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Charity registration number: 1094807

The Freedom Community Trust Limited

Consolidated Financial Statements

31 March 2025

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Reference and Administrative Details

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	H C Bridges
	H McConnell
	R Norman
	Rev R P Phillips
	S Sheppard
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Secretary	S Garnett
Charity Registration Number	1094807
Company Registration Number	04012143
Registered Office	The charity is incorporated in England and Wales.
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	Hull
	East Yorkshire HU9 3QB
Auditor	Smailes Goldie
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	Regent's Court
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Trustees' Report

Chair's Statement

We are here to improve the quality of life for communities in East Hull. The challenges we face continue to develop around key themes of health, wellbeing and opportunities. We continue to work hard to find solutions to these challenges.

Our focus remains on being a proactive, positive force - bringing people together, creating joyful experiences, and celebrating the strength and resilience that exists in abundance in East Hull. While much of our work addresses issues relating to poverty, isolation, and health inequalities, we do so in a way that uplifts and empowers.

As always, the Freedom Centre has been at the heart of our delivery. We are deeply grateful to the team for their continued dedication and for developing the skills needed to secure funding from a wide range of sources. Their efforts have enabled us to continue delivering vital services and innovative projects.

This year, we've seen a wide range of impactful work, including:

- **Creative and inclusive community events** - from science based activities to animal encounters - offering free food for children and vital support for families during school holidays, helping to encourage engagement, curiosity, reduce isolation and financial pressure.
- **A vibrant summer programme**, including two free family fun days featuring petting zoos and memorable moments like the visit from unicorns, creating lasting memories and bringing joy to children and families.
- **Essential support for families**, including hygiene packs, sanitary products, sun protection kits, and a free school uniform service, helping to ease financial strain and promote dignity and wellbeing.
- **A winter support programme** for older residents, offering affordable meals, energy advice, and warm equipment, helping to tackle fuel poverty and social isolation during colder months.
- **Flood preparedness**, with free equipment available to help households respond quickly to emergencies, increasing community resilience and safety through collaboration with co-located partners.
- **Festive celebrations**, including a visit from Father Christmas, free gifts, and personalised letters to children, spreading joy and helping all families feel included during the holiday season.
- **Free public WiFi**, free SIM cards (with free calls, texts and data) and provision of library and ICT services, helping to bridge the digital divide and support lifelong learning.
- Continued support for Hull's Poverty Truth Commission, amplifying lived experiences to influence positive change and drive community led solutions.

We are grateful to our partners - Hull City Council, Tess (Hull) Ltd, Vic Coupland Ltd, MS3 Networks, the Humberside Police and Crime Commissioner, Cranswick Foods plc, the National Lottery Community Fund, Power to Change, and many others - for their continued support.

As we look ahead, we know the challenges will evolve. But so will we. We are proud of what we've achieved and remain committed to doing even more for our community.

Sue Sheppard - Chair

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Trustees' Report

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Our highlights include (but are not limited to):

Objective	What we did
The relief of poverty and unemployment	<p>Continued provision of low-cost food via the Freedom Centre Café and Freedom Fresh Food project (with EMS and Cranswick Foods).</p> <p>Distributed free gym passes, low-cost meals, hygiene and sanitary products, and sun protection kits.</p> <p>Delivered free community events and provided energy advice.</p> <p>Supported Hull's Poverty Truth Commission.</p>
The advancement of education, training, or retraining	Maintained support for adult education, library services, and community ICT access to improve digital and employment skills.
The provision of financial assistance, technical assistance, advisory and counselling services, business advice or consultancy	<p>Provided ongoing support for start-ups and youth enterprise.</p> <p>Offered technical and financial guidance to help local businesses and care leavers access opportunities.</p>
The provision of facilities for recreational and leisure time and the organisation of leisure activities	<p>Delivered a wide range of family-friendly events including fun days, craft sessions, and animal encounters.</p> <p>Supported the Freedom Centre's recreational facilities and social programs.</p>
The protection or conservation of the environment	<p>Free flood alleviation equipment made available (e.g. pumps, absorbent mats).</p> <p>Continued program to convert to low energy usage fittings.</p> <p>Fitted large solar array on the roof.</p>
The holding of exhibitions, meetings, etc.	Continued the hosting of exhibitions, meetings, and events to foster engagement and inclusion.
The promotion of public safety and prevention of crime	<p>Completed CCTV upgrades with support from the Police and Crime Commissioner.</p> <p>Maintained strong partnerships with police, housing providers, and the local authority.</p>
The promotion of health and healthy lifestyles	<p>Supported health promotion campaigns in partnership with NHS and local charities.</p> <p>Operated a low-cost community gym and provided nutritious meals through the café.</p>

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Financial review

The charity's consolidated income for the year ended 31 March 2025 was £1,020,757 (2024: £785,755). The total consolidated outgoing resources amounted to £1,432,965 (2024: £1,237,464) resulting in a deficit of £412,208 (2024: £451,709).

