and vulnerable people.

#### **Significant activities**

2024/25 continued to be a year of growth. The Charity attracted new volunteers to grow volunteer numbers to 131 (46% growth on the previous year) and client numbers to 799. In particular the growth in client numbers was significant at 91%.

The spread of clients and volunteers across North Devon continued with Ilfracombe and Area and South Molton and Area now being fully established and receiving all Age Concern Services. Further work needs to be done to expand to communities at the perimeter of our area, with more investment in volunteer recruitment and service marketing.

Lynton and Lynmouth, Buckland and South of South Molton are development areas.

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#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Public benefit**

Devon is the 3rd largest county in England, 2,590 square miles, 1.2 million residents. One of the most sparsely populated counties, with few large settlements and a dispersed/rural population. The North Devon population is 100,200 and is older than the national average with a 22.1% rise in people aged 65+ since 2011 to a third of the population. North Devon is particularly rural/remote with significant deprivation and a profound lack of community services. The most deprived areas in Devon are in North Devon, Ilfracombe and Barnstaple including Forches/Whiddon Valley; these areas are in the most deprived 10% of all areas in England. 6,000 older people in North Devon live on the state pension (in poverty) but only 1,500 receive Pension Credit benefit. Older people in North Devon have 20+ years of poorer health as they age compared to wealthier better resources counties. Levels of disability are higher than the national average. More support for older, vulnerable people is needed including for benefit applications, transport and services to combat loneliness and isolation.

Each year we undertake client and volunteer surveys to help us understand how and why our services are used and prioritise service development.

In the reporting period our Help Desk and Benefits Service and our Community Activities Service were surveyed.

##### **Help Desk and Benefits Service - June 2024**

During May/June, 74 clients responded to a postal survey as follows:  
The largest age groups were 81-85, 76-80 and 86-90.

68% of clients were female, 45% lived alone, 42% with a partner. Limited mobility/disability affected 82% of clients followed by arthritis, heart conditions, memory problems, diabetes, mental health problems and respiratory conditions. 19 health conditions were reported.

People mainly found out about our service through friends and family (42%) and statutory referral (28%). 85% of people used the service because of financial difficulties, for signposting of other services/activities (24%) and for healthcare and social care support and signposting (16%). Help with transport (14%), home support (12%) and help with energy/utilities (7%) were other regular requests.

100% of respondents stated that calls were answered/returned promptly and that the people answering calls were helpful and able to answer their questions.

All 3 benefits clinics had been used (61% Barnstaple, 17% South Molton, 6% Ilfracombe). 16% received help at home. All clients who had received their benefit application outcomes (95%) had been successful.

45% used their benefit income for home support (eg. cleaning, clothes washing, bed changing)  
38% used the income for help with transport  
32% for personal care (eg. washing/dressing)  
32% used the income for energy for heating, lighting and cooking  
22% for food  
16% for toiletries eg. incontinence products

82% found the help from Age Concern and the additional income to be 'life changing.' 97% could not have accessed this income any other way.

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100% could not think of a way to improve the Help Desk and Benefits Service. 95% believed the services supported independent living. 95% believed the services improved mental health.

"Such a relief to get Attendance Allowance and a Blue Badge. It helps me to manage and stay independent."

"I have always found them so helpful, and they listen, which is important to elderly folks."

"The advice from Age Concern was invaluable and supported me every step of the way."

"You treated me respectfully and I was not made to feel awkward seeking extra financial support."

#### Community Activities Survey - January 2025:

73 clients responded to the survey.

73% were over the age of 75. 67% were female. 60% live alone. 96% have health conditions. Limited mobility was the most common (73%), followed by hearing/sight impairment (43%), arthritis (40%), mental health issues (40%) and heart conditions and diabetes (33%). 30% have problems with memory. Other reported conditions were blood pressure, respiratory conditions, cancer, Parkinson's and ME.

32% found out about the service from friends and family, 31% from leaflets and posters and 11% from home letterbox drops. Statutory referral was 8% and web/social media 6%.

Most people attend more than 1 activity (60%) with 30% attending 4+.

