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Report of the Trustees and  
Unaudited Financial Statements  
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025  
for  
The Friendship Cafe Ltd

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**The Friendship Cafe Ltd**

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**Report of the Trustees**  
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The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Objectives and aims**

The Friendship Cafe Ltd (hereafter referred to by its working name of 'The Friendship Cafe') is a registered charity in England, and a company limited by Guarantee and not having any share capital, registered with Companies House. The management of The Friendship Café is the responsibility of the trustees who are elected under the terms of the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

The Friendship Café continues to act as an important and increasingly used resource by the community. The scope and range of activities have broadened due to demands and needs driven by the communities which we serve. The principal object of The Friendship Café is to facilitate and provide a broad range of social, educational and recreational opportunities to every section of community in Gloucester with a particular focus on groups who have historically experienced exclusion, inequality and marginalisation.

**Public benefit**

The Charity looks to achieve these objectives, whilst demonstrating its charitable purpose for the public benefit by the provision of its facilities to a number of local groups, running the city farm, providing riding lessons and many other community projects.

The trustees consider that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

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**ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

**Charitable activities**

**Achievement and impacts**

We began the 2024/25 year under new leadership, welcoming Ismail Kholwadia following the departure of our previous Coordinator, Imran Atcha, at the end of February 2024. Ismail served as CEO of the Friendship Café until November 2024, after which he moved on to pursue new opportunities.

Following his departure, the Friendship Café experienced a period without formal leadership. Despite this, the café's staff, volunteers, and community came together to ensure that all services, activities, and programmes continued without interruption. Their dedication, adaptability, and teamwork allowed the Friendship Café to maintain its role as a safe, welcoming, and supportive space for all.

It has been a highly eventful year, full of energy and activity, demonstrating the resilience and commitment of everyone involved. From community projects and creative workshops to support for vulnerable individuals and families, the café continued to thrive, providing connection, care, and empowerment throughout the year. Below is a summary of some of the key initiatives, achievements, and impacts from 2024/25.

**Friendship Café Youth Work**

Over the past year, the Friendship Cafe youth programme has delivered a wide range of engaging activities for young people across Gloucester, mainly Barton & Tredworth. Our aim is to provide a safe, inspiring and inclusive environment that supports confidence, resilience, wellbeing and essential life skills.

The programme targets children and young people, particularly from diverse, underrepresented, or disadvantaged communities. Despite staff transitions, as several team members progressed to university or new employment, our dedicated team of nine part-time youth workers (equivalent to 2.8 full-time roles) continued to ensure consistency and high-quality delivery. Under the leadership of Fouzia Qureshi, the team delivered a consistent timetable throughout the year.

From April 2024 to March 2025, we delivered 287 regular sessions, recording a total of 1,672 girls' attendances and 2,106 boys' attendances. We also ran 25 ad-hoc sessions, which saw a further 269 girls' and 172 boys' attendances. These figures represent repeat participation, as many young people attend multiple sessions. Weekly activities took place every evening except Wednesdays, with consistently strong engagement. The youth programme combines structured learning, physical activity, creativity, and personal development. Activities are varied and accessible, whilst catering to different interests and abilities.

| Activity            | No. of sessions | Regular Activities |                 | Total attendance |
|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|------------------|
|                     |                 | Girls attendance   | Boys attendance |                  |
| Archery             | 46              | 319                | 285             | 604              |
| Jujitsu             | 45              | 174                | 429             | 603              |
| Boxing              | 35              | 0                  | 264             | 264              |
| Thursday club       | 5               | 61                 | 25              | 86               |
| Art club            | 17              | 135                | 3               | 138              |
| Dads, lads & lasses | 40              | 419                | 735             | 1,154            |
| Girls swimming      | 40              | 519                | -               | 519              |
| Boys swimming       | 40              | -                  | 338             | 338              |
| Cooking club        | 19              | 45                 | 27              | 72               |

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Ad-Hoc Activities:

We delivered one-off experiences to broaden horizons, including canoeing, motorboat trips, ice skating, bowling, treasure trails, trips to Macaroni Woods and mixed activities such as Cheltenham Literature Festival, night climbing at 270 Climbing centre and Hartpury equine workshops and much more. Family-focused events included Cotswold Country Park trips, movie nights, bowling, pizza nights, and an exclusive cinema hire at Sherbourne Cinema.

We also delivered three beginner and three advanced horse riding sessions at Cotswold Trail Riding Centre for children from inner-city, non-horsey backgrounds, with 30 boys and girls participating in each session.

Residential and Special Programmes:

- Two girls' and one boys' residential at Cowley Guide Centre. 22 girls and 10 boys attended, building independence, teamwork, and outdoor skills.
- DiversITy Talent Programme (CIC): Delivered alongside the second girls' residential, including two additional sessions. Participants achieved an accredited qualification supporting university applications and future employment prospects.

