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Charity registration number: 1089635

Ashfield Voluntary Action

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	John Aylward, Chair from AGM 30/10/24 Philip Marshall Ken Bradshaw Peter Robinson Teresa Jackson Ann Hilton Serita Walker
Senior Management Team	Una Key, Chief Executive
Charity Registration Number	1089635
Company Registration Number	04244661
Registered Office	Ashfield Health And Well Being Centre Portland Street Kirkby-In-Ashfield Nottingham NG17 7AE
Independent Examiner	John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus Units 1 & 2 North West 41 Talbot Street Nottingham NG1 5GL

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Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Trustees and officers

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees:	John Aylward, Chair from AGM 30/10/24
	Philip Marshall
	Ken Bradshaw
	Peter Robinson
	Teresa Jackson
	Ann Hilton (appointed 30 October 2024)
	Serita Walker (appointed 1 March 2025)
	Jac Lemmen (resigned 30 October 2024)
	Patrizia Canova (resigned 30 October 2024)

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and registered charity. It is operated under the rules of its memorandum and articles of association dated 2 July 2001. It has no share capital and the liability of each member in the event of winding-up is limited to £1.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Potential trustees complete an application form and are invited for an interview with fellow trustees. Two references are required and an agreement to have a DBS check. If acceptable the new trustee is then invited to a Trustee meeting as an observer so they can see the procedures. Following this a vote is taken and if accepted they are placed on the Trustee register on the Charity Commission website. As they are also Directors of the Company Ltd by Guarantee this is also uploaded on Companies House.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

1. To promote any charitable purpose for the benefit of the community in the local district of Ashfield (the area of benefit) and, in particular, the advancement of education and training, the protection of health, and the relief of poverty, distress and sickness.
2. To promote and organise co-operation in the achievement of the above purposes, and to that end to bring together in council, representatives of the voluntary organisations and statutory authorities, within the area of benefit.

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Objectives, strategies and activities

Ashfield Voluntary Action provides projects and services for the benefit of people living in the Ashfield District of Nottinghamshire.

We continue to develop new working relationships with organisations across Nottinghamshire to enhance the projects and services we provide which are below:

- Infrastructure support providing governance and funding support to the local voluntary sector.
- Volunteer support programme: the recruitment and training of people interested in volunteering their time to provide support to the community across the Ashfield Area Supported by Nottinghamshire County Council Local Community Fund.
- Support for the NHS Transformation programme to develop an Integrated Care System in partnership with the Local Authority and the Voluntary Sector to include local communities.

The programmes involve the areas of Coxmoor in Kirkby and Butlers Hill / Broom Hill in Hucknall in developing, a community led health engagement programme which will help to reduce the health inequalities of the people living on these estates.

The NHS Public Patient Engagement contract is continuing and there is also an enhanced Public and Patient Engagement.

The Health Inequalities Fund funded 7.5 hours per week in South Nottinghamshire in Hucknall and 9.25 hours per week in Mid Nottinghamshire in Kirkby in Ashfield.

Public Health, Investing in Communities, funded 7.5 hours per week in South Nottinghamshire in Hucknall and 9.25 hours per week in Mid Nottinghamshire in Kirkby in Ashfield.

Notts ICB - Integrated Neighbourhood Teams - January 25 to March 25 to deliver support via a Volunteer Digital Skills Coordinator in Coxmoor.

Ashfield District Council Support Grant assisted in providing advice for people looking to establish 17 charities, CICs and social enterprises via AVA.

AVA bid successfully on behalf of other organisations including the following:

Green Activity Grant - AVA on behalf of Coxmoor Resident Action Group (CRAG) £1,000 - promoting growing their own fruit and vegetables.

Green Activity Grant - £1,000 AVA used this to take Willets Court attendees to a garden centre to buy plants as well as providing two accessible minibuses from Our Centre Community Transport.

UKSPF - AVA bid on behalf of CRAG £2.5k for their IT equipment.

Violence Reduction Unit OPCC Grant - £24k - Ashfield Spartans Boxing Club.