#### By attending community activities:

Reported loneliness fell from 77% to 23%

90% felt improved wellbeing

87% felt improved mental health

83% felt improved connection to community

83% felt more confident/resilient

77% felt supported to live independently

60% felt more active

37% needed less GP appointments

20% needed less medication

In order to attend community activities 30% need help with transport and 23% need one-to-one support. Current attendees feel this will grow to 60% for transport and 53% for one-to-one support as they get older.

"I am a carer for my husband; I bring him and stay because I have so much fun here."

"The service is really helpful and kind, it has helped me to feel more confident about going out."

"The exercise classes are helping my balance, and I feel more confident."

"Since my wife died after 60 years of marriage I have really struggled, coming here really helps."

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#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Referrals**

Service referrals come from statutory sources including GPs, Social Prescribers, Social Workers, the North Devon Hospital Discharge Team, Community Mental Health Team, Physiotherapists, Dementia Nurses/Advisors and Devon Carers, family, friends, neighbours and self-referrals. Self-referrals have grown over the last 12 months which demonstrates the importance of our extensive marketing campaigns which are designed to reach the most lonely and isolated, often using letter box drops to ensure we reach people who are housebound and particularly vulnerable.

Waiting lists are too long, particularly for driving and shopping services, befriending, carer support and the benefits service. The main objective in 2025/26 is to increase our volunteer support so we can reduce our waiting lists, meet growing community need and continue to spread our services across the North Devon District giving all eligible residents equal access.

##### **Volunteers**

Volunteers are recruited via multiple marketing channels including press and PR, radio, posters and leaflets, community events, roadshows, web and social media (Facebook and Instagram). All volunteers follow the 'Safe Recruitment Process' (application, interview, 2 references, enhanced DBS check) and attend training (compulsory induction training which includes vulnerable adult safeguarding, lone working, confidentiality, boundaries, emergency procedures). We also offer volunteers and carers/family members a minimum of 6 additional training courses each year such as first aid, safe moving and handling, dementia awareness, bereavement awareness and domestic abuse awareness.

Popular volunteer events are quarterly, opportunities for peer support, to build friendships and give back to community are vital in ensuring we retain and grow our volunteer support. Our Volunteer Steering Group meets quarterly and provides important insight into Charity and service development.

The Volunteer Awards Programme gives framed certificates and gifts to volunteers for their long service, where people are available these are presented at the AGM.

In November 2024, after a 9 month review process, we achieved Investing in Volunteers Accreditation and will now be externally audited every 3 years to ensure that we continue to work to best practice standards in the care and support of our volunteers. The external auditor was very complimentary about Age Concern volunteer working practices and we are very grateful to our volunteers who were interviewed as part of the process and gave very positive feedback about their volunteer experiences, the work they do and the support they receive from Age Concern.

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#### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

##### **Charitable activities**

In March 2025 service numbers and achievements were as follows:

o North Devon Help Desk - a free information, signposting and support service covering topics such as home support, healthcare and social care, legal, debt, energy, benefits and support services. Age Concern receives between 700-1,000 calls/contacts a month.

o Benefits Service - monthly clinics in South Molton and Ilfracombe, weekly clinics in Barnstaple and 2-3 home visits each week, to help people with Benefits Assessments, Attendance Allowance, Pension Credits, Blue Badges and other paperwork. We have grown our monthly benefits income for our clients from £25,000 to £35,000 each month, with a 97%+ success rate on our applications.

o Community Transport - volunteer drivers drive people in their own cars for medical, social and practical journeys. Wheelchairs and walking aids can be transported and one to one support to attend medical and other appointments can be provided. Escorts may be required for particularly vulnerable passengers. This service has grown from 30 weekly journeys to 80 with driver numbers growing from 20 to 35.

o Shopping Service - an Age Concern volunteer either accompanies and helps someone to undertake their own food shopping or is given a list and payment and does the food shopping for them. Help with shopping lists, to carry bags and put shopping away can be provided. An on-line shopping service can also be provided. Around 20 people used this service each week in 2025.

o Befriending and Telephone Befriending - An Age Concern volunteer provides a weekly befriending visit. Visits usually last an hour during which time people enjoy a cup of tea and a chat, look at old photographs, play games, provide support to go for a short walk or sit outside and enjoy the sunshine. Telephone Befriending phone calls provide conversation and companionship and check to make sure that all is well. Face to face befriending grew from 25 to 35 weekly visits and Telephone Befriending provided around 60 friendship calls a week.