Fundraising support:

The Youth Team also supported young people in community fundraising, including:

- Car racing and bake sale for a local primary school
  - Youth-led fundraising stall at a local fundraising event
  - Carwash for a charity
- These activities developed leadership, teamwork, and social responsibility.

Partnership Working:

Collaborations with external partners strengthened programme quality and reach. Some of the Key partners included: Cotswold National Landscape, Hartpury College, Gloucestershire Community Railway Partnership, DiversITy Talent CIC, Macaroni Wood and many more.

Impact

Over a thousand young people engaged with sessions that built confidence, strengthened peer relationships, improved wellbeing, and expanded horizons. Key outcomes included:

- Shy participants becoming active, regular attendees
  - Increased confidence among girls via swimming and residentials
  - Boys demonstrating improved discipline and self-esteem through Jujitsu and Boxing
  - Families reporting stronger parent-child bonds through Dads & Lads and other family events
  - Pride and achievement following completion of the DiversITy qualification
- Many participants describe the Friendship Café as a "second home", reflecting the safety and support they experience.

**Conclusion & Future Goals**

Programme achievements :

Despite staffing challenges, we maintained high-quality activities with strong attendance, meeting young people's social, emotional, and developmental needs.

Plans to improve:

- Strengthen monitoring and evaluation
- Expand activities and leadership pathways
- Develop volunteer opportunities for older teens
- Enhance partnership working

Goals for next year:

- Reach more young people, particularly those new to youth provision
- Introduce life-skills programmes
- Expand outdoor and nature-based learning
- Secure sustainable funding for long-term programme stability

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**The Friendship Cafe Coffee Shop**

The Coffee Shop at the Friendship Café is much more than a place to grab a drink, it is a sanctuary of warmth, empathy, and connection. It provides a safe and welcoming space for individuals from all backgrounds to find companionship, support, and belonging.

Serving as a hub for the local community, the Coffee Shop connects people to tailored services and broader support networks, including Home Start, NHS & Gloucestershire School Nursing, Gloucestershire Constabulary, social care providers, and university students. It is particularly valued by people experiencing isolation, mental health challenges, or disabilities, as well as families, carers, and volunteers.

The Coffee Shop also plays a key role in skills development. Many local women, including those from immigrant communities, have gained their first work experience or formal employment here, building confidence, communication skills, and café management expertise. Volunteers, including young people and students, also benefit from meaningful experience and mentoring opportunities.

On a typical day, the Coffee Shop welcomes a diverse mix of people seeking affordable food and drink, a safe environment, social connection, or opportunities to engage with the wider community.

**Stories of Transformation**

- A gentleman grieving his wife's death found comfort in the café and now visits regularly, benefiting from friendship and empathetic conversation.
- A young volunteer with a history of trauma became a permanent team member, gained independence, and secured paid employment elsewhere, describing the café as her "safe space".
- Families facing sudden hardship received assistance with travel, food, and resources, fostering trust and ongoing engagement.

**Regular Attendees & Social Connections**

The Coffee Shop hosts a variety of groups, including:

- Book Club
- Poetry Club
- Church Group
- Men's and Women's Wellbeing Groups
- Sewing Group attendees.
- Mothers & Toddlers group

Weekly and fortnightly meetings foster friendships, emotional support, and a strong sense of belonging.

**Professional Partnerships & Community Engagement**

The café provides space for NHS staff, social care providers, local council, and other organisations to hold confidential meetings, while supporting the café through purchases. This strengthens partnerships and enhances community impact.

**Daily Community Impact**

Regular visitors include:

- Individuals with disabilities, and mental health challenges
- Local families and carers
- People seeking social interaction, safe spaces, and friendly company
- Visitors from other cities and even abroad, returning annually to support and connect with the café

The café provides ongoing social and practical support, ensuring that individuals feel safe, valued, and part of a community. Through small acts of care and generosity, such as meals, drinks, and practical assistance, it fosters resilience, independence, and social inclusion.

**Volunteering & Staffing**

The café empowers volunteers and staff, particularly women from immigrant communities, to develop skills and confidence. Several team members have progressed to advanced roles or started their own businesses, reflecting the café's role as a stepping stone for employment and personal development. Student volunteers gain valuable experience, and some have gone on to pursue their own successful hospitality ventures.

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**Achievement of Aims:**

The Coffee Shop has successfully met its objectives, creating a safe, inclusive, and supportive environment. Through hospitality, partnership working, and personalised support, it has fostered personal growth, resilience, and community connections.

**Future Plans:**

- Expand volunteer opportunities, particularly for young people and women seeking employment experience
- Strengthen partnerships with professional and community organisations to increase access to support and services
- Increase outreach for vulnerable individuals to ensure accessibility and inclusion
- Maintain and develop social groups to support wellbeing, inclusion, and connection

The Friendship Café Coffee Shop remains a cornerstone of community life, offering connection, hope, and empowerment with every cup served. Everyone is welcome. Everyone belongs.

