



TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDING MARCH 2025

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resigned 08/11/2024)
Mrs. Lyanne Taylor (appointed 19/12/2023)
Mrs. Georgia Campbell (appointed 01/02/2024)
Mr. Colin Dipple (appointed 01/02/2024)

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR REVIEW



This year has been a period of embedding and strengthening the new team and reviewing our policies and procedures. We have worked hard to update the Youth Station in terms of our use of IT and to this end we established a Digital Strategy for the Youth Station. This enabled us to secure funding from Bedrock Digital to develop our use of technology to help us to work more efficiently. We have continued to work with Cloud Crew to develop our own bespoke front end to Salesforce and this work is ongoing.

We have additionally, started planning a programme of renovation and repair to the building. The first stage has been to prioritise urgent repairs such as replacing fire door push bars and replacing the locks to ensure that we have keyless exit. Most of the repairs and renovations are going to need funding with capital grants, so a prioritised list of the works needed has been essential.

In November, Angela Bicknell stepped down from the board of trustees to focus on her new job. She was made Trustee Emeritus and remains a good friend of the Youth Station. Throughout the year we have put out feelers for new trustees but without success so far. However, our team of four trustees have been active and supportive.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Youth Work

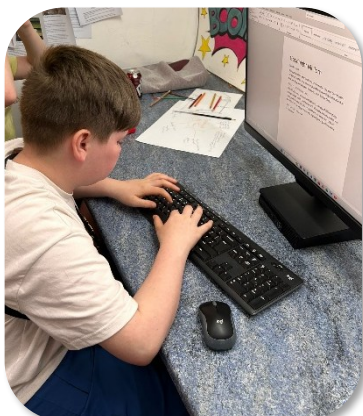
Early in the year we expanded our junior club provision as we had a large waiting list for places. This allowed us to accommodate up to 40 young people from years 5, 6 and 7. These junior sessions are still popular and have good levels of engagement with the planned activities.

Our programme of sessions has been very varied. Our Lead Youth Worker planned well-themed weeks with a good variety of activities, often linked to key events in the year. These included arts and craft sessions, cooking, pumpkin carving, Christmas and Easter crafts and some programming sessions. We had a range of targeted workshops provided again, by Jen Marrs of SHADES. These have included topics on vaping, drug and alcohol addiction awareness, gambling awareness, self-care for mental health, vandalism and antisocial behaviour.





We also took trips to the local trampoline park, private hire swimming pool and bowling as part of our HAF offer.



Nick Park from Intro came into sessions and worked with our junior groups to help them edit an edition of the Wigton Newsletter, giving them a chance to voice the things that matter to them.

Partnerships

We have reestablished good links with our local policing team and we have also had visits from the local fire service. We also reestablished contact with Wigton Food Pantry who have been very generous with donations of snacks and food for sessions. They also donated a mini drinks fridge and an air-fryer. We connected with Pride in North Cumbria, who came in to deliver workshops on being an ally. We are looking forward to developing this relationship further.

Funding

This year we secured a free energy efficiency assessment which identified three key areas for improvement: insulation of the building, improved control over the heating and energy efficient lighting. We were hoping to have completed this work before November 2025. At the time of writing, the insulation work is complete. The remaining work is still pending but should be completed soon and will hugely help to keep our heating bills down.



We also secured funding which allowed us to replace much of our broken or tatty kitchen equipment as well as adding equipment to enable us to expand our cooking projects. As a result of this funding, we are able to plan more cooking sessions with young people, helping them to develop this life skill. We have also added a cooking page to our website, enabling young people to recreate the dishes that they make in the sessions.

We took part in our first Cash for Kids Sports challenge and were delighted to raise around £750 towards ball nets for the yard. While we still have an amount to raise before we can purchase these, it got us off to a great start and we are hoping to raise the remaining amount in the next Sports Challenge.

This financial year we moved to recording all of our accounts using Xero. While this has had a learning curve, it has made tracking our income and expenditure much easier, including tracking our grants, and has given us easier finance reporting for trustees and funders.

CHALLENGES

One of our biggest challenges has been fundraising. While we have mostly raised funding to meet the budget, we have been unsuccessful in most of our bids for capital works funding. This has meant that progress to repair and renovate the building has been slow – focussing on the most urgent and or more easily affordable work. We have been investigating other local initiatives which could help with costs, such as The Rebuild Site in Carlisle.