Severn Trent - £28k - St. John's Food Bank, Kirkby Woodhouse.

AVA has continued to deliver a variety of groups including LGBTQ+, Talking Tuesdays, Grief and Loss, Chatty Crafters, Women's Wellbeing Group, Men Chatting Together, Garden, Game and Chat Group without specific funding attached. In addition, we provide and outreach Willets Court Tuesday's Together supporting community engagement.

AVA has purchased FLICK training for training of volunteers, and external groups and the CRAG.

Work has continued to locate Ukrainian Refugees who may still require local support.

AVA is actively involved in all Partnerships in Ashfield.

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Ashfield Community Enterprise, registered as a Community Interest Company.

It is AVA's trading arm, a social enterprise supporting people to learn new skills, reduce isolation and build confidence. The kiosk, located in the Health & Wellbeing Centre, generates an income and the profits are donated to AVA after the CIC's accounts are signed off. This was the third year of trading and profits continue to grow. The woodworking has resumed, and a volunteer has been found and successfully undertaken wood working skills with volunteers and has laid the path for a new working relationship with Crossroads Recovery Programme.

Initial discussions have taken place with Under One Roof to investigate the feasibility of AVA's CIC re-establishing the cafe in that location. The CIC has also managed to maintain its confidential waste collection service which has helped to contribute towards the costs of the Unit in Stanton Hill. The CIC has also welcomed a new Master's Graduate Internship for two months to work alongside the CIC on business planning.

A special thanks to our funders during 2024-2025:

Ashfield District Council Community Support, Green Activities Grants;
Notts and Nottingham ICB; Public Patient Engagement Funds and Health Inequalities Fund;
Nottinghamshire County Council - Public Health and Local Community Fund;
One Step at a Time (OSSAT);
Severn Trent;
NTU - Masters Internship funding;
Heroux Devtek.

Public benefit

Ashfield Voluntary Action continues to offer a range of services to the people of Ashfield, linked to social engagement; health and wellbeing improvement; digital inclusion. Through partnership working we continue to support families who are struggling with the cost-of-living crisis, those with mental and physical disability, frailty and isolation. AVA runs the only LGBTQ+ group in Ashfield. It also has a well-attended Grief and Loss Group. We are providing new skills via volunteering and helping people find secure job roles, we are training people in job-relevant skills including food hygiene, safeguarding and health and safety; we provide DBS checks and we have driven community-led action, helping communities to help their own.

Our activities all contribute to improving individual wellbeing, developing community cohesion, and will lead to a more healthy and vibrant community where people love to live and contribute actively to the future of their area.

A big thank you to all our volunteers who give their time to support the delivery of our projects and services during 2024-2025. Everyone involved in AVA is also a volunteer, the Trustees, volunteers and all paid staff, voluntarily giving of their free time, with no recompense.

AVA is an exemplar model, last year it was 70%. now over 80% of its employees, volunteers and Trustees themselves have a protected characteristic, bringing a wealth of lived experience to how and what AVA delivers and a unique blend of first-hand knowledge of multiple issues faced by individuals, families and communities and how best to support them to support themselves. Mental Health is not regarded as a separate issue, but is a cross-cutting factor in everything AVA undertakes, building the appropriate support to be inclusive to all. The groups and other services AVA provides are predominantly for people who may not feel other groups are appropriate for them and additional support and encouragement is available every day for people to feel welcomed, understood and to gain positively from their new experiences.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

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Achievements and performance

The Trustees have formed a united stable platform to enable our staff to deliver our existing and new work programmes and have recruited two new trustees to strengthen the Board and to replace those departing. They are fully supportive of the work AVA does. The CEO would like to record her thanks for the support from the Chair and Trustees in allowing the development of new programmes and delivering existing services.

