

Company Registration Number: 2963142
Charity Registration Number: 1041301

**Outdoor and Sustainability Education Specialists (Oases)
Limited**

Financial Statements

For the Year Ending

31 March 2025

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Outdoor and Sustainability Education Specialists (Oases) Limited

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Outdoor and Sustainability Education Specialists (Oases) Limited

Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report)

Year Ended 31 March 2025

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Objectives and Activities

The objects of OASES are:

(1) To promote and encourage the protection, preservation and improvement of the environment of the North East of England for the benefit of the public, and (2) to promote the advancement of education of the public concerning the environment, its conservation and protection and related subjects.

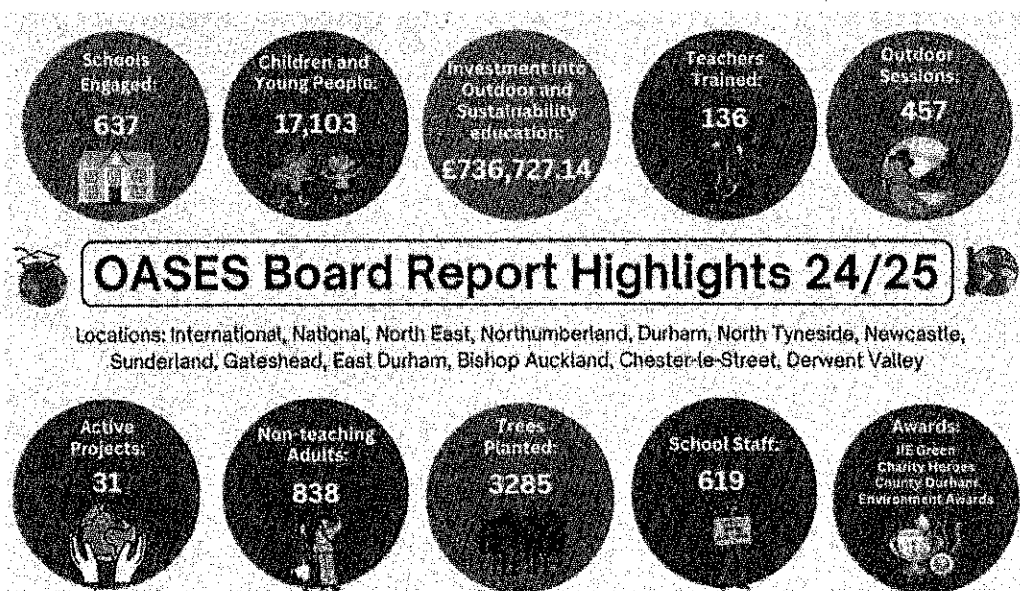
Achievements and Performance

Another Year of Sustained Activity, Engagement, and Impact.

In pursuit of our vision to "Create a more sustainable world where all children can thrive" OASES has, once again, made a significant difference to the understanding of sustainability and the value of outdoor learning across the Northeast and more widely.

This has been possible through the growth in our highly trained and experienced staff team, and our partnerships with Local Authorities, Universities, Trusts, and Government departments. We have successfully delivered 31 different projects to support schools and young people in teaching and learning out of doors and developing their understanding of, and practical support for, key issues for a sustainable world.

Activity and Engagement



OASES aims to "Inspire, motivate, and engage young people by providing them with exciting educational experiences that will lead them to be enthusiastic, creative, resilient, and confident learners. We have done that this year by working with school staff, directly with their students and through whole school and community development.

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Year Ended 31 March 2025

OASES has continued to build upon the successes of 23/24 with the ongoing delivery of 31 active projects, and further growth within the team.

The successful delivery of these 31 projects has resulted in the direct engagement of 17,103 Children and Young People from 637 schools, who have benefitted from 457 Outdoor Sessions as well as our increasingly popular Sustainability and Climate Literacy opportunities.

Throughout the year we have worked with and supported 619 school staff and a further 838 non-teaching adults.

We have delivered another successful ECO2 COP29 Schools Climate Conference to schools from across the world.

