

THE GUISBOROUGH BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

Registered Charity Number 1086425

**FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS
PERIOD END 31 MARCH 2025**

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	1	4	2024		31	3	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Guisborough Bridge Association

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1086425

Charity's principal address

58a Westgate

Guisborough

Cleveland

Postcode

TS14 6AY

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Marianne East	Secretary		
2	Lydia Gardner			
3	Carol Ingrassia			
4	Sarah Walker			
5	Nicholas Wells			
6	Roland Miller		Finished 31/03/2024	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by members at AGM or EGM

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees; • the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works; • relationship with any related parties; • trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them. 	<p>Seven Trustee-only meetings have taken place, and also three staff & trustee meetings.</p>
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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

2.1 The objectives of GBA shall be non-political and non- sectarian and shall be:-

2.1.1 To promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of Guisborough and the surrounding area (the Area of Benefit),without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or religion or other opinions by associating together with the inhabitants of the Area of Benefit, agencies of the Government and Local Authorities, voluntary organisations and other organisations in a common effort the advance of education, social welfare, recreational and other leisure-time activities with the objective of improving the conditions of life available within the Area of Benefit.

2.1.2 To operate in alignment with the objectives of the Churches Together in Guisborough to advance Christianity.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The following projects were run on a weekly basis for the benefit of youth, the elderly and those in particular need of support:-

- Monday Friends – an over 50's friendship group.
- Bridge2Parents – working with families with SEN children – a weekly support group. This group ceased to operate during January 2025, due to changing needs in the group.
- Guisborough Community Luncheon Club at Kemplah House – lunch and socialising for the elderly.
- Thursday Soup & Roll lunch.
- Time2Move, a weekly chair-based exercise class for the elderly followed by a light lunch at MHA Hinton Court – this ceased to operate at the end of 2024 due to retirement of the trainer. A replacement has been recruited, with plans to operate in Kemplah House on Wednesday mornings.
- Bridge2Youth - a youth group on Friday nights.
- FoodStop – our food bank opens at least twice a week with referrals coming from the Social Prescribers (in local GP surgeries)/Job Centre (Belmont House Social Fund)/Probation/Drugs and Alcohol.
- Community Grocery Shop – allowing clients to buy food for a nominal charge.
- The Guisborough Bridge Allotment Project will commence regular operation during 2025, following site development work in 2024

The following were run monthly:

- Prayer Breakfast – meeting to socialise and support the projects.
- Music & Memories, a dementia friendly music and singing session based at Kemplah House.

The following were run during school holidays:

- Fun and Food4All - activity sessions in school holidays with a hot meal provided to reduce holiday hunger.

The following happened at Christmas:

- We gave out Hampers (food & presents) & Aldi vouchers to families and individuals in need and thanks to a larger grant were able to reach even more families.

Please refer to Section D for more details

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

We normally have about 75 volunteers working with us each month and we welcome the involvement of students and people with learning difficulties.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

It has been another busy year for the Guisborough Bridge Association. As ever we are grateful to all our members, volunteers, churches, local Supermarkets and other organisations including the Town Council and Redcar & Cleveland Council for their invaluable support – both practical and financial – in helping our small charity to continue to thrive. It is a privilege to be able to serve our local community in this way.

Organisations providing donations or practical help include Darlington BS, Oddsocks, Laurence Jackson secondary School, KTS Academy food donations & All the Guisborough primary schools - LJS, Together Middlesbrough, Lidl, Sainsbury's, Morrison's, M&S, ASDA, Aldi, Guisborough Theatre Group, the Rotary Club, Inner Wheel, Hutton Lowcross Women's Institute, the Jack Brunton Charitable Trust, Guisborough Building Supplies, Natalie's Fitness, Mothers Union, Women's Christian Fellowship, HSBC, 1st Guisborough Scouts, and Virgin Bank Eston.

The Bridge Youth work continues to operate in the Evangelical Church, attracting around 10 youth participants

Our Summer Holiday Club ran on 3 days spread through the school summer holidays, catering for between 30 and 40 children, providing activities and a hot meal each day.

