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CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1091314

South Bristol Church and Community Trust
Company Limited by Guarantee
Financial Statements
31 March 2025

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Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report)

Year ended 31 March 2025

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name South Bristol Church and Community Trust

Charity registration number 1091314

Company registration number 3688146

Principal office and registered office The Withywood Centre
Queens Road
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The trustees Richard Eddy
Rev Derek Maddox
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Rev Christopher J Dobson
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Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2025

Structure, governance and management

The charity is constituted as a company limited by guarantee and is therefore governed by a memorandum and articles of association.

The Company achieved charitable status on 22nd March 2002. The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital.

OBJECTIVES AND PUBLIC BENEFIT

The charity's object and principal activity continues to be that of a development trust fund formed to serve the communities of south Bristol. The charity continues to benefit the community by providing a premise from which several agencies provide services which together promote the spiritual, mental and the physical well-being of individuals. The charity provides a fully inclusive pivotal social base within the BS13 area, benefiting all individuals that may otherwise be isolated or lack any other form of social interaction. The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's objectives.

STRUCTURE AND DECISION MAKING

The charity is organised so that the management board (directors/trustees) meet regularly to manage its affairs. The trustees delegate their responsibilities for the day-to-day administration of the charity to a Management Board who are employed by SBCCT.

RISK REVIEW

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

Objectives and activities

The Trustees are satisfied with the performance of the charity during the year and the position at 31st March 2025 and consider that the charity is in a satisfactory position to continue its objectives during the coming year.

Staffing

Management of the Centre continues to fall to the joint centre managers, alongside a duty manager who takes responsibility for the operation of the centre when required. The latter has taken over responsibilities for the Trust's accounting as the previous book-keeper's fixed-term contract came to its planned end in the summer of 2025.

Staffing in the Centre's cafe has continued to develop with one member of the team having taken on the majority of the cooking and introduced several new home cooked items to the menu which have proved very popular. Several local residents are now using the café daily purchasing these home cooked meals to take away.

The roles and responsibilities of the maintenance team were reviewed following the departure of a long-standing member of the team in Summer 2024. The team is now working more flexibly across the whole week, including weekends, and has allowed us to bring our cleaning in-house and both reduce our costs and give more control over the level of cleaning provided.

Centre Development

We continue to engage the community and the private sector with an aim to maximize Centre usage and promote awareness of the Centre. Routine use of the building is near capacity.

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Objectives and activities *(continued)*

Services for the Community

The Centre continues to be a thriving, well established and highly valuable community asset which operates within the overall objectives of the Trust. It accommodates a variety of groups that offer a diverse range of activities and services, including groups which promote mental and physical health for a range of ages including those in childhood education.

Fundraising

The Centre does not currently undertake any fundraising activities with the general public and has not signed up to the Fundraising Regulator.

Reserves policy

The Trustees have undertaken a review of the Trust's overall finances, in particular our reserves which are currently below the agreed level. We are taking steps towards applying for grant funding and expect to do this in the next few months.

As previously reported, the Centre does not currently undertake any fundraising activities with the general public and has not signed up to the Fundraising Regulator.

Financial review

The net outgoing resources for the period were £66,284 (2024: £27,979) resulting in accumulated funds carried forward of £3,297,376 (2024: £3,363,660), of which £287,758 (2024: £294,580) are unrestricted funds. The unrestricted funds are considered to represent the free reserves at the year end and at current activity levels represent approximately 7.5 months of staffing and operating costs. This level of funds falls within the parameters set by the trustees in the Reserves Policy (see below) and they will aim to maintain uncommitted reserves at the level set by the policy going forward.

Plans for future periods

A key focus for The Trust during 2025-26 is to work towards a sustainable financial plan, including re-building the Trust's reserves to the agreed level. To this end, the Trustees and Management Team have already engaged with external expertise to look at this, including exploring options for external grant funding.

In parallel, we also intend to establish a plan for routine replacements and refurbishments, as the building nears twenty years old. Two immediate priorities are the centre's garden and car park. It is intended that some of this will be undertaken in-house, following recent changes in our maintenance staffing.

