

MIDDLETON PLUS DEVELOPMENT TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1072829

Details

Other names	MIDDLETON PLUS
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	03520711
Registered	1998-12-07
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: TO PURSUE ANY CHARITABLE PURPOSE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF MIDDLETON-IN-TEESDALE AND UPPER TEESDALE IN THE COUNTY OF DURHAM, AND IN PARTICULAR (BUT WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE GENERALITY OF THE FOREGOING) THE ENHANCEMENT AND PRESERVATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT, THE RELIEF OF POVERTY, THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING, THE PROVISION OF LEISURE FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE, AND THE PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION OF PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH AND THE PROMOTION OF URBAN AND RURAL REGENERATION THROUGH THE PERSEVATION OF BUILDINGS OR SITES OF HISTORIC OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE, THE MAINTENANCE, IMPROVEMENT OR PROVISION OF PUBLIC FACILITIES AND THE PROVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH FACILITIES AND CHILDCARE AND THE PROMOTION OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE PREVENTION OF CRIME.

Activities: Middleton Plus exists because:Middleton Plus exists because we are passionate about making Middleton and the Upper Dale a great place to live, work and visitWe will achieve this by:working together in partnership to nurture a thriving and balanced economy and community

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** MIDDLETON-IN-TEESDALE AND UPPER TEESDALE IN THE COUNTY OF DURHAM
- Durham

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£231,949	£243,428	-	-
2024-03-31	£9,688	£10,515	-	-
2023-03-31	£6,521	£14,044	-	-
2022-03-31	£19,433	£16,592	-	-
2021-03-31	£28,951	£11,416	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
IAN RODERICK TALLENTIRE	Chair	
Diana Mary Currie		2019-01-29
JOANNA TAIT OBE		
John Boocock		2022-11-22
Lynda Bares		2014-11-19
Lynne Oxby		2022-10-11
Peter Collins		2022-11-22
RICHARD BELL		
Robert Danby		2019-10-30
Suzanne Julie McBain		2016-10-30

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Accounts

Middleton Plus Development Trust
Financial Statements
For the Year Ending
31 March 2025

JANE ASCROFT ACCOUNTANCY LIMITED

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Financial Statements

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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 charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Objectives and Activities

The objectives of the Trust are to pursue any charitable purpose for the benefit of the inhabitants of Middleton-in-Teesdale and Upper Teesdale in the County of Durham, and in particular (but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing), the enhancement and preservation of the environment, the relief of poverty, the advancement of education and training, the provision of leisure facilities in the interests of social welfare, and the preservation and protection of physical and mental health and the promotion of urban and rural regeneration through the preservation of buildings or sites of historic or architectural importance, the maintenance, improvement or provision of public facilities and the provision of public health facilities and childcare and the promotion of public safety and the prevention of crime.

How Our Activities Achieve Public Benefit

The Trustees have had due regard to the guidance published by the Charity Commission on Public Benefit. As a community development organisation, all of our activities are performed with the aim of providing benefit to the public, without exclusion. Our principal asset, 9 and 10 Market Place, is offered as much needed affordable housing for local people and the building also now supports a community based Artists' Co-operative which generates visitor interest and footfall in support of the local rural economy and widens cultural opportunities in the Upper Dale. In addition, by providing support and information to local individuals, visitors and businesses through our websites and tourism information; supporting community initiatives and organisations and arranging and supporting local events for the community as a whole, the Trustees strive to ensure that public benefit is achieved across a range of activities.

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Achievements and Performance

This year has seen much work focussed on ensuring a sustainable future for our listed 18th century building, to enable it to continue to deliver diverse community benefit for many years to come. We confirmed our ambitions to continue to provide much needed affordable rental housing for local people and also to support our rural community and its economy through providing information and opportunities for local organisations to attract visitors. Detailed plans were finalised to renovate and upgrade the whole building and take forward the potential development of the ground floor into a gallery to be run by a local start-up community based Artists' Co-operative.

Whilst plans were initially submitted to the Council in January 2024 for planning and listed building approval, the approvals processes extended to almost half way through this financial year due to additional reporting requirements on ecological matters and the detail of designs. During this time, sources of potential funding to support our initiative were explored and we were successful in our applications to the UK Government's Shared Prosperity Fund, Community Infrastructure Funding through Durham County Council. Once planning approvals were received in September 2024, Trustees moved at pace to ensure the challenging timescale restrictions on the funding could be achieved. The programme of building works funded by the grant was started on 6th January 2025 and despite the difficult weather conditions in this remote rural environment, successfully completed by the end of March as required.

The fully renovated building in its prominent position has been transformational to the main street scene and the general village ambiance, attracting a great deal of positive comment from local residents.