Our roof started to leak again this year in the same places as we've had leaks in previous years. However, with a generous grant from The Hadfield Trust we were able to repair the roof once and for all by identifying root cause of the problem.

As in every year, we have had to deal with challenging behaviour from some young people. Some instances of anti-social behaviour were identified by members of the community. We have addressed issues with young people in the Youth Station; alerting them to possible consequences of their actions for both themselves and the wider community and we have addressed relevant issues with targeted workshops. Obviously, this is ongoing work and what we're here for!



Ready for a cooking session



MAIN OBJECTIVES FOR 2024-2025

- Expand the board of trustees
- Increase the range of activities available in youth sessions
- Renovate and repair the building as far as possible and seek funding for larger projects



ADDED PRIORITIES

- Work with Cloud Crew to develop a bespoke CMS
- Work towards improving the heating and installing insulation throughout the building



EMPLOYEE OPPORTUNITIES

- Ensure essential training such as Safeguarding, is up-to-date
- Establish additional training opportunities

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC BENEFIT

OUR WORK

Wigton Youth Station is well equipped and experienced in addressing and working alongside the community, young people and partners. We recognise the youth work landscape is changing with the emphasis now being on preventative, targeted, outcome driven delivery. Integrated services are essential for the survival of youth work. The nearest city is 15 miles away and young people tell us they have limited funds, limited transport and no knowledge of who to approach to ask for support. We work on early intervention to provide information and support, to change negative attitudes and their long-term prospects.

BENEFIT TO YOUNG PEOPLE

We make a difference by investing our time and willingness to understand what it must feel like to be unheard and dismissed by society. Young people tell us they fear what the future holds, fear a real possibility of being drawn into crime and not being able to access support and information where needed. We achieve meaningful relationships with our young people, developing their knowledge of 'safe' adults. We support their development to understanding they aren't alone with their fears and concerns, can have fun but manage risk and establish and build resilience.

We work tirelessly to ensure fewer young people have unresolved mental health issues and stay clear of the youth justice system through understanding how they feel and changing their behaviour for the better. This change will directly impact on their families, their estates/communities and their neighbours.



BENEFIT TO THE WIDER COMMUNITY

Young people will always congregate on the streets in any community when they have nowhere else to go. The Youth Station provides a safe space, with free WiFi for the young people of Wigton to meet and socialise. We provide a comfortable indoor space, which means that young people can meet whatever the Cumbrian weather throws at us, and a small outdoor space which our young people can call their own, and allows us to provide opportunities for sports and other outdoor activities.

Mission:

Our mission is to provide every young person with a positive experience of youth, encouraging them to reach their full potential and become valued members of their community.

While the Youth Station is open, there are fewer groups of young people hanging around in the street and occupying themselves with anti-social behaviour or risky activities. This is one immediate benefit. Our programme of informal education activities is designed to give a longer-term benefit. Workshops discussing the impact of anti-social behaviour, the dangers and effects of drugs and alcohol and educating young people on sexual health and exploitation, are just a few of the things we offer. We are also developing good working relationships with our local PCSO and beat officer and the local fire station. We have visits planned in from all of these to help us to reinforce our work and so that our young people develop an understanding of the effects and consequences of their actions. This should then lead to a reduction of petty crime and anti-social behaviour in the community.

We aim to restore community trust in old and young so no one feels isolated and vulnerable.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the trust should undertake.

Aims:

Wigton Youth Station will fulfil their mission statement by:

- providing a safe space free from discrimination
- developing sustainable emotional resilience
- fostering and encouraging individual strengths
- encouraging pride and cohesion in their community



STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

Wigton Youth Station became a registered charity on 8th December 2001.

It is also a company limited by guarantee and therefore has a Memorandum and Articles of Association as its governing document. The Company was incorporated on 28th August 2001.

The trustees who served during the period and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr. Christopher Scott	(appointed 06/07/2023)
Mrs. Angela Bicknell	(resigned 08/11/2024)
Mrs. Lyanne Taylor	(appointed 19/12/2023)
Mrs. Georgia Campbell	(resigned 02/05/2025)
Mr. Colin Dipple	(appointed 01/02/2024)

Where young
dreamers
become
young
achievers

We have a committed team of trustees who actively support the youth station. Two of our trustees had to step down in the last year but we have a new trustee who has committed to joining us shortly. They are well known to us and they have experience of being involved in other organisations within the town. Our board members are energetic, generous with their time and play an active role in the organisation.