The charity had consolidated unrestricted reserves of £7,102,931 (2024: £7,520,213) and consolidated restricted reserves of £23,480 (2024: £18,406). Taking into account the nature of the charity's income streams, the trustees are of the view that reserves at these levels are sufficient.

Plans for future periods

We anticipate that we will continue to see increasing demands for support, rising delivery costs and continued pressure on revenues. However, we will continue our commitment to deliver our objectives. We are hopeful that providers in the funding market will be returning to support community priorities.

Objective	Our plans
The relief of poverty and unemployment	We will continue to work with partners to improve opportunities to access skills and find employment. Continued partnering with EMS to help reduce household expenditure on utilities and food, reducing poverty Continue to partner with PROBE and others to support skills and employability
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Plans for future periods

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The provision of facilities for recreational and leisure time and the organisation of leisure activities	Supporting the work of the Freedom Centre to deliver recreational facilities and positive social experiences Develop existing community groups Encourage new community groups to form
The protection or conservation of the environment	Working with partners and others to explore ways of ensuring the development towards sustainability of the local environment
The holding of exhibitions, meetings, etc.	Supporting the Freedom Centre to provide exceptional quality facilities to the benefit of the wider community
The promotion of public safety and prevention of crime	We will seek continued improvements in the security of the area working closely with agencies such as the police.
The promotion of health and healthy lifestyles	Supporting or co-ordinating health promoting charities, volunteer groups, statutory bodies, and the objectives of national programmes.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

All trustees have been in appointment throughout the year except for the below:

C A Rickles - appointed 19th March 2025

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Trustees' Report

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of The Freedom Community Trust Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

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

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that can disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the parent charitable company and the group 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 parent charitable company and the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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

Disclosure of information to auditor

Each trustee has taken steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information. The trustees confirm that there is no relevant information that they know of and of which they know the auditor is unaware.

Reappointment of auditor

The auditors, Smailes Goldie, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 24 September 2025 and signed on its behalf by:


S Sheppard
Trustee

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of The Freedom Community Trust Limited

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Freedom Community Trust Limited (the 'charitable parent company') and its subsidiaries (the 'group') for the year ended 31 March 2025, which comprise the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities, Consolidated Balance Sheet, , Balance Sheet, Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows and Notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising Charities SORP - FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and applicable law (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and parent 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; and
- 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 responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the group 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 group's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the original financial statements were 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.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. 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.

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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.

Opinion on other matter 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 and Trustees' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the and Trustees' Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the group and the parent charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the and the Trustees' Report.

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the parent charitable company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the parent charitable company 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.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of trustees' responsibilities (set out on page 6), the trustees 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.

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Auditor 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.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the charity only and consolidated financial statements or the operations of the charitable company and the group, including the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011, data protection, anti-bribery, employment, fundraising regulations, health and safety legislation, health and social care regulations and childcare regulations. An understanding of these laws and regulations and the extent of compliance was obtained through discussion with management and inspecting legal and regulatory correspondence.

We assessed the susceptibility of the charitable company's and consolidated financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by making enquiries of management and considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind the significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance; and
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims.

Due to the inherent limitations of the audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation.

This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the directors and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omissions or misrepresentation.