Our Community Shop, linked to FoodStop, our Food bank, continues to be used well, and is current serving approximately 40 customers. Support is provided to clients who have been supported through Foodstop, and others in need. Those joining the shop pay £3 a week to get at least 10 items on a points basis. They can choose what they buy, thus giving them independence and autonomy. They agree to attend weekly and know that if they stop coming, then after 4 weeks another will take their place from the waiting list.

2024-5 has seen some staff turnover, Catherine Holdsworth left us during October. We are in the process of recruiting a replacement project worker.

The Charity continues to operate in a number of rented premises. While this presents some logistical challenges, it does provide a flexible and cost-effective solution to our needs. We have been notified of the need to vacate our main store in URC premises, as the building is to be sold. We are actively pursuing alternatives, and meanwhile are looking to run down stocks of food, against the possible eventuality of having to operate Foodstop and the Community Shop from the Methodist Church Fellowship room only.

Following loss of our main driver, and both established escorts, use of the minibus to transport clients to the Kemplah Luncheon Club was discontinued in January. Effort are underway to find a new use for the minibus.

A highlight of the year was the visit of a team from Getwell road Church, in the USA, led by Families and Youth Pastor Greg Meek at the end of May. The team supported Bridge activities during the week, and led a number of one-off youth activities.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Data storage and communication has continued to be strengthened during the year, as we consolidate our move onto a secure GDPR-compliant Google Platform.

The Bridge is working to strengthen policies and procedures, with new formalised risk management and safeguarding processes to ensure that staff, volunteers and clients remain safe from harm.

As ever, all our work is underpinned by prayer. We have had our monthly Prayer Breakfasts face to face, throughout the year. These, along with regular newsletters, help to keep everyone up to date with Bridge developments.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We budget for a reserve of £30,000 to cover of 3 months running costs (£26,500) and redundancy payments (approx. £4,000). Our income has fallen, entirely due to a reduction in grant income. Month by month we are losing approximately £2000 at present. Our large reserve of has reduced to approximately £75000

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Our annual income was £111,104 of which £27,550 was restricted funding from grant bodies and donations. This is a reduction of approximately £11,000 from 2023-4, almost entirely due to a reduction in grant income. Expenditure was £132600, an increase of approximately £11,000 from 2023-4. This was mainly due to an increase in staffing costs. As a result, the overall deficit was £21,500

This year we have been unsuccessful in a number of grant applications due to the size of our reserves. Bearing this in mind, the Trustees have taken the view that we should not restrict our activities due to the reduction in income, but instead will steadily run the reserves down, and expect grant income to increase following this.

Our income that comes from Fundraising through the weekly Soup and Roll and the regular coffee mornings has remained steady at around 10% of total income.

We were successful in applying for £4103 worth of grants from Neighbourly, Together Middlesbrough and Cleveland, and the Jack Brunton Charitable Trust

Section F

Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>N H Wells</i>	<i>L Gardner</i>
Full name(s)	NICHOLAS HARPER WELLS	LYDIA GARDNER
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	TRUSTEE,	TRUSTEE

Date 20th May 2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Guisborough Bridge Association

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 2 to 6

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met; or
- 2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date

12/3/25

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

	<u>Note</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2025</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2024</u>
		<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>Incoming Resources</u>					
Donations		48,804	23,448	72,252	82,791
Grants Receivable	2	-	4,103	4,103	14,086
Fundraising Events		30,969	-	30,969	20,717
Investment Income		3,741	-	3,741	905
Gift Aid		-	-	-	3,621
Total Incoming Resources		83,514	27,551	111,065	122,120
<u>Resources Expended</u>					
Salaries,pension & Social Security		62,807		62,807	51,523
Telephone & Internet		1,605		1,605	1,334
Fundraising & Events		961	3,823	4,784	2,347
Community shop supplies		104		104	418
Foodstop Donations		-	26,525	26,525	31,190
Mini Bus Expenses		1,811		1,811	4,400
Youth Club		2,287		2,287	2,394
Allotment Expenses		9,104	280	9,384	-
Monday Friends		-		-	2,809
Sundry Expenditure		396		396	1,300
Insurance		1,690		1,690	1,624
Office Rent		4,356		4,356	3,960
Activities Rent		16,489		16,489	15,850
Depreciation		931		931	1,699
Independent examination		420		420	420
Total Resources Expended		102,961	30,628	133,589	121,268
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources being movement in funds		(19,447)	(3,077)	(22,524)	852
Fund balances brought forward		131,756	2,643	134,399	133,547
Transfers between funds		(1,141)	1,141	-	-
Fund balances carried forward		111,168	707	111,875	134,399