The appointment of the new Chief Executive, Una Key, in December 2023, has helped AVA to stabilise, evolve and raise its profile. The staff base remained stable, with no losses, and has been very willing to take on new skills, develop and contribute as a team. The volunteer base has continued to expand both for AVA, its CIC and referrals to other voluntary sector services. AVA welcomed two new trustees during the year 24/25, refreshing the skills and diversity of the Board. AVA also appointed a new chair at the AGM in October 2024 with the outgoing Chair being recognised for having seen AVA through a very challenging period. Trustee recruitment will now be an annual event.

In 24/25 AVA focussed very much on its communities seeking to find a solution to the long-standing issue of decades of funding into certain communities, with short term outcomes. Through the ICB/Public Health part time Community Development Worker post on Coxmoor, AVA's Chief Executive sought support for a totally different approach to be taken, where residents determined what they could do for themselves to improve their own lives. Community Power was born in Coxmoor, delivering outstanding and long-term results. This led to AVA putting forward a National Lottery bid based on this to roll it out across 6 wards in Ashfield. The Trustees would like to record their thanks to the CEO and the team for the work involved in building the bid, which saw AVA awarded £302,518 over 3 years from June 2025, creating 5 part time posts. The level of innovation has engendered a great deal of interest from the widest variety of organisations. We would also like to thank the ICB, ADC, UKSPF for supporting our bids on behalf of the CRAG.

We have maintained all our Groups, for which AVA receives no funding, and the level of attendances has continued to rise with service users requesting other additional groups including an art group. In 24/25 AVA had no money to consider any further groups. In December 2024 AVA had an impromptu visit from the General Manager from Heroux Devtek, who came to say AVA had been nominated as the recipient of several hundreds of pounds from their charitable giving. This money was put towards the Volunteer Week Garden Party in June 2025, which he and over 60 people attended. He made another donation, and we are now looking to start up our art group. Over 24/25, volunteers have been supported to run some of our groups, but none are able to run them without staff support at hand. Ken Gregorys have continued to attend the Grief and Loss Group and we thank them for this and also their support to the CRAG in providing a marquee for CRAG's first community event on 17.08.2024, which over 250 members of the community attended.

AVA only has one full time member of staff, the Chief Executive. There is no operational support role to this post. AVA requires a critical mass to deliver what it delivers and is only minimally funded. Though 24/25 has seen AVA recognised for all it achieved, it has lost a further £50k in covering its costs and these losses, if continued, will set AVA on a very uncertain path. AVA is valued by partners and attends so many meetings, most of which are within the Chief Executive's role, but not funded. This role is funded from core and though considerably lower than other CVS CEO roles in Nottinghamshire, the expense is not covered. AVA has bid for money, and AVA was very grateful to Severn Trent who contributed to core expenses to 31.12.24, but not salaries. We continue to represent the voluntary and community sector and AVA is a member of a variety of strategic partnerships. AVA is actively involved in all Partnerships in Ashfield, attending the following regularly:

The Mid Notts PBP Executive
The South Notts PBP Executive
The Health and Wellbeing Board
The Mid Notts Health Inequalities Oversight Group
PPE and PPE Communications meetings

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South Notts Social Prescribing
Community of Practice
Be Happy Be Healthy Management Group
Ashfield Local Design Team
IIC Logic Model Meetings
Ashfield Place Leadership meeting, event and training (Sport England)
Kirkby Towns Fund Board and Chair of subgroup and attendance at all three sub groups (Now Kirkby Neighbourhood Fund and its subgroups)
Frailty Task and Finish Group
Coxmoor Partnership Group
Broomhill and Butler's Hill Partnership Group
Leamington Partnership Group
Discover Ashfield
Notts Together
VCSE Alliance
Ashfield Community Hub Meetings
Notts Police and Crime Stakeholder Partnership Meetings
Violence Reduction Unit Quarterly Meetings
Social Prescriber Meetings
Community Development Districts Network
VCS Emergencies Partnership Network
Ashfield Collaboration Meetings (Futures)
Mansfield and Ashfield Nottingham Trent University Board
Arts Council Partnership and Ashfield Creates
Tackling Loneliness Collaborative
Sport England Leadership Meetings
Maker Space

We have continued to be a key partner in the Notts Together Alliance with all Nottinghamshire CVSs, plus Nottingham City CVS, RCAN and Community Accounting Plus, actively engaging to secure contracts and funds to support the Community within Nottinghamshire. Ashfield Voluntary Action also supports community and voluntary sector groups across Ashfield including the developments across the Mid Notts Place Based Partnership and the South Notts Place Based Partnership (PBP) areas. AVA has provided direct support and advice to groups, other charities and Voluntary Sector organisations in terms of establishing themselves, on-going support and notifying when and how funding pots are available, support with applications, making effective use of its website.