OASES and Durham County Council collaborated with Durham University, including Durham Energy Institute, to deliver the ECO2 COP29 Schools Climate Conference. 83 schools from 14 countries took part in the online conference, which ran alongside this year's COP, COP29, in Baku, Azerbaijan.

Our Climate Friendly Schools Programme has also been accessed by teachers from across the England and we have continued to directly deliver our varied programme of outdoor learning and sustainability activities to various schools across the North East.

In addition, we have continued to offer a broad range of expertly delivered, accredited CPD for teachers and other school staff (and individuals) with 136 teachers trained this year in qualifications including Forest Schools, Forest Bathing and Coastal Schools provision.

OASES has also continued to gain accreditation in its own right, this year achieving the iE Green Award, an LOfC Quality Badge as well as being recognised as a Benefact Group Charity Hero and a winner of a County Durham Environment Award for the 'Nature for Wellbeing' project.

Throughout the year the number of partner organisations we have worked with has also continued to grow and now includes the 32 groups listed on the infographic below:

Partnerships:

- ALP Academy Trust
- Blackhill and Consett Community Garden
- Bullion Hall Community Centre
- Chester-le-Steet AAP
- Derwent Valley AAP
- Durham Community Action
- Durham County Council
- Durham University
- Forestry England
- Just Let Your Soul Grow
- Learning Through Landscapes
- LK Health and Wellbeing
- Micro-Site
- North East Combined Authority
- Newton Aycliffe Gardeners Guild
- Peterlee, East Durham Trust
- REFUSE
- RHS
- Shildon Alive
- Shildon Growing Healthy
- Solar for Schools
- Spennymoor and Tudhoe Community Garden
- Spennymoor Youth and Community Centre
- Stanhope Root and Branch Community Cafe
- South Stanley Project (Pie Gone Alley Community Cafe)
- Sunderland Museum and Winter Gardens
- Sunniside Community Centre
- TCR Hub (Barnard Castle)
- Trees for Cities
- Trimdon Community Allotment
- Ushaw Moor Community Garden
- West Cornforth Project

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Year Ended 31 March 2025

Financial Review

Income for the year was £585,510 (2024 - £492,470) and expenditure was £535,753 (2024 - £491,692) giving a surplus of £49,757 (2024 - £778). At 31 March 2025 net assets were £290,658 of which £183,440 was unrestricted revenue funds.

Reserves Policy

The trustees aim to hold reserves equal to three months running costs plus redundancy costs plus a contingency for staff illness and maternity/paternity cover costs. At 31st March 2025 this amounted to approximately £180,000. Actual reserves at 31st March 2025 were £183,440.

Structure, Governance and Management

Outdoor and Sustainability Education Specialists (OASES) Limited was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee on 30th August 1994 (company number 2963142) and was registered as a charity on 6th October 1994 with charity number 1041301. It is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 30th August 1994.

The charity changed its name from North East Environment Network Limited to Outdoor and Sustainability Education Specialists (OASES) Limited on 13th December 2023.

Organisational Structure

The OASES Board was pleased to welcome Dr Stuart Jones to be a trustee, Stuart is a member of the Durham Energy Institute and has provided valuable insight to OASES Green Futures programme. The OASES Board contains Trustees from different educational stages, higher education, charities, businesses and government. The Trustees meet between 3 - 4 times a year to discuss the strategic direction of OASES. The day to day running of the organisation is delegated to the OASES CEO, who also acts as Secretary to the OASES Board.

Recruitment and training of trustees

New OASES Trustees are openly recruited according to their specialism.

All new Trustees complete a skills audit upon joining the Board. The skills audits are used to identify the Boards strengths and weaknesses. Suitable candidates are then recruited to ensure a strong Board with relevant skills, using whatever method is deemed appropriate given the specialism e.g. at the moment the OASES Board would like to recruit a treasurer, hence people with an accounts background are being approached.

Once identified suitable candidates meet with the OASES Chair and the OASES CEO to discuss the organisation and a Trustee's responsibilities. If the candidate still wishes to put themselves forward they are invited to attend the next OASES Board meeting where they can be elected onto the Board.