The gallery, run as a not-for-profit community organisation has now established itself as a tourist attraction in its own right and is encouraging cultural engagement with both residents and visitors. It presents local art and workshops in a high quality setting and is also receiving positive feedback with increasing footfall and business.

Middleton Plus continues to provide visitor and heritage information on our websites and we have distributed tourism supporting literature within the village.

The total renovation of the flat above the retail premises has incorporated a layout redesign and full upgrading of all facilities and utilities. Minor works have delayed the completion of the project but it will be offered at an affordable rent shortly and provide much needed, fully modernised 2 bedroom accommodation in the centre of the village for local people.

Maximising Community Benefit:

With a membership of local community organisations and individuals, we facilitate networking out of which opportunities for joint working and mutual aid arise.

Negotiations with the trustees of another local charity on securing greater overall community benefit through merger or collaboration are now at an advanced stage.

Asset Holding:

In addition to our freehold property, the Trust owns assets used by Middleton Christmas Lights to produce the spectacular seasonal lighting displays over December each year. The Trust also holds the Market Stalls and trailer and will continue to maintain these for community use at the Carnival, Christmas Lights switch on and other village events.

Meeting Frequency:

With the work of the Trust this year focussing on the building renovation project, the Management Committee decided that the management of both the project and the building works was better

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delivered through delegating responsibility to the Operations Team.

In support of and approval for the in-depth project management work needed to deliver the project, there have been three formal Operations Team meetings, with reports back to a formal Management Committee meeting and Annual General Meeting, together with written reports to Trustees.

Financial Review

Preparing for and embarking on the building renovation project resulted in no income being generated from the building throughout the year. All steps were taken to minimize the outgoings that became the responsibility of the Trust as landlord and the Trust has held sufficient funds to meet these commitments. Regular income will be generated from both the flat and the retail premises in future years.

In relation to the building renovation project, grant funding has covered both the pre-development work and a significant proportion of the actual costs of the building works. The building works are comprehensive and are anticipated to result in minimum maintenance costs for a number of years to come.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees aim to maintain sufficient unrestricted reserves to meet core running costs and minor repairs and maintenance. At present this equates to approximately £6,000 per annum. Restricted reserves consist mainly of capital assets to be used for charitable purposes.

Investment Policy

All cash reserves are currently held in a Community Account.

Plans for Future Periods

We will continue to enable the Artists' Co-operative to attract tourism into the Upper Dale, support the rural economy and widen cultural engagement. Our websites can also continue to provide heritage and visitor information in formats now preferred by many potential visitors.

The completion of the minor building works and establishment of new tenants in the flat, will facilitate and support decisions on the future of the Trust. With negotiations now at an advanced stage and 'in-principle' decisions already taken, the Due Diligence exercise considering the potential and implications of integrating with the other local charity having similar objects and powers will be finalised and Trustees will meet to determine the appropriate outcome and enact all necessary actions.

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Year Ended 31 March 2025

Structure, Governance and Management

Middleton Plus Development Trust ("The Trust") is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 3rd March 1998. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the company and is governed under its Articles of Association. Under those Articles, the board of Trustees is elected at Management Committee meetings to serve a period of three years and then seek re-election.

Trustee Recruitment and Appointment

Representative bodies elect an individual to be part of the Management Committee. Individuals interested in joining the Management Committee can be invited to attend meetings. Once familiar with the activities of the Trust, they can then formally join the Committee if co-opted as individual members.

Induction and Training of Trustees

All new Trustees are introduced to the management and responsibilities of Middleton Plus using the Middleton Plus Management Committee Handbook.

Details of Wider Networks

Middleton Plus Development Trust engages with Durham County Council and has received its support through targeted funds and grants. In the research for and development of our building refurbishment plans, in addition to consultation with DCC's Conservation Department, we have also engaged with Durham Community Action and the Rural Design Centre. Following our successful completion of the main refurbishment project, we have also been sharing our experiences with interested organisations such as Communities CAN.

Related Parties

The Trust has a current membership which includes a range of local organisations: Middleton-in-Teesdale and Newbiggin Parish Council; Durham County Council; The Pathway; Middleton Friday Morning Club; Middleton WI; Middleton Christmas Lights and Upper Teesdale Agricultural Support Services. An unpaid management committee includes nominated representatives of Members and 5 co-opted individuals from the local community. Any transactions with the aforementioned organisations are carried out on an 'arm's length' basis.

Risk Management

The major risks identified by the Trustees have been reviewed and systems established to mitigate those risks.