Our Centre Manager, Kate Jensen, has 23 years of experience in teaching and has now been in post for a year and 7 months. She has overseen an extensive review of policies and procedures, including introducing a digital strategy, launching our website, developing a plan for renovating the building and working with the Senior Youth Worker to plan trips out of the centre.

Our youth work team is strong. Our Senior Youth Worker is fully qualified, has been with the Youth Station for over 7 years and has good relationships with our young people and their families. We have an additional two youth workers, both of whom are developing their skills and adapting with their experiences of youth work. One of our youth workers has recently completed his level 2 and level 3 youth work qualification. We are working with CYA to find appropriate youth work training for our other



youth worker and the upskill all our staff with other available training.

Following the organisation restructuring in September 2023, the team has grown more cohesive and has worked hard to build relationships of trust with our young people

RECRUITMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF NEW TRUSTEES

New trustees are recruited in line with Wigton Youth Station's Trustee Recruitment Policy. Trustees receive a full induction to the charity and a set of key documents, enabling them to gain the required information to fulfil their role.

A yearly skills analysis ensures the trustees offer a suitable range of knowledge and skills to support the charity. Where a skills gap is identified we aim to seek trustees to bridge this gap. The Board aims to adhere to the principles of the Charity Governance Code for Smaller Charities. This is an ongoing process, and we are working towards fulfilling all aspects of the code.





OBJECTIVES

Trustees decided this was a 3-year plan, to span April 2023 to March 2026. Our aims and objectives, as agreed at our latest strategic planning meeting, held by the Board of Trustees, are:

- Improve our monitoring and evaluation systems
- Update our record keeping facilities to ensure that we are using our IT capabilities to their fullest capacity
- Ensure we have an infrastructure that allows us to work effectively, efficiently and compliantly through our IT, finance and administration systems and our policies and procedures
- Develop the use of our Crowdfunder page and work to raise regular donations from local people and businesses
- Introduce a wider range of activities for our young people, including some computing skills such as animation and editing
- Explore additional workshop partners, e.g. local salon to run a teen skin care workshop
- Re-establish and strengthen relationships between the local Police and Fire Service
- Work to repair and modernise the building
- Rebuild a bank of reliable volunteers to support youth work sessions and also provide maintenance of the building
- Re-introduce an annual residential trip, supported by relevant funding
- Convert the charity to a CIO

ACTIVITIES

SERVICE



Wigton Youth Station is based in North Cumbria and has been established for 26 years. It is the sole provider in our area of a free, safe, social space for all young people aged 10-25 years to access and participate in positive activities. It provides a comfortable space with free Wifi, where young people can socialise and relax off the streets, thus reducing the instances of anti-social behaviour in the community.

We spend a lot of time talking to our young people and building positive relationships with them. We aim to provide a rich and varied programme of activities in the sessions such as art and crafts, trampolining, board games and video games, pool, table tennis, basketball and football etc. We are always looking for engaging new activities and are hoping to introduce sessions on animation and video editing this year. We also work on developing life skills such as cooking. We are running a programme cooking sessions and this links to our website where we post copies of recipes for our young people to replicate at home. We are looking for a local company to come in to do some sessions on teen skin care. As well as this we run a regular programme of targeted workshops to educate our young people. Some of our recent workshops have been on vaping, alcohol and drug awareness, online safety, consequences of vandalism, the importance of self-care for mental health, being an ally (delivered by Pride in North Cumbria), and sexual health.



We strive to give our young people positive and lasting childhood memories that they may otherwise miss out on. To this end we also arrange trips out across the year. These might be visits to other towns in our local area, trips to our local nature reserve for nature walks or cycling, day trips to other cities or outdoor adventure days and residential visits.

INCLUSION

The Youth Station is based on the provision of a non-discriminatory environment, which promotes mutual respect, tolerance and



acceptance of difference and the value to be gained from such difference. This practice extends outside the centre to families, carers and members of the public.

We will always challenge inappropriate, derogatory or divisive language including homophobic or transphobic language. We aim to create a climate where racial and religious differences are acknowledged and valued and where open discussion about racial issues is actively encouraged rather than ignored.