o Carer Support - An Age Concern volunteer provides a weekly befriending visit to the cared-for allowing the carer to take a much-needed break. Visits usually last 2-3 hours during which time people enjoy a cup of tea and a chat, look at old photographs and play games. In addition to befriending the cared-for the volunteer also provides support to the carer. Just being heard can make a big difference to how carers feel. In addition, carers receive respite breaks when the person they care for attends an Age Concern Community Activity. 20 carers a week benefited from the service in 2023/24 which grew to 34 in 2024/25.

o Community Activities - Age Concern provided over 5,000 community activity attendances in the period and added a Pop-In Morning in Ilfracombe. Transport and support to attend activities was provided to 30% and 23% of all attendees who reported that they would be unable to attend without this additional support. In addition to providing transport for Age Concern activities we also support Memory Clubs, Falls Prevention Exercise Classes and other clubs and groups in North Devon with transport and service marketing.

o Shopmobility, Scooter and Wheelchair Hire - cleaned serviced wheelchairs and scooters can be hired by the day or the week. The service supports around 10 people each week.



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Over 4,000 people were supported during 2024/25 (140% growth on the previous year) with over 17,500 units of support. Volunteers donated over 18,000 hours of service (28% growth on the previous year) which equates to a donation of £226,800 based on the adult living wage (35% growth on the previous year). With the growth in volunteer numbers, we are able to provide more holistic support to our clients with many people using multiple services, enabling us to meet higher levels of need and make a real difference to the most vulnerable in our community. Demands for transport, shopping, befriending, carer support and benefits support continue to exceed our ability to supply and increased volunteer recruitment in these areas is a priority.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Principal funding sources**

The Charity is funded by a combination of service charges, donations and community fundraising (currently around 14% of total income), statutory funding (currently around 26% of total income), and grants and trusts (currently around 60% of total income).

Grant funding is particularly challenging, with grant awards being smaller and harder to achieve post Covid.

Work must continue in 2024/25 to improve the Charity's sustainability through charitable service charges, donations, legacies, community fundraising and through increased statutory support.

##### **Reserves policy**

The total bank balance of £71,664 in ACBND at 31 March 2025 represents 4 months of Charity funding. £39,736 of income received is deferred into the following year.

Due to the risks outlined in a) to d) below the Charity aspires to hold a reserve equal to six months of operating costs.

This is necessary because:

- a) A source of income, e.g. a grant or community donation, may not be renewed due to economic circumstances beyond ACBND control and funds might be needed to give Trustees time to take action if income falls below expectations. The funding climate is increasingly challenging, and this risk has become more likely.
- b) There may be a need to fund short-term deficits in a cash budget, e.g. money may need to be spent before a funding grant is received. The time taken for funders to process grant applications and make grant payments has increased in recent years and is often longer than stated in grant guidelines.
- c) There is a risk of an unforeseen emergency such as an unexpected large IT repair bill, e.g. for a computer virus cleanse.
- d) ACBND may need to cover unforeseen day-to-day operational costs, e.g. employing temporary staff to cover a long-term sick absence.

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#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Going concern**

The charity is reliant on continuing funding from Devon County Council and other third party grants/donors to enable it to cover its operating expenditure.

The Trustees are optimistic that further funding will be agreed with applications for grants in progress, but there can be no certainty in relation to this.

On this basis, the trustees have continued to adopt the going concern basis of accounting. The trustees are carefully monitoring the charity's financial position through careful comparison of budgeted to actual results with funding from Devon County Council ongoing at the date of approval of the financial statements.

#### **FUTURE PLANS**

The Board of Trustees has set the following priorities for 2025/26 :

1. Funding services
2. Recruiting volunteers to grow service provision and meet need
3. Marketing services so that people in North Devon who need the Charity's services know about them
4. Charity governance, including financial governance

Trustees would like to thank the wonderful volunteers who are so generous in their donations of time and expertise and the staff team at Age Concern for all their hard work.

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing document**

Age Concern Barnstaple and North Devon (ACBND) is controlled by its governing document, the "Constitution", which defines it as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

##### **Charity constitution**

Age Concern Barnstaple and North Devon (ACBND) is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered in England and Wales on the 3rd February 2023. Formerly Age Concern Barnstaple and District Association, unincorporated registered charity.