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Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable parent company's trustees, 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 group's trustees 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 charitable parent company and its trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



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Luke Taylor BSc (Hons), FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Smailes Goldie, Statutory Auditor

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24 September 2025

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Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

(Including Consolidated Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	100,000	-	100,000	-
Charitable activities	3	-	149,465	149,465	57,025
Trading activities		265,707	-	265,707	225,678
Investment income	4	487,987	-	487,987	484,563
Other income		17,598	-	17,598	18,489
Total income		<u>871,292</u>	<u>149,465</u>	<u>1,020,757</u>	<u>785,755</u>
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	5	(148,407)	-	(148,407)	(128,405)
Charitable activities	6	<u>(1,140,167)</u>	<u>(144,391)</u>	<u>(1,284,558)</u>	<u>(1,109,059)</u>
Total expenditure		<u>(1,288,574)</u>	<u>(144,391)</u>	<u>(1,432,965)</u>	<u>(1,237,464)</u>
Net (expenditure)/income		<u>(417,282)</u>	<u>5,074</u>	<u>(412,208)</u>	<u>(451,709)</u>
Net movement in funds		(417,282)	5,074	(412,208)	(451,709)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>7,520,213</u>	<u>18,406</u>	<u>7,538,619</u>	<u>7,990,328</u>
Total funds carried forward	21	<u>7,102,931</u>	<u>23,480</u>	<u>7,126,411</u>	<u>7,538,619</u>

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

The funds breakdown for 2024 is shown in note 12.

The notes on pages 15 to 32 form an integral part of these financial statements.

The Freedom Community Trust Limited
(Registration number: 04012143)
Consolidated Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	13	6,463,190	7,070,852
Current assets			
Stocks	15	1,723	1,365
Debtors	16	71,090	63,801
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>746,252</u>	<u>557,624</u>
		819,065	622,790
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	17	<u>(155,844)</u>	<u>(155,023)</u>
Net current assets		<u>663,221</u>	<u>467,767</u>
Net assets		<u>7,126,411</u>	<u>7,538,619</u>
Funds of the group:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		23,480	18,406
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>7,102,931</u>	<u>7,520,213</u>
Total funds	21	<u>7,126,411</u>	<u>7,538,619</u>

The financial statements on pages 11 to 32 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 24 September 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



 S Sheppard
 Trustee

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(Registration number: 04012143)
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	13	6,439,903	7,050,602
Investments		<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>
		<u>6,439,913</u>	<u>7,050,612</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	16	41,362	31,284
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>621,357</u>	<u>474,477</u>
		662,719	505,761
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	17	<u>(65,840)</u>	<u>(73,708)</u>
Net current assets		<u>596,879</u>	<u>432,053</u>
Net assets		<u>7,036,792</u>	<u>7,482,665</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		23,480	18,406
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>7,013,312</u>	<u>7,464,259</u>
Total funds	21	<u>7,036,792</u>	<u>7,482,665</u>

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S Sheppard
Trustee

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Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash expenditure		(412,208)	(451,709)
Adjustments to cash flows from non-cash items			
Depreciation	5	466,770	474,602
Investment income	4	(487,987)	(484,563)
Property management costs		79,682	68,256
Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets		50,237	-
Donated capital		(100,000)	-
		<u>(403,506)</u>	<u>(393,414)</u>
Working capital adjustments			
(Increase)/decrease in stocks	15	(358)	472
Increase in debtors	16	(7,290)	(3,691)
Increase in creditors	17	821	47,302
Net cash flows from operating activities		<u>(410,333)</u>	<u>(349,331)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest receivable and similar income	4	487,987	484,563
Property management costs		(79,682)	(68,256)
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	13	(10,278)	(10,017)
Sale of tangible fixed assets		200,934	-
Net cash flows from investing activities		<u>598,961</u>	<u>406,290</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		188,628	56,959
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April		<u>557,624</u>	<u>500,665</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March		<u><u>746,252</u></u>	<u><u>557,624</u></u>

All of the cash flows are derived from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The notes on pages 15 to 32 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)) (issued in October 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of preparation

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

Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements consolidate the financial statements of the charity and its subsidiary undertakings drawn up to 31 March 2025.

No statement of financial activities is presented for the charity as permitted by section 408 of the Companies Act 2006. The charity made net outgoing resources for the financial year of £445,873 (2024 - net incoming resources £401,732).

A subsidiary is an entity controlled by the charity. Control is achieved where the charity has the power to govern the financial and operating policies of an entity so as to obtain benefits from its activities. The results of subsidiaries acquired or disposed of during the year are included in the statement of financial activities from the effective date of acquisition or up to the effective date of disposal, as appropriate. Where necessary, adjustments are made to the financial statements of subsidiaries to bring their accounting policies into line with those used by the group.