Reference and Administrative Details

Registered charity name Middleton Plus Development Trust

Charity registration number 1072829

Company registration number 3520711

Principal office and registered office 9-11 Chapel Row
Middleton In Teesdale
Barnard Castle
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Year Ended 31 March 2025

The Trustees

I R Tallentire
W L Tallentire
J Tait
L M Bares
A C Mitchell
R A Bell
D M Currie
S J McBain
R Danby
L Oxby
J Boocock
P Collins

Company Secretary

L M Bares

Independent Examiner

Jane Ascroft FCA MA (Cantab)
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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 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

I R Tallentire
Trustee

Middleton Plus Development Trust

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Middleton Plus Development Trust

Year Ended 31 March 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Middleton Plus Development Trust ('the charity') 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 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 Statement

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 charity 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).

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 FCA MA (Cantab)
Independent Examiner

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Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account)

Year Ended 31 March 2025

		Unrestricted funds	2025 Restricted funds	Total funds	2024 Total funds
	Note	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	5	–	231,784	231,784	5,503
Charitable activities	6	118	–	118	4,185
Investment income	7	–	47	47	–
Total income		<u>118</u>	<u>231,831</u>	<u>231,949</u>	<u>9,688</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities	8,9	11,477	231,951	243,428	10,515
Total expenditure		<u>11,477</u>	<u>231,951</u>	<u>243,428</u>	<u>10,515</u>
Net expenditure		<u>(11,359)</u>	<u>(120)</u>	<u>(11,479)</u>	<u>(827)</u>
Transfers between funds		120	(120)	–	–
Net movement in funds		<u>(11,239)</u>	<u>(240)</u>	<u>(11,479)</u>	<u>(827)</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		74,430	251	74,681	75,508
Total funds carried forward		<u>63,191</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>63,202</u>	<u>74,681</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 9 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

31 March 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible fixed assets	14	40,705	44,118
Current Assets			
Debtors	15	–	453
Cash at bank and in hand		23,217	30,855
		<u>23,217</u>	<u>31,308</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	<u>720</u>	<u>745</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>22,497</u>	<u>30,563</u>
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		<u>63,202</u>	<u>74,681</u>
Net Assets		<u>63,202</u>	<u>74,681</u>
Funds of the Charity			
Restricted funds		11	251
Unrestricted funds		<u>63,191</u>	<u>74,430</u>
Total charity funds	17	<u>63,202</u>	<u>74,681</u>

For the year ending 31 March 2025 the charity 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, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

I R Tallentire
Trustee

The notes on pages 9 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year Ended 31 March 2025

1. General Information

The charity 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 9-11 Chapel Row, Middleton In Teesdale, Barnard Castle, DL12 0SN.

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, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the 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 to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 March 2025

3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Income

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- 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 to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Tangible Assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Tangible Assets *(continued)*

An increase in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of a revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, unless it reverses a charge for impairment that has previously been recognised as expenditure within the statement of financial activities. A decrease in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, except to which it offsets any previous revaluation gain, in which case the loss is shown within other recognised gains and losses on the statement of financial activities.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Freehold property	- 2% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	- 10%/15% reducing balance or 25% straight line

Impairment of Fixed Assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

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.

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.

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3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

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, there being no issued share capital, and as such is not under the direct control of any individual but by the Board of directors as a whole. At 31 March 2025 there were 12 members each of whom had undertaken to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 in the event of a winding up.

5. Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Grants			
Durham County Council	–	216,784	216,784
Rural Design Centre	–	15,000	15,000
	<u>–</u>	<u>231,784</u>	<u>231,784</u>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Donations			
Donations	5,503	–	5,503
	<u>5,503</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>5,503</u>

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6. Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Rental income	–	–	3,850	3,850
Other charitable income	118	118	335	335
	<u>118</u>	<u>118</u>	<u>4,185</u>	<u>4,185</u>

7. Investment Income

	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Bank interest receivable	47	47	–	–
	<u>47</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>

8. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Fund Type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Charitable expenditure	11,477	231,951	243,428
	<u>11,477</u>	<u>231,951</u>	<u>243,428</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Charitable expenditure	10,515	–	10,515
	<u>10,515</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>10,515</u>

9. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Activity Type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Total funds 2025 £	Total fund 2024 £
Charitable expenditure	243,428	243,428	10,515
	<u>243,428</u>	<u>243,428</u>	<u>10,515</u>

10. Net Expenditure

Net expenditure is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2025 £	2024 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	3,413	3,760
	<u>3,413</u>	<u>3,760</u>

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11. Independent Examination Fees

	2025 £	2024 £
Fees payable to the independent examiner for:		
Independent examination of the financial statements	360	400
Other financial services	—	150
	<u>360</u>	<u>550</u>

12. Staff Costs

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

	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	—	1,906

The average head count of employees during the year was Nil (2024: 1). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2025 No.	2024 No.
Number of admin staff	—	1

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

13. Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

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

During the year trustees reclaimed expenditure paid on behalf of the charity totalling nil (2024 - £Nil).

14. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025	<u>80,402</u>	<u>41,233</u>	<u>121,635</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2024	38,467	39,050	77,517
Charge for the year	<u>1,608</u>	<u>1,805</u>	<u>3,413</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>40,075</u>	<u>40,855</u>	<u>80,930</u>
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2025	<u>40,327</u>	<u>378</u>	<u>40,705</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>41,935</u>	<u>2,183</u>	<u>44,118</u>

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15. Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other debtors	—	453
	<u>—</u>	<u>453</u>

16. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	720	360
Other creditors	—	385
	<u>720</u>	<u>745</u>

17. Analysis of Charitable Funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 April 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	30,312	118	(8,064)	120	22,486
Capital fund	44,118	—	(3,413)	—	40,705
	<u>74,430</u>	<u>118</u>	<u>(11,477)</u>	<u>120</u>	<u>63,191</u>

	At 1 April 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	27,379	9,688	(6,755)	—	30,312
Capital fund	47,878	—	(3,760)	—	44,118
	<u>75,257</u>	<u>9,688</u>	<u>(10,515)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>74,430</u>

Middleton Plus Development Trust

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year Ended 31 March 2025

17. Analysis of Charitable Funds (continued)

Restricted funds

	At 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2025 £
County Durham					
Community Foundation	251	–	(120)	(120)	11
DCC Renovation Grant	–	216,831	(216,831)	–	–
Rural Design Centre	–	15,000	(15,000)	–	–
	<u>251</u>	<u>231,831</u>	<u>(231,951)</u>	<u>(120)</u>	<u>11</u>

	At 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2024 £
County Durham					
Community Foundation	251	–	–	–	251
	<u>251</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>251</u>

Details of restricted funds

County Durham Community Foundation - Funding for the 'A Walk Through Time' project.

DCC Renovation Grant - Grant towards property renovations.

Rural Design Centre - Grant towards property renovations.

18. Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Tangible fixed assets	40,705	–	40,705
Current assets	23,206	11	23,217
Creditors less than 1 year	(720)	–	(720)
Net assets	<u>63,191</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>63,202</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	44,118	–	44,118
Current assets	31,057	251	31,308
Creditors less than 1 year	(745)	–	(745)
Net assets	<u>74,430</u>	<u>251</u>	<u>74,681</u>

19. Related Parties

There were no related party transactions undertaken during the year.

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Management Information

Year Ended 31 March 2025

The Following Pages Do Not Form Part of the Financial Statements.

Middleton Plus Development Trust

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year Ended 31 March 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	—	5,503
Durham County Council	216,784	—
Rural Design Centre	15,000	—
	<u>231,784</u>	<u>5,503</u>
Charitable activities		
Rental income	—	3,850
Other charitable income	118	335
	<u>118</u>	<u>4,185</u>
Investment income		
Bank interest receivable	47	—
	<u>47</u>	<u>—</u>
Total income	<u>231,949</u>	<u>9,688</u>
Expenditure		
Wages and salaries	—	1,906
Rates and water	2,819	443
Light and heat	1,364	(86)
Renovation costs	231,842	1,740
Insurance	483	376
Legal and professional fees	373	598
Telephone	120	140
Depreciation	3,413	3,760
Christmas lights	3,014	1,638
	<u>243,428</u>	<u>10,515</u>
Total expenditure	<u>243,428</u>	<u>10,515</u>
Net expenditure	<u>(11,479)</u>	<u>(827)</u>

MIDDLETON PLUS DEVELOPMENT TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1072829

Accounts

COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 3520711
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1072829

MIDDLETON PLUS DEVELOPMENT TRUST
COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2021

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MIDDLETON PLUS DEVELOPMENT TRUST

COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (INCORPORATING THE DIRECTORS' REPORT)

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered charity name	Middleton Plus Development Trust
Charity registration number	1072829
Company registration number	3520711
Principal office and registered office	10 Market Place Middleton in Teesdale Barnard Castle County Durham DL12 0QG

THE TRUSTEES

I R Tallentire
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MIDDLETON PLUS DEVELOPMENT TRUST

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (INCORPORATING THE DIRECTORS' REPORT)

(continued)

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Middleton Plus Development Trust ("The Trust") is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 3rd March 1998. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the company and is governed under its Articles of Association. Under those Articles, the board of Trustees is elected at Management Committee meetings to serve a period of three years and then seek re-election.