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Trustees' responsibilities statement

The trustees, who are also directors 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).

Company law requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity 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 charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Auditor

Each of the persons who is a trustee at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- so far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditor is unaware; and
- they have taken all steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information.

The auditor is deemed to have been re-appointed in accordance with section 487 of the Companies Act 2006.

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

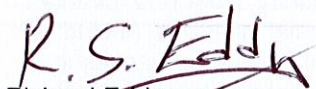
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Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2025

The trustees' annual report was approved on 18 November 2025 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Richard Eddy
Trustee



Rev Patrick Stonehewer
Trustee

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of South Bristol Church and Community Trust

Year ended 31 March 2025

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of South Bristol Church and Community Trust (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the statement of financial activities (including income and expenditure account), statement of financial position and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

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Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

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Key audit matters: our assessment of risks of material misstatement

Key audit matters are those matters that in our professional judgement were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements and include the most significant assessed risks of material misstatement (whether or not due to fraud) identified by us, including those which had the greatest effect on: the allocation of resources in the audit, and directing the efforts of the engagement team. There are no key areas identified as the audit is very low risk with normal audit procedures adequate in all audit areas.

We agreed to report to the board of trustees any corrected or uncorrected identified misstatements.

Fraud and breaches of laws and regulations - ability to detect

Identifying and reporting of risks of material misstatement due to fraud

To identify risks of material misstatement due to fraud we assessed events or conditions that could indicate an incentive or pressure to commit fraud or provide an opportunity to commit fraud. Our risk assessment procedures included:

- Enquiring of finance manager and trustees and inspection of key papers provided to those charged with governance as to high level policies and procedures to prevent and detect fraud
- Reading board minutes

We communicated identified fraud risks throughout the audit team and remained alert to any indications of fraud throughout the audit.

As required by auditing standards, and taking into account possible pressures to meet targets and our overall knowledge of the control environment, we perform procedures to address the risks of management override of controls. To address the pervasive risk as it relates to management override, we identified journal entries to test to supporting documentation.

Identifying and responding to risks of material misstatement due to non-compliance with laws and regulations

We identified areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements from our general commercial and sector experience and through discussion with the general manager and trustees. As the charity is regulated, our assessment of risks involved gaining an understanding of the control environment including the entity's procedures for complying with regulatory requirements.

We communicated identified laws and regulations throughout our team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit.

The potential effect of these laws and regulations on the financial statements varies considerably.

Firstly, the charity is subject to laws and regulations that directly affect the financial statements including financial reporting regulation (including related companies' regulation), taxation legislation (payroll taxes) and pension legislation and we assessed the extent of compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our procedures on the related financial statements items.

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Secondly, the charity is subject to many other laws and regulations where the consequence of non-compliance could have a material effect on amounts or disclosures in the financial statements, for instance through the imposition of fines or litigation. We identified the following areas as those most likely to have such an effect: Health and safety laws. Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquiry of management and trustees and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any. Therefore, if any breach of operational regulations is not disclosed to us or evident from relevant correspondence, an audit will not detect that breach.

Context of the ability of the audit to detect fraud or breaches of law or regulation

Owing to the inherent limitation of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it.

In addition, as with any audit, there remained a higher risk of non-detection of fraud, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. Our audit procedures are designed to detect material misstatement. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance or fraud and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

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We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Paul Cridland BSc FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

Charlton Baker (Bristol) Ltd
Chartered Accountants & statutory auditor
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18 November 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account)