The purchase method of accounting is used to account for business combinations that result in the acquisition of subsidiaries by the group. The cost of a business combination is measured as the fair value of the assets given, equity instruments issued and liabilities incurred or assumed at the date of exchange, plus costs directly attributable to the business combination. Identifiable assets acquired and liabilities and contingent liabilities assumed in a business combination are measured initially at their fair values at the acquisition date. Any excess of the cost of the business combination over the acquirer's interest in the net fair value of the identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities recognised is recorded as goodwill.

Inter-company transactions, balances and unrealised gains on transactions between the charity and its subsidiaries, which are related parties, are eliminated in full. Intra-group losses are also eliminated but may indicate an impairment that requires recognition in the consolidated financial statements.

Accounting policies of subsidiaries have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the group. Non-controlling interests in the net assets of consolidated subsidiaries are identified separately from the group's equity therein. Non-controlling interests consist of the amount of those interests at the date of the original business combination and the non-controlling shareholder's share of changes in equity since the date of the combination. Total comprehensive income is attributed to non-controlling interests even if this results in the non-controlling interests having a deficit balance.

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

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the group's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the group.

Income and endowments

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies

Voluntary income is recognised once the Charity has been able to establish certainty as to the timing and amount of the income.

Gifts in kind

Gifts in kind are recognised in different ways dependent on how they are used by the charity:

- (i) Those donated for resale produce income when they are sold. They are valued at the amount actually realised.
- (ii) Those donated for onward transmission to beneficiaries are included in the Statement of Financial Activities as incoming resources and resources expended when they are distributed. They are valued at the amount the charity would have had to pay to acquire them.
- (iii) Those donated for use by the charity itself are included when receivable. They are valued at the amount the charity would have had to pay to acquire them.

Investment income

Investment income received in respect of the letting of premises is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which it relates.

Expenditure

Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis, inclusive of any value added tax which cannot be recovered. Costs associated with the provision of the premises from which the Charity derives its investment income are classified as costs of raising funds, whilst all remaining costs, excluding governance costs, are treated as supporting the grant making activities and classified as appropriate.

Grants in furtherance of the Charity's objectives are recorded on the basis of the liability arising in the period.

Taxation

The company, as a registered Charity, has obtained exemption from corporation tax. Charitable tax exemptions can therefore be claimed to the extent that income and/or gain are applicable and applied for charitable purposes only. Value added tax is absorbed as part of the operational costs of the company to the extent that it is not able to be recovered under the terms of its registration.

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

Tangible fixed assets

Fixed assets are initially recorded at cost.

All land and buildings are classified as mixed motive investments held for a combination of the financial return they generate and the contribution their use by the subsidiary and other parties makes to the investing Charity's own purposes. However the trustees consider it impractical to apportion the properties between tangible fixed assets and investment properties such that all properties are classed as tangible fixed assets.

Depreciation and amortisation

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

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Freehold Buildings	Straight line over 25 or 50 years
Freehold Land	Nil
Leasehold Buildings	Straight line over the term of the lease
Fixtures & Fittings	Straight line over 3 to 5 years

Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are included at cost less any provision for permanent diminution in value.

Stock

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost or estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. At each reporting date an assessment is made for impairment. Any excess of the carrying amount of stocks over its estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell is recognised as an impairment loss in the Statement of Financial Activities. Reversals of impairment losses are also recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Trade debtors

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

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

Cash and cash equivalents

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

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Trade creditors

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

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

Fund structure

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

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes.

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

Further detail on each restricted funds purpose is at note 20.

Operating leases

Leases which do not transfer substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership are classified as operating leases.

Income from operating leases is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the lease term. Costs incurred in earning the lease income are recognised as costs of raising funds.

Operating lease expenses are recognised as an expense over the lease term on a straight line basis.

Pensions and other post retirement obligations

The subsidiary undertaking Preston Road Enterprises Limited makes payments to a money purchase pension scheme. Contributions are charged to the profit and loss account as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

Financial instruments

Classification

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments.