Trustee Recruitment and Appointment

Individuals interested in joining the Management Committee are invited to attend meetings. Once familiar with the activities of the Trust, they can then formally join the Committee. Representative bodies elect an individual to be part of the Management Committee.

Induction and Training of Trustees

All new Trustees are introduced to the management and responsibilities of Middleton Plus using the Middleton Plus Management Committee Handbook.

Details of Wider Networks

Middleton Plus Development Trust engages with Durham County Council; being a member of the Visit County Durham Partnership, Visitor Information Network and receiving grant support via the Teesdale Action Partnership, Neighbourhood Budget grant and other business targeted funds.

Related Parties

The Trust comprises an unpaid Management Committee made up of elected representatives of a range of local organisations including: Middleton and Newbiggin Parish Council; Durham County Council; St. Mary's Parish Church; Middleton Methodist Church; Middleton Friday Morning Club; Middleton Carnival; Teesdale Heritage Group; Middleton WI; Middleton in Bloom; Middleton Christmas Lights; Walkers are Welcome; Middleton-in-Teesdale Sports and Social Club; Middleton-in-Teesdale Tourist Information Centre and Upper Teesdale Agricultural Support Services Ltd. An unpaid management committee includes nominated representatives of Members and co-opted individuals from the local community. Any transactions with the aforementioned organisations are carried out on an 'arm's length' basis.

Risk Management

The major risks identified by the Trustees have been reviewed and systems established to mitigate those risks.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objectives of the Trust are to pursue any charitable purpose for the benefit of the inhabitants of Middleton-in-Teesdale and Upper Teesdale in the County of Durham, and in particular (but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing), the enhancement and preservation of the environment, the relief of poverty, the advancement of education and training, the provision of leisure facilities in the interests of social welfare, and the preservation and protection of physical and mental health and the promotion of urban and rural regeneration through the preservation of buildings or sites of historic or architectural importance, the maintenance, improvement or provision of public facilities and the provision of public health facilities and childcare and the promotion of public safety and the prevention of crime.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (INCORPORATING THE DIRECTORS' REPORT)

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

How Our Activities Achieve Public Benefit

The trustees have had due regard to the guidance published by the Charity Commission on Public Benefit. As a community development organisation, all of our activities are performed with the aim of providing benefit to the public, without exclusion. By providing support and information to local individuals, visitors and businesses through the Tourist Information Centre (TIC) and arranging local events for the community as a whole, the trustees strive to ensure that public benefit is achieved.

Review of Activities, Achievements and Performance

With the current main focus of our activities based around support to local tourism and business, the pandemic restrictions had a significant impact on our operations throughout the year. The necessary closure of the TIC gave us the opportunity to progress work to refurbish the retail and office areas and despite the limitations on the contractor's availability, some improvements were completed which will significantly improve the working environment for our staff and volunteers. Closure also enabled us to complete an exercise to review our current stock and assess its future saleability, in line with feedback from our volunteers on maximising the benefit that can be achieved from the retail space.

As we were unable to provide the face to face service in the TIC, we also completed a review of our websites, which were then restructured, updated, refreshed and linked more clearly together to provide tourist and heritage information. As people were encouraged to take daily exercise and visitors started to return to the area, we also reviewed and updated the walking guides with a heritage theme produced through the project undertaken with Northern Heartlands support.

We continue to provide diverse community benefit through our building assets. With only a short interval between tenants, the flat above the retail premises has been rented out for the majority of the year, maintaining the opportunity for local residents to have access to small affordable accommodation. Longer-term, we need to plan for and seek funding for further repairs and maintenance for the flat & Tourist Information Centre.

Maximising Community Benefit:

Our very constitution & operation facilitates networking among our member organisations. We also continue to support other community organisations with their work where we can.

Following a consultation and open meeting with our members and volunteers, we have also been exploring, with the Trustees of other community organisations in the locality, ways in which we could work more closely or collaborate, maximise the use of our assets or share costs to secure greater community benefit. This work is ongoing.

Asset Holding:

Middleton Christmas Lights continues to extend its reach and the displays over December each year. The Trust continues to purchase items on their behalf and hold the ownership of these assets. The Trust also holds the Market Stalls and trailer and will continue to maintain these for community use at the Carnival, Christmas Lights switch on and other village events.

Northern Heartlands Project:

It has still not been possible to put on the public display to conclude this project but it is hoped that this will be achieved in the next year as our visitor engagement returns to a pre-pandemic style. As noted above, the project continues to live through further volunteer support in website maintenance and walk information updates.

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YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Meeting Frequency:

The Management Committee aims to meet every three months, with an Operations Team Sub-group in between, also about every 3 months where possible.