The training needs of the Trustees are identified through the Board meetings. Suitable training is then arranged by the OASES CEO.

Public Benefit

Our main activities and who we help are described elsewhere in this report. All our charitable activities are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit. The Board have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit throughout the year when deciding on the activities of the charity.

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Reference and Administrative Details

Registered charity name Outdoor and Sustainability Education Specialists (OASES) Limited
Charity registration number 1041301
Company registration number 2963142
Principal office and registered office The EWE Centre
Esh Winning Primary School
The Wynds
Esh Winning
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The Trustees

Mike Tones (Chair)
Paul Green
Caroline Hodgson
David Ford
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Company Secretary Joanne Appleby
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Small Company Provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 4/12/2025 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:


Joanne Appleby
Company Secretary

Outdoor and Sustainability Education Specialists (Oases) Limited

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Outdoor and Sustainability Education Specialists (OASES) Limited

Year Ended 31 March 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Outdoor and Sustainability Education Specialists (OASES) Limited ('the company') for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements 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 the company'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 Statement

Since the company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), 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 financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements 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 financial statements 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).

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Outdoor and Sustainability Education Specialists (OASES) Limited *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 March 2025

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.

Jane Ascroft

Jane Ascroft FCA MA (Cantab)
Independent Examiner

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Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account)

Year Ended 31 March 2025

			2025		2024
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Income and endowments					
Charitable activities	5	318,633	265,704	584,337	491,846
Investment income	6	1,173	—	1,173	624
Total income		<u>319,806</u>	<u>265,704</u>	<u>585,510</u>	<u>492,470</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities	7,8	322,120	213,633	535,753	491,692
Total expenditure		<u>322,120</u>	<u>213,633</u>	<u>535,753</u>	<u>491,692</u>
Net income and net movement in funds		<u>(2,314)</u>	<u>52,071</u>	<u>49,757</u>	<u>778</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		185,754	55,147	240,901	240,123
Total funds carried forward		<u>183,440</u>	<u>107,218</u>	<u>290,658</u>	<u>240,901</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 10 to 20 form part of these financial statements.

Outdoor and Sustainability Education Specialists (Oases) Limited

Statement of Financial Position

31 March 2025

		2025	2024 (restated)
	Note	£	£
Current Assets			
Debtors	12	81,519	122,195
Cash at bank and in hand		306,748	188,901
		<u>388,267</u>	<u>311,096</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	<u>97,609</u>	<u>70,195</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>290,658</u>	<u>240,901</u>
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		<u>290,658</u>	<u>240,901</u>
Net Assets		<u>290,658</u>	<u>240,901</u>
Funds of the Charity			
Restricted funds		107,218	55,147
Unrestricted funds		183,440	185,754
Total charity funds	16	<u>290,658</u>	<u>240,901</u>

For the year ending 31 March 2025 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

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

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 4.12.25, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Mike Tones
Trustee



The notes on pages 10 to 20 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Cash Flows

Year Ended 31 March 2025

	2025	2024 (restated)
	£	£
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Net income	49,757	778
<i>Adjustments for:</i>		
Other interest receivable and similar income	(1,173)	(624)
Accrued (income)/expenses	(10,749)	9,029
<i>Changes in:</i>		
Trade and other debtors	40,676	(39,279)
Trade and other creditors	38,163	(22,504)
Cash generated from operations	116,674	(52,600)
Interest received	1,173	624
Net cash from/(used in) operating activities	117,847	(51,976)
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	117,847	(51,976)
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	188,901	240,877
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	306,748	188,901

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Outdoor and Sustainability Education Specialists (Oases) Limited

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year Ended 31 March 2025

1. General Information

The company is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales and a registered charity in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is The EWE Centre, Esh Winning Primary School, The Wynds, Esh Winning, County Durham, DH7 9BE.

2. Statement of Compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

3. Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

The entity is a Public Benefit Entity.

Going Concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and Key Sources of Estimation Uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The trustees consider that there are no significant estimates or judgements affecting these financial statements.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the purposes of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for specific purposes.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 March 2025

3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Income

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income, any performance related conditions attached have been met or are fully within the control of the charity, the income is considered probable and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Donations and legacy income is received by way of donations, legacies, grants and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Where legacies have been notified to the charity but the criteria for income recognition have not been met, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity, being the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market.