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**Emma Willis Sewing Studio**

The Sewing Studio provides a safe, inclusive, and creative space for women, particularly from underrepresented communities. Its aim is to empower women through skill development, creativity, social connection, and wellbeing,

while supporting volunteers and community engagement.

The studio operates 5-6 days a week, including evenings and occasional weekend workshops, overseen by Aysha Randeria. Over 80% of participants also visit the Friendship Café on class days, strengthening social connections and supporting the wider community.

**Key Activities & Attendance**

| Activity/workshop   | Frequency    | Ave attendance | Impact                                      |
|---|--------------|----------------|---|
| Sewing classes (beginners & intermediate)                 | Mon- Wed     | 12-45 women    | Skill development, confidence building      |
| Craft sisters   | Twice weekly | 8-10 women     | Peer support, safer space, mentoring        |
| Embroidery/Indian block printing (mother & daughter)      | Ad hoc       | 6-12           | Intergenerational learning, heritage skills |
| Storytelling & Craft ("stories & stitches")               | Term bases   | 612            | Sustainability, creativity                  |
| Collaborative projects (Guildhall moomins, wonder widows) | Ad hoc       | 5-20           | Community engagement, bereavement support   |
| Charity Contributions (Glos bund mcmillan, age UK)        | Ongoing      | 40-50          | Social responsibility                       |
| Outdoor walks and leadership                              | Monthly      | 10-15          | Physical wellbeing, confidence              |
| Special events (Ramadan event, exhibitions)               | Occasional   | 5-40           | Team building, volunteering                 |
| Visitors/Organisations                                    | Weekly       | 3-8            | Partnership building                        |

**Stories of Impact**

- Healing & Confidence: Volunteers have grown from low confidence to leadership roles, mentoring others and taking on workshop delivery.
- Community & Support: Wonder Widows programme offers bereaved women a safe space for conversation, creativity, and signposting.
- Intergenerational Learning: Mother-daughter workshops strengthen family bonds and heritage skills.
- Environmental Awareness: Recycled textile projects teach sustainability while encouraging creativity.

**Partnerships**

- Amanah: resource support, co-creation
- Guildhall: Moomins project & batik workshops
- GGT: corporate gifts via key fobs
- Charities: Gloucestershire Bundles, Age UK, McMillan, Glos Feed Hungry, Longfield, Wonder Widows
- Local Organisations: Barnwood Trust, Mindsong, Music Works, NHS teams



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These collaborations expand access, funding, and workshop opportunities.

**Volunteering & Development**

- Provides pathways for women to develop skills in administration, workshop delivery, and mentoring.
- Volunteers have progressed into leadership roles, professional employment, and independent projects.
- Example: EM, a regular volunteer, now designs, delivers, and organises workshops independently.

**Achievements:**

- Safe, inclusive, and empowering environment for women
- Creative skill development, community engagement, and social support
- Confidence, resilience, and wellbeing fostered

**Conclusion & Future Goals**

- Introduce new skills-based and life-skills workshops
- Expand mother-daughter and intergenerational programmes
- Develop sustainable fundraising through creative projects
- Maintain and grow volunteer pathways, recognising contributions

The Sewing Studio remains a vital hub for creativity, wellbeing, and community belonging, supporting women across Gloucester to learn, grow, and connect.

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**Outdoor Learning**

The Outdoor Learning programme continues to play a vital role in helping children and families build confidence, wellbeing, and a deeper connection with nature. A core focus this year has been to engage not only young people but also their parents, recognising that parental involvement creates longer-term opportunities for children to access outdoor experiences beyond the Friendship Café.

**Mums & Tots Nature Group**

A weekly Mums and Tots Nature Group has been established, based at the City Farm. As the farm develops, this space is becoming an increasingly valuable resource for hands-on nature exploration.

The group also enjoyed off-site activities including:

- Over Farm strawberry picking and picnic
- Acorn Adventures Nature Play
- Pitville Park Nature Play
- A trip to Westonbirt Arboretum

These sessions provide early years children with meaningful outdoor experiences while offering their parents social connection, peer support, and confidence to explore nature independently.

**Nature-Based Family Trips**

We hosted approximately five nature-based family trips this year. These trips are allocated on a needs basis to ensure inclusion for children who may not otherwise access such opportunities.

Trips Included:

- Cotswold Wildlife Park
- Purton Ships Graveyard walk, apple pressing, and nature crafts in Halmore
- Cleeve Common nature walk.

These outings support physical activity, family bonding, and environmental awareness while creating positive shared memories for families.

**Local Nature Walks & Community Awareness**

Following participant feedback, we introduced local nature walks to raise awareness of green spaces that families can access independently. A recent walk to Alney Island was particularly impactful; many adults reflected on childhood experiences in their home countries, fostering emotional connection and wellbeing.

