

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 03599476 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1074800

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025
FOR
SUFFOLK BEFRIENDING SCHEME FOR PEOPLE
WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES

**SUFFOLK BEFRIENDING SCHEME FOR PEOPLE
WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES**

**CONTENTS OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	Page
Reference and Administrative Details	1
Report of the Trustees	2 to 6
Independent Examiner's Report	7 to 8
Statement of Financial Activities	9
Balance Sheet	10 to 11
Notes to the Financial Statements	12 to 20
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities	21 to 22

**SUFFOLK BEFRIENDING SCHEME FOR PEOPLE
WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES**

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

TRUSTEES	Mrs F C Torrington Mr J Phythian Mr L Onyekachi Ebuka Mrs F J Berry Mr P B A Roberts Mr M Nicholls (appointed 17.6.24) (resigned 8.5.25)
REGISTERED OFFICE	1 The Croft Sudbury Suffolk CO10 1HN
REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER	03599476 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER	1074800
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Seago and Stopps Chartered Certified Accountants 61 Station Road Sudbury Suffolk CO10 2SP

SUFFOLK BEFRIENDING SCHEME FOR PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

THE IMPACT OF OUR WORK

The Befriending Scheme (TBS) has been providing friendship and learning opportunities for adults (16yrs+) from vulnerable groups since its formation in 1989. The charity has grown to offer support beyond its original members with learning disabilities and now offers services to those with mild mental health conditions, older people, SEND families and families with children under 5yrs. The scheme has a proven track record of providing, and will continue to provide, supportive learning and leisure services to vulnerable adults throughout Suffolk.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims for the public benefit

TBS will continue to develop its services and support to ensure that they meet the needs of our members and our communities and are aligned to the charity's objectives of relieving and rehabilitating people and families who face multiple disadvantage through their learning, physical, mental and age-related experience or situation, resident in East Anglia, in such ways as the charity think fit.

We will continue to work with key stakeholders and commissioners to offer support for vulnerable adults and children and help to design and develop additional support to meet the changing needs of vulnerable people in our community.

Significant activities

We continue to offer a broad range of activities to our members across the county, providing a variety of indoor and outdoor sessions to give people as much choice as possible. We offer everything from fun music and crafts sessions, developing life skills in our cookery classes, to personal development towards AQA qualifications.

At the Red Rose Community Farm, members have the opportunity to interact with friends, staff, volunteers and our animals. The objective is to increase the number of members that attend the Tuesday to Friday sessions on a daily basis to a total of 24. Currently the maximum daily total is 14. The Business Development Manager is working hard to increase our profile both in the community and with social work teams and potential commissioners wherever possible.

The trustee board

The Board consists of six trustees, with Frances Torrington remaining as Chair.

**SUFFOLK BEFRIENDING SCHEME FOR PEOPLE
WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The Red Rose Community Farm in Lindsey continues to flourish. We remain enormously grateful for the generosity of James Buckle and Heathpatch Ltd, who created the opportunity for TBS to lease the site.

As always we are indebted to the commitment and hard work put in by TBS staff, their families and volunteers who continue to go above and beyond to maintain and improve the site.

Securing a series of small grants enabled our Mindful Monday project to resume. this project provides a 'safe and wellbeing' space for a small group of people who struggle with their mental health. We were also able to offer SEND family days one day per week during school holidays, and on Mondays during term time we welcomed a local school who bring those students who particularly benefit from outdoor classroom activities.

Our monthly stall at the Sudbury Farmers Market has become a real highlight for our members, with a rota system in place for those wishing to be salesmen! Here we continue to sell a variety of plants and herbs grown at the farm, and occasionally a number of craft items depending on the season e.g. bird houses, wooden snowmen, plant/tool holders. Attending the market and being part of the experience of sowing seeds, planting up and getting produce ready for the market has given members a huge sense of pride. This activity has provided real opportunities to build confidence and gain social and many transferable skills.

