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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1073822

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025
for
FIRST STOP DARLINGTON

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TRUSTEES' ACCOUNTS

MARCH 2025

FIRST STOP DARLINGTON

Report of the Trustees **for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

The Trustees present the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published on 16 July 2014 (as amended by Update Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016).

The trustees are directors of the Company for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006.

Reference and Administration Information

Charity Name:	First Stop Darlington
Charity Registration number:	1073822
Company registration number:	3647391
Registered office and operational address:	32 Houndgate, Darlington, Co. Durham, DL1 5RH
Governing document:	Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 21 September 1998 and amended by special resolution(s) dated 20 th October 2011 and amended further by special resolution(s) dated 9 th February 2021

Board of Trustees

William John Kilgour	
Bernadette Mary Chapman	(Acting Chair)
Debra Irving	
James Stephen McGill	
Victoria Kate Gill	Resigned 24 th February 2025
Julie Whitehouse	Resigned 8 th April 2025 (after the year end but prior to the date of this report)

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Report of the Trustees **for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

Chair Report

This year's Trustee report reflects what has been a very challenging year for the charity, and we have once again, successfully adapted to enable the organisation to meet the increasing needs of the people of Darlington. Charity funding for poverty is currently quite scarce, and this has been extremely difficult to navigate for the organisation. The charity has adapted but sadly this has meant reducing the number of workers in the project leaving a small team to deal with the most important issues and problems of our clients.

The Trustees would like to place on the record our grateful thanks to the staff for their loyalty and professionalism during this difficult time as they have continued to support our clients and each other with professionalism and empathy while maintaining their sense of humour.

First Stop continues to receive funding from a variety of faithful sources which reflects the value that our funders apply to our work and in doing this we are trying to ensure that we are not too reliant upon one main funder but as stated above funding is becoming an increasingly challenging problem for the charity.

I have recently been made acting chair of the board, and I would like to place on record my thanks to my fellow trustees for their support and their contributions to the strategy of First Stop and in addition the support of the staff in our fundraising efforts. I would also like to give special thanks to our long-time chair John Kilgour who served in this capacity for 9 years and our gratitude to him for remaining on the board and continuing to provide his support and advice. We would also like to thank Tori Gill who stood down as acting chair in February for the contribution she made while on the Board and as Acting Chair, and the contribution she continues to make through sharing her PR skills.

Acting Chair
Bernadette Chapman

FIRST STOP DARLINGTON

Report of the Trustees **for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

Who are we?

First Stop Darlington (FSD) is a charity in Darlington, we work with people aged over 16 years of any culture, who experience disadvantages, for example: poverty, isolation, mental health, poor attainment; anything that means a person has fewer options and faces more barriers to live a fulfilled life due to their circumstances. Most of our clients live in the most deprived wards in our town, which are in the lowest 10 percentile of deprivation.

The biggest need that we currently address is that of poverty and all its ugly guises. We support people who are unemployed, people who are in full-time work and people in part-time work, we work with single people, couples, families, and anyone in between. Nobody is turned away; it is literally a person's 'first stop' to getting help in a time of crisis.

The charity was founded in 1999 to support people 'in need and distress within Darlington'. Unfortunately, that need is still here and we have adapted our services to help meet historic and emerging demands, increasing support to families and all on low income. We continue to find ways to adapt to growing needs, ensuring we provide a high-quality service to as many people as possible.

FSD is situated in Houndgate, within an area of deprivation under 10% percentile of the Indices of Multiple Deprivation, where we operate a centre with an appointment service, with crisis access available every day on the ground floor and have offices and a training/activity room/meeting room on the first floor. We offer an in-depth advice service with the use of phones and laptops so that clients can be supported to solve their problems and increase their access to benefits, housing, mental health support, employment support and other services.

Since we began in Feb 1999, we have supported over 10,400 vulnerable people to help them work on their issues and move forwards towards an independent life. We have provided, in total, a range of support services to over 12,500 people over the years, with the addition of various outreach events. (A full Annual Report is available on request).

How are we constituted?

First Stop Darlington is a company limited by guarantee, No. 3647391, governed by its Articles and Memorandum of Association. It is registered charity No 1073822 with a core membership of 12 people.