**School & Nursery Engagement**

Recognising that some local children have limited access to green space, we work closely with a local primary school and nursery that do not have their own outdoor area. We delivered five-week nature engagement programmes across year groups, providing regular outdoor learning opportunities that were consistently well received.

We also collaborated with a local secondary school as part of their enrichment week. Last year, this included a guided walk from the school to Alney Island and back, promoting resilience, environmental awareness, and group learning.

**Women's Weekly Nature Walks**

To address the lack of awareness of local "green and blue spaces" among participants, we run weekly women's walks to build confidence in navigating outdoor areas. These walks empower women to explore nature with their families, supporting both physical and mental wellbeing.

**Gloucester Family Activities Group**

To widen access to outdoor and family activities beyond those delivered by the Friendship Café, a "Gloucester Family Activities" information group was created. The online group now has 136 members and continues to grow, with families frequently expressing gratitude for the resource. This demonstrates the value of improved communication, signposting, and community-wide sharing of opportunities.

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| Activity     | Freq.  | Duration    | Day      | Target                     | Approx no. attendees | Qty delivery |
|--------------|--------|-------------|----------|----------------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| Walk         | weekly | max 3 hours | Fri      | BAME women                 | 157                  | 33           |
| Nature craft | weekly | 2 hours     | Thurs    | BAME women & pre-schoolers | 309                  | 29           |
| Trips        | Adhoc  | 4-8 hours   | variable | BAME families              | 152                  | 6            |
| Schools      | Adhoc  | 1-5 hours   | variable | BAME children              | 77                   | 3            |

### **Ramadan Event**

In March, we hosted The Ramadan Experience, our second year running the evening entitled Fast & Curious, designed to foster understanding and connection across our wider community. The event offered friends, colleagues, neighbours, and families, regardless of background, an opportunity to learn about the significance of Ramadan and the practices observed by Muslims during this sacred month.

The programme featured an accessible and engaging presentation exploring both the practical and spiritual dimensions of fasting, followed by a communal iftar, the traditional breaking of the fast. Attendees from diverse walks of life came together to share food, conversation, and a sense of unity.

Volunteers from our girls' and boys' youth clubs played an integral role, supporting the venue setup, welcoming guests, serving food, and sharing personal reflections on what Ramadan means to them. Their enthusiasm and dedication exemplified the values of service, inclusion, and leadership that underpin our work.

The event not only deepened interfaith understanding but also strengthened community bonds, making it a meaningful highlight of the year.

### **Archery Club**

In addition to children's sessions, our Men's and Women's Archery Clubs, run by dedicated volunteer coaches, continue to thrive. Participants have developed their skills and confidence, with several members competing in local competition and proudly winning Gold and Silver medals for the Friendship Café. Beyond improving technique, the clubs offer a welcoming community space where members build friendships, strengthen teamwork, and enjoy shared experiences.

We are grateful for the commitment of our volunteer coaches and the enthusiasm of our members, and we look forward to another successful year of growth and achievement in archery.

### **St. James City Farm**

St James City Farm has been a work in progress over the years but things are progressing at speed now and it won't be long until it's open once more!

Despite having no animals on site during this time, our core group of volunteers aged from 12 to 72 have all stuck with us and been the driving force in pulling down all the old buildings, repainting all the pens and planning for a fresh new look.

Morale was very low when the farm closed but everyone pulled together and have supported each other, building confidence, skills and a passion for seeing it become something Gloucester can be proud of once more.

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Activities have included:

- Visiting City Farms in Bristol to get some new ideas and an insight into how to make things work.
- Partnered with Austin Design Works (award-winning architects based in Nailsworth) to create plans for the future.
- Partnering with Hartpury College to take volunteers there to complete a lambing course and hands-on training in animals we would have on our farm.
- Partnered with the Probation Service's Payback Team to have groups on site once a week to help with projects on the farm.
- Partnered with the Home Start charity to support families.
- Planted new hedging around the horse arena to help create shade and a wildlife corridor.
- We've run Fun on the Farm sessions EVERY school holiday involving arts and crafts sessions; play equipment; meeting and stroking small animals; invertebrates and meeting the Mounted Police Horses.
- Taking part in Wellbeing activities.
- Planting and caring for heritage apple trees donated to the community.
- Supporting events at the Fair Shares Community Allotment.
- Organising pony riding lessons for children from the GL1 area who wouldn't normally be able to access riding. We ran 3 courses in total.
- Forming close links with Tredworth Residents Association - including a joint Christmas celebration giving gifts to local children.
- Walks and social events to build leadership and working as a team

**Case study:**

A female volunteer (now 18 but 15 when she started) has changed her life hugely since being at the Farm. She struggled with anxiety to the extent that she was too scared to even come through the gates to start with. She pushed herself to take on all tasks given to her and the inclusive nature of the farm and the volunteers meant she made close and supportive friends.