Recognition and measurement

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

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Employee benefits

The costs of short-term employee benefits are recognised as a liability and an expense. 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 company is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Donated assets for use by the group	100,000	100,000	-
	<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>-</u>

3 Income from charitable activities

	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Big Lottery - Freedom Fresh Food	-	-	52,248
HERCT Funding	-	-	2,079
Asda - Youth Club	2,000	2,000	-
Other Donations	-	-	2,698
Morrisons - New Chairs	4,896	4,896	-
Hull City Council - External Lights	7,897	7,897	-
Groundworks UK - Solar Energy System	120,751	120,751	-
Groundworks UK - Hygiene for all	2,000	2,000	-
Groundworks - Ceiling Tiles	1,200	1,200	-
ESC Lottery - New Gym Equipment	8,841	8,841	-
Hull City Council	1,880	1,880	-
	<u>149,465</u>	<u>149,465</u>	<u>57,025</u>

4 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Rents and service charges receivable	487,987	487,987	484,563
	<u>487,987</u>	<u>487,987</u>	<u>484,563</u>

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5 Expenditure on raising funds

a) Costs of trading activities

	General funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Costs of goods sold	68,725	-	68,725	60,149
	<u>68,725</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>68,725</u>	<u>60,149</u>

b) Investment management costs

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Property management costs	79,682	-	79,682	68,256
	<u>79,682</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>79,682</u>	<u>68,256</u>

6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Activity undertaken directly £	Activity support costs £	2025 £	2024 £
Community services & facilities	440,934	843,624	1,284,558	1,109,059
	<u>440,934</u>	<u>843,624</u>	<u>1,284,558</u>	<u>1,109,059</u>

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7 Analysis of support costs

Charitable activities expenditure

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Management	52,719	-	52,719	38,876
Finance	51,055	-	51,055	30,988
Information technology	400	-	400	372
Human resources	73,317	-	73,317	69,174
Premises costs	-	134,391	134,391	-
Governance costs	14,735	-	14,735	14,000
Depreciation	466,770	-	466,770	474,602
Loss on disposal of tangible fixed asset	50,237	-	50,237	-
	<u>709,233</u>	<u>134,391</u>	<u>843,624</u>	<u>628,012</u>

8 Net incoming/outgoing resources

Net outgoing resources for the year include:

	2025 £	2024 £
Audit fees	14,735	14,000
Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	50,237	-
Depreciation of fixed assets	<u>466,770</u>	<u>474,602</u>

9 Trustees remuneration and expenses

During the year the group made the following transactions with trustees:

S Sheppard

£300 (2024: £300) of expenses were reimbursed to S Sheppard during the year. These were for telephone, internet and other expenses.

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

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10 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	409,639	390,920
Social security costs	29,515	25,692
Pension costs	9,665	9,146
	<u>448,819</u>	<u>425,758</u>
	2025 No	2024 No
Average number of employees	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>
The number of employees whose emoluments fell within the following bands was:		
	2025 No	2024 No
£60,001 - £70,000	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the group were £136,155 (2024 - £128,306).

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11 Taxation

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

12 Comparative Statement of Financial Activity

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Charitable activities	3	2,698	54,327	57,025
Trading activities		225,678	-	225,678
Investment income	4	484,563	-	484,563
Other income		18,489	-	18,489
Total income		<u>731,428</u>	<u>54,327</u>	<u>785,755</u>
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	5	(128,405)	-	(128,405)
Charitable activities	6	<u>(1,055,532)</u>	<u>(53,527)</u>	<u>(1,109,059)</u>
Total expenditure		<u>(1,183,937)</u>	<u>(53,527)</u>	<u>(1,237,464)</u>
Net (expenditure)/income		<u>(452,509)</u>	<u>800</u>	<u>(451,709)</u>
Net movement in funds		(452,509)	800	(451,709)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>7,972,722</u>	<u>17,606</u>	<u>7,990,328</u>
Total funds carried forward	21	<u><u>7,520,213</u></u>	<u><u>18,406</u></u>	<u><u>7,538,619</u></u>

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13 Tangible fixed assets

Group

Cost

At 1 April 2024

Additions

Disposals

At 31 March 2025

Depreciation

At 1 April 2024

Charge for the year

Eliminated on disposals

At 31 March 2025

Net book value

At 31 March 2025

At 31 March 2024

	Freehold property £	Long leasehold £	Fixtures and Fittings £	Plant and Machinery £	Total £
	12,975,971	3,843,682	43,916	114,862	16,978,431
	100,000	-	-	10,278	110,278
	(250,000)	(5,000)	-	-	(255,000)
	<u>12,825,971</u>	<u>3,838,682</u>	<u>43,916</u>	<u>125,140</u>	<u>16,833,709</u>
	7,072,900	2,698,279	41,788	94,611	9,907,578
	311,422	145,978	2,128	7,242	466,770
	-	(3,829)	-	-	(3,829)
	<u>7,384,322</u>	<u>2,840,428</u>	<u>43,916</u>	<u>101,853</u>	<u>10,370,519</u>
	5,441,649	998,254	-	23,287	6,463,190
	<u>5,903,071</u>	<u>1,145,403</u>	<u>2,128</u>	<u>20,251</u>	<u>7,070,853</u>