The directors of FSD are the Board of Trustees and are elected by the membership. In 2024-2025, the board had 5 members serving on the Board with 3 vacancies, none of whom are related to each other.

The Board has an appointed Acting Chair currently with a vacant Vice Chair position at present. The Articles of Association require that one third of the directors/ trustees retire each year by rotation; retiring trustees are eligible for re-election.

We do not have a treasurer, but all trustees have undergone training in the field of financial management of charities and all trustees are expected to oversee all financial reporting by our financial officer, the CEO and our financial advisors.

The role of the trustees is to further the objectives of FSD by formulating and regularly reviewing strategic aims, ensuring that policy and practice are in keeping with its aims and that FSD functions within the legal and financial requirements of a charitable organisation and strives to achieve best practice.

The Board has updated the Risk Register, taking account of the increased risks posed by the economic pressure caused by the years of inflation and increased energy prices on all aspects of public life. As clients' needs increased so also does the pressure on our staff and donors. The Risk Register takes these factors into account along with the various risks pertinent to our building, staff, funding etc.

Through the course of this year no trustee has received any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses. As well as participating in Board meetings and strategy reviews, individual board members have participated in fund raising activities. Raising money at a local level remains a challenge, but coffee mornings, CEO Sleepout and Carnival activities remain on the agenda. During this financial year £4,963 was raised through fundraising events and £4,410 raised in donations from the general public.

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Report of the Trustees **for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

FSD employs a CEO who is responsible for the general management of all FSD projects, management of staff and volunteers, building management and leading the team in procuring funding. The CEO attends Board meetings and reports to The Board on finance and operational matters.

The CEO is Tracy Freeman and there are 4 other members of experienced and dedicated staff who provide support and share skills with our clients, with a vacancy post ready to advertise in May.

Grant giving funding bodies are our main source of income, supplemented by fund raising efforts by Trustees and staff, and personal donations as mentioned above.

Our thanks for 2024-25 funding go to, National Lottery Community Fund, Ballinger Trust, Garfield Weston Trust, Watson Hope Foundation, Point North, Greggs Foundation, Trusthouse Foundation, 1989 Willan Trust, Harrison Foundation and all those who sponsored, donated and supported our fundraising efforts throughout the year.

Our aims and how we work

First Stop Darlington provides a Wellbeing and Work Hub in the town centre of Darlington and houses a range of practical, free facilities and activities designed to help people navigate from poverty and all its trappings, through to employment with decent wages that helps lift people out of poverty and to achieve long lost goals.

The aims of the organisation are:

- To ensure that confidential, impartial information, advice and support is provided in ways that empower local people to make informed decisions about their life choices and in a way that is sensitive to their needs.
- To provide Information, Advice and Guidance services regarding welfare benefit claims, benefit issues, money issues, expenditure, poverty, housing issues, access to services etc.
- To provide one to one support while people are working through their issues, sharing problem solving skills and increasing self-esteem and self-confidence to make behavioural changes in their lives.
- To promote positive mental health among service users, including Mindset and Mindfulness work.
- To provide activities around prevention of poor mental health, addiction behaviours, and to promote a healthy sense of well-being and increased self-worth.
- To support local people to help themselves move forward out of life's difficulties and onwards towards independence.
- To work in partnership with other likeminded organisations to deliver wrap around services.
- To highlight the problem of poverty and its associated issues.
- To provide accurate statistical information on poverty issues to inform service planning and delivery.

The Centre is open to the public every weekday to provide impartial confidential information, advice, guidance, support, and onward referral to our clients. For a breakdown and photos of all our achievements over the year, please refer to our Annual Report 2025, available on our website and by request.

Staffing Support and Appraisal

Staff are offered regular support and an open-door policy by the CEO; they have opportunities to talk about their work and progress both formally and informally and to also have input and ideas into the running of our services and how they develop.

FSD is historically fortunate to have had minimal staffing restructures for downsizing purposes, however 2024 has presented some challenges due to changes in funding availability and we have been unable to recruit into vacant posts. We are blessed with an existing staff team who have been a crucial part of our charity for some years. We do enjoy the energy that new people bring and always welcome new team members when funding allows.

