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Registered Charity No.1079864

The Core Centre Annual Report 2024/2025

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Tuesday 7th October 2025 @ 3:30pm

Annual General Meeting

- Chairman's welcome and opening remarks/Apologies for absence
- Tribute to Maggie
- Approval of minutes from the last AGM
- Matter arising from those minutes not appearing elsewhere on the agenda
- Trustee's Annual Report
- End of year financial report
- Election of executive committee 2025/2026
- Questions and comments from the floor
- AOB
- Dates of next meeting

Maggie Burrows

Vice Chair of The Core Centre, volunteer and wonderful friend to all.

Although outside the reporting period, we are deeply saddened and shocked to report the passing of our amazing Vice Chair Maggie in May this year. Maggie's energy, kindness, and unwavering support for The Core Centre was outstanding. She gave above and beyond in everything she did, always bringing a spark of joy—whether through her daft costumes, her infectious laughter, or her thoughtful encouragement and interest in others.

Maggie was a passionate advocate for community and helping others, and cared deeply about the people we serve. Her creativity, commitment, and sense of fun brightened up the room every time she walked in. We will miss her greatly, and we are profoundly grateful for the time, heart, and humour she so generously shared with us all.

Thank you Maggie





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14th August 2024 3:45pm

DRAFT MINUTES of Annual General Meeting

The CORE Centre, Calverton Working Men's Club, Collyer Road, Calverton, Notts, NG14 6JX

	Present: Norman Lord (Chairman), Eva Atkin, Pat Bosworth, Chris Peck, Sam Round (Project Manager), Becky Lord (Assistant project manager and Minute Secretary) Maggie Burrows , Lorraine Newlove, , Sue Baker, Jane Middleton, Peter Wallis, Lisa White	
		Action
1	Welcome: Norman greeted everyone and thanked them for attending the meeting.	
2	Apologies: None	
3	Declaration of Interest: None	
4	Minutes of the last meeting: No questions.	
5	Matters arising: None	
6	Trustees Annual Report: Norman read the report. Norman thanked the Trustees for all their ongoing support, volunteering and ideas throughout the year. Sam and Becky also thanked Jane for the work she does in her role. Norm went through other major Core Achievements and Sam commented that an awful lot had been achieved so much so that she couldn't believe we had done it all in one year! Becky explained about the optimistic outcome re new lottery bid and that we would continue to look forward to reapplying to the Lottery after 2027 possibly on a 50/50 funding basis as this is a far more sustainable position than when we started back in 2021.	
7	Financial Report: Norman explained the difference between restricted and unrestricted funding, basically that some pots of money are ring fenced for specific identified activities and outcomes (restricted) Sam explained that unrestricted funds were the most useful as they could go towards revenue such as wages and rent. Chris asked about having too much profit and could that be an issue—Becky explained about deferring money to Year 3 or 4 through the Lottery which is very helpful as otherwise we appear to have made a profit when actually the money is already spoken for to fill our funding gaps for Year 3 and 4. Peter expressed that he was impressed with the Lottery which Sam and Becky agreed with as they have found them to be extremely fair and sensible to work with although Core have built trust and respect over the years as with all working relationships.	

8	Election of Executive Committee: All trustee were nominated and seconded and no changes made to the committee. Norman was re-elected as Chairman and Maggie re-elected as Vice Chairman.	
9	Question and comments: None	
10	AOB: None	
11	Dates of next Meeting: Nov 20 th 24	

Chairman Report

It has been another year of growth, adaptation and deep community impact at The Core Centre. As Chair, I'm proud to report that despite the ongoing challenges faced by many in our community — from cost-of-living pressures to increasing loneliness — The Core Centre has remained a steady and welcoming place for connection, support and wellbeing. We have supported over 1,800 individuals through more than 15,000 interactions, demonstrating the centre's vital role as a hub for social contact, practical help and emotional resilience.

Throughout the year, we have continued to offer a wide range of services that reflect the evolving needs of our community. From informal drop-ins and support with everyday issues, to activities that promote wellbeing, learning, and social connection, our programmes have grown more responsive and inclusive. We've worked closely with local partners, volunteers and residents to ensure that The Core Centre remains rooted in compassion, flexibility and trust — values that guide everything we do.