The change was so great that she was able to gain a place on the Police Outward Bound course held in Snowdonia where she did challenges she never imagined she would be able to tackle. She now supports younger volunteers and is a hugely valued member of the team.

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#### **Carers projects**

The Asian Carers (Women) Group at Friendship Café provides essential support for Asian women carers in Gloucester and Cheltenham through weekly meetings (20-23 participants) and wider community activities (40+ attendees). The group offers exercise, arts and crafts, day trips, consultations, and advocacy support, helping carers

discuss their needs, access services, and reduce isolation. Through the Community Engagement Team, carers' voices inform local services on mental health, dementia care, and culturally sensitive support, while short-term respite and hospice links address specific needs. A case study highlights tailored support for an elderly Hindu woman and her family, demonstrating FC's holistic, culturally aware approach. The project strengthens confidence, connection, and access to resources across the community.

The Asian Men Carers group at Friendship Café provides culturally sensitive support for male carers in Gloucester and Cheltenham, offering a safe space for social interaction, peer support, and engagement with community events. Weekly get-together and involvement in consultations and workshops help reduce isolation, improve wellbeing, and give carers a voice with local organisations. The project reaches 10-12 regular participants, with wider engagement at community events of up to 30+, and has supported carers facing complex challenges, such as a gentleman with a brain injury whose health and medication adherence improved through group support. Complementary monthly support for Syrian women carers in Cheltenham ensures inclusive, culturally appropriate care for a broader community.

The Bangladeshi Carers Group at Friendship Café provides vital culturally and religiously sensitive support for Bangladeshi women carers and their families. Meeting fortnightly or as needed, including evenings and weekends, the group offers a safe space for socialising, sharing experiences, and gaining peer support, while providing much-needed respite for full-time carers. Supported by the Community Engagement Team, participants have built confidence, voiced their needs, and engaged in community consultations and events. The project supports approximately 15 carers and 12 cared-for individuals, with additional ad hoc participation, helping reduce isolation, improve wellbeing, and influence local services in Gloucester and Cheltenham.

#### **Friendship Café's Inspire Book Club**

Friendship Café's Inspire Book Club continues to thrive and has over 30 current members. The group meets on the last Sunday of the month between 2-4pm. This is a women's only book club and includes women of all ages and backgrounds, which encourages a diverse book choice and rich discussion. Local authors have been invited to attend the group and are always well received. International authors have joined in discussions via live streaming. During the past few years, a relationship has grown with the Cheltenham Festival of Literature, which has enabled book club members to enjoy the festival and feel listened to when feedback has actively been sought. This group continues to go from strength to strength and there is always room for new members.

#### **Cook Speak & Eat**

Cook, Speak & Eat is a programme designed to support participants in learning spoken English in an informal, relaxed atmosphere through cooking classes. The dishes prepared are often drawn from the native cuisine of one of the participants, providing a unique opportunity to share cultural traditions while learning new culinary skills. Over time, this activity has evolved beyond language learning to become a safe and welcoming space where participants from diverse backgrounds can connect, share experiences, and build friendships. It has fostered cross-cultural understanding, cohesion, and tolerance.

The year began with a mix of regular participants and new faces, all cooking together, learning English, and even picking up words from each other's native languages. Unfortunately, the programme experienced a short hiatus due to the tutor's health issues. We were delighted to resume sessions in December, and the group has continued to flourish. We wish Sue the very best for her ongoing health issues.

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**Eid in the community**

Friendship Café partnered with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Gloucestershire and Widden Primary School to deliver a vibrant community event in celebration of Eid 2024. The event was a tremendous success, bringing together over 200 people and creating a wonderful atmosphere of unity, joy, and community spirit.

**Walk Leader Training**

A number of Friendship Café staff and volunteers undertook Lowland Walk Leader training with Raw Adventures, generously supported by Forestry England's Forest of Dean team. This training equips our team with the skills and knowledge to safely lead outdoor walks and nature-based activities, enhancing our community programmes and enabling us to provide enriching, accessible experiences for children, families, and adults. By investing in staff and volunteer development in this way, the Friendship Café strengthens its capacity to promote outdoor learning, health, wellbeing, and connection with nature across the local community. We look forward to welcoming our newly trained walk leaders as they lead a range of engaging community walks in the year ahead.

**Unreflected Reflections - Rising Stars FC: Since 1974**

Unreflected Reflection's third film was created to mark the 50th anniversary of the local football club, Rising Stars FC.

It highlights the remarkable journey of a group of teenagers who migrated to England and, driven by their love for the game, founded their own team. Former players share their memories and reflect on how the club has evolved over the decades.

Today, Rising Stars FC has grown significantly and now includes two adult teams, a veterans' team (over 40s), and five youth teams for both boys and girls. They are also exploring the development of a dedicated girls' team and a walking-football team to further expand the inclusive offer.