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Report of the Trustees **for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

First Stop Thanks

Trustees

The Trustees have met frequently in formal Board meetings and on an ad hoc basis to monitor developing situations, e.g. Finances and supporting the CEO. Currently, poverty is not seen as an important criterion for funding by many Trusts and Foundations resulting in a significant drop in income this year. The Trustees and the CEO continue to work together to find solutions and new partners to ensure the continuity of the charity.

Staff

The Trustees of First Stop wish to pay tribute to the dedication and hard work of all members of staff and volunteers who ensured those who need our services and help were able to access support throughout the year. Our staff members work with dedication, professionalism, compassion and their wonderful sense of humour, putting everyone at ease as soon as they meet us.

Financial Review

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

b. Reserves Policy

The Trustees have examined the charity's requirements for reserves considering the main risks to the organisation. It has established a policy that the Charity's unrestricted funds, not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets and that are cash-backed, should be adequate to cover foreseeable shortfalls in income for a sufficient period to enable the Trustees to take corrective action. At 31 March 2025, the Trustees have calculated the reserves level required to be between £59,767 and £119,534 in light of the level of project expenditure planned in 2025/26, which is 3 - 6 months reserves. The management committee will continue to keep this policy, and the reserves level under review. At 31 March 2025 the actual level of free reserves is £70,048 equalling 3.5 months reserves. (2024: £66,640).

C. Financial Review

The Statement Of Financial Activities on page 8 and the Balance Sheet on pages 9-10 show a healthy financial position, the main features of which are: Unrestricted reserves of £266,501 which includes the revalued freehold property.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 24 June 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

.....*B. Chapman*.....
B M Chapman - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
First Stop Darlington

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of First Stop Darlington ('the Company')

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

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

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



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Date: 24 June 2025

FIRST STOP DARLINGTON**Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Income and endowments from					
Donations and legacies		4,986	-	4,986	13,912
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities		43,319	173,559	216,878	218,750
Other trading activities	3	8,943	-	8,943	28,283
Investment income	4	<u>4,230</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,230</u>	<u>2,426</u>
Total		<u>61,478</u>	<u>173,559</u>	<u>235,037</u>	<u>263,371</u>
Expenditure on					
Raising funds		17,707	115,669	133,376	158,770
Charitable activities					
General activities		-	-	-	38,276
Charitable activities		<u>40,174</u>	<u>58,079</u>	<u>98,253</u>	<u>65,508</u>
Total		<u>57,881</u>	<u>173,748</u>	<u>231,629</u>	<u>262,554</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1)</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		3,597	(189)	3,408	816
Other recognised gains/(losses)					
Gains on revaluation of fixed assets		<u>30,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		33,597	(189)	33,408	816
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>232,904</u>	<u>189</u>	<u>233,093</u>	<u>232,277</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>266,501</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>266,501</u>	<u>233,093</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet **31 March 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31/3/25 Total funds £	31/3/24 Total funds £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	10	196,063	-	196,063	167,222
Current assets					
Debtors	11	9,096	-	9,096	14,074
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>164,340</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>164,340</u>	<u>227,517</u>
		173,436	-	173,436	241,591
Creditors					
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(44,681)	-	(44,681)	(112,016)
		<u>128,755</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>128,755</u>	<u>129,575</u>
Net current assets					
		324,818	-	324,818	296,797
Total assets less current liabilities					
Creditors					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	13	(58,317)	-	(58,317)	(63,704)
		<u>266,501</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>266,501</u>	<u>233,093</u>
NET ASSETS					
Funds	16				
Unrestricted funds				266,501	232,904
Restricted funds				<u>-</u>	<u>189</u>
Total funds				<u>266,501</u>	<u>233,093</u>

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

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

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

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

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet - continued

31 March 2025

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 24 June 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

.....*B. Chapman*.....
B M Chapman - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Financial Statements **for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

1. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

Unrestricted Funds:

General - The free funds of the charity which are available for the general work of the charity at the discretion of the Trustees.

Watson Hope Foundation - This is a new foundation that kindly extended their donation of £20,000 per year for an additional 2 years (2023-2025) The grant is for core funding given due to the work and dedication of the charity in supporting people out of their worst circumstances, with opportunities to gain confidence and enhance self-belief.