AVA's volunteer base continues to grow through the Nottinghamshire County Council Funded Volunteer Coordinator post; 54 volunteers were active during the year. 27 new volunteers were recruited, trained and DBS checked, delivering 6,133 hours of service. Through fortnightly attendance sustainable links have been developed with the Job Centre, offering volunteer opportunities with DBS and training at AVA. 60 individuals have availed themselves of learning with AVA regarding the benefits of volunteering. Two volunteers have gone into full time work, one within the NHS and the other joined the Civil Service after having volunteered with our CIC. Support was provided by AVA in what proved to be lengthy application processes. These jobs have provided the individuals with a decent wage, pension and stability. All volunteers are offered development opportunities, and all undergo externally verified safeguarding training and DBS checks via AVA.

Our groups cover a wide range of topics and are attended by many who would find it challenging to attend other groups, which do not offer the broad range of support AVA does. The groups are very well attended, often referred into by social prescribers. AVA does not receive funding for running these groups. The groups are free at the point of delivery and volunteers are encouraged to learn how to assist in running the groups. Support is always at hand. In additions to the volunteers recruited and unpaid Trustees, uniquely all staff at AVA currently also volunteer their time to benefit the community: this alone contributed more than an additional 200 hours volunteer time during 24/25.

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We have recruited and worked with 54 volunteers this year. We have also sourced volunteers for other organisations and made referrals. The value of volunteering hours, excluding those by paid staff, equates to £79,104.

The Community Development work funded for 18.5 hours via the ICB and Public Health/NCC has generated much interest in Coxmoor. A new style of community empowerment has resulted in high levels of community interest, engagement and the development of a Residents' Action Group, Community Champions, Health Champion, funding raising, 24-hour resident led helpline, peer support for digital inclusion, events, Facebook, recycling, support for older residents and more. It was this that has been the catalyst for the successful National Lottery Reaching Communities bid with AVA being commissioned to roll this out across 6 wards in Ashfield in 25/26.

The Community Development Worker also designed and brought in "Spotlight on Health", a very well received weekly changing health topic, highlighting support and information, which is displayed at all groups and events AVA attends. This identifies those for whom the information may be relevant, prompting informal discussion with MECC. "Spotlight on Health" promotes any events held by Health Partners to help increase awareness and attendances at those, as an example, the Diabetes Bus and Healthy Hearts.

AVA supported the startup of "Tuesdays Together" in Leamington from reserves. Then "One Step at a Time" has funded "Tuesdays Together" at Willets Court from July 2024 for year. An AVA Events Coordinator took the initiative through from a 4-hour drop-in session to a vibrant weekly meeting of 4 hours duration each week with games, information, health information, all receiving brilliant feedback reviews, delivering 2,100 hours of support to individuals.

The part-time Community Development Worker for the ICB/PH South Notts has helped deliver health events, including providing BSL interpreting and worked directly with existing groups and organisations to support them and provided very valuable insight of the existing challenges in the area.

The Patient Participation and Engagement has continued to identify and record significant case studies for the Ashfield District. During the year, it became apparent that there were some worrying cases coming forwards where patients contacted AVA after contacting NHS 111. They were experiencing severe dental health problems, but could not access an NHS dentist and some had no recourse to private funds. These case studies were put together and have proved a significant source of information for the ICB to take forward at a higher level.

AVA has continued to work with the other VCSE organisations across Nottinghamshire with Notts Together and the VCSE Alliance and local groups. It has assisted 17 new CICs and groups with start-up advice across the area and raised over £60k for external organisations.