We are pleased to be working with Pride in North Cumbria, who have visited the Youth Station to deliver workshops on awareness and being an ally. We are looking to build on the success of this and develop relationships with other local organisations Anti-racist Cumbria, Proud & Diverse Cumbria and Allerdale Disability Association.

We have accessible toilet facilities and although our building is old and unable to accommodate a lift to the upper floors, most of our youth work activities take place on the ground floor. Our staff team is experienced with working with young people with additional needs and we will always work to accommodate any additional needs that our young people have.

PARTNERSHIPS



We currently rent space to The Windmill Trust. They provide specialist creative therapeutic support to children and young people aged 4-21 who are at risk of long-term mental health issues but who do not meet the criteria for support through statutory services. They have young people in the building outside of our youth work hours which means that the building is utilised for more of the day. They have been able to offer advice and support with some incidents with our young people and they are happy for us to refer to them when necessary. The money from the room hire goes back into providing our service for young people in Wigton.

We are also working collaboratively to try apply for funding in order to renovate the building and make it a more welcoming and modern space for all of its users, but particularly the young people we work with.

We are also looking for ways to collaborate with other local charities. We regularly use Wigton and District Community transport when organising trips and we are currently in discussion with another local



charity, the Laal Collective about a collaborative project to rejuvenate our outdoor space. We have developed a relationship with Pride in North Cumbria, who have delivered workshops to our young people. We also work with our local community theatre (The John Peel Theatre) to arrange trips to the annual pantomime and other appropriate shows for our young people.

FUNDRAISING

We are almost completely reliant on grants and donations. Charging a fee for our services would put up a barrier for the young people who use the Youth Station. We believe that all young people in our community have right to access the Youth Station, regardless of economic or financial background.

Our Crowdfunder page is still running but has unfortunately, drawn no support this year. We are trying to diversify our funding sources and have recently set up an Easy Fundraising account (<https://www.easfundraising.org.uk/causes/wigton-youth-station>). So far, this has minimal supporters, but is already raising money for us and we are promoting the page regularly.

In addition, we have identified a number of local companies who we hope to engage in supporting the Youth Station. By building these relationships, we aim not only to secure long-term support through donations, but also to strengthen the sense of shared responsibility for investing in the future of our young people. We are grateful for the generosity already shown within our community and look forward to developing new partnerships that will help the Youth Station continue to thrive.



Nick Turner from *Intro* working with our junior group on editing the Wigton Newsletter.



OUR IMPACT

We are currently working with a group of young people who can be quite challenging in their attitudes and who spend a lot of time on the streets. There have been some cases of vandalism in the town and we know that some of these young people have been involved. In some of these cases we have been able to mediate between the town council and the young people in order to start to help them repair their relationship with the town council. We are building trust with our young people and many of them are starting to open up and talk to us about issues they are having both at home and in school. Our young people know that we are a safe and reliable space and that they can come and talk to any of the adults here. Our young people will often drop in to see us when we are open, even if it is not a session for their age group.

All our work, over the last 25 years has also been to prevent young people making choices that will negatively impact of their lives. That's the long-term impact we hope our young people take away from their time with us. We focus a lot on their mental health and what makes them happy. We've discussed openly about the link between physical and mental health and taken time to support each young person to grow in confidence and start speaking about how they feel and how to make changes. We often hear a few years down the line just how much of an influence we were. Although not instant feedback, it's very satisfying to know where they are now and how successfully they are managing their lives. Some of our young people take months or years to even hold eye contact, so we're in it for the long haul. That conversation with a young person where they eventually look at you and smile, is proof that we are doing the right thing for the right reasons.

MEASURING OUR IMPACT

We keep comprehensive records of attendance, both on paper and as an Excel monitoring spreadsheet and we can see that numbers have now reached our pre-closure levels. During sessions, we take regularly take informal feedback from our young people and they are at the heart of the activities we provide.

Staff use evaluation sheets for each session. We record young people's progress which we can show in the form of case studies. We are currently in the process of working with Cloud Crew to improve and streamline our monitoring and evaluation systems using an adapted Salesforce account.

This year we have delivered a wide range of targeted workshops, each designed to address the real challenges faced by our young people. Topics have included self-esteem and mental health self-care, as well as sessions on vandalism and anti-social behaviour in response to local issues. These workshops not only give young people the tools to make positive choices but also provide a safe space for reflection and discussion. Engagement has been strong, with many young people valuing the chance to learn, share, and build skills that benefit both themselves and the wider community.