The pandemic restrictions initially prevented us meeting in person as a Management Committee, however, during this time we used an email update method of keeping in touch with our volunteers and continued to encourage awareness and networking within our Member organisations. By adopting video conferencing and supporting Trustees in its use, this then developed into an ability to meet and hold meetings both as a Management Committee and also with our volunteers. Three each of Management Committee meetings, Open meetings and Operations Team meetings were held during the year.

The continued difficulties in meeting in person early in 2021 also meant it was not possible to hold our AGM in February with the usual meeting format. The use of video conferencing was considered for this meeting, but deferment of the date to a time when it would be safe to hold an in person meeting was preferred as the more inclusive approach.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Following the enforced closure of our retail premises, and loss of TIC sales, the Trust has benefitted greatly from the Business Support Grants provided during the pandemic. Income from the flat rental also continues to provide regular support to the operation of the TIC and the Trust.

The reviews and consultations with our members and volunteers this year have provided valuable insight into ways in which we may be able to enhance our income and reduce our operating costs and this approach will continue to be developed in our search for appropriate funding sources and in seeking ways to improve our initiatives and profitability.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees aim to maintain sufficient unrestricted reserves to meet TIC costs and core running costs. At present this equates to approximately £6,000 per annum. Unrestricted free reserves at 31 March 2021 were £29,386. Restricted reserves consist mainly of capital assets to be used for charitable purposes. A detailed assessment of the timescales and cost of future significant maintenance requirements is being developed further to inform this policy.

Investment Policy

In the event of cash reserves not required in the short term, consideration of movement to a high interest bank account should be made.

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PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

Our future plans have had to be developed within the uncertainties of the ongoing pandemic situation. The health and safety of our volunteers is of paramount importance and the TIC will only reopen fully when it is considered safe and practical to do so, in line with any local pandemic restrictions, and subject to the availability of our volunteer team.

We will continue to work in partnership with other local bodies to provide a range of services which support the economic health of Middleton-in-Teesdale and the Upper Dale and the wellbeing of our community. Continued assistance from Visit Durham is vital and close liaison will be maintained with Teesdale Action Partnership and other potential funding bodies.

Our volunteers and Member Organisations have given us constructive feedback and suggestions on how to improve the operation of the TIC and ways we could develop, including co-ordinating and working more closely with other organisations and community groups in the dale. We will continue to take this work forward and use it in the development of future plans.

Whenever it is not possible to meet during pandemic restrictions, we will continue to manage our organisation and operations by video conference meetings and the circulation of documents and comments by email.

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 (incorporating the directors' report) was approved on 16th December 2021 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

I R Tallentire
Trustee



MIDDLETON PLUS DEVELOPMENT TRUST

COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF MIDDLETON PLUS DEVELOPMENT TRUST

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Middleton Plus Development Trust ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2021.

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 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 STATEMENT

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 charity 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).

MIDDLETON PLUS DEVELOPMENT TRUST

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF MIDDLETON
PLUS DEVELOPMENT TRUST *(continued)***

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

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.



Philip W Lamb
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20/12/2021

MIDDLETON PLUS DEVELOPMENT TRUST
COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

		Unrestricted funds	2021 Restricted funds	Total funds	2020 Total funds
	Note	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	5	2,263	—	2,263	4,879
Charitable activities	6	3,983	—	3,983	6,154
Investment income	7	—	—	—	2
Other income	8	22,705	—	22,705	—
Total income		<u>28,951</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>28,951</u>	<u>11,035</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities	9,10	8,731	2,685	11,416	17,653
Total expenditure		<u>8,731</u>	<u>2,685</u>	<u>11,416</u>	<u>17,653</u>
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds		<u>20,220</u>	<u>(2,685)</u>	<u>17,535</u>	<u>(6,618)</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		12,703	50,445	63,148	69,766
Total funds carried forward		<u>32,923</u>	<u>47,760</u>	<u>80,683</u>	<u>63,148</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 11 to 21 form part of these financial statements.

MIDDLETON PLUS DEVELOPMENT TRUST

COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

31 MARCH 2021

	Note	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible fixed assets	17		50,553		54,088
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	18	3,625		3,625	
Debtors	19	1,105		2,011	
Cash at bank and in hand		26,538		4,919	
		<u>31,268</u>		<u>10,555</u>	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	20	<u>1,138</u>		<u>1,495</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>30,130</u>		<u>9,060</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			<u>80,683</u>		<u>63,148</u>
NET ASSETS			<u>80,683</u>		<u>63,148</u>
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY					
Restricted funds			47,760		50,445
Unrestricted funds			32,923		12,703
Total charity funds	21		<u>80,683</u>		<u>63,148</u>

For the year ending 31 March 2021 the charity 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.