Investment income is included when receivable.

Income from charitable trading activity is accounted for when earned.

Income from grants, where related to performance and specific deliverables, are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates:

Costs of raising funds comprise the costs associated with attracting donations, grants and legacies and the costs of trading for fundraising purposes.

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.

Other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SOFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

Financial Instruments

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year Ended 31 March 2025

3. Accounting Policies (continued)

Defined Contribution Plans

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render the related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as an expense in the period in which it arises.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Accrued income and tax recoverable is included at the best estimate of the amounts receivable at the balance sheet date.

Cash at Bank and in Hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Taxation

The company is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the company is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

4. Limited by Guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee. At 31st March 2025 there were 10 members each of whom had undertaken to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 in the event of a winding up.

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year Ended 31 March 2025

5. Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025
	£	£	£
Income from charitable activities	<u>318,633</u>	<u>265,704</u>	<u>584,337</u>
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	(restated) £
Income from charitable activities	<u>310,449</u>	<u>181,397</u>	<u>491,846</u>

6. Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	(restated) £
Bank interest receivable	<u>1,173</u>	<u>1,173</u>	<u>624</u>	<u>624</u>

7. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Fund Type

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025
	£	£	£
Costs of charitable activities	311,025	213,633	524,658
Support costs	<u>11,095</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>11,095</u>
	<u>322,120</u>	<u>213,633</u>	<u>535,753</u>
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	(restated) £
Costs of charitable activities	272,612	207,981	480,593
Support costs	<u>11,099</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>11,099</u>
	<u>283,711</u>	<u>207,981</u>	<u>491,692</u>

8. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Activity Type

	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs	Total funds 2025	Total fund 2024
	£	£	£	£
Costs of charitable activities	<u>524,658</u>	<u>11,095</u>	<u>535,753</u>	<u>491,692</u>

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9. Independent Examination Fees

	2025	2024 (restated)
	£	£
Fees payable to the independent examiner for:		
Independent examination of the financial statements	840	840
Other financial services	882	864
	<u>1,722</u>	<u>1,704</u>

10. Staff Costs and Emoluments

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2025	2024 (restated)
	£	£
Wages and salaries	333,820	323,311
Social security costs	21,946	20,184
Employer contributions to pension plans	43,904	38,988
Other employee benefits	730	696
	<u>400,400</u>	<u>383,179</u>

The average head count of employees during the year was 17 (2024: 13). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2025 No.	2024 No.
Number of project staff	<u>14</u>	<u>10</u>

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2024: Nil).

11. Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

No remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were received by the trustees.

During the year expenses totalling £Nil (2024 - £Nil) were reimbursed to the trustees.

12. Debtors

	2025	2024 (restated)
	£	£
Trade debtors	76,833	62,870
Prepayments	—	1,931
Accrued income	4,686	57,394
	<u>81,519</u>	<u>122,195</u>

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13. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024 (restated)
	£	£
Accruals	27,351	38,100
Deferred income	70,258	32,095
	<u>97,609</u>	<u>70,195</u>

14. Deferred Income

Deferred income relates to payments received on contracts where the work has not yet been carried out.

15. Pensions and Other Post Retirement Benefits

Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £43,904 (2024: £38,988).

16. Analysis of Charitable Funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 April 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	<u>185,754</u>	<u>319,806</u>	<u>(322,120)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>183,440</u>

	At 1 April 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	<u>167,235</u>	<u>311,073</u>	<u>(283,711)</u>	<u>(8,843)</u>	<u>185,754</u>

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16. Analysis of Charitable Funds (continued)