FEEDBACK FROM YOUNG PEOPLE

"I like youthie because it gives me something to do and cheers me up after a bad day at school"

"I like coming because of the activities"

"It's great because you can socialise and enjoy being around different people, while the area is friendly and warm"

"It keeps me entertained"

"There's lots of things to do"

"The best place ever!"

"They are really helpful for telling them stuff. It's good for getting out of trouble."

"It's great!"



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We would like to thank all of the parents/carers of our young people; our partners and our supporters:

- Cumbria Community Foundation
- Francis C Scott Charitable Trust
- National Lottery Awards for All
- Garfield Weston
- Cumberland Council
- Cumbria Youth Alliance
- Bedrock Digital
- Arnold Clark Community Fund
- The Hadfield Trust
- Wigton Town Council
- Wigton Freemasons
- Fairview Court Residents
- Saint & Co Chartered Accountants
- Jen Marrs
- Pride in North Cumbria
- Wigton Fire Service
- Cash for Kids
- The Windmill Trust





FINANCIAL REVIEW AND RESERVES POLICY

Wigton Youth Station's net income for the period was £68,681 with expenditure of £76,333. The charity therefore realised a deficit of £7,652 of funds. The main income stream for the charity was grants received with the main expense being staff costs.

As at 31 March 2025 the unrestricted, unallocated funds available for use by the charity were £12,287. The balance on restricted funds at the year-end was £23,993.

Wigton Youth Station has deemed that to run the organisation efficiently and effectively they need to maintain a reserve of 3 months operating costs. The current requirement is £19,085.

The level of reserves is monitored and reviewed by the Trustees as necessary and at least once each year.

INCOME PLAN

We are working with the local youth work development officer to focus on future fundraising plans. Two of our trustees are very experienced in fundraising. We are lucky to have some long-term funders who have supported our project for a number of years. The town council is also very supportive of the project and has recently approved a small grant to help us renovate the front of our building. We work alongside another charity who rent space from us and we are working together on funding bids to renovate and maintain the building.

We receive regular funding from the Joyce Wilkinson Trust, Cumbria Community Foundation, Francis C Scott Foundation and the National Lottery.

We regularly review our utility bills and services to ensure that we getting best value for money. We have recently reviewed our energy providers and moved to Octopus in order to ensure we were receiving the best value service. By reviewing our billing regularly, we ensure that we are never over paying for our services.

Securing funding is becoming extremely difficult. We have been established for over 27 years, which shows there is a need for our service. The downside of this is that we have exhausted several funding streams and aren't able to apply to them again. We recognise that as we are a grass roots, needs led community organisation, it would be very difficult to ever be self-sustaining, however, we own our own building and we are looking to maximise this asset by renting space to other local charities who align with our values. The Windmill Trust already rents space from us, giving us a small but regular monthly income.

It is our aim that during the life time of this project we will submit additional bids to further develop it and enable us to reach newly identified young people that would benefit from taking part.



Though media coverage, we aim to showcase this project to the wider community, schools and other youth provisions in the county to highlight the need for preventative projects like this, our funders and the value of the work we do. This in turn is an opportunity to raise additional funds to sustain the project. Our website has been further developed this year to promote our work and signpost support for young people and their families, and we have worked on posting to our social media accounts more regularly in order to raise the profile of the Youth Station.

Fundraising is one aspect of the role of Centre Manager who has overall responsibility for budgetary analysis and financial control, with support from the trustees and senior youth workers. It is generally acknowledged in the not-for-profit sector that fundraising can take up to 40% of the time of a full-time officer and no one at Wigton Youth station works full time.

Plan B

Wigton Youth Station will undertake research into charitable funding opportunities to create a plan for approaches to trusts and foundations. This will involve:

- Researching charitable funders who have supported the charity to-date through a tailor-made database.
- Sourcing opportunities for new/repeat approaches to trusts and foundations.
- Identifying funders who can offer large grants over more than one year.
- Establishing trusts and foundations whose priorities include:
 - Work with young people
 - Focus on young people's mental health
 - Crime prevention
 - Reducing social and educational isolation
 - Increasing confidence, aspirations and individuality in young people
 - Volunteering opportunities

Given the limited availability of charitable funders to approach for multi-year contributions for core costs, the organisation's charitable fundraising will:

- focus on trusts who can offer large, longer-term contributions to core costs
- use financial projections (of projected income from contracts) to underpin funding bids
- demonstrate a target-driven programme of activities and sessions that will be measured and monitored



TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 2024 TO 31 MARCH 2025

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "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)".