The statement of financial position
continues on the following page.
The notes on pages 11 to 21 form part of these financial statements.

MIDDLETON PLUS DEVELOPMENT TRUST

COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION *(continued)*

31 MARCH 2021

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 16th December 2021, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

I R Tallentire
Trustee

Company number: 3520711

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and strokes, positioned to the right of the trustee's name.

The notes on pages 11 to 21 form part of these financial statements.

MIDDLETON PLUS DEVELOPMENT TRUST

COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The charity 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 10 Market Place, Middleton in Teesdale, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 0QG.

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, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

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

Fund accounting

General funds are available for use at the discretion of the directors in furtherance of the general objectives of the Company.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds which have been set aside by the Trustees to be used for a particular purpose.

Restricted funds are funds subject to specific restrictive conditions imposed by funders or by the purpose of the appeal.

All income and expenditure is shown in the Statement of Financial Activities.

MIDDLETON PLUS DEVELOPMENT TRUST

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS *(continued)*

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(continued)*

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- 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 to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

MIDDLETON PLUS DEVELOPMENT TRUST

COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS *(continued)*

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(continued)*

Operating leases

Lease payments are recognised as an expense over the lease term on a straight-line basis. The aggregate benefit of lease incentives is recognised as a reduction to expense over the lease term, on a straight-line basis.

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Freehold Property	- 2% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	- 15% reducing balance/25% straight line/20% straight line

Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

Stocks

Stocks are measured at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost includes all costs of purchase, costs of conversion and other costs incurred in bringing the stock to its present location and condition.

Financial instruments

Financial instruments are classified and accounted for, according to the substance of the contractual arrangement, as financial assets, financial liabilities or equity instruments. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the company after deducting all of its liabilities.

MIDDLETON PLUS DEVELOPMENT TRUST

COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS *(continued)*

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

4. LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

The company is limited by guarantee, there being no issued share capital, and as such is not under the direct control of any individual but by the Board of directors as a whole. At 31 March 2021 there were 12 members each of whom had undertaken to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 in the event of a winding up.

5. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
DONATIONS				
Donations	<u>2,263</u>	<u>2,263</u>	<u>4,879</u>	<u>4,879</u>

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
TIC sales	—	—	1,283	1,283
TIC rent	3,680	3,680	4,620	4,620
Other income	<u>303</u>	<u>303</u>	<u>251</u>	<u>251</u>
	<u>3,983</u>	<u>3,983</u>	<u>6,154</u>	<u>6,154</u>

7. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Bank interest receivable	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

8. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Covid 19 support funding	<u>22,705</u>	<u>22,705</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>

MIDDLETON PLUS DEVELOPMENT TRUST

COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS *(continued)*

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

9. EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES BY FUND TYPE

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Operation of the TIC	3,947	2,640	6,587
Trust operations	—	24	24
Supporting & developing activities in Teesdale Heritage Resource & Activity Centre/Meet the Middletons	—	21	21
Support costs	4,784	—	4,784
	<u>8,731</u>	<u>2,685</u>	<u>11,416</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Operation of the TIC	4,336	3,225	7,561
Trust operations	4,094	29	4,123
Supporting & developing activities in Teesdale Heritage Resource & Activity Centre/Meet the Middletons	852	—	852
	—	79	79
Support costs	5,038	—	5,038
	<u>14,320</u>	<u>3,333</u>	<u>17,653</u>

10. EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES BY ACTIVITY TYPE

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Operation of the TIC	6,587	4,094	10,681	10,195
Trust operations	24	15	39	4,623
Supporting & developing activities in Teesdale	—	—	—	2,086
Heritage Resource & Activity Centre/Meet the Middletons	21	—	21	79
Governance costs	—	675	675	670
	<u>6,632</u>	<u>4,784</u>	<u>11,416</u>	<u>17,653</u>

MIDDLETON PLUS DEVELOPMENT TRUST

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS *(continued)*

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11. ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT COSTS

	Operation of the TIC £	Trust operations £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Communications and IT	199	1	200	199
Governance costs	675	—	675	670
Depreciation	3,241	12	3,253	3,395
Insurance	654	2	656	774
	<u>4,769</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>4,784</u>	<u>5,038</u>

Support costs have been allocated to activities on a percentage basis, based on their individual proportions of total direct activity costs.

12. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

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

	2021 £	2020 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	4,923	5,096
Operating lease rentals	<u>—</u>	<u>270</u>

13. INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION FEES

	2021 £	2020 £
Fees payable to the independent examiner for:		
Independent examination of the financial statements	400	—
Other financial services	235	—
	<u>635</u>	<u>—</u>

14. STAFF COSTS

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

	2021 £	2020 £
Wages and salaries	<u>1,638</u>	<u>1,638</u>

The average head count of employees during the year was 1 (2020: 1). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2021 No.	2020 No.
Number of admin staff	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2020: Nil).