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2025

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2025</u> £	<u>2024</u> £
<u>Fixed Assets</u>			
Tangible Assets	3	234	1,165
<u>Current Assets</u>			
Cash at bank & in hand		108,100	127,183
Stock		3,961	6,471
Debtors		-	-
		112,061	133,654
<u>Current Liabilities</u>			
Creditors and Accruals due within one year	4	420	420
<u>Net Current Assets/(Liabilities)</u>		111,641	133,234
Total assets less current liabilities		111,875	134,399
<u>Net Assets/(Liabilities)</u>		111,875	134,399
<u>Accumulated Funds</u>			
Unrestricted Funds	6	111,168	131,756
Restricted Funds	7	707	2,643
		111,875	134,399

These Financial Statements were approved by the Trustees on

Date 7th Aug 2025

Signed *NH Wells* .

Full Name NICHOLAS HARPER WELLS .

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

1. General Information and basis of preparation

- a. The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance 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) issued on 16 July 2014 (as updated through update bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016), the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and UK Generally accepted practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.
- The charity has applied update bulletin 1 as published on 2 February 2016 and does not include a cash flow statement on the grounds it is applying FRS 102 Section 1A.
- The Financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention. The Financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest pound.
- The significant accounting policy's applied in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below. These policies have been applied to all years shown unless otherwise stated.

b Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the accounts.

- c. All grants and voluntary income are accounted for gross when receivable, as long as they are capable of financial measurement. Donated goods for Foodstop are valued at an average item value.
- d. All expenditure is accounted for gross, and when incurred.
- e. Fixed Assets are included at cost. There are no uncapitalised Fixed Assets.
- f. Depreciation is provided to write off the cost of all fixed assets on the following basis:-
- Office Equipment & Mini bus - over 5 years.
- g Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.
- h Reserves Policy: The Trustees have considered the level of reserves needed in order to maintain the ongoing activities of the trust.
- i Stock is valued at the average value of donated items.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

2. Grants Receivable

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	£	£
National Lottery	-	10,000
Fun&Food4all	-	1,644
Neighbourly FO M&C Fund	280	555
Co-op Community Luncheon	-	1,161
Together Middlesbrough Feast of Fun	1,823	-
The Jack Brunton Charitable Trust	2,000	-
RCBC	-	725
Grants under £1000	-	1,275
	<u>4,103</u>	<u>15,360</u>

3. Tangible Fixed Assets

	<u>Mini Bus</u>	<u>Office Equipment</u>	<u>- Total</u>
	£	£	£
Cost at 1st April 2024	4400	4,150	8,550
Additions during the period	-	-	-
Cost at 31st March 2025	<u>4,400</u>	<u>4,150</u>	<u>8,550</u>
Accumulated Depreciation at 1st April 2024	3,439	3,946	7,385
Charge for the period	880	51	931
Accumulated Depreciation at 31st March 2025	<u>4,319</u>	<u>3,997</u>	<u>8,316</u>
Net Book Value at 31st March 2025	<u>81</u>	<u>153</u>	<u>234</u>
Net Book Value at 31st March 2024	<u>961</u>	<u>204</u>	<u>1,165</u>

4. Creditors & Accruals

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	£	£
Due within one year:		
Accruals	420	420
	<u>420</u>	<u>420</u>

5. Employee emoluments

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	£	£
Total emoluments	<u>62,807</u>	<u>51,523</u>
No employee of the charity received employee benefits of greater than £60,000.		
Average number of employees	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>
All staff are employed by the charity.		
Trustee remuneration	<u>Nil</u>	<u>Nil</u>