Fundraising activities

Over the past two years, we were fortunate enough to be very well supported by our sponsor, Perrywood Garden Centre, based in Sudbury, and we remain very grateful for their ongoing support. Once again, we were astounded, delighted and immensely grateful to receive donations totalling in excess of £18k from the father of one our members at Red Rose Community farm, having repeated his very successful annual auction, selling a collection of computer and technical equipment on his YouTube channel which has thousands of followers, including many overseas buyers, with a view to purchasing donkeys for the Care Farm.

Fundraising and donations continue to provide a valuable contribution to our services from other organisations and community groups, raising funds especially to help our members at their local fêtes, quiz nights and raffles.

We also thank our regular monthly donors for their ongoing support, along with all individuals and organisations that have made significant contributions in support of our services this year.

**SUFFOLK BEFRIENDING SCHEME FOR PEOPLE
WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

Having had a very challenging FY23/24, we are pleased to see that our total income over the past 12 months has increased by nearly 40%, helped considerably by the increase in the numbers of members attending our Red Rose Community Care Farm throughout the year. A large proportion of these members are funded by personal budgets from Suffolk County Council, which has increased our income from Spot Purchasing by almost 15% compared to the previous year.

Restricted grant funding income more than doubled this year, including grants from Clothworkers' Foundation, Bernard Sunley and BMSDC which between them covered the cost of purchasing a new minibus, directly helping us to increase our service provision to members of the care farm by providing transport for them. Other funders include Suffolk Community Foundation - who have once again provided a great source of support to us by regularly securing pots of much-needed funding for all areas of our work; Delamere Foundation, who are covering the costs of AQA qualifications for our members; Community Centre Approach and WSC who funded our cookery group in Haverhill, plus many more to whom we are very grateful for their ongoing financial support.

For the second year running, an increasing number of members across all services are choosing to pay on an ad-hoc casual basis, rather than purchase a quarterly or annual membership - providing true independence in their choice of services, and contributing £71k towards the total income (up from £50k last year).

This is the first time we have received income from schools who are using the SEND budgets to offer placements at the farm, and we hope to increase this service offering as time goes on.

Investment policy and objectives

Under the Memorandum and Articles of Association, TBS has the power to make an investment which trustees see fit. The trustees have considered the most appropriate policy for investing funds.

No investments have been made to date and at present funds are left on account with the company's bankers.

Reserves policy

The trustee board has examined TBS' requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation and agreed the following policy.

In line with previous years the trustees have deemed it wholly necessary to maintain minimum reserves equivalent to at least six months core expenditure to provide the ability to meet redundancy costs, legal and accountancy costs until the time of expiry of the lease.

The trustees consider that should no further funding or income be received this reserves fund would enable the charity to provide staff and creditors sufficient notice of charity closure.

It is also necessary to maintain reserves to fund fixed assets and other maintenance and replacement.

SUFFOLK BEFRIENDING SCHEME FOR PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

FUTURE PLANS

Our strategic plan for the next two years includes five key themes: Recovery and Development, Innovation, Equality Diversity and Inclusion (EDI), Sustainability and Collaboration.

Like many charities, fundraising is an ongoing struggle as we work so closely with local authorities with reduced budgets and face the impacts of the cost of living crisis. In response, we have re-focused some staff on fundraising and grant activity, to increase our chances for securing vital funds. We will continue to seek regular, sustained funding, as well as one-off grants to ensure as consistent a flow of income as possible.

We will continue to monitor closely the performance of our existing hub groups to ensure they stay financially viable and provide the best services and activities for our members. We are working with staff and volunteers to develop plans for seeking out new members.

Future plans include offering 'Home School' sessions for SEND children who are unable to attend specialist schools, as there are not enough spaces available; engaging with dementia sufferers and their families/carers, offering a men's group at the farm, and continuing to hold regular community events. Having a calendar of regular events should build engagement, raise our profile, fundraise and demonstrate our impact to potential partners so that with their support, we can expand our reach and services. We plan to offer through funding from Activities Unlimited, a project to host SEND families once a month for weekends at the farm.