The Trustees' Report was approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Name: Christopher Scott
Position: Chair of Trustees

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'C Scott', is written over a horizontal line.

Date: 27th November 2025



INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF WIGTON YOUTH STATION

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Wigton Youth Station (the Charity) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

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

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 386 of the Companies Act 2006.
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a true and fair view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- 4 the financial statements 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 financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.

Sophie Graham BAcc(Hons), FCA, DChA

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Graham'.

Sterling House Wavell Drive Rosehill Carlisle Cumbria
CA1 2SA

Dated: 05 December 2025



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	3	21,839	42,854	64,693	3,285	31,744	35,029
Charitable activities	4	1,238	-	1,238	-	-	-
Other trading activities	5	2,750	-	2,750	2,710	-	2,710
Total income		25,827	42,854	68,681	5,995	31,744	37,739
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	6	52,759	23,574	76,333	23,667	39,055	62,722
Other expenditure	11	-	-	-	13	-	13
Total expenditure		52,759	23,574	76,333	23,680	39,055	62,735
Net income/(expenditure)		(26,932)	19,280	(7,652)	(17,685)	(7,311)	(24,996)
Transfers between funds		(7)	7	-	45,306	(45,306)	-
Net movement in funds	8	(26,939)	19,287	(7,652)	27,621	(52,617)	(24,996)
Reconciliation of funds:							
Fund balances at 1 April 2024		39,226	4,706	43,932	11,605	57,323	68,928
Fund balances at 31 March 2025		12,287	23,993	36,280	39,226	4,706	43,932

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.



BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	13		11,725		17,094
Current assets					
Stocks	14	120		120	
Debtors	15	245		288	
Cash at bank and in hand		38,657		39,202	
		<u>39,022</u>		<u>39,610</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year					
Other creditors	16	4,467		3,205	
Deferred income	17	10,000		9,567	
		<u>14,467</u>		<u>12,772</u>	
Net current assets			<u>24,555</u>		<u>26,838</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>36,280</u>		<u>43,932</u>
The funds of the Charity					
Restricted income funds	19	23,993		4,706	
Unrestricted funds	20	12,287		39,226	
		<u>36,280</u>		<u>43,932</u>	

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

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

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 27th November 2025

Christopher Scott, Chair of Trustees

Company registration number 4277894 (England and Wales)



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies Charity information

Wigton Youth Station is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 16 High Street, Wigton, Cumbria, CA7 9NJ. The Principal activity is operating a youth club.

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "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)". The Charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a statement of cash flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the Charity.



1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the Charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the Charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the Charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land and buildings	25 years
Equipment	4 years

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the Charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).



1.8 Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost comprises direct materials and, where applicable, direct labour costs and those overheads that have been incurred in bringing the stocks to their present location and condition. Items held for distribution at no or nominal consideration are measured the lower of replacement cost and cost.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price less all estimated costs of completion and costs to be incurred in marketing, selling and distribution.

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.10 Financial instruments

The Charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the Charity's balance sheet when the Charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities



if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the Charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.11 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the Charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.12 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.



2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

The trustees consider there were no significant judgements made in preparing the financial statements and that there are no key sources of estimation uncertainty.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Donations and gifts	993	24	1,017	3,285	18,000	21,285
Grants	20,846	42,830	63,676	-	13,744	13,744
	<u>21,839</u>	<u>42,854</u>	<u>64,693</u>	<u>3,285</u>	<u>31,744</u>	<u>35,029</u>

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Club income		
Other income	1,238	-
	<u>1,238</u>	<u>-</u>

5 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Letting and licensing arrangements	2,750	2,710
	<u>2,750</u>	<u>2,710</u>



6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Direct costs		
Staff costs	53,032	35,826
Depreciation and impairment	6,520	6,107
Premises costs	3,956	5,561
Support for young people	2,352	-
Repairs	822	6,300
Windmill Trust management charge	-	3,117
	<u>66,682</u>	<u>56,911</u>
Share of support and governance costs (see note 7)		
Support	7,510	-
Governance	2,141	5,811
	<u>76,333</u>	<u>62,722</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	52,759	23,667
Restricted funds	23,574	39,055
	<u>76,333</u>	<u>62,722</u>

7 Support costs allocated to activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Office costs	6,538	-
Staff costs	972	-
Governance costs	2,141	5,811
	<u>9,651</u>	<u>5,811</u>
Analysed between:		
Total	<u>9,651</u>	<u>5,811</u>



8 Net movement in funds

	2025 £	2024 £
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	630	600
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	<u>6,520</u>	<u>6,107</u>

9 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the Charity during the year.