**Other projects**

In addition to the activities delivered by the Friendship Café, several key partners run regular programmes onsite, providing further opportunities for the community. These include English Classes, Fairshare's Lunch Club, Art Club, the Community Allotment, Inclusion Gloucestershire's Wellbeing Group, the Young Thinkers' Study Club, and the Tamil Study Group. These partnerships enhance learning, social connection, and wellbeing for participants from diverse backgrounds.

**Conclusion**

Despite the challenges of 2024/25, the Friendship Café maintained the quality and consistency of its services, providing a safe, welcoming, and supportive space for our community. From youth programmes, outdoor learning, and carers' support to creative workshops and community events, we engaged hundreds of people, fostering confidence, connection, and wellbeing.

Our heartfelt thanks go to our dedicated staff and volunteers, whose passion, commitment, and teamwork made these achievements possible. Their energy and care ensured that every activity and programme delivered meaningful impact. Looking ahead, we are excited to build on this year's successes, expand opportunities, and continue serving our community with the same enthusiasm, dedication, and inclusive spirit that makes the Friendship Café a trusted hub for all.

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**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Financial position**

The charity's annual income decreased by £229,831 to £446,360 in the year ended 31 March 2025. Overall the Charity reported a deficit for the year of £87,652..

Total expenditure for the year was £534,012 which was an decrease of £83,051 on the prior year.

Total funds carried forward at 31 March 2025 were £323,365.

**Reserves policy**

The Charity's reserves policy is to try and maintain a level of reserves that covers six months' running costs. At 31 March 2025 the Charity held £23,491 in unrestricted reserves which is below our desired target. This is mainly due to the Charity's continued growth, increases in service delivery costs, and a challenging funding environment. These pressures have outpaced the growth of our unrestricted income, resulting in a reduced level of free reserves.

The Trustees are actively pursuing a number of options to correct this position. The Charity receives a substantial amount of regular unrestricted income which covers a large proportion of our current core operating costs. We are looking at ways to build on this secure income base and rebuild a positive unrestricted annual balance. The Trustees are also working hard to strengthen financial controls. We are reviewing unrestricted expenditure to see where economies can be made, and implementing a tightened approval process for unrestricted spending.

The Trustees will be meeting at least monthly to review financial performance, track progress against our financial plan, and ensure the Charity remains on a stable and sustainable footing. The Board is confident that the measures already implemented, combined with our reliable income streams and improved financial oversight, provide a clear and manageable path back to meeting our reserves policy.

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**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.

**Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

New trustees are recruited from the local community and tutored by the existing trustees.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Company number**

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**Registered Charity number**

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
The Friendship Cafe Ltd**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Friendship Cafe Ltd ('the Company')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2025.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

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


**Independent examiner's statement**

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Mark Spashett BSc FCA

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Chartered Accountants  
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Date: .....