Restricted funds

	At 1 April 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Food Durham	3,552	86,607	(43,231)	—	46,928
Forest Bathing - EDRC					
AAP	1,500	22,864	(18,836)	—	5,528
Camping Schools	523	—	(523)	—	—
Climate Friendly Schools - CLS	25,495	—	(9,745)	—	15,750
Climate Friendly Schools - DV	13,859	17,425	(9,608)	—	21,676
Sunderland Museum & Winter Garden (SMWG)	—	43,498	(41,948)	—	1,550
Wonderful Walks	2,836	—	(2,836)	—	—
Sustainable Food Places	—	9,531	(9,531)	—	—
Climate Friendly Schools - Sunderland	—	16,768	(16,768)	—	—
Tree for every child	7,382	13,617	(20,999)	—	—
Community Growing Derwent Valley	—	17,020	(8,050)	—	8,970
Dynamic Food					
Procurement	—	1,000	(22)	—	978
Forest Bathing Big Give	—	1,037	(202)	—	835
Forest Bathing Believe	—	7,439	(2,436)	—	5,003
Forest Schools - Darlington	—	5,201	(5,201)	—	—
Fun & Food - Easter	—	7,613	(7,613)	—	—
Fun & Food - Summer BASH	—	2,665	(2,665)	—	—
Fun & Food - Summer ED	—	2,560	(2,560)	—	—
Fun & Food - Summer EDRC	—	4,351	(4,351)	—	—
Fun & Food - Summer MD	—	4,176	(4,176)	—	—
Fun & Food - Summer Stanley	—	2,332	(2,332)	—	—
	<u>55,147</u>	<u>265,704</u>	<u>(213,633)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>107,218</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year Ended 31 March 2025

16. Analysis of Charitable Funds (continued)

	At 1 April 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Ecofriendly Schools	464	—	(464)	—	—
Food Durham	—	45,573	(42,021)	—	3,552
Forest Bathing - EDRC	—	—	—	—	—
AAP	—	14,483	(12,983)	—	1,500
Good Food Local	—	1,370	(1,370)	—	—
Green Futures STEM	—	—	—	—	—
Learning	—	3,253	(3,253)	—	—
Camping Schools	—	7,087	(6,564)	—	523
Climate Friendly	—	—	—	—	—
Schools - CLS	—	35,272	(9,777)	—	25,495
Climate Friendly	—	—	—	—	—
Schools - DV	—	19,557	(5,698)	—	13,859
Sunderland Museum & Winter Garden (SMWG)	—	8,026	(8,026)	—	—
Seascapes	6,431	—	(6,431)	—	—
Wonderful Walks	3,532	—	(696)	—	2,836
Empowering	—	—	—	—	—
Environmental Action	12,343	—	(12,343)	—	—
Sustainable Food	—	—	—	—	—
Places	16,993	2,124	(19,117)	—	—
H2 The Future	1,600	—	(1,600)	—	—
Climate Friendly	—	—	—	—	—
Schools - Sunderland	(270)	34,408	(42,981)	8,843	—
Nature & Nurture	122	10,244	(10,366)	—	—
Nature for wellbeing	1,491	—	(1,491)	—	—
Tree for every child	30,182	—	(22,800)	—	7,382
	<u>72,888</u>	<u>181,397</u>	<u>(207,981)</u>	<u>8,843</u>	<u>55,147</u>

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16. Analysis of Charitable Funds *(continued)*

Ecofriendly Schools - Derwent Valley AAP - This project uses the Eco Schools Award Framework to engage staff, pupils and the wider school community in taking action to reducing carbon emissions, improving resource efficiency, improving air quality and linking activity to national campaigns.

Food Durham - National Lottery - Funded by the National Lottery Community Fund 'The Food Durham - Connecting and Supporting our Local Food Partnerships' project aims to bring both the strategic and delivery roles of Food Durham together, to help create a thriving local food culture in County Durham. This will be achieved by: employing a part-time Food Durham Co-ordinator for three years; improving the knowledge and awareness of the need for sustainable food through a communication and events programme; achieving the Silver Sustainable Food Places accreditation; progressing the County Durham Food Strategy Draft Action Plan; undertaking direct work with local communities to facilitate access to locally grown, healthy and affordable food.