As the care farm at Lindsey develops, there are opportunities in the near future for us to acquire an additional site to develop another farm. The new site will be in partnership with others, including Suffolk County Council, and would increase the services we offer in one of our focus areas in the county. This new facility will offer much needed services to the wider community. We are excited to see how these plans develop over the next year.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The company was incorporated on 17 July 1998, is limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. The income of the company must be applied only towards the promotion of its objects as set out in its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Directors and appointment of new trustees

The charity is organised so that the trustees meet regularly to manage its affairs. All directors of the company are also trustees of the charity, and there are no other trustees. The board has the power to appoint additional trustees as it considers fit to do so.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. The trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining reserves at current levels, combined with an annual review of the controls over key financial systems, will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The trustees have also examined other operational and business risks faced by the charity and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

ACCOUNTANTS

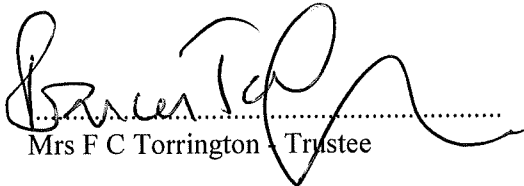
A resolution proposing Seago and Stopps be re-appointed as accountants of the charity will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

**SUFFOLK BEFRIENDING SCHEME FOR PEOPLE
WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 10/10/2025..... and signed on its behalf by:


.....
Mrs F C Torrington Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
SUFFOLK BEFRIENDING SCHEME FOR PEOPLE
WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of SUFFOLK BEFRIENDING SCHEME FOR PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES ('the Company')

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
SUFFOLK BEFRIENDING SCHEME FOR PEOPLE
WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES**

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

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



John Seago FCCA
The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

Seago and Stopps
Chartered Certified Accountants
61 Station Road
Sudbury
Suffolk
CO10 2SP

Date: 1 October 2025

**SUFFOLK BEFRIENDING SCHEME FOR PEOPLE
WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES**

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

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.3.25 Total funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	30,814	153,528	184,342	90,784
Other trading activities	3	253,206	-	253,206	221,643
Investment income	4	1,680	-	1,680	2,860
Other income	5	-	-	-	4
Total		<u>285,700</u>	<u>153,528</u>	<u>439,228</u>	<u>315,291</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		569	3,669	4,238	505
Charitable activities					
Direct charitable expenditure		<u>275,292</u>	<u>129,993</u>	<u>405,285</u>	<u>443,286</u>
Total		<u>275,861</u>	<u>133,662</u>	<u>409,523</u>	<u>443,791</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)					
Transfers between funds	16	<u>9,839</u> <u>1,057</u>	<u>19,866</u> <u>(1,057)</u>	<u>29,705</u> <u>-</u>	<u>(128,500)</u> <u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>10,896</u>	<u>18,809</u>	<u>29,705</u>	<u>(128,500)</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>122,869</u>	<u>165,878</u>	<u>288,747</u>	<u>417,247</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>133,765</u></u>	<u><u>184,687</u></u>	<u><u>318,452</u></u>	<u><u>288,747</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**SUFFOLK BEFRIENDING SCHEME FOR PEOPLE
WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES**

**BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.3.25 Total funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	11	15,146	178,898	194,044	179,028
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	12	4,000	-	4,000	4,100
Debtors	13	23,282	-	23,282	43,860
Cash at bank and in hand		112,519	7,290	119,809	122,986
		<u>139,801</u>	<u>7,290</u>	<u>147,091</u>	<u>170,946</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	14	(16,183)	(1,500)	(17,683)	(56,227)
		<u>123,618</u>	<u>5,790</u>	<u>129,408</u>	<u>114,719</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>138,764</u>	<u>184,688</u>	<u>323,452</u>	<u>293,747</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>138,764</u>	<u>184,688</u>	<u>323,452</u>	<u>293,747</u>
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES	15	(5,000)	-	(5,000)	(5,000)
		<u>133,764</u>	<u>184,688</u>	<u>318,452</u>	<u>288,747</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u>133,764</u>	<u>184,688</u>	<u>318,452</u>	<u>288,747</u>
FUNDS	16				
Unrestricted funds				133,764	122,869
Restricted funds				<u>184,688</u>	<u>165,878</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>318,452</u>	<u>288,747</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

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) 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.

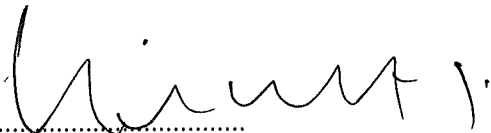
The notes form part of these financial statements

**SUFFOLK BEFRIENDING SCHEME FOR PEOPLE
WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES**

**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 on10/10/2025..... and were signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P B A Roberts', written over a dotted line.

Mr P B A Roberts - Trustee

**SUFFOLK BEFRIENDING SCHEME FOR PEOPLE
WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES**

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

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

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

Income

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

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.

Leasehold improvements	- 10% on cost
Plant and vehicles	- 20% on reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% on reducing balance
Office equipment	- 25% on reducing balance and 20% on cost

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

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.

**SUFFOLK BEFRIENDING SCHEME FOR PEOPLE
WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES**

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

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Financial instruments

The charity enters into basic financial instrument transactions, as appropriate and as and when required, that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities within the financial statements such as accounts receivable and payable, bank loans, lease and hire purchase and lease contracts.

Fundraising costs

Fundraising expenditure comprises costs incurred in inducing people and organisations to contribute financially to the charity's work. This includes the cost of the staging of special fundraising events.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Donations and gifts	30,814	23,857
Grants receivable	153,528	66,927
	<u>184,342</u>	<u>90,784</u>

	Restrict ed Funds £	Unrestrict ed Funds £	2025 Total Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
Suffolk Community Foundation	27,932	16,509	44,441	141,543
Babergh & Mid Suffolk District Council - CIL Funding	9,786	-	9,786	2,520
Babergh & Mid Suffolk District Council - capital grant	10,000	-	10,000	-
NHS - CYP NDD support services	-	-	-	13,264
Boshier-Hinton Foundation - Boccia funding	-	-	-	2,000
SCC Activities unlimited	2,800	-	2,800	8,676
Bailly Thomas Charitable Fund	5,000	-	5,000	-
Bernard Sunley Foundation	5,000	-	5,000	-
SCC - Councillor directed support grants	-	-	-	5,020
LD Rope Third Charitable Settlement	-	-	-	5,000
The 29th May 1961 Fund	4,000	-	4,000	-
The Clothworkers Foundation	32,300	-	32,300	-
Children in Need	-	-	-	11,674
West Suffolk Council - Community Chest (Leiston)	5,000	-	5,000	5,000
National Lottery Community Fund	19,999	-	19,999	-
Community Centred Approach	16,277	-	16,277	-
Screwfix Foundation	4,435	-	4,435	-
Delamere Dairy Foundation	5,000	-	5,000	-
Simon Gibson Charitable Trust	5,000	-	5,000	-
Donations and gifts	-	14,305	14,305	23,857
Other miscellaneous grants	999	-	999	2,230
	<u>153,528</u>	<u>30,814</u>	<u>184,342</u>	<u>90,784</u>

**SUFFOLK BEFRIENDING SCHEME FOR PEOPLE
WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES**

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

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Fundraising events	19,921	17,439
Merchandise and other income	11,189	9,206
Membership income	93,716	83,013
Spot purchasing subscriptions	123,380	106,985
Employer NI allowance	5,000	5,000
	<u>253,206</u>	<u>221,643</u>

Fundraising activities raised an amount of £19,921 (2024: £17,439) during the year. The costs associated with fundraising income are included within direct charitable expenditure.