I want to thank our dedicated staff team, trustees, funders and the incredible volunteers who give their time and energy so generously. As we look ahead, our focus will remain firmly on creating a safe, kind, and inclusive space where everyone feels they belong. We know our work is far from done, but with such a committed team and supportive community, I am confident The Core Centre will continue to be a lifeline for many in the years ahead.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Norman Lord', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Norman Lord



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CORE - Calverton, Oasis, Resources, Education
(Registered charity, number 1079864)
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for the year ended 31 March 2025

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COMMUNITY ACCOUNTING

**CORE - Calverton, Oasis, Resources, Education
Trustees' annual report
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

Full name CORE - Calverton, Oasis, Resources, Education

Other names by which the charity is known The Core Centre

Registered charity number 1079864

Principal address

Calverton Core Centre, Calverton Working Men's Club, Collyer Road, Calverton,
Nottinghamshire, NG14 6JX

Trustees

Norman Lord - Chairman
Christopher Peck
Eva Atkin
Patricia Bosworth

Susan Baker
Lorraine Newlove
Margaret Burrows
Peter Wallis

Independent examiner

John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus, Units 1 & 2 North West, 41
Talbot Street, Nottingham, NG1 5GL.

Governance and management

The charity is operated under the rules of its constitution adopted 23rd April 1998 and
most recently amended 20th May 2003.

Potential candidates are nominated to become trustees, this is seconded and then
the person nominated is asked for their consent to be considered for election at the
next AGM or Special Executive Committee meeting.

Objectives and activities

The charity's objectives are to promote well-being, relieve mental health problems
and isolation and loneliness, relieve poverty, advance education, training and
employment opportunities and assist in the provision of any services and facilities
deemed in law to be exclusively charitable amongst person's resident in Calverton,
Woodborough, Oxtun, Epperstone, Gonalston, Lowdham, and other nearby
communities.

Most recently, the charity has sought to help the community combat the effects of the
"Cost of Living Crisis"

Furthermore, the aim of the charity has moved toward becoming a "first point of
contact" an embedded service delivered for the most part "by the people, for the
people" within the community, easily accessible and delivered by those who
understand the community best. Core aims to provide all services either free or at a
very low cost and additionally source partnerships and facilitators who are free or
very low cost.

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Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

The Core Centre (Core) is a registered charity where Sam, Becky and Jane run a community hub offering over 40 services and activities which combat loneliness, improve health, and provide practical support to vulnerable individuals, particularly the elderly, in Calverton and the rural surrounding villages in Gedling, Nottinghamshire. Core is a haven of kindness serving around 1,800 local people annually (15k interactions). We are a grass roots organisation delivering services like health and well-being activities, social eating lunch clubs, problem solving, arts and crafts, outreach and support clinics, a food pantry, and many initiatives are led by our wonderful and compassionate volunteers.

Core's work addresses the challenges of poverty, isolation and poor health, where we make a significant positive impact on individuals' lives by encouraging resilience, building social networks, and providing holistic and vital support. We are a route to market for all sorts of partners and organisations and we try to fill any local gaps in services where we can. Studies now show that social interaction is the most significant factor in overall longevity, something that Core deeply recognises, values and prioritises.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

Summary of the main achievements during the period

General Highlights

Feedback Postcards:

Introduced in October.

- o 100% of visitors would recommend Core to others.
- o 86% are very satisfied with the services offered.
- o 96% feel more informed and optimistic after engaging with Core.

Shed Improvements:

Norm installed racking in the shed, improving safety and organisation for volunteers accessing items.

- Blue Badge & Attendance Allowance Help:

Still highly popular, with a few weeks' wait for services. Volunteers needed to meet demand.

Food Pantry:

- o Increased pantry weight in October, providing 50 boxes weekly
- o New freezer purchased to increase capacity.
- PPG (Patient Participation Group):

Sam continues attending monthly meetings to promote Core, now featured on screens at the surgery.

- Kath Boullen MBE consultation Support:

Kath continues to play a crucial role in financial support for the bidding process, though she has been used less frequently this year.

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Key Programs & Services Offered new this year

Lunch Club (Since July):

- o 50 meals provided plus 10 for volunteers, including some discretionary tickets.
- o Regular musical entertainment and talks, including topics on talking therapies and energy conservation.

New NHS Job Support:

- o Launched in January with Colleen Allen, providing help with job searches, CV creation, and interview techniques for NHS roles.

Basic IT Skills Course (January):

- Free 3-week course in partnership with Inspire, attended by 12 people, with excellent feedback.

Recycling Champion Sue Baker:

- Took part in the Macmillan fundraiser by transporting Christmas chocolate tubs to Greene King in February, supporting the campaign.

Display Board:

- Installed in April to better communicate Core's offerings to the community.