Forest Bathing - EDRC AAP - East Durham Rural Corridor AAP - This project is funded by the East Durham Rural Corridor AAP and will enable OASES to use Forest Bathing practices, in order to deliver nature therapy sessions for pupils in Sedgefield Primary, Kelloe Primary, Bowburn Primary, Coxhoe Primary, Bluebell Meadow Primary and Cassop Primary. These sessions will provide an early intervention and preventative support mechanism that will enable children to develop coping mechanisms to enhance their wellbeing.

Good Food Local - Food Durham is a partner in this north east region and Cumberland programme established with national charity Sustain to map activity, benchmark progress and good practice and produce a framework to promote commitments to good food across the region. This builds on an initial programme across London. In the north east this work is being led by the Assistant Directors of Public Health NE working with all local authorities in the region and many of the food partnerships.

Green Futures STEM Learning - Durham University/STEM Learning - Funding from Durham University and Stem Learning to develop and deliver Green Future sessions within schools to help and encourage Climate Friendly Schools engagement and enable young people to appreciate the careers that will be available to them in the future. We will focus on Wind, Solar, Hydrogen cars, Geothermal Mine water and Carbon Capture.

Camping Schools - Hays Travel - OASES secured this grant so we can purchase tents, sleeping bags, roll mats and lamps to use for overnight residentials with schools across the region, so that schools can host residentials in their school grounds. OASES will 'loan' the equipment out to the schools and help them put it up/ disassemble it (checking that it has not been damaged). This will give children the opportunity to take part in a residential and remove some of the barriers for those from the poorest backgrounds/ most affected by the Covid legacy.

Climate Friendly Schools CLS - Chester-le-Street AAP - This project is funded by the Chester-le-Street AAP to provide support for 10 schools to become more climate friendly (5 schools over two years, 10 in total) who will undertake 7 audits to ascertain how climate friendly they are now, create an action plan and deliver practical actions towards improving their climate credentials, working with the whole school community and improving knowledge and understanding as well as empowering young people to to combat climate anxiety.

Climate Friendly Schools DV - Derwent Valley AAP - This project is funded by the Derwent Valley AAP to provide support for 10 schools to become more climate friendly (5 schools over two years, 10 in total) who will undertake 7 audits to ascertain how climate friendly they are now, create an action plan and deliver practical actions towards improving their climate credentials, working with the whole school community and improving knowledge and understanding as well as empowering young people to combat climate anxiety.

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16. Analysis of Charitable Funds *(continued)*

Sunderland Museum & Winter Garden (SMWG) - UKSPF funding through Sunderland City Council - OASES will run consultation sessions with a minimum of 8 local community and business groups and use the results to produce a design plan for the development of the garden. The OASES team will help volunteers establish the planting within the garden in a sustainable and sensitive manner, utilising reused and recycled materials and establishing an environmentally friendly management and maintenance programme. The Community Garden will also connect with and expand SMWG's school learning and engagement programme. The OASES team will work with the new Community Garden Engagement Officer (CGEO) to create new workshops which will combine indoor and outdoor delivery with emphasis in the first instance on EYFS and Primary Schools.

Seascapes - 'SeaScapes' is the UK's first marine Landscape Partnership scheme. Managed by a partnership of local, regional and national partners hosted by The Heritage Coast Partnership (Durham County Council), the £5 million programme will deliver a suite of projects benefiting coastal heritage, the marine environment and local communities across South Tyneside, Sunderland, Durham and Hartlepool. OASES won the tender to be the SeaScapes Educational Provider, providing educational support for two key projects within the programme: 'Coast at War' and 'Changing Coastline'.

Wonderful Walks - Funded by the Ballinger Trust, this project seeks to inspire inter-generational communication and a care of the environment through the delivery of guided walks in nature.

Empowering Environmental Action - this money has been given to OASES by Northumbrian Water as an enforcement undertaking. It will fund climate awareness sessions in school and practical actions to help mitigate and adapt to climate change within communities.

Sustainable Food Places - SUSTAIN has funded a Food Durham Coordinator to enable Food Durham and its partners to achieve the Sustainable Food Places Silver Award.

H2 The Future - This new project has been developed in collaboration with UKSTEM. Funded by the Institution of Engineering and Technology OASES worked with 20 schools across the Tees Valley and south Durham to showcase the benefits of hydrogen as a power source for transport.