10 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2025 Number	2024 Number
	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>
Employment costs	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	51,690	34,689
Other pension costs	<u>1,342</u>	<u>1,137</u>
	<u>53,032</u>	<u>35,826</u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

11 Other expenditure

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
PAYE Interest	<u>-</u>	<u>13</u>

12 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.



13 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2024	123,315	63,833	187,148
Additions	-	1,151	1,151
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
At 31 March 2025	123,315	64,984	188,299
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 April 2024	109,613	60,441	170,054
Depreciation charged in the year	4,932	1,588	6,520
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
At 31 March 2025	114,545	62,029	176,574
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2025	8,770	2,955	11,725
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
At 31 March 2024	13,702	3,392	17,094
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

14 Stocks

	2025 £	2024 £
Raw materials and consumables	120	120
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

15 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Prepayments and accrued income	245	288
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

16 Other creditors falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	2,682	1,341
Accruals	1,785	1,864
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	4,467	3,205
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>



17 Deferred income

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other deferred income	10,000	9,567

Deferred income is included in the financial statements as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Deferred income is included within:		
Current liabilities	10,000	9,567
Movements in the year:		
Deferred income at 1 April 2024	9,567	11,024
Released from previous periods	(9,567)	(11,024)
Resources deferred in the year	10,000	9,567
Deferred income at 31 March 2025	10,000	9,567

Income deferred during the year amounts to £10,000 from the Joyce Williamson fund which relates to the 25/26 period. Deferred income released during the year relates to £9,567 of £11,676 received in Feb 2024 relating to the 2024/25 from the Joyce Wilkinson Fund.

18 Retirement benefit schemes

	2025	2024
	£	£
Defined contribution schemes		
Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes	1,342	1,137
	2024	2023
	£	£
Defined contribution schemes		
Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes	1,137	1,058

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Charity in an independently administered fund.



19 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 April 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
	-	-	-	-	-
Cash for kids	-	769	-	-	769
Awards for All	136	-	-	-	136
CCF Open Access	-	9,567	(10,527)	960	-
Francis C Scott Trust	4,477	15,000	(11,632)	-	7,845
HAF	93	1,968	(1,108)	(953)	-
Bedrock Digital	-	5,000	(30)	-	4,970
Cumberland Council	-	1,350	(222)	-	1,128
Wigton Town Council	-	500	-	-	500
Garfield Weston	-	7,500	(55)	-	7,445
Hadfield Trust	-	1,200	-	-	1,200
	<u>4,706</u>	<u>42,854</u>	<u>(23,574)</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>23,993</u>
Previous year:	At 1 April 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
	-	-	-	-	-
The Community Fund	17,503	-	-	(17,503)	-
Friday Nights	13,423	3,000	(6,161)	(10,262)	-
Awards for All	7,371	-	(7,235)	-	136
CCF Open Access	17,541	11,589	(11,589)	(17,541)	-
Francis C Scott Trust	1,485	15,000	(12,008)	-	4,477
HAF	-	2,155	(2,062)	-	93
	<u>57,323</u>	<u>31,744</u>	<u>(39,055)</u>	<u>(45,306)</u>	<u>4,706</u>

The transfer of funds from unrestricted to restricted totalling £7 relates to funds that were cleared at the year end.



20 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 April 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
General Fund	39,226	25,827	(52,759)	(7)	12,287
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Previous year:	At 1 April 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
General Fund	11,605	5,995	(23,680)	45,306	39,226
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

21 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2025	2025	2025
	£	£	£
At 31 March 2025:			
Tangible assets	11,725	-	11,725
Current assets/(liabilities)	562	23,993	24,555
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	12,287	23,993	36,280
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2024	2024	2024
	£	£	£
At 31 March 2024:			
Tangible assets	17,094	-	17,094
Current assets/(liabilities)	22,132	4,706	26,838
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	39,226	4,706	43,932
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

22 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2024 - none).



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