Restricted Funds:

These funds relate to grants and donations received for specific purposes as follows:

The Ballinger Charitable Trust - £20,000 per year April 2023 - March 2026 funding is for Core services in supporting vulnerable people.

The National Lottery Fund - Reaching Communities Fund -£294,504 April 2024 - March 2028 for providing a Mental Health Support Worker and the delivery of a Mindset Mentor programme with group activities to further support the programme and client journey.

Garfield Weston - £25,000 July 2023 - June 2024 core funding to deliver advice and support services to vulnerable people.

Greggs Foundation -£20,000 per year Nov 2023 -October 2026 3-year funding towards the strategic and administrative development of the organisation.

Harrison Foundation - £29,344 Nov 2023 - October 2024 to provide Digital Inclusion courses to those who do not have IT skills and experience digital exclusion.

Awards4All - £9,469 Sept 2023 - Aug 2024 provides activities to support people with their mental wellbeing and activities towards gaining employment skills.

Trusthouse Charitable Foundation - £9,764 Nov 2023 - Oct 2024 towards the cost of core service provision - Welfare benefits and financial wellbeing.

1989 Willan Trust - £4,613 Nov 2023 - Oct 2024 towards salary cost of Support Worker delivering core services.

North Point (formerly County Durham Community Foundation) - £4,820 core cost funding August 2024 - July 2025 to support those struggling due to poverty.

The Princes Trust - £4,500 Nov 2023 - Oct 2026 3 year funding towards promotional and publicity of group activities for those experiencing poor mental health.

North Point (formerly County Durham Community Foundation) - Waiting Well - £4,965 April 2024 - March 2025 to provide support to on NHS waiting lists who may need support to help them cope and manage their situation until treatment is received.

NHS - Health Improvement Fund - £7,500 to provide mental health wellbeing services and activities between October 2024 - September 2025 to improve their overall wellbeing and improve their self-confidence and self-worth.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued **for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

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

Income

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

Expenditure

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

Tangible fixed assets

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

Freehold property	- not provided
Fixtures and fittings	- 33% on cost and 20% on cost
Computer equipment	- 33% on cost

Taxation

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

Fund accounting

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

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

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

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

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

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31/3/25	31/3/24
	£	£
Fundraising events	4,963	14,613
Management charges income	-	7,440
Room hire	<u>3,980</u>	<u>6,230</u>
	<u>8,943</u>	<u>28,283</u>

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31/3/25	31/3/24
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>4,230</u>	<u>2,426</u>

5. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

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

	31/3/25	31/3/24
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	1,629	1,489
Client welfare	25,711	35,052
Other direct costs	<u>2,558</u>	<u>1,370</u>

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2024 - £nil).

Trustees' expenses

During the year, no Trustee expenses were incurred (2024 - £nil).

7. STAFF COSTS

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

	31/3/25	31/3/24
Charitable services	<u>7</u>	<u>9</u>

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

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Income and endowments from			
Donations and legacies	8,912	5,000	13,912
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	-	218,750	218,750
Other trading activities	28,283	-	28,283
Investment income	<u>2,426</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,426</u>
Total	<u>39,621</u>	<u>223,750</u>	<u>263,371</u>
Expenditure on			
Raising funds	158,770	-	158,770
Charitable activities			
General activities	38,276	-	38,276
Charitable activities	<u>(158,054)</u>	<u>223,562</u>	<u>65,508</u>
Total	<u>38,992</u>	<u>223,562</u>	<u>262,554</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	<u>(1)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1)</u>
NET INCOME	628	188	816
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward	<u>232,277</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>232,277</u>
Total funds carried forward	<u>232,905</u>	<u>188</u>	<u>233,093</u>

9. INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REMUNERATION

Fees payable to the Charity's independent examination of the Charity's annual accounts £1,668 (2024: £1,588).

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued **for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST OR VALUATION				
At 1 April 2024	165,000	9,770	4,001	178,771
Additions	-	-	470	470
Revaluations	<u>30,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,000</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>195,000</u>	<u>9,770</u>	<u>4,471</u>	<u>209,241</u>
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 April 2024	-	9,341	2,208	11,549
Charge for year	<u>-</u>	<u>168</u>	<u>1,461</u>	<u>1,629</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>9,509</u>	<u>3,669</u>	<u>13,178</u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 March 2025	<u>195,000</u>	<u>261</u>	<u>802</u>	<u>196,063</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>165,000</u>	<u>429</u>	<u>1,793</u>	<u>167,222</u>

Included in cost or valuation of land and buildings is freehold land of £195,000 (2024 - £165,000) which is not depreciated.