Climate Friendly Schools - Sunderland - Sunderland City Council are supporting 10 of their schools to take climate action and become more climate literate by engaging with OASES to complete the Climate Friendly School initiative. The council have also funded the production of a Wear Sustainable education resource that engages local schools with their heritage and sustainability issues. The latter includes the development and delivery of a river bank tour to highlight the sustainability credentials of the new riverside developments.

Nature & Nurture - The Mid-Durham AAP have funded 4 of their schools to work with OASES to develop and deliver Forest Bathing provision in their schools; training teachers in the practice so that they can provide a helpful early intervention for children suffering from anxiety.

Nature for wellbeing - Funded by the Durham AAP, this grant will fund 12 members of school staff in the Durham AAP areas to become accredited in NOCN Level 3 Forest Bathing. The training will enable schools to deliver Forest Bathing sessions with children who need help to develop strategies to become calm and focused.

Tree For Every Child - Delivered on behalf of Durham County Council, OASES works with school across the county to help children appreciate the value of trees and enable them to plant a tree, either at a local site or within the school's grounds.

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Community Growing Derwent Valley - This project has provided networking support to communities throughout the Derwent Valley AAP area for community growing and food initiatives with dedicated support provided to two communities: Burnopfield and Medomsley.

Dynamic Food Procurement (DFP) - This is a procurement system that uses innovative technology to create an open digital marketplace that enables shorter, more transparent food supply chains which will deliver significant social, economic and environmental benefits for everyone.

Forest Bathing Big Give - The OASES Forest Bathing campaign, hosted and matched by The Big Give, raised enough to fund a Forest Bathing taster session for five schools.

Forest Bathing Believe - This project, funded by Believe Housing, provided a programme of Forest Bathing to two cohorts in two schools. Each cohort was made up of twelve children who needed support with stress, anxiety, behavioural issues or bereavement.

Forest Schools - Darlington - OASES were contracted to provide Forest School delivery at three Darlington Borough Council Fun and Food holiday clubs, two during the summer holidays and one during the Easter holidays.

Fun & Food - Easter - Fun and Food funded Forest Fun sessions at two schools over the Easter holidays, one in the East Durham Rural Corridor AAP area and one in the Mid-Durham AAP area. The Fun and Food programme was set up to combat holiday hunger, so the Forest Fun sessions were open to children who are in receipt of benefits-related free school meals.

Fun & Food - Summer - Fun and Food funded Forest Fun sessions at five schools over the Summer holidays, spread across the Bishop Auckland and Shildon Area AAP, East Durham AAP, East Durham Rural Corridor, Mid Durham AAP and Stanley AAP areas.

17. Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025
	£	£	£
Current Assets	281,049	107,218	388,267
Creditors less than 1 year	(97,609)	—	(97,609)
Net assets	183,440	107,218	290,658

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£
Current Assets	255,949	55,147	311,096
Creditors less than 1 year	(70,195)	—	(70,195)
Net assets	185,754	55,147	240,901

18. Analysis of Changes in Net Debt

	At 1 Apr 2024	Cash flows	At 31 Mar 2025
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	188,901	117,847	306,748

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Management Information

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

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	2025 £	2024 £
Income and endowments		
Charitable activities		
Income from charitable activities	<u>584,337</u>	<u>491,846</u>
Investment income		
Bank interest receivable	<u>1,173</u>	<u>624</u>
Total income	<u>585,510</u>	<u>492,470</u>
Expenditure		
Costs of charitable activities		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
Wages	333,820	323,311
NIC	21,946	20,184
Pension	43,904	38,988
Healthcare	730	696
Activities, Events & Resources	113,826	88,718
Mileage and travel	10,432	8,696
	<u>524,658</u>	<u>480,593</u>
Support costs		
Premises	6,546	6,148
Insurance	1,931	1,833
Accountancy fees	840	840
Office costs	—	17
Training and recruitment	1,778	2,261
	<u>11,095</u>	<u>11,099</u>
Total expenditure	<u>535,753</u>	<u>491,692</u>
Net income	<u>49,757</u>	<u>778</u>