AVA has redeveloped its website so that it now has an information Hub accessible to all, professionals and residents, written in plain English, it is not a simple directory of services, but how they work, how they link and how they are accessed. It provides a translation service and will shortly be bringing in a "text-to-speak" facility, for those with sight loss. In addition, AVA's website regularly updates with news, information and vacancies across the Ashfield area.

AVA produces monthly newsletters reaching organisations and individuals across Ashfield. It not only features a snapshot of AVA's groups but also relevant news, a light-hearted activity, for example a wordsearch, contact details for other organisations in the area and their vacancies. AVA provides support for the organisations' social media content, development of logos, design of banners and other promotional material. AVA also writes its own press releases, radio content and is able to help other organisations with similar.

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ACE has continued to develop the kiosk, its woodworking provision at Stanton Hill and its confidential waste and has continued to expand and diversify within Ashfield. AVA's trading arm CIC has continued to grow its contribution to AVA and in 24/25 will have generated £16,142 for AVA after its accounts are completed. The CIC is volunteer led, managed and delivered and Trustees would like to thank everyone for their outstanding achievements in delivering growth for the third year since start-up.

Financial review

Policy on reserves

Even though the financial year has been challenging, AVA has maintained its reserves, exceeding its required three months' running costs.

Principal risks and uncertainties

Financial risk

AVA's current contracts are set to cease in March 2025. The backdrop amongst partners' uncertainty around their own futures is challenging and AVA will need to maintain its attendance within all arenas, to actively promote opportunities for AVA's future development and for its services.

Ashfield District Council has agreed to 3 years' of funding for AVA to 27/28 and Trustees are very grateful as this, along with the National Lottery Programme, is the only certainty beyond the end of the 25/26 financial year.

Historic issues have continued. Funders have continued to pay invoices very late. They have financially supported another CVS to deliver services within Ashfield. Ashfield receives less out of funding pots than other districts.

AVA and its learning and innovation is in demand and AVA will continue to forge ahead with groundbreaking new ways of working, its high-quality groups and ACE. Partners need to recognise the large volume of time AVA contributes, which is unfunded, and help AVA address the imbalances.

Our biggest financial risk is the level of funds required to maintain the above. Our future with the ICB still remains uncertain as funding opportunities are unknown. The ICB has its own financial challenges which means decisions may be delayed more than usual. The likelihood of District Funding with policy emphasising Regional mayoral funding is another uncertainty. Whilst identifying funding is a risk, cash flow with continued delayed payments into AVA must be a focus for the CEO and Trustees undertaking close scrutiny of the finances in ensuring it has sufficient funds at their disposal, when required.

We need to continue to seek new funding contracts to be able to maintain programmes and find new funds to deliver new programmes when there is a lot of competition for funding and funding is becoming scarcer and smaller. The ability to reapply for previous pots has significantly reduced. We spend a large proportion of development time chasing smaller pots of grant funding for AVA and other groups.

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Statement of Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Ashfield Voluntary Action for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland". The report and accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards, comprising FRS 102 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

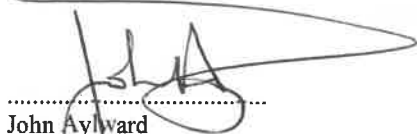
The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that can disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Small companies provision statement

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies regime under the Companies Act 2006.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 24/9/25 and signed on its behalf by:


.....
John Aylward
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Ashfield Voluntary Action ('the Company')

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Ashfield Voluntary Action ('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 that in any material respect:

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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John O'Brien MSc, FAIA, FCIE, employee of Community Accounting Plus
Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners

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Date:.....