**The Friendship Cafe Ltd**

**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**For The Year Ended 31 March 2025**

|                                   | Notes | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>£ | Restricted<br>funds<br>£ | 31.3.25<br>Total<br>funds<br>£ | 31.3.24<br>Total<br>funds<br>£ |
|-----------------------------------|-------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b> |       |                            |                          |                                |                                |
| Donations and legacies            | 2     | 57,616                     | 1,338                    | 58,954                         | 60,536                         |
| <b>Charitable activities</b>      | 4     |                            |                          |                                |                                |
| BBC Children in Need              |       | -                          | 8,873                    | 8,873                          | 22,373                         |
| Chequers Bridge                   |       | -                          | 5,000                    | 5,000                          | -                              |
| Carers                            |       | -                          | 39,337                   | 39,337                         | 35,000                         |
| Farm                              |       | -                          | 50,630                   | 50,630                         | 89,304                         |
| Friendship Cafe                   |       | 9,125                      | 44,250                   | 53,375                         | 15,000                         |
| Coffee Shop                       |       | -                          | -                        | -                              | 31,661                         |
| Riding                            |       | -                          | -                        | -                              | 9,600                          |
| Active Gloucestershire            |       | -                          | -                        | -                              | 600                            |
| Thirty Percy Foundation           |       | -                          | -                        | -                              | 158,504                        |
| Diabetes project                  |       | -                          | -                        | -                              | 20,700                         |
| History project                   |       | -                          | 5,000                    | 5,000                          | 14,500                         |
| Youth group activities            |       | -                          | 47,191                   | 47,191                         | -                              |
| Levelling up together             |       | -                          | -                        | -                              | 15,500                         |
| Shared Prosperity fund            |       | -                          | 30,000                   | 30,000                         | -                              |
| Outdoor learning Officer          |       | -                          | 2,036                    | 2,036                          | 30,000                         |
| Farm Cafe                         |       | -                          | -                        | -                              | 32,000                         |
| English cooking group             |       | -                          | -                        | -                              | 10,000                         |
| M Patel                           |       | -                          | -                        | -                              | 1,255                          |
| Drug & alcohol project            |       | -                          | 12,500                   | 12,500                         | -                              |
| Other trading activities          | 3     | 85,805                     | -                        | 85,805                         | 72,716                         |
| Other income                      |       | 47,659                     | -                        | 47,659                         | 56,942                         |
| <b>Total</b>                      |       | <u>200,205</u>             | <u>246,155</u>           | <u>446,360</u>                 | <u>676,191</u>                 |
| <b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>             |       |                            |                          |                                |                                |
| <b>Raising funds</b>              |       |                            |                          |                                |                                |
| Other trading activities          | 5     | 45,025                     | -                        | 45,025                         | 49,857                         |
|                                   |       | <u>45,025</u>              | <u>-</u>                 | <u>45,025</u>                  | <u>49,857</u>                  |
| <b>Charitable activities</b>      | 6     |                            |                          |                                |                                |
| BBC Children in Need              |       | -                          | 10,231                   | 10,231                         | 21,015                         |
| Chequers Bridge                   |       | 52,931                     | 204                      | 53,135                         | 48,570                         |
| Carers                            |       | -                          | 44,598                   | 44,598                         | 29,452                         |
| Farm                              |       | -                          | 29,656                   | 29,656                         | 89,054                         |
| Friendship Cafe                   |       | 9,905                      | 84,620                   | 94,525                         | 92,115                         |
| Coffee Shop                       |       | 111,406                    | 3,544                    | 114,950                        | 106,413                        |
| NHS Perinatal                     |       | -                          | 3,858                    | 3,858                          | 150                            |
| Riding                            |       | -                          | 3,722                    | 3,722                          | 46,088                         |
| Womens Development                |       | 15,318                     | 5,113                    | 20,431                         | 21,538                         |
| Thirty Percy Foundation           |       | -                          | -                        | -                              | 80,501                         |
| History project                   |       | 8,744                      | 5,000                    | 13,744                         | 15,935                         |
| Youth group activities            |       | -                          | 76,753                   | 76,753                         | -                              |
| Outdoor learning Officer          |       | -                          | 14,560                   | 14,560                         | 6,988                          |
| Farm Cafe                         |       | -                          | -                        | -                              | 5,076                          |
| English cooking group             |       | -                          | 6,324                    | 6,324                          | 3,056                          |
| M Patel                           |       | -                          | -                        | -                              | 1,255                          |
| Drug & alcohol project            |       | -                          | 2,500                    | 2,500                          | -                              |

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**The Friendship Cafe Ltd**

**Statement of Financial Activities  
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025**

|                                    | Notes | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>£ | Restricted<br>funds<br>£ | 31.3.25<br>Total<br>funds<br>£ | 31.3.24<br>Total<br>funds<br>£ |
|------------------------------------|-------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Total</b>                       |       | <u>243,329</u>             | <u>290,683</u>           | <u>534,012</u>                 | <u>617,063</u>                 |
| <b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>    |       | (43,124)                   | (44,528)                 | (87,652)                       | 59,128                         |
| <b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>     |       |                            |                          |                                |                                |
| Total funds brought forward        |       | 66,615                     | 344,402                  | 411,017                        | 351,889                        |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b> |       | <u><u>23,491</u></u>       | <u><u>299,874</u></u>    | <u><u>323,365</u></u>          | <u><u>411,017</u></u>          |

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**The Friendship Cafe Ltd**

**Balance Sheet**  
**31 March 2025**

|  | Notes | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>£ | Restricted<br>funds<br>£ | 31.3.25<br>Total<br>funds<br>£ | 31.3.24<br>Total<br>funds<br>£ |
|--|-------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>FIXED ASSETS</b>                              |       |                            |                          |                                |                                |
| Tangible assets                                  | 13    | 68,491                     | 67,848                   | 136,339                        | 114,955                        |
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>                            |       |                            |                          |                                |                                |
| Debtors  | 14    | 5,553                      | 2,560                    | 8,113                          | 29,695                         |
| Cash at bank and in hand                         |       | 7,432                      | 255,024                  | 262,456                        | 360,735                        |
|  |       | <u>12,985</u>              | <u>257,584</u>           | <u>270,569</u>                 | <u>390,430</u>                 |
| <b>CREDITORS</b>                                 |       |                            |                          |                                |                                |
| Amounts falling due within one year              | 15    | (57,984)                   | (25,559)                 | (83,543)                       | (94,368)                       |
| <b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>                        |       | <u>(44,999)</u>            | <u>232,025</u>           | <u>187,026</u>                 | <u>296,062</u>                 |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT<br/>LIABILITIES</b> |       | 23,492                     | 299,873                  | 323,365                        | 411,017                        |
| <b>NET ASSETS</b>                                |       | <u>23,492</u>              | <u>299,873</u>           | <u>323,365</u>                 | <u>411,017</u>                 |
| <b>FUNDS</b>                                     | 17    |                            |                          |                                |                                |
| Unrestricted funds                               |       |                            |                          | 23,492                         | 66,615                         |
| Restricted funds                                 |       |                            |                          | <u>299,873</u>                 | <u>344,402</u>                 |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>                               |       |                            |                          | <u>323,365</u>                 | <u>411,017</u>                 |