Year ended 31 March 2025

| | | | 2025 | | 2024 |
|--------------------------------------|------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| | Note | Unrestricted funds £ | Restricted funds £ | Total funds £ | Total funds £ |
| Income and endowments | | | | | |
| Charitable activities | 5 | 470,453 | — | 470,453 | 452,823 |
| Investment income | 6 | 6,272 | — | 6,272 | 6,408 |
| Total income | | <u>476,725</u> | <u>—</u> | <u>476,725</u> | <u>459,231</u> |
| Expenditure | | | | | |
| Expenditure on charitable activities | 7,8 | 470,201 | 64,970 | 535,171 | 504,430 |
| Total expenditure | | <u>470,201</u> | <u>64,970</u> | <u>535,171</u> | <u>504,430</u> |
| Net (losses)/gains on investments | 9 | (7,838) | — | (7,838) | 17,220 |
| Net expenditure | | <u>(1,314)</u> | <u>(64,970)</u> | <u>(66,284)</u> | <u>(27,979)</u> |
| Transfers between funds | | (5,508) | 5,508 | — | — |
| Net movement in funds | | <u>(6,822)</u> | <u>(59,462)</u> | <u>(66,284)</u> | <u>(27,979)</u> |
| Reconciliation of funds | | | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | | 294,580 | 3,069,080 | 3,363,660 | 3,391,639 |
| Total funds carried forward | | <u>287,758</u> | <u>3,009,618</u> | <u>3,297,376</u> | <u>3,363,660</u> |

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

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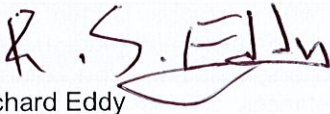
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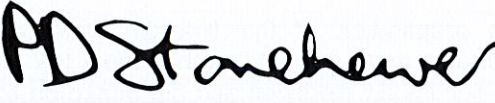
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| | Note | 2025 £ | 2024 £ |
|---|------|------------------|------------------|
| Fixed assets | | | |
| Tangible fixed assets | 13 | 3,006,264 | 3,065,726 |
| Investments | 14 | 174,155 | 181,993 |
| | | <u>3,180,419</u> | <u>3,247,719</u> |
| Current assets | | | |
| Stocks | 15 | 2,063 | 1,622 |
| Debtors | 16 | 98,068 | 126,948 |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | 57,582 | 35,944 |
| | | <u>157,713</u> | <u>164,514</u> |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | 17 | 40,756 | 48,573 |
| Net current assets | | <u>116,957</u> | <u>115,941</u> |
| Total assets less current liabilities | | <u>3,297,376</u> | <u>3,363,660</u> |
| Net assets | | <u>3,297,376</u> | <u>3,363,660</u> |
| Funds of the charity | | | |
| Restricted funds | | 3,009,618 | 3,069,080 |
| Unrestricted funds | | 287,758 | 294,580 |
| Total charity funds | 19 | <u>3,297,376</u> | <u>3,363,660</u> |

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

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 18 November 2025, and are signed on behalf of the board by:


Richard Eddy
Trustee


Rev Patrick Stonehewer
Trustee

South Bristol Church and Community Trust

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2025

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales and a registered charity in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is The Withywood Centre, Queens Road, Withywood, Bristol, BS13 8QA.

2. Statement of compliance

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

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Disclosure exemptions

The charity has applied Update Bulletin 1 as published on 2 February 2016 and does not include a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is applying FRS 102 Section 1A.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. We can confirm that there are no critical judgements or estimates to note.

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Fund accounting

Unrestricted income funds

These are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted income funds

Incoming resources in the form of grants and project income are treated as restricted on the basis that they have been received for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure that meets these criteria is identified to the fund, together with a fair allocation of salaries and overhead costs. Where projects are substantially funded from restricted income, any surplus funding will be carried forward as a restricted fund.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income.

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 to support them.

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Tangible assets

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

| | | |
|---------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| Leasehold Property | - | Over the remaining life of the lease |
| Fixtures & Fittings | - | Straight line over 10 years |
| Equipment | - | Straight line over 4 to 5 years |

Investments

Unlisted equity investments are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently measured at fair value. If fair value cannot be reliably measured, assets are measured at cost less impairment.

Listed investments are measured at fair value with changes in fair value being recognised in income or expenditure.

Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

Stocks

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

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where it is recognised at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Defined contribution plans

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render the related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as an expense in the period in which it arises.

4. Limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee. In the event of a winding up, each trustee is limited to pay £1 each. As at 31 March 2025 the number of trustees was 6 (2024: 6).