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	Freehold property £	Long leasehold £	Fixtures and Fittings £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 April 2024	12,975,971	3,843,682	43,916	16,863,569
Additions	100,000	-	-	100,000
Disposals	(250,000)	(5,000)	-	(255,000)
At 31 March 2025	12,825,971	3,838,682	43,916	16,708,569
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2024	7,072,900	2,698,279	41,788	9,812,967
Charge for the year	311,422	145,978	2,128	459,528
Eliminated on disposals	-	(3,829)	-	(3,829)
At 31 March 2025	7,384,322	2,840,428	43,916	10,268,666
Net book value				
At 31 March 2025	5,441,649	998,254	-	6,439,903
At 31 March 2024	5,903,071	1,145,403	2,128	7,050,602

All leasehold and freehold land and buildings are considered to be mixed motive investments held for a combination of their financial return and contribution they make to the objectives of the Charity. However, the trustees consider it impractical to make an apportionment between functional property and investment property such that all properties are classed as tangible fixed assets.

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14 Fixed asset investments

Charity

Shares in group undertakings and participating interests

	Subsidiary undertakings £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 April 2024	10	10
At 31 March 2025	10	10
Net book value		
At 31 March 2025	10	10
At 31 March 2024	10	10

Details of undertakings

Details of the investments in which the charity holds 20% or more of the nominal value of any class of share capital are as follows:

Undertaking	Country of incorporation	Holding	Proportion of voting rights and shares held		Principal activity
			2025	2024	
Subsidiary undertakings					
Preston Road Enterprises Limited	England and Wales	Ordinary	100%	100%	Function/meeting facilities

In the opinion of the directors, the value of the company's investment in its subsidiary undertaking is not less than the amount at which it is stated in the balance sheet.

	2025 £	2024 £
Turnover	843,526	779,401
Expenditure	(780,740)	(748,553)
Net profit/(loss)	62,786	30,848
Reserves	89,629	55,961

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15 Stock

	Group		Charity	
	2025	2024	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Stocks	1,723	1,365	-	-

16 Debtors

	Group		Charity	
	2025	2024	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Trade debtors	26,050	38,777	17,207	25,265
Other debtors	45,040	25,024	24,155	6,019
	<u>71,090</u>	<u>63,801</u>	<u>41,362</u>	<u>31,284</u>

17 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Group		Charity	
	2025	2024	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Trade creditors	48,682	31,776	26,616	16,167
Other taxation and social security	21,417	17,456	-	1,396
Other creditors	14,469	15,631	14,469	15,631
Accruals and deferred income	71,276	90,160	24,755	40,514
	<u>155,844</u>	<u>155,023</u>	<u>65,840</u>	<u>73,708</u>

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18 Obligations under leases and hire purchase contracts

Operating lease commitments

Total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	Group		Charity	
	2025 £	2024 £	2025 £	2024 £
Within one year	5,655	3,672	2,083	2,083
Between one and five years	15,920	9,079	8,332	8,332
After five years	209,259	211,342	209,259	211,342
	<u>230,834</u>	<u>224,093</u>	<u>219,674</u>	<u>221,757</u>

Minimum lease payments due to the charitable company and the group under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:

	2025 Group £	2024 Group £	2025 Charity £	2024 Charity £
Within one year	221,126	224,267	135,322	138,462
Between one and five years	260,747	352,147	358,600	466,500
Over five years	28,650	55,383	18,592	45,225
	<u>510,523</u>	<u>631,797</u>	<u>512,514</u>	<u>650,187</u>

19 Contingent assets

Group

During 2005 the subsidiary company successfully defended an employment tribunal case brought by a former employee. The company was awarded costs of £10,197 which the claimant was not immediately able to pay. The amount of costs plus accrued interest at 8% per annum is now secured against the claimant's private residence and will be settled when the property is sold.

20 Contingent liabilities

Group

The terms of the subsidiary company's original funding agreement with Government office provide that if fixed assets are sold or their ownership transferred while they have any economic value, Government Office must be notified as soon as possible and they may require the proceeds or an appropriate proportion thereof to be repaid.