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15. 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 trustees reclaimed expenditure paid on behalf of the charity totalling £173 (2020 - £Nil).

16. TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS

During the year the trustees made the decision to transfer all designated funds in to the general fund.

17. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2020	80,402	32,625	113,027
Additions	—	1,388	1,388
At 31 March 2021	80,402	34,013	114,415
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2020	32,035	26,904	58,939
Charge for the year	1,608	3,315	4,923
At 31 March 2021	33,643	30,219	63,862
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2021	46,759	3,794	50,553
At 31 March 2020	48,367	5,721	54,088

18. STOCKS

	2021 £	2020 £
Raw materials and consumables	3,625	3,625

19. DEBTORS

	2021 £	2020 £
Prepayments and accrued income	383	786
Other debtors	722	1,225
	1,105	2,011

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20. CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade creditors	42	14
Accruals and deferred income	536	536
Other creditors	560	945
	<u>1,138</u>	<u>1,495</u>

21. ANALYSIS OF CHARITABLE FUNDS

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 April 2020	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 March 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	4,465	28,951	(8,731)	8,238	32,923
Events fund	1,059	—	—	(1,059)	—
TIC property fund	7,067	—	—	(7,067)	—
TIC general fund	112	—	—	(112)	—
	<u>12,703</u>	<u>28,951</u>	<u>(8,731)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>32,923</u>

	At 1 April 2019	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 March 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	7,082	4,952	(12,088)	4,519	4,465
Events fund	1,731	180	(852)	—	1,059
TIC property fund	6,978	4,620	(30)	(4,501)	7,067
TIC general fund	140	1,283	(1,350)	39	112
	<u>15,931</u>	<u>11,035</u>	<u>(14,320)</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>12,703</u>

Details of designated funds

Events fund	Amounts received from the public at various events organised under the Upper Teesdale Events Programme. Money raised at these events is set aside to be used to continue the project in the absence of specific funding;
TIC property fund	This fund holds funds raised from rental income which have been set aside for repairs & maintenance to the property and running costs during vacant periods;
TIC general fund	TIC funds raised from the operation of the TIC & set aside in a separate bank account for TIC running costs.

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21. ANALYSIS OF CHARITABLE FUNDS *(continued)*

Restricted funds

	At 1 April 2020	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 March 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
HRAC/MTM	141	—	(21)	—	120
TMD/CCB	161	—	(24)	—	137
TIC property	48,367	—	(1,608)	—	46,759
County Durham					
Community Foundation	776	—	(418)	—	358
Teesdale Area Action					
Partnership	1,000	—	(614)	—	386
	<u>50,445</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>(2,685)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>47,760</u>

	At 1 April 2019	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 March 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
HRAC/MTM	277	—	(79)	(57)	141
TMD/CCB	190	—	(29)	—	161
TIC property	49,975	—	(1,608)	—	48,367
County Durham					
Community Foundation	2,393	—	(1,617)	—	776
Teesdale Area Action					
Partnership	1,000	—	—	—	1,000
	<u>53,835</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>(3,333)</u>	<u>(57)</u>	<u>50,445</u>

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21. ANALYSIS OF CHARITABLE FUNDS *(continued)*

Details of restricted funds

Heritage Resource & Activity Centre/ Meet the Middletons	To be used for the Meet the Middletons exhibition which has now closed. A small amount of capital items were retained and the balance on the fund represents these items. The only movement on the fund is the annual depreciation charge;
Tourism Marketing & Development/Community Capacity Building	In the past this fund was used to pay for salaries of specified staff & associated costs. A small amount of capital items were purchased and the balance on the fund represents these items. The only movement on the fund is the annual depreciation charge;
TIC property	Used to acquire the building in which the TIC is housed. The only movement on this fund is the annual depreciation on the property;
County Durham Community Foundation	Funding for the 'A Walk Through Time' project;
Teesdale Area Action Partnership	Contribution towards the refurbishment of the TIC.

22. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	3,537	47,016	50,553
Current assets	30,524	744	31,268
Creditors less than 1 year	(1,138)	—	(1,138)
Net assets	32,923	47,760	80,683

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Tangible fixed assets	5,419	48,669	54,088
Current assets	8,779	1,776	10,555
Creditors less than 1 year	(1,495)	—	(1,495)
Net assets	12,703	50,445	63,148

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23. RELATED PARTIES

There were no related party transactions undertaken during the year.