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	2,041	-	2,041	394
Charitable activities	3	188	155,906	156,094	138,230
Investment income	5	4,191	-	4,191	3,278
Other income	6	16,142	-	16,142	12,150
Total Income		<u>22,562</u>	<u>155,906</u>	<u>178,468</u>	<u>154,052</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	7	<u>(27,320)</u>	<u>(181,670)</u>	<u>(208,990)</u>	<u>(197,704)</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>(27,320)</u>	<u>(181,670)</u>	<u>(208,990)</u>	<u>(197,704)</u>
Net expenditure		<u>(4,758)</u>	<u>(25,764)</u>	<u>(30,522)</u>	<u>(43,652)</u>
Net movement in funds		(4,758)	(25,764)	(30,522)	(43,652)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>114,071</u>	<u>33,737</u>	<u>147,808</u>	<u>191,460</u>
Total funds carried forward	17	<u>109,313</u>	<u>7,973</u>	<u>117,286</u>	<u>147,808</u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for the period is shown in note 17.

The notes on pages 14 to 23 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

These are the figures for the previous accounting period and are included for comparative purposes

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	2	394	-	394
Charitable activities	3	51	138,179	138,230
Investment income	5	3,278	-	3,278
Other income	6	12,150	-	12,150
Total income		<u>15,873</u>	<u>138,179</u>	<u>154,052</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	7	<u>(14,038)</u>	<u>(183,666)</u>	<u>(197,704)</u>
Total expenditure		<u>(14,038)</u>	<u>(183,666)</u>	<u>(197,704)</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		<u>1,835</u>	<u>(45,487)</u>	<u>(43,652)</u>
Net movement in funds		1,835	(45,487)	(43,652)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>112,236</u>	<u>79,224</u>	<u>191,460</u>
Total funds carried forward	17	<u>114,071</u>	<u>33,737</u>	<u>147,808</u>

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(Registration number: 04244661)
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Current assets			
Debtors	9	17,582	52,611
Cash at bank and in hand	10	<u>116,379</u>	<u>110,518</u>
		133,961	163,129
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	11	<u>(16,675)</u>	<u>(15,321)</u>
Net assets		<u>117,286</u>	<u>147,808</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds	17	7,973	33,737
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>109,313</u>	<u>114,071</u>
Total funds	17	<u>117,286</u>	<u>147,808</u>

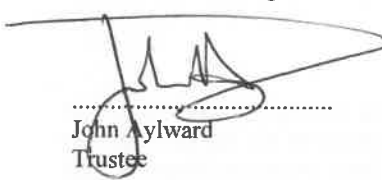
For the financial year ending 31 March 2025 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements on pages 11 to 23 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 24/9/25 and signed on their behalf by:


John Aylward
Trustee

The notes on pages 14 to 23 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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

1 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 in October 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of preparation

Ashfield Voluntary Action meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

Under the exemption available to smaller charities the Board of Trustees has chosen not to include a Statement of Cash Flows within the financial statements.

Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

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Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £500.00 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Furniture & equipment	20% straight line
IT equipment	33% straight line

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

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Trade creditors

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the charity does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those grants for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Pensions and other post retirement obligations

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity. Pension costs charges in the Statement of Financial Activities represent the contributions payable by the charity during the year.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from companies, trusts and similar proceeds	2,041	2,041	394
	2,041	2,041	394

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Grants & donations	-	155,906	155,906	138,179
Sundry income	188	-	188	51
	188	155,906	156,094	138,230

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4 Grants & donations

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Active Partners Trust	-	10,000	10,000
Boots Charitable Trust	-	9,709	9,709
Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner	-	23,675	23,675
Ashfield District Council	-	8,500	8,500
Sundry grants & donations	2,041	-	2,041
Rushcliffe CVS - ICP Community Development	-	8,400	8,400
Rushcliffe CVS - PH Investing in Communities	-	6,300	6,300
Nottinghamshire County Council LCF	-	31,333	31,333
Newark and Sherwood CVS - Investing in Communities PPE/HIIF	-	30,623	30,623
NHS Nottingham & Nottinghamshire ICB	-	27,366	27,366
	<u>2,041</u>	<u>155,906</u>	<u>157,947</u>

5 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Interest receivable and similar income;			
Interest receivable on bank deposits	<u>4,191</u>	<u>4,191</u>	<u>3,278</u>

6 Other income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Income from trading subsidiary	<u>16,142</u>	<u>16,142</u>	<u>12,150</u>