5. Charitable activities

| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Total Funds 2025 £ | Unrestricted Funds £ | Total Funds 2024 £ |
|----------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Rent & rechargeables | 64,788 | 64,788 | 65,897 | 65,897 |
| Service charge | 266,588 | 266,588 | 246,723 | 246,723 |
| Room hire | 51,683 | 51,683 | 57,076 | 57,076 |
| Cafe & catering | 76,730 | 76,730 | 75,972 | 75,972 |
| Other income | 10,664 | 10,664 | 7,155 | 7,155 |
| | <u>470,453</u> | <u>470,453</u> | <u>452,823</u> | <u>452,823</u> |

6. Investment income

| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total Funds 2025 £ |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Income from listed investments | 5,829 | — | 5,829 |
| Bank interest receivable | 443 | — | 443 |
| | <u>6,272</u> | <u>—</u> | <u>6,272</u> |

| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total Funds 2024 £ |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Income from listed investments | 5,498 | — | 5,498 |
| Bank interest receivable | — | 910 | 910 |
| | <u>5,498</u> | <u>910</u> | <u>6,408</u> |

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7. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total Funds 2025 £ |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Staff costs | 189,710 | — | 189,710 |
| Premises costs | 110,830 | — | 110,830 |
| Office costs | 11,269 | — | 11,269 |
| Repairs and Maintenance | 50,964 | — | 50,964 |
| Other costs | 1,757 | — | 1,757 |
| Café expenses | 91,362 | 2,744 | 94,106 |
| Rechargeables | 4,876 | — | 4,876 |
| Professional fees | 8,152 | — | 8,152 |
| Finance costs & Charges | 1,281 | — | 1,281 |
| Depreciation | — | 62,226 | 62,226 |
| | <u>470,201</u> | <u>64,970</u> | <u>535,171</u> |

| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total Funds 2024 £ |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Staff costs | 170,422 | — | 170,422 |
| Premises costs | 109,189 | — | 109,189 |
| Office costs | 10,316 | — | 10,316 |
| Repairs and Maintenance | 39,459 | — | 39,459 |
| Other costs | 1,547 | — | 1,547 |
| Café expenses | 90,009 | 2,563 | 92,572 |
| Rechargeables | 4,859 | — | 4,859 |
| Professional fees | 12,452 | — | 12,452 |
| Finance costs & Charges | 1,204 | — | 1,204 |
| Depreciation | — | 62,410 | 62,410 |
| | <u>439,457</u> | <u>64,973</u> | <u>504,430</u> |

8. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

| | Activities undertaken directly £ | Total funds 2025 £ | Total fund 2024 £ |
|-------------------------|---|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Staff costs | 189,710 | 189,710 | 170,422 |
| Premises costs | 110,830 | 110,830 | 109,189 |
| Office costs | 11,269 | 11,269 | 10,316 |
| Repairs and Maintenance | 50,964 | 50,964 | 39,459 |
| Other costs | 1,757 | 1,757 | 1,547 |
| Café expenses | 94,106 | 94,106 | 92,572 |
| Rechargeables | 4,876 | 4,876 | 4,859 |
| Professional fees | 8,152 | 8,152 | 12,452 |
| Finance costs & Charges | 1,281 | 1,281 | 1,204 |
| Depreciation | 62,226 | 62,226 | 62,410 |
| | <u>535,171</u> | <u>535,171</u> | <u>504,430</u> |

In the opinion of the trustees the charity only undertakes one activity which is that of providing a community centre in the Withywood area of South Bristol.

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Included in professional fees are amounts payable to the auditor analysed as follows:

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Statutory audit | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| Other services | 3,000 | 2,985 |
| | <u>6,000</u> | <u>5,985</u> |

9. Net (losses)/gains on investments

| | Unrestricted Funds | Total Funds | Unrestricted Funds | Total Funds |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|
| | 2025 | 2025 | 2024 | 2024 |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Gains/(losses) on listed investments | (7,838) | (7,838) | 17,220 | 17,220 |

10. Net expenditure

Net expenditure is stated after charging/(crediting):

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Depreciation of tangible fixed assets | <u>64,970</u> | <u>64,972</u> |

11. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Wages and salaries | 225,415 | 206,910 |
| Social security costs | 13,550 | 11,690 |
| Employer contributions to pension plans | 4,328 | 3,998 |
| | <u>243,293</u> | <u>222,598</u> |

The average head count of employees during the year was 9 (2024: 9). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|
| | No. | No. |
| Management & administrative staff | 2 | 2 |
| Project staff | 7 | 7 |
| | <u>9</u> | <u>9</u> |

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11. Staff costs *(continued)*

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2024: Nil).