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#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

ACBND is governed by a Board of Trustees which currently comprises a Chair and 5 trustees. The Chair is appointed by the Board from the existing trustees. Trustees are recruited with regard to the balance on the Board of individuals with relevant skills, experience, knowledge and qualifications. As well as looking for individuals with business, health/social care, North Devon, community and governance expertise, direct experience with the issues which face our clients and volunteer experience is valued. Prior to inviting nominations and applications for Board membership a skills audit review of existing members is undertaken in order to attract prospective members with the required experience, skills and knowledge.

The Board of Trustees meets a minimum of 6 times a year and is responsible for the overall direction and control of ACBND. The Board is responsible for taking decisions on the strategic direction of the Charity, approving major expenditure, major developments and through the Chair giving support and supervision to the CEO. Specifically, trustees:

- Make sure the Charity is carrying out its purposes for the public benefit
- Comply with the Charity governing document and the law
- Act in the Charity's best interest
- Manage Charity resources responsibly
- Act with reasonable care and skill
- Make sure the Charity is accountable

On appointment each trustee signs a Code of Conduct and completes a register of interests. They are given a Trustee Induction Pack that includes the Charity Governing Document, policies and procedures, including conflict of interest, and other guidance. The pack contains a trustee job description and a copy of the Charity Commission Guidance Leaflet - 'The Essential Trustee: what you need to know'. New trustees meet with the Chair and CEO to discuss:

- their role and responsibilities
- key documents including the Constitution
- funding including the latest published accounts and current position
- the Charity's focus on outcomes

Trustees are also invited to an induction tour of all services.

##### **Organisational structure and decision making**

The CEO leads the day-to-day management of ACBND on authority delegated by the Board of Trustees. The CEO and Chair meet regularly to discuss and implement strategic and operational issues and to monitor and control the performance of the Charity against the Strategic Plan. This work is reported on at Trustee Board Meetings.

##### **Related parties**

Any related party transactions requiring disclosure have been detailed in the notes to the accounts.

##### **Insurance**

The Charity insurance is reviewed annually and includes public liability, employee liability and professional indemnity cover. In addition, volunteers who drive for the Community Transport Service have their No-Claims Bonus protected whilst driving for the Charity.

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#### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

##### Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the Charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. Day to day accounting and bookkeeping are undertaken by the Charity Administrator under the supervision of the CEO.

Financial Governance is managed through monthly reports from the Xero accounting software package which is linked to the Charity bank account and gives a real-time financial position. The monthly Variance Report shows income and expenditure against budget and allows the Charity Treasurer and trustees to make adjustments to funding and costs as required. An external accountant produces the Accounts and Annual Report and all external reporting requirements are met.

IT risks are managed via an external provider, Alchemy Systems. Cloud-based shared drives and databases provide secure back-up for client and volunteer data. Any virus risks are managed by Alchemy who look after the Charity software and hardware and provide both day to day remote staff technical support as well as on-site support and crisis management should this be needed. A provision is made in the budget in case this is required.

HR risks are managed by using an external provider, South West Council (SWC). SWC provide remote support for any HR issues, review policies and procedures, and provide additional support for specific issues if needed. A provision is made in the budget for additional HR and legal support should this be required.

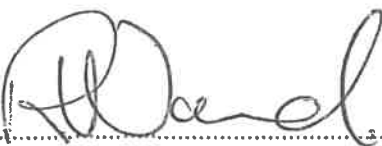
Risk Assessments at the main Charity office, and all project sites, are carried out annually and lead volunteers at projects, and individual lone working volunteers, are trained as required in risk and health and safety, including lone working and safeguarding. All volunteers are supervised and supported to use Charity policies and procedures correctly.

All Charity policies and procedures are reviewed and updated annually or as required and reviewed externally every 3 years.

The Charity has an annual Health and Safety (H&S) inspection, fire review and PAT testing. Accident books are used, and incidents are reported. If necessary, H&S is adjusted to reflect experience. A fire register is taken at all clubs, groups and meetings.

All volunteers are recruited using The Safe Recruitment Method which includes the completion of an application form, an interview, 2 references, an enhanced DBS check and compulsory training in policies and procedures.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on .....7/8/25..... and signed on its behalf by:



Mr R J Ward - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
AGE CONCERN - BARNSTAPLE AND NORTH DEVON  
CIO**

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**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Age Concern - Barnstaple and North Devon CIO  
(‘the Company’)**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2025.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (‘the 2006 Act’).