Smartphone Course (June):

- A free 3-week course with Inspire, attended well by community members.

Volunteer Celebration (June):

- A thank-you event for volunteers, in partnership with Newark and Sherwood CVS.

Community Litter Picking (July):

- In collaboration with GBC, 30 bags of rubbish collected in a community event.

'Care Squares' Project (July):

- Knitted squares collected and donated to the library for a collaborative blanket project with Inspire.

New Walking Group (August):

- Gentle walking group established in response to community interest.

Christmas Wreath Workshop (December):

- Held for volunteers, with foliage generously donated by the community.

Macmillan Coffee Morning (October):

- Raised £205, with strong attendance and community support.

Extra Portions Project:

- Encouraging exercise participation by offering a free class after 8 stamps collected. Highly successful.

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Carers Federation Clinic (3 months):

- Sessions fully booked; unfortunately, staffing issues led to their pause, though they plan to return.

Key Core Fundraisers

- November 14th - Brian Clough Night:
Raised £412.

Christmas Party:

Supported by Allan Carlton (local businessman), all proceeds went directly to Core (£780).

Carols by Candlelight:

- 5th October - Newstead Abbey Singers & Sherwood Clarinets: raised £55

Carols by Candlelight - Newstead Abbey Singers:

- Newstead Abbey Singers, raised £110.70 from refreshments at a beautiful concert held at Woodborough Village Hall. All proceeds were donated to Core.

21st May - SOS Fashion Show:

Over 100 tickets sold, raised £980.

- 3rd October - Paul Karsena Comedy Night: Raised £1500.

23rd October - Core's Quiz Night:

Raised £360 from tickets, and £144 from the raffle.

- 27th February – Magic/Comedy Night John Archer 156 attended
- Raised £2082.72

Springwater Golf Club Ladies' Team-Core chosen as charity of the year raising £3520.25

Training & Professional Development

- January:
 - o Safeguarding and Mental Health Training (Sam, Beck, and Jane).
- July:
 - o First Aid Training (Sam and Beck).
- September:
 - o Fire Marshall Training (Sam, Beck, and Jane).

Events Attended

- 13th October – Sam and Beck Challenge Poverty Event:
Civic Centre attendance.
- September:
 - o Sam and Beck attended a fundraiser at Springwater Golf Club, promoting Core.

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Various 'Pop-Up Core' Events:

Held to promote Core's work and sell tickets for upcoming events.

- 19th May - Village Get Together Disney Theme:

Raffle raised £197.

- January:

- o Presentation to DWP team to promote Core.

- o Sam attended Tackling Loneliness Collaborative.

- 27th February - CRT 25-Year Celebration:

Sam and Beck attended the event with the opportunity to win £1,000 and strengthen our partnership.

12th March - Presentation to U3A:

- o Raising awareness of Core's activities.

21st March - UKSPF Meeting:

Sam and Beck to attend, crucial for future funding opportunities.

One-Off Initiatives This Year

Covid Clinics:

Two clinics held, with over 200 people attended (first clinic: 70, second clinic: 140).

Already Established Ongoing Activities

Citizens Advice:

Continues to be fully subscribed.

Foodbank Referral Point:

Helping people access free food; expanded to include Calverton Food Bank.

Bereavement Support:

Intermittent courses with immediate support for the bereaved.

Falls Prevention Clinic:

Ongoing and well attended, with requests for a second group due to high demand.

Gedling Borough Council Outreach Clinic:

Weekly one-on-one sessions remain popular.

Form Filling Help Service:

Offering free help with Blue Badge, Carer's Allowance, and more.

Relaxation Sessions:

One-on-one sessions provided by a local therapist.

Blood Pressure Checks:

Provided by retired healthcare practitioners, in partnership with the local GP surgery.

Walking Group:

Weekly local walks, highly popular among attendees.

Chair-based Exercise & Yoga:

Twice-weekly sessions, extremely well attended.

Green Energy Doctor:

Referrals for free energy efficiency advice in the home.

Financial Guidance:

Free initial consultations with a trusted IFA.

Hearing Clinic & Ear Wax Removal:

Free NHS hearing aid support and affordable ear wax removal services.

Job Club:

One-on-one sessions with retired employment specialists.

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Mobile Phone & IT Help Clinics:

Free one-on-one support to help people with mobile phones and IT.

Craft & Creative Classes:

Various creative sessions, including card making, knitting, bobbin lace, art, and more.

Food Pantry:

Increased to 50 boxes, offering higher-quality food from Fareshare.