Key Management Personnel

Key management personnel include all persons that have authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the charity. The total compensation paid to key management personnel for services provided to the charity was £112,486 (2024: £70,205).

12. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were received by the trustees.

No payments were made during the year in respect of trustees' expenses.

13. Tangible fixed assets

| | Land and buildings £ | Fixtures and fittings £ | Equipment £ | Total £ |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Cost | | | | |
| At 1 April 2024 | 4,761,341 | 227,828 | 433,122 | 5,422,291 |
| Additions | — | — | 5,508 | 5,508 |
| At 31 March 2025 | <u>4,761,341</u> | <u>227,828</u> | <u>438,630</u> | <u>5,427,799</u> |
| Depreciation | | | | |
| At 1 April 2024 | 1,900,326 | 138,267 | 317,972 | 2,356,565 |
| Charge for the year | 28,585 | 12,345 | 24,040 | 64,970 |
| At 31 March 2025 | <u>1,928,911</u> | <u>150,612</u> | <u>342,012</u> | <u>2,421,535</u> |
| Carrying amount | | | | |
| At 31 March 2025 | <u>2,832,430</u> | <u>77,216</u> | <u>96,618</u> | <u>3,006,264</u> |
| At 31 March 2024 | <u>2,861,015</u> | <u>89,561</u> | <u>115,150</u> | <u>3,065,726</u> |

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14. Investments

| | Listed investments £ |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Cost or valuation | |
| At 1 April 2024 | 181,993 |
| Additions | — |
| Fair value movements | (7,838) |
| At 31 March 2025 | <u>174,155</u> |
| Impairment | |
| At 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025 | |
| Carrying amount | |
| At 31 March 2025 | <u>174,155</u> |
| At 31 March 2024 | <u>181,993</u> |

All investments shown above are held at valuation.

Financial assets held at fair value

The fair value of listed investments is determined by reference to the quoted price for identical assets in an active market at the balance sheet date.

Investments at fair value comprises of securities.

15. Stocks

| | 2025 £ | 2024 £ |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Raw materials and consumables | <u>2,063</u> | <u>1,622</u> |

16. Debtors

| | 2025 £ | 2024 £ |
|--------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Trade debtors | 4,107 | 7,435 |
| Prepayments and accrued income | <u>93,961</u> | <u>119,513</u> |
| | <u>98,068</u> | <u>126,948</u> |

17. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

| | 2025 £ | 2024 £ |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| Trade creditors | 12,816 | 13,436 |
| Accruals and deferred income | 11,641 | 16,981 |
| Social security and other taxes | 3,996 | 4,519 |
| Other creditors - payments received on account | — | 1,495 |
| Other creditors | <u>12,303</u> | <u>12,142</u> |
| | <u>40,756</u> | <u>48,573</u> |

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18. Pensions and other post-retirement benefits

Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £4,328 (2024: £3,998).

19. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

| | At 1 Apr 2024 £ | Income £ | Expenditure £ | Transfers £ | Gains and losses £ | At 31 Mar 2024 £ |
|---------------|-----------------------|-------------|------------------|----------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| General funds | 294,580 | 476,725 | (470,201) | (5,508) | (7,838) | 287,758 |

| | At 1 Apr 2023 £ | Income £ | Expenditure £ | Transfers £ | Gains and losses £ | At 31 Mar 2023 £ |
|---------------|-----------------------|-------------|------------------|----------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| General funds | 306,576 | 458,321 | (439,457) | (48,080) | 17,220 | 294,580 |