Cost or valuation at 31 March 2025 is represented by:

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
Valuation in 2025	30,000	-	-	30,000
Cost	<u>165,000</u>	<u>9,770</u>	<u>4,471</u>	<u>179,241</u>
	<u>195,000</u>	<u>9,770</u>	<u>4,471</u>	<u>209,241</u>

Freehold property was revalued by Smith & Friends estate agents on a market value basis on 2 October 2024.

The directors believe that there was no material change in the property value since its revaluation, therefore no depreciation has been provided. This is due to the maintenance and upkeep of the building.

11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31/3/25 £	31/3/24 £
Trade debtors	2,867	3,804
Other debtors	-	250
Accrued income	576	815
Prepayments	<u>5,653</u>	<u>9,205</u>
	<u>9,096</u>	<u>14,074</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31/3/25	31/3/24
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 14)	5,387	5,049
Trade creditors	790	1,056
Social security and other taxes	2,816	2,779
Pension creditor	795	752
Deferred income	32,880	100,333
Accrued expenses	<u>2,013</u>	<u>2,047</u>
	<u>44,681</u>	<u>112,016</u>

13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	31/3/25	31/3/24
	£	£
Bank loans (see note 14)	<u>58,317</u>	<u>63,704</u>

14. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	31/3/25	31/3/24
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Bank loans	<u>5,387</u>	<u>5,049</u>
Amounts falling due between two and five years:		
Bank loans	<u>23,987</u>	<u>23,487</u>
Amounts falling due in more than five years:		
Repayable by instalments:		
Bank loans	34,330	40,217

15. SECURED DEBTS

The following secured debts are included within creditors:

	31/3/25	31/3/24
	£	£
Bank loans	<u>63,704</u>	<u>68,753</u>

The above debt is secured against the building owned by the company.

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	232,904	33,597	266,501
Restricted funds			
Awards for all	189	(189)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>233,093</u>	<u>33,408</u>	<u>266,501</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	41,478	(37,881)	30,000	33,597
Watson Hope Foundation	<u>20,000</u>	<u>(20,000)</u>	-	-
	61,478	(57,881)	30,000	33,597
Restricted funds				
Big Lottery Wellbeing Fund	70,264	(70,264)	-	-
Ballinger Trust	20,000	(20,000)	-	-
1989 Willen Trust	2,691	(2,691)	-	-
Awards for all	4,789	(4,978)	-	(189)
Garfield Weston Pilotlight Fund	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Garfield Weston Foundation	20,833	(20,833)	-	-
Greggs Foundation	20,000	(20,000)	-	-
Harrison Foundation	16,320	(16,320)	-	-
Trusthouse Charitable Foundation	1,627	(1,627)	-	-
CDCF Col Fund	4,820	(4,820)	-	-
Places for People	750	(750)	-	-
Prince of Wales	1,500	(1,500)	-	-
Waiting Well	<u>4,965</u>	<u>(4,965)</u>	-	-
	173,559	(173,748)	-	(189)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>235,037</u>	<u>(231,629)</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>33,408</u>

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/4/23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	232,277	627	232,904
Restricted funds			
Awards for all	-	189	189
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>232,277</u>	<u>816</u>	<u>233,093</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	39,621	(38,993)	(1)	627
Restricted funds				
Big Lottery Wellbeing Fund	81,455	(81,455)	-	-
Ballinger Trust	20,000	(20,000)	-	-
Watson Hope Fund	20,000	(20,000)	-	-
1989 Willen Trust	1,922	(1,922)	-	-
Awards for all	4,680	(4,491)	-	189
County Durham Community Fund	7,427	(7,427)	-	-
Garfield Weston Pilotlight Fund	5,700	(5,700)	-	-
Garfield Weston Foundation	12,500	(12,500)	-	-
Greggs Foundation	8,333	(8,333)	-	-
Harrison Foundation	37,909	(37,909)	-	-
Health Improvement Fund	8,560	(8,560)	-	-
The Princes Trust	1,500	(1,500)	-	-
Tees Esk & Wear Valley NHS Trust	5,627	(5,627)	-	-
Trusthouse Charitable Foundation	8,137	(8,137)	-	-
	<u>223,750</u>	<u>(223,561)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>189</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>263,371</u>	<u>(262,554)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	<u>816</u>