The Village Childcare Centre was in part funded by the National Lottery. In the event that the building is sold 6.6% of the market value (being the proportion of the original construction costs funded by the donor) will be repayable to the donor under the terms of the grant.

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21 Funds

Group

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted funds				
General				
Unrestricted	7,520,213	871,292	(1,288,574)	7,102,931
Restricted funds				
Freedom Food Project	18,406	-	(10,000)	8,406
Hygiene for All	-	2,000	-	2,000
Youth Project	-	2,000	-	2,000
Facilities and Infrastructure	-	145,465	(134,391)	11,074
Total restricted funds	<u>18,406</u>	<u>149,465</u>	<u>(144,391)</u>	<u>23,480</u>
Total funds	<u>7,538,619</u>	<u>1,020,757</u>	<u>(1,432,965)</u>	<u>7,126,411</u>
	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds				
General				
Unrestricted	7,972,722	731,428	(1,183,937)	7,520,213
Restricted funds				
Freedom Food Project	17,606	52,248	(51,448)	18,406
Stationery Project	-	2,079	(2,079)	-
Total restricted funds	<u>17,606</u>	<u>54,327</u>	<u>(53,527)</u>	<u>18,406</u>
Total funds	<u>7,990,328</u>	<u>785,755</u>	<u>(1,237,464)</u>	<u>7,538,619</u>

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Charity

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted funds				
<i>General</i>				
Unrestricted	7,464,259	548,577	(999,524)	7,013,312
Restricted funds				
Freedom Food Project	18,406	-	(10,000)	8,406
Hygiene for All	-	2,000	-	2,000
Youth Project	-	2,000	-	2,000
Facilities Infrastructure	-	145,465	(134,391)	11,074
Total restricted funds	<u>18,406</u>	<u>149,465</u>	<u>(144,391)</u>	<u>23,480</u>
Total funds	<u>7,482,665</u>	<u>698,042</u>	<u>(1,143,915)</u>	<u>7,036,792</u>
	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds				
<i>General</i>				
Unrestricted	7,866,791	504,151	(906,683)	7,464,259
Restricted funds				
Freedom Food Project	17,606	52,248	(51,448)	18,406
Stationery Project	-	2,079	(2,079)	-
Total restricted funds	<u>17,606</u>	<u>54,327</u>	<u>(53,527)</u>	<u>18,406</u>
Total funds	<u>7,884,397</u>	<u>558,478</u>	<u>(960,210)</u>	<u>7,482,665</u>

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22 Analysis of net assets between funds

Group

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31 March 2025 £	Total funds at 31 March 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	6,463,190	-	6,463,190	7,070,852
Current assets	795,585	23,480	819,065	622,790
Current liabilities	(155,844)	-	(155,844)	(155,023)
Total net assets	<u>7,102,931</u>	<u>23,480</u>	<u>7,126,411</u>	<u>7,538,619</u>

Charity

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31 March 2025 £	Total funds at 31 March 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	6,439,903	-	6,439,903	7,050,602
Fixed asset investments	10	-	10	10
Current assets	639,239	23,480	662,719	505,761
Current liabilities	(65,840)	-	(65,840)	(73,708)
Total net assets	<u>7,013,312</u>	<u>23,480</u>	<u>7,036,792</u>	<u>7,482,665</u>

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23 Related party transactions

Group

The board members named in the directors' report as Resident or Independent Trustees live in the Preston Road neighbourhood. As such they are likely to have derived some benefit from the projects and initiatives undertaken by the company. However apart from the matter noted below the Board is of the opinion that such benefits are unlikely to influence the said members in pursuing the separate interests of the Charity. Accordingly in accordance with paragraph 9.18 SORP 2015 no disclosure is considered necessary.

The following related party transactions have occurred:

	Group		Charity	
	2025	2024	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Environmental & Management Solutions Limited				
Sales	4,058	8,605	4,058	8,006
Purchases	5,906	41,679	514	36,595
Debtor/(Creditor)	-	2,274	-	2,214
Child Dynamix Limited				
Sales	45,622	45,622	45,622	45,622
Purchases	-	-	-	-
Debtor/(Creditor)	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500

Both entities are related parties due to having common directors.

24 Member's liability

The company was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee and therefore has no share capital and is also registered as a Charity. The liability of the members is limited on the winding up of the company. Each member is only liable whilst being a member.

At the balance sheet date there were 9 members.