Restricted funds

| | At 1 Apr 2024 £ | Income £ | Expenditure £ | Transfers £ | Gains and losses £ | At 31 Mar 2024 £ |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------|------------------|----------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Capital Build Project | 3,065,726 | — | (64,970) | 5,508 | — | 3,006,264 |
| Capital Repairs | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Steering Group | 3,354 | — | — | — | — | 3,354 |
| | <u>3,069,080</u> | <u>—</u> | <u>(64,970)</u> | <u>5,508</u> | <u>—</u> | <u>3,009,618</u> |

| | At 1 Apr 2023 £ | Income £ | Expenditure £ | Transfers £ | Gains and losses £ | At 31 Mar 2023 £ |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------|------------------|----------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Capital Build Project | 3,030,861 | — | (64,973) | 99,838 | — | 3,065,726 |
| Capital Repairs | 50,848 | 910 | — | (51,758) | — | — |
| Steering Group | 3,354 | — | — | — | — | 3,354 |
| | <u>3,085,063</u> | <u>910</u> | <u>(64,973)</u> | <u>48,080</u> | <u>—</u> | <u>3,069,080</u> |

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19. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

Transfers

The transfer from the Capital Repairs fund to the Capital Build Project fund was the purchase of a number of fixed assets during the period.

Capital Build Project

This represents the net book value of the building, fixtures and fittings and all capital equipment within the centre as at 31 March 2025.

Capital Repairs

This is the balance of the Capital Build funds which is held within high interest deposit accounts and is used for capital equipment purchase and replacement.

Steering Group

This fund represents funds raised through activities of the steering group less any costs incurred and is to be used for the benefit of the Withywood Centre.

20. Analysis of net assets between funds

| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total Funds 2025 £ |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Tangible fixed assets | – | 3,006,264 | 3,006,264 |
| Investments | 174,155 | – | 174,155 |
| Current assets | 154,359 | 3,354 | 157,713 |
| Creditors less than 1 year | (40,756) | – | (40,756) |
| Net assets | 287,758 | 3,009,618 | 3,297,376 |

| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total Funds 2024 £ |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Tangible fixed assets | – | 3,065,726 | 3,065,726 |
| Investments | 181,993 | – | 181,993 |
| Current assets | 161,160 | 3,354 | 164,514 |
| Creditors less than 1 year | (48,573) | – | (48,573) |
| Net assets | 294,580 | 3,069,080 | 3,363,660 |

21. Financial instruments

The carrying amount for each category of financial instrument is as follows:

| | 2025 £ | 2024 £ |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure | | |
| Listed investments | 174,155 | 181,993 |

The net losses attributable to the charity's financial assets measured at fair value through net expenditure was £7,838 (2024 - gains £17,220).

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22. Operating lease commitments

As lessor

The total future minimum lease payments receivable under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|--|----------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Not later than 1 year | 50,582 | 13,574 |
| Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years | 352,000 | 6,172 |
| | <u>402,582</u> | <u>19,746</u> |

23. Related parties

Withywood Church is a foundational element of South Bristol Church and Community Centre. The church is ecumenical, with one minister from the Church of England and a second from the Methodist Church. Both ministers sit on the Trustee Body by virtue of their position and declared a conflict of interest when dealing with the proposal to waive the church's contribution to the service fees for 2024-25 of £17,963 (2023-24: £15,646).

This proposal was made by the management team, then discussed and agreed solely by the remaining Trustees. These include representatives of the Diocese of Bristol (Church of England), the Bristol & South Gloucestershire Circuit (Methodist Church), and a local councillor.

The decision to waive the fees was based on the financial position of Withywood Church, which meant that it was not in a position to make the payment and would have become insolvent had the payment been made. The opportunity for the church to raise its own funds is restricted because of its position within the Centre which significantly limits income through property lettings, a typical source of income for other churches.

Without the church's foundational involvement, the Trust would be at significant risk of folding, so the Trustees agreed that the service charge should be waived. The Diocese and Circuit continue to review the financial set up for Withywood Church, to consider how to resolve this matter in the longer term.