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Interest on UK cash deposits	<u>1,680</u>	<u>2,860</u>

5. OTHER INCOME

	2025	2024
	£	£
DBS checks	<u>-</u>	<u>4</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>4</u>

6. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

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

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	32,529	31,901
Deficit on disposal of fixed assets	<u>402</u>	<u>-</u>

**SUFFOLK BEFRIENDING SCHEME FOR PEOPLE
WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES**

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

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

During the year there no payments made to trustees (2024: £Nil) for travel expenses.

8. STAFF COSTS

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

	31.3.25	31.3.24
Volunteer co-ordinators	2	3
Office and administrative staff	5	5
Farm workers	5	6
	<u>12</u>	<u>14</u>

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

9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	23,857	66,927	90,784
Other trading activities	221,643	-	221,643
Investment income	2,860	-	2,860
Other income	4	-	4
Total	<u>248,364</u>	<u>66,927</u>	<u>315,291</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	505	-	505
Charitable activities			
Direct charitable expenditure	326,022	117,264	443,286
Total	<u>326,527</u>	<u>117,264</u>	<u>443,791</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(78,163)	(50,337)	(128,500)
Transfers between funds	8,236	(8,236)	-
Net movement in funds	(69,927)	(58,573)	(128,500)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	192,796	224,451	417,247

**SUFFOLK BEFRIENDING SCHEME FOR PEOPLE
WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES**

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

9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	122,869	165,878	288,747
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

10. FEES FOR THE EXAMINATION OF THE ACCOUNTS

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Independent examiners fees	3,145	2,995
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Leasehold improvements £	Plant and vehicles £	Fixtures and fittings £	Office equipment £	Totals £
COST					
At 1 April 2024	237,843	56,319	17,116	50,034	361,312
Additions	-	46,890	-	1,057	47,947
Disposals	-	-	-	(6,686)	(6,686)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
At 31 March 2025	237,843	103,209	17,116	44,405	402,573
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 April 2024	106,122	22,447	13,382	40,333	182,284
Charge for year	19,017	10,166	933	2,413	32,529
Eliminated on disposal	-	-	-	(6,284)	(6,284)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
At 31 March 2025	125,139	32,613	14,315	36,462	208,529
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31 March 2025	112,704	70,596	2,801	7,943	194,044
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
At 31 March 2024	131,721	33,872	3,734	9,701	179,028
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

**SUFFOLK BEFRIENDING SCHEME FOR PEOPLE
WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES**

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

12. STOCKS

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Stocks	4,000	4,100
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Trade debtors	5,233	24,993
VAT	282	993
Prepayments	17,767	17,874
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	<u>23,282</u>	<u>43,860</u>

14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Trade creditors	713	946
Social security and other taxes	3,536	3,772
Other creditors	1,952	1,223
Accruals and deferred income	7,221	44,956
Accrued expenses	4,261	5,330
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	<u>17,683</u>	<u>56,227</u>

15. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Provisions	5,000	5,000
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Since May 2023, the charity has been involved in an employment tribunal action brought by an employee who is claiming disability discrimination, bullying and harassment.

The tribunal was due to be heard in May 2025 but has now been deferred until February 2026. The charity has and will continue to robustly defend all accusations made in the claim.

The trustees have investigated the claims and are confident in supporting management that the claims made are baseless and cannot be substantiated.

Although the trustees acknowledge that the charity is not at fault in any of the accusations, the trustees are concerned that the claim has and continues to act as a significant distraction to management and management time that could be put to more positive use. However, the trustees have recognised the benefit to the charity in settling the claim as soon as possible. The trustees have therefore recommended an upper full and final settlement amount of approximately £5,000. The employee was made redundant in August 2024.