Ongoing Services

Neutral Meeting Point:

For agencies like Framework, Age UK, and Social Prescribers.

Local Information & Advice:

Signposting services to community members.

Office Services:

Photocopying, IT support, printing, scanning, and free Wi-Fi.

Volunteering Opportunities:

Continuing to offer various volunteer roles.

Community Events:

Regular litter-picking meet-ups and other community-driven activities.

- Hearing Aid Battery Collection Point

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A Note from the Project Managers

As we look back on 2024-2025, it's with a great sense of pride and gratitude that we reflect on what has truly been an incredible year for Core. Our mission to serve the community has flourished, and we've seen our charity grow stronger, more resilient, and more deeply embedded in the hearts of those who benefit from our services.

This year, Core has continued to grow as a vital community hub for Calverton and the surrounding areas. With approximately 15,000 interactions throughout the year, we've worked hard to provide a place of support, welfare, and above all, kindness in these challenging times. The ongoing impact of the cost of living crisis has made it clear that the work we do is needed more than ever.

We've expanded our range of services, reaching approximately 1,800 individuals through recreational, wellbeing, and social activities. From those seeking a place of peace and companionship to those in need of practical support, we continue to provide a warm and welcoming space for all.

We are incredibly proud of the culture we've cultivated here at Core - a community where people can always find a helping hand and feel that they belong. This year, we've sustained opportunities for nearly 40 volunteers, and we are constantly amazed by the dedication of everyone involved in making Core a place of hope and positivity. From our tireless staff to the wonderful volunteers, trustees, and local partners who support us, the power of community has truly shone through.

One of the most rewarding achievements has been the launch of our new lunch club. By providing a hot, two-course meal for 60 people each month, we've made significant strides in helping to combat loneliness and isolation in our community.

We've also seen the growth of our new dominoes group, which has created a vibrant space for socialising and building friendships.

Looking ahead, we're excited about the new ideas and projects we have planned, from social eating initiatives to the launch of our new Memory Cafe, not to mention fundraisers to entertain and bring people out in the evenings. But none of this would be possible without the dedication and generosity of all who give their time and energy to Core.

Thank you for another wonderful year. We truly believe that people need people, and together, we're creating a stronger, more supportive community for everyone. Here's to an even brighter year ahead!

Sam and Becky

Financial review

This year we have nearly completed the second year of our Healthy Happy Hub Project (May to May). The Lottery have funded approximately half of our overall costs this year and we have successfully funded the remaining amount through smaller grants and fundraising.

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Reserves Policy

Our reserves policy has two main objectives:

- To ensure we have sufficient reserves to draw on should we have gaps in the funding we need to maintain our day-to-day operations.
- To ensure that, should we need to close the operation due to long-term lack of funding, we can meet all liabilities, eg redundancy costs, lease obligations.

Our annual revenue costs are approximately £100k. We aim to maintain a level of reserves which would meet costs for at least 6 months and ideally up to 12 months. This requires us to hold reserves within a range of £50-100k.

Financial Risks

Core have begun to successfully diversify our income. The Lottery now provides less than 50% of our funding, a level we aim to maintain for sustainable long-term support. To continue delivering our services effectively, we need to raise around £100-110k annually. Income is now drawn from a well-balanced mix of sources:

National Lottery: Approx. 40%, Grants: Around 35%, with support from funders such as Sport England, Coalfields Regeneration Trust, local councils, Jigsaw Homes, Co-Op Community Fund, Sport England, and others. We forecast needing an additional £25k in 2025/26 and £37k in 2026/27 through new grant bids.

Sales 15%: We ask clients to contribute £3-£4 for most services and we always make sure no one is excluded due to cost.

Fundraising and Donations. Around 8%, thanks to growing local support and events. Finally, around 2%, from partner contributions/earned interest.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed _____
Norman Lord, Trustee

Date 16/6/25

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
CORE - Calverton, Oasis, Resources, Education
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of CORE - Calverton, Oasis, Resources, Education (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

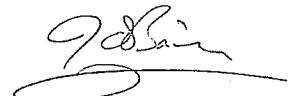
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed  Date 16/06/2025
John O'Brien MSc, FAIA, FCIE
Employee of Community Accounting Plus

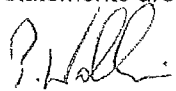
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Receipts & payments account
for the year ended 31 March 2025