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 17/12/25 and were signed on its behalf by:

  
R H Limalia - Trustee

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**The Friendship Cafe Ltd**  
**Cash Flow Statement**  
**For The Year Ended 31 March 2025**

|   | Notes | 31.3.25<br>£ | 31.3.24<br>£ |
|---|-------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>                               |       |              |              |
| Cash generated from operations  | 1     | (104,366)    | 60,560       |
| Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities                       |       | (104,366)    | 60,560       |
| <b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>                               |       |              |              |
| Purchase of tangible fixed assets   |       | (28,028)     | (1,452)      |
| Net cash used in investing activities                                     |       | (28,028)     | (1,452)      |
| <b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>        |       | (132,394)    | 59,108       |
| <b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period</b> | 2     | 360,735      | 301,627      |
| <b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>       | 2     | 228,341      | 360,735      |

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**The Friendship Cafe Ltd**

**Notes to the Cash Flow Statement**  
**For The Year Ended 31 March 2025**

**1. RECONCILIATION OF NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

|   | 31.3.25<br>£     | 31.3.24<br>£  |
|---|------------------|---------------|
| <b>Net (expenditure)/income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)</b> | (87,652)         | 59,128        |
| <b>Adjustments for:</b>   |                  |               |
| Depreciation charges  | 6,641            | 6,510         |
| Decrease in debtors   | 21,585           | 37,186        |
| Decrease in creditors   | (44,940)         | (42,264)      |
| <b>Net cash (used in)/provided by operations</b>  | <u>(104,366)</u> | <u>60,560</u> |

**2. ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

|  | 31.3.25<br>£   | 31.3.24<br>£   |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| Cash in hand   | 6,910          | -              |
| Notice deposits (less than 3 months)   | 255,546        | 360,735        |
| Overdrafts included in bank loans and overdrafts falling due within one year | (34,115)       | -              |
| <b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>                                       | <u>228,341</u> | <u>360,735</u> |

**3. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS**

|                          | At 1.4.24<br>£ | Cash flow<br>£   | At 31.3.25<br>£ |
|--------------------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Net cash</b>          |                |                  |                 |
| Cash at bank and in hand | 360,735        | (98,279)         | 262,456         |
| Bank overdraft           | -              | (34,115)         | (34,115)        |
|                          | <u>360,735</u> | <u>(132,394)</u> | <u>228,341</u>  |
| <b>Total</b>             | <u>360,735</u> | <u>(132,394)</u> | <u>228,341</u>  |

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## **The Friendship Cafe Ltd**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements For The Year Ended 31 March 2025**

#### **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

##### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The accounts are prepared on a going concern basis as there are no material concerns about the charity's ability to continue for the foreseeable future.

##### **Income**

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.

##### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

##### **Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

|                          |                           |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Improvements to property | - not provided            |
| Plant and machinery      | - 20% on reducing balance |
| Fixtures and fittings    | - 20% on reducing balance |
| Motor vehicles           | - 20% on reducing balance |

Property improvements are included in the accounts at historical cost. No depreciation has been provided on property improvements because in the trustees' opinion the real (inflation adjusted) estimated residual value is not less than the carrying value in accounts.

Due to the nature of the fixed assets held by the Charity, no asset is likely to be lower in value than that stated in the accounts and hence no impairment reviews are considered necessary.

##### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

##### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

##### **Hire purchase and leasing commitments**

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

**The Friendship Cafe Ltd**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**For The Year Ended 31 March 2025**

**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

|                              | 31.3.25       | 31.3.24       |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
|                              | £             | £             |
| Donations                    | 8,154         | 15,850        |
| Activities and sundry income | 50,800        | 44,686        |
|                              | <u>58,954</u> | <u>60,536</u> |

**3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

|                    | 31.3.25       | 31.3.24       |
|--------------------|---------------|---------------|
|                    | £             | £             |
| Coffee shop income | <u>85,805</u> | <u>72,716</u> |

**4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

|                      |                          | 31.3.25        | 31.3.24        |
|----------------------|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                      | Activity                 | £              | £              |
| Grants and contracts | BBC Children in Need     | 8,873          | 22,373         |
| Grants and contracts | Chequers Bridge          | 5,000          | -              |
| Grants and contracts | Carers                   | 39,337         | 35,000         |
| Grants and contracts | Farm                     | 50,630         | 89,304         |
| Grants and contracts | Friendship Cafe          | 53,375         | 15,000         |
| Grants and contracts | Coffee Shop              | -              | 31,661         |
| Grants and contracts | Riding                   | -              | 9,600          |
| Grants