**SUFFOLK BEFRIENDING SCHEME FOR PEOPLE
WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES**

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

16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.24 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.25 £
Unrestricted funds				
Unrestricted funds	122,869	9,838	1,057	133,764
Restricted funds				
Restricted funds	165,878	19,867	(1,057)	184,688
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>288,747</u>	<u>29,705</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>318,452</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
Unrestricted funds	285,700	(275,862)	9,838
Restricted funds			
Restricted funds	153,528	(133,661)	19,867
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>439,228</u>	<u>(409,523)</u>	<u>29,705</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
Unrestricted funds	192,796	(78,163)	8,236	122,869
Restricted funds				
Restricted funds	224,451	(50,337)	(8,236)	165,878
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>417,247</u>	<u>(128,500)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>288,747</u>

**SUFFOLK BEFRIENDING SCHEME FOR PEOPLE
WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES**

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

16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
Unrestricted funds	248,364	(326,527)	(78,163)
Restricted funds			
Restricted funds	66,927	(117,264)	(50,337)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>315,291</u>	<u>(443,791)</u>	<u>(128,500)</u>

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

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.25 £
Unrestricted funds				
Unrestricted funds	192,796	(68,325)	9,293	133,764
Restricted funds				
Restricted funds	224,451	(30,470)	(9,293)	184,688
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>417,247</u>	<u>(98,795)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>318,452</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 £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
Unrestricted funds	534,064	(602,389)	(68,325)
Restricted funds			
Restricted funds	220,455	(250,925)	(30,470)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>754,519</u>	<u>(853,314)</u>	<u>(98,795)</u>

**SUFFOLK BEFRIENDING SCHEME FOR PEOPLE
WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES**

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

17. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

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

**SUFFOLK BEFRIENDING SCHEME FOR PEOPLE
WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES**

**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 and gifts	30,814	23,857
Grants receivable	153,528	66,927
	<hr/> 184,342	<hr/> 90,784
Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	19,921	17,439
Merchandise and other income	11,189	9,206
Membership income	93,716	83,013
Spot purchasing subscriptions	123,380	106,985
Employer NI allowance	5,000	5,000
	<hr/> 253,206	<hr/> 221,643
Investment income		
Interest on UK cash deposits	1,680	2,860
Other income		
DBS checks	<hr/> -	<hr/> 4
Total incoming resources	439,228	315,291
EXPENDITURE		
Other trading activities		
Fundraising costs	4,238	505
Charitable activities		
Wages	238,690	263,770
Employer NI	17,528	20,037
Employer pension contributions	6,171	7,153
Rent and rates	26,153	26,376
Insurance	4,234	4,370
Light and heat	4,248	5,881
Telephone	3,220	3,867
Office stationery, postage and software	3,121	3,977
Advertising and marketing	791	2,275
Staff/volunteer travelling and expenses	5,717	8,797
Internal staff training	1,156	1,300
Carried forward	311,029	347,803

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements

**SUFFOLK BEFRIENDING SCHEME FOR PEOPLE
WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES**

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

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
Charitable activities		
Brought forward	311,029	347,803
Repairs and renewals	14,223	2,866
Beneficiary costs	18,471	24,690
Computer expenses	4,310	4,808
Care farm animal costs	8,365	6,921
Mini bus running costs	4,036	4,875
	<hr/> 360,434	<hr/> 391,963
Support costs		
Finance		
Bank charges	-	113
Governance costs		
Sundry expenses	4,134	4,992
Accountancy fees	3,845	3,565
Professional fees	6	2,426
Subscriptions	3,935	3,326
Potential employee settlement	-	5,000
Depreciation - leasehold improvements	19,016	19,016
Depreciation - fixtures and fittings	13,513	12,885
Loss on disposal of assets	402	-
	<hr/> 44,851	<hr/> 51,210
Total resources expended	<hr/> 409,523	<hr/> 443,791
Net income/(expenditure)	<hr/> <hr/> 29,705	<hr/> <hr/> (128,500)