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7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Wages, NI & pensions	8,833	145,394	154,227	151,060
Payroll service	1,310	868	2,178	2,166
Repairs & maintenance	320	-	320	1,258
Training & conference	-	-	-	1,405
Volunteer expenses	5	229	234	432
Rent	54	7,930	7,984	10,678
Insurance	1,530	-	1,530	1,014
Telephone & internet	2,688	-	2,688	2,493
Postage, printing & stationery	311	3,611	3,922	3,681
Registrations & subscriptions	34	84	118	55
Equipment, repairs & renewals	55	121	176	1,942
Staff expenses	169	339	508	145
Donations paid	10	-	10	-
Legal & professional	1,752	5,402	7,154	6,485
Sundry payments	22	-	22	243
Bank charges	60	-	60	60
Publicity and promotion	73	-	73	1,863
IT	5,295	1,000	6,295	5,091
Recruitment/HR	-	-	-	357
Utilities	-	-	-	11
Internal management charges	4,437	(4,437)	-	-
Trustees' expenses	-	-	-	121
Service delivery	-	19,675	19,675	6,189
Refreshments	362	57	419	396
Activities & events	-	1,397	1,397	559
	<u>27,320</u>	<u>181,670</u>	<u>208,990</u>	<u>197,704</u>

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8 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	146,758	144,448
Social security costs	5,063	4,490
Pension costs	2,406	2,122
	<u>154,227</u>	<u>151,060</u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	2025 No	2024 No
Average number of employees	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>

5 (2024 - 5) of the above employees participated in the Defined Contribution Pension Schemes.

Contributions to the employee pension schemes for the year totalled £2,406 (2024 - £2,122).

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £36,000 (2024 - £12,907).

9 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	-	40,175
Prepayments	1,440	286
Other debtors	16,142	12,150
	<u>17,582</u>	<u>52,611</u>

10 Cash and cash equivalents

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash on hand	642	353
Cash at bank	115,737	110,165
	<u>116,379</u>	<u>110,518</u>

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11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	15,259	13,959
Other creditors	1,416	1,362
	<u>16,675</u>	<u>15,321</u>

12 Charity status

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

13 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

14 Fees payable to independent examiner

During the period, the fees payable (excluding VAT) to the charity's independent examiner Community Accounting Plus are analysed as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Independent examination	1,180	1,135
Other financial services	3,358	2,560
	<u>4,538</u>	<u>3,695</u>

15 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

16 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.

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17 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted funds				
<i>General</i>				
General fund	104,071	22,562	(27,320)	99,313
<i>Designated</i>				
Redundancy Fund	10,000	-	-	10,000
Total unrestricted funds	<u>114,071</u>	<u>22,562</u>	<u>(27,320)</u>	<u>109,313</u>
Restricted funds				
Ashfield Community Support	-	7,500	(7,500)	-
Volunteering	-	27,333	(27,333)	-
Health Inequalities	-	4,000	(4,000)	-
Boxing Club	-	23,675	(23,675)	-
Health & Wellbeing	-	23,366	(23,366)	-
Community Newsletter	4,097	-	(4,097)	-
Help for Ukraine	4,640	-	-	4,640
Futures	10,000	-	(10,000)	-
Severn Trent	15,000	-	(15,000)	-
Boots	-	9,709	(9,709)	-
CRAG	-	4,000	(4,000)	-
Green activities & events	-	1,000	(1,000)	-
Investing in Communities	-	45,323	(45,323)	-
Together Fund (OSSAT)	-	10,000	(6,667)	3,333
Total restricted funds	<u>33,737</u>	<u>155,906</u>	<u>(181,670)</u>	<u>7,973</u>
Total funds	<u>147,808</u>	<u>178,468</u>	<u>(208,990)</u>	<u>117,286</u>

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

Ashfield Community Support- Support to voluntary and community groups and enterprise in the Ashfield area to ensure they have the correct governance and help to secure funds.