		Unrestricted	Restricted	2025 Total
	Note	Funds	Funds	Funds
		£	£	£
Receipts				
Grants & donations	2	4000	87511	91511
Sales & fees		20025	-	20025
Fundraising		12109	-	12109
Bank interest		1013	-	1013
Food Pantry		8173	-	8173
Partnership fees		1050	-	1050
Total receipts		46370	87511	133881
Payments				
Bank charges		17	-	17
Consultancy		1300	900	2200
Equipment, repairs & renewals		3101	2027	5128
Food pantry		14204	2000	16204
Freelance tutors		0	5995	5995
Insurance		-	444	444
Marketing & advertising		-	1656	1656
Premises maintenance		-	-	-
Printing & stationery		964	2070	3034
Professional fees		-	1000	1000
Project Expenses		-	-	-
Refreshments		-	1599	1599
Rent & room hire		-	7920	7920
Sundry expenditure		737	2396	3133
Training & conference		-	801	801
Travel & subsistence		-	21	21
Utilities		-	662	662
Volunteers expenses		485	351	836
Wages, NI & pension		31497	40709	72206
Lunch club		3930	1500	5430
Memory café		265	-	265
Total payments		56500	72051	128551
Net receipts/(payments)		(10130)	15460	5330
Cash funds at start of this period		95675	4000	99675
Cash funds at end of this period		85545	19460	105005

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Statement of assets and liabilities
at 31 March 2025

2024			2025
£	Cash assets	Note	£
99365	Bank accounts		104900
310	Cash in hand		105
<u>99675</u>			<u>105005</u>
	Other monetary assets		
892	Debtors	4	4081
<u>892</u>			<u>4081</u>
	Liabilities		
(885)	Creditors	5	(876)
<u>(885)</u>			<u>(876)</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed 
Peter Wallis, Trustee

Dated 16-6-2025

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Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2025

1. Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and money spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Usually, cash received and cash spent will include transactions through bank accounts and cash in hand.

2. Grants & donations

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Big Lottery	-	58915	58915
Newark and Sherwood CVS	-	9000	9000
Gedling Borough Council	-	1000	1000
Notts County Council	-	5910	5910
Coalfields Regeneration Trust	-	2000	2000
Masons	4000	-	4000
Jigsaw Homes	-	826	826
Sport England	-	9860	9860
	<u>4000</u>	<u>87511</u>	<u>91511</u>

3. Funds analysis

	(As restated)			
	Opening balance	Receipts	(Payments)	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds				
The Healthier Happier Hub Project	-	39649	(39649)	-
Coalboard Regeneration	-	2000	(2000)	-
Food Redistribution	-	5910	(5833)	77
Futures	-	9000	(9000)	-
Jigsaw Homes	-	826	(826)	-
Lunch Club community fund Lottery	-	19266	(4897)	14369
Sports England extra portions	-	9860	(5846)	4014
GBC Shared Prosperity (SPF)	4000	-	(4000)	-
GBC Digital fund	-	1000	-	1000
	<u>4000</u>	<u>87511</u>	<u>(72051)</u>	<u>19460</u>
Unrestricted funds				
General	<u>95675</u>	<u>46370</u>	<u>(56500)</u>	<u>85545</u>
	<u>95675</u>	<u>46370</u>	<u>(56500)</u>	<u>85545</u>

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

The Healthier Happier Hub Project:
To run The Core Centre

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Coalboard Regeneration:

To buy laptops and journals

Food Redistribution:

To fund ongoing food/resources/staffing for The Food Pantry Project at Core

Futures:

To run a job club

Jigsaw Homes:

Used for refreshments for soup and roll club

Lunch Club community fund Lottery:

To run our monthly lunch club providing 60 meals

Sport England Extra Portions:

To pay tutor fees for 6 exercise classes to run alongside a loyalty scheme

GBC Shared prosperity (UKSPF):

To contribute towards wages and rent

GBC Digital fund:

To buy and set up a Lenovo laptop

4. Debtors

	£
Prepayment - Insurance	144
HMRC	3937
	<u>4081</u>

5. Creditors

	£
Independent examination	876
	<u>876</u>

6. Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.

7. Related party transactions

Give details if any

There were no related party transactions in this period.

8. Glossary of terms.

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9.

Creditors: These are amounts owed by the charity, but not paid during the accounting period.

Debtors: These are amounts owed to the charity, but not received in the accounting period.

Prepayments: These are services that the charity has paid for in advance, but not used during the accounting period.

Restricted funds: These are funds given to the charity, subject to specific restrictions set by the donor, but still within the general objects of the charity.



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