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1/4/23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	232,277	34,224	266,501
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>232,277</u>	<u>34,224</u>	<u>266,501</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movemen in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	81,099	(76,874)	29,999	34,224
Watson Hope Foundation	<u>20,000</u>	<u>(20,000)</u>	-	-
	101,099	(96,874)	29,999	34,224
Restricted funds				
Big Lottery Wellbeing Fund	151,719	(151,719)	-	-
Ballinger Trust	40,000	(40,000)	-	-
Watson Hope Fund	20,000	(20,000)	-	-
1989 Willen Trust	4,613	(4,613)	-	-
Awards for all	9,469	(9,469)	-	-
County Durham Community Fund	7,427	(7,427)	-	-
Garfield Weston Pilotlight Fund	10,700	(10,700)	-	-
Garfield Weston Foundation	33,333	(33,333)	-	-
Greggs Foundation	28,333	(28,333)	-	-
Harrison Foundation	54,229	(54,229)	-	-
Health Improvement Fund	8,560	(8,560)	-	-
The Princes Trust	1,500	(1,500)	-	-
Tees Esk & Wear Valley NHS Trust	5,627	(5,627)	-	-
Trusthouse Charitable Foundation	9,764	(9,764)	-	-
CDCF Col Fund	4,820	(4,820)	-	-
Places for People	750	(750)	-	-
Prince of Wales	1,500	(1,500)	-	-
Waiting Well	<u>4,965</u>	<u>(4,965)</u>	-	-
	<u>397,309</u>	<u>(397,309)</u>	-	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>498,408</u>	<u>(494,183)</u>	<u>29,999</u>	<u>34,224</u>

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17. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Owing to the nature of the Charity's operations and the composition of the Board of Trustees being drawn from local public and private sector organisations, transactions may take place with organisations in which the Charity has an interest. All transactions involving such organisations are conducted at arm's length.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	31/3/25 £	31/3/24 £
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	4,410	10,143
Gift aid	<u>576</u>	<u>3,769</u>
	4,986	13,912
Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	4,963	14,613
Management charges income	-	7,440
Room hire	<u>3,980</u>	<u>6,230</u>
	8,943	28,283
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	4,230	2,426
Charitable activities		
Grants	<u>216,878</u>	<u>218,750</u>
Total incoming resources	235,037	263,371
Expenditure		
Raising donations and legacies		
Wages	93,343	110,465
Social security	4,044	4,684
Pensions	1,699	2,023
Client welfare	26,604	35,052
Other direct costs	2,558	1,370
Telephone	3,514	3,418
Postage and stationery	1,265	1,226
Fundraising expenses	<u>335</u>	<u>532</u>
	133,362	158,770
Other trading activities		
Bad debts	14	-
Charitable activities		
Wages	62,837	61,960
Social security	3,754	3,800
Pensions	1,511	1,485
Insurance	3,514	2,200
Light and heat	3,636	3,867
Advertising	197	123
Other fees	4,692	8,635
IT costs	4,372	6,256
Carried forward	84,513	88,326

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	31/3/25 £	31/3/24 £
Charitable activities		
Brought forward	84,513	88,326
Governance costs	162	266
Premises costs	6,536	7,579
Administration costs	1,090	1,495
Fixtures and fittings	168	168
Computer equipment	1,461	1,321
Mortgage	<u>4,323</u>	<u>4,629</u>
	<u>98,253</u>	<u>103,784</u>
 Total resources expended	 <u>231,629</u>	 <u>262,554</u>
 Net income before gains and losses	 3,408	 817
 Realised recognised gains and losses		
Realised gains/(losses) on fixed asset investments	<u>-</u>	<u>(1)</u>
 Net income	 <u>3,408</u>	 <u>816</u>