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (‘the 2011 Act’). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

# INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF AGE CONCERN - BARNSTAPLE AND NORTH DEVON CIO

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## Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*A. Kennard*

Mr A P Kennard FCCA  
The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

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Date: .....11/9/25.....

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

				<b>Year Ended 31/3/25</b>	<b>Period 3/2/23 to 31/3/24</b>
	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds £</b>	<b>Restricted funds £</b>	<b>Total funds £</b>	<b>Total funds £</b>
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations, legacies and grants	2	184,964	76,925	261,889	252,112
<b>Charitable activities</b>	4				
Charitable activities		33,596	-	33,596	23,741
Investment income	3	132	-	132	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>218,692</b>	<b>76,925</b>	<b>295,617</b>	<b>275,853</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Charitable activities		205,166	76,925	282,091	274,900
<b>NET INCOME</b>		<b>13,526</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,526</b>	<b>953</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		30,636	-	30,636	29,683
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>44,162</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>44,162</b>	<b>30,636</b>

The notes on page 0 form part of these financial statements

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**BALANCE SHEET  
31 MARCH 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	9	9,054	-	9,054	11,813
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	10	14,686	-	14,686	11,322
Cash at bank and in hand		71,736	-	71,736	87,064
		<u>86,422</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>86,422</u>	<u>98,386</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(51,314)	-	(51,314)	(79,563)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>35,108</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>35,108</u>	<u>18,823</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>44,162</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>44,162</u>	<u>30,636</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>44,162</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>44,162</u>	<u>30,636</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	12				
Unrestricted funds				44,162	30,636
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>44,162</u>	<u>30,636</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes on page 0 form part of these financial statements



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**BALANCE SHEET - continued  
31 MARCH 2025**

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These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on .....7.1.8.13.5..... and were signed on its behalf by:



Mr R J Ward - Trustee



Ms B M Gravett - Trustee

The notes on page 0 form part of these financial statements

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

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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

**Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable.

Grants are accounted for under the accruals model. Any deferred element of grants relating to future periods is included in creditors as income in advance. Where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, grants are recognised only 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 services provided by volunteers has not been included.

Legacies are included when the charity is advised by the personal representative of an estate that payment will be made or property transferred and the amount involved can be quantified.

No incoming resources are included in the SOFA net of expenditure.

**Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Expenditure includes VAT and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates. The accruals model is used.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs are those incurred directly in support of the objects of the charity.

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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Charitable activities**

The charity is a public benefit entity.

**Governance costs**

Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

**Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Office equipment - 20% on reducing balance

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

**Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

**2. DONATIONS, LEGACIES AND GRANTS**

	Year Ended 31/3/25 £	Period 3/2/23 to 31/3/24 £
Donations	8,856	112,227
Gift aid	933	(2,169)
Grants	252,100	142,054
	<u>261,889</u>	<u>252,112</u>

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**3. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	<b>Year Ended 31/3/25</b>	<b>Period 3/2/23 to 31/3/24</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Deposit account interest	<b>132</b>	<b>-</b>

**4. DONATED SERVICES**

Volunteers donated over 18,000 hours of service which equates to a donation of £226,800 based on the adult living wage.

**5. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	<b>Year Ended 31/3/25</b>	<b>Period 3/2/23 to 31/3/24</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Independent examination fees	<b>4,491</b>	<b>1,920</b>
Depreciation - owned assets	<b>2,759</b>	<b>4,033</b>

**6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the period ended 31 March 2024.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the period ended 31 March 2024.

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**7. STAFF COSTS**

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	<b>Year Ended 31/3/25</b>	<b>Period 3/2/23 to 31/3/24</b>
Charitable activities	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>
Management and administration	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

Total emoluments paid during the period to those individuals whom the trustees consider to be key management personnel was £46,866.