Volunteering- recruitment, administration and coordination of volunteers. Ensuring volunteers are DBS checked and trained. We also act as a broker for volunteers to other organisations, such as the vaccination programme.

Health Inequalities - this is a Place Based Partnership project with the Integrated Care System and ADC to reduce the health inequalities experienced by some of our communities. Our approach is to deliver community led programmes, which look to improve the wider influences on health, than medical factors alone. Our focus is on the Coxmoor estate in Kirkby and the Butlers Hill /Broomhill/estate in Hucknall.

Boxing Club - to support vulnerable people to gain self respect and learn how to look after themselves.

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Health & Wellbeing - to develop an Integrated Care System in partnership with the Local Authority and the Voluntary Sector to change the NHSE delivery into community led services.

Community Newsletter - to inform other organisations and the public of events, updates and general information of interest.

Help for Ukraine - to help individuals and families.

Investing in Communities - to engage with particular communities to improve their health outcomes.

Futures - to design, promote and deliver Transform Your Future across Ashfield, working directly to assist community and voluntary groups work together to bid to help people target groups of into work, training and volunteering.

Severn Trent - towards rent, IT, accounts and other organisational costs.

Green activities & events - to take Willets Court attendees to a garden centre to buy plants as well as providing two accessible minibuses from Our Centre Community Transport.

Boots -

CRAG -

Together Fund (OSSAT) - 'Tuesday Together' meetings at Willets Court from July 2024.

These are the figures for the previous accounting period and are included for comparative purposes:

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds				
<i>General</i>				
General fund	102,236	15,873	(14,038)	104,071
<i>Designated</i>				
Redundancy Fund	10,000	-	-	10,000
Total unrestricted funds	<u>112,236</u>	<u>15,873</u>	<u>(14,038)</u>	<u>114,071</u>
Restricted				
Ashfield Well Hub	7,408	-	(7,408)	-
Ashfield Community Support	-	7,500	(7,500)	-
Inspiring Ashfield	15,292	30	(15,322)	-
Volunteering	-	27,333	(27,333)	-
Pathways	-	5,305	(5,305)	-
Health Inequalities	32,007	-	(32,007)	-
Boxing Club	4,545	-	(4,545)	-
Health & Wellbeing	19,972	22,866	(42,838)	-
Community Newsletter	-	9,990	(5,893)	4,097
Help for Ukraine	-	4,980	(340)	4,640
Investing in Communities	-	20,175	(20,175)	-
Futures	-	20,000	(10,000)	10,000
Severn Trent	-	20,000	(5,000)	15,000
Total restricted funds	<u>79,224</u>	<u>138,179</u>	<u>(183,666)</u>	<u>33,737</u>
Total funds	<u><u>191,460</u></u>	<u><u>154,052</u></u>	<u><u>(197,704)</u></u>	<u><u>147,808</u></u>

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18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted			2025
	General £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total funds £
Current assets	115,988	10,000	7,973	133,961
Current liabilities	(16,675)	-	-	(16,675)
Total net assets	<u>99,313</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>7,973</u>	<u>117,286</u>

	Unrestricted			2024
	General £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total funds £
Current assets	119,392	10,000	33,737	163,129
Current liabilities	(15,321)	-	-	(15,321)
Total net assets	<u>104,071</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>33,737</u>	<u>147,808</u>

19 3rd party funds

	Opening balances £	Incoming resources £	(Resources expended) £	Total £
Dementia	134	-	(122)	12
CRAG Ashfield Digital Infrastructure	-	2,727	(2,744)	(17)
Various	188	-	(188)	-
Food Bank	1,683	-	-	1,683
GRAG Green activity grant	-	1,000	(1,012)	(12)
Make a Space Ashfield	2,000	-	(2,000)	-
MCVS	-	34,587	(30,120)	4,467
NCVS	-	45,352	(45,352)	-
RCVS	-	26,112	(26,112)	-
N&S CVS	-	35,735	(28,176)	7,559
	<u>4,005</u>	<u>145,513</u>	<u>(135,826)</u>	<u>13,692</u>

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