**8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted funds £</b>	<b>Restricted funds £</b>	<b>Total funds £</b>
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations, legacies and grants	213,076	39,036	252,112
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Charitable activities	23,741	-	23,741
<b>Total</b>	<b>236,817</b>	<b>39,036</b>	<b>275,853</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Charitable activities	235,645	39,255	274,900
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	<b>1,172</b>	<b>(219)</b>	<b>953</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	29,464	219	29,683
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>30,636</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,636</b>

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**9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Office equipment £
<b>COST</b>	
At 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025	<u>15,846</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>	
At 1 April 2024	4,033
Charge for year	<u>2,759</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>6,792</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31 March 2025	<u>9,054</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>11,813</u>

**10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	2,293	2,904
Prepayments	<u>12,393</u>	<u>8,418</u>
	<u>14,686</u>	<u>11,322</u>

**11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	6,166	5,340
Social security and other taxes	3,413	2,635
Income in advance	39,736	69,349
Accrued expenses	<u>1,999</u>	<u>2,239</u>
	<u>51,314</u>	<u>79,563</u>

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**12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1/4/24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/25 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	(19,364)	13,526	(5,838)
Closure and Shut Down Fund	50,000	-	50,000
	<u>30,636</u>	<u>13,526</u>	<u>44,162</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>30,636</u>	<u>13,526</u>	<u>44,162</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	218,692	(205,166)	13,526
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Grants	76,925	(76,925)	-
	<u>295,617</u>	<u>(282,091)</u>	<u>13,526</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>295,617</u>	<u>(282,091)</u>	<u>13,526</u>

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 3/2/23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	(20,536)	1,172	(19,364)
Closure and Shut Down Fund	50,000	-	50,000
	<u>29,464</u>	<u>1,172</u>	<u>30,636</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Covid 19	16	(16)	-
National Lottery	203	(203)	-
	<u>219</u>	<u>(219)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>29,683</u>	<u>953</u>	<u>30,636</u>

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**12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	236,817	(235,645)	1,172
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Covid 19	-	(16)	(16)
National Lottery	-	(203)	(203)
Grants	39,036	(39,036)	-
	<u>39,036</u>	<u>(39,255)</u>	<u>(219)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>275,853</u>	<u>(274,900)</u>	<u>953</u>

The Closure and Shut Down fund has been designated to cover the costs including redundancy in the event the charity is forced to cease operating. £20,000, 3 months running expenses, £25,000, redundancy liability and a £5,000 contingency fund.

**13. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2025.



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	Year Ended 31/3/25 £	Period 3/2/23 to 31/3/24 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations, legacies and grants</b>		
Donations	8,856	112,227
Gift aid	933	(2,169)
Grants	252,100	142,054
	<u>261,889</u>	<u>252,112</u>
<b>Investment income</b>		
Deposit account interest	132	-
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Service charges	33,596	23,741
	<u>295,617</u>	<u>275,853</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Wages	105,967	99,583
Employers NI	5,001	4,346
Pensions	3,496	2,531
Rates and water	233	233
Insurance	1,509	1,757
Light and heat	2,850	3,982
Postage and stationery	9,267	4,534
Advertising	6,503	13,193
Sundries	4,128	4,933
Activities	3,119	1,697
Hardship fund	2,541	106
Repairs	1,718	3,266
Volunteer expenses	14,841	11,652
Staff expenses	3,765	2,899
Community fundraising	80	276
Room hire	4,805	3,382
Carried forward	169,823	158,370

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	Year Ended 31/3/25 £	Period 3/2/23 to 31/3/24 £
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Brought forward	169,823	158,370
Office rent	9,829	3,889
Cleaning and recycling	1,218	3,646
Housekeeping service	311	-
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	2,759	4,033
	<u>183,940</u>	<u>169,938</u>
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Management</b>		
Wages	64,259	71,820
Employers NI	4,428	4,837
Pensions	2,693	2,306
Rates and water	94	93
Insurance	604	703
Light and heat	1,140	1,593
Sundries	1,652	1,854
Cleaning and recycling	488	1,459
Repairs to office	3	962
Office rent	3,931	1,555
	<u>79,292</u>	<u>87,182</u>
<b>Finance</b>		
Bank charges	1,003	937
<b>Information technology</b>		
IT	12,780	12,477
Subscriptions	585	526
	<u>13,365</u>	<u>13,003</u>
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Independent examination fees	4,491	1,920
Legal fees	-	1,920
	<u>4,491</u>	<u>3,840</u>
Total resources expended	<u>282,091</u>	<u>274,900</u>
<b>Net income</b>	<u>13,526</u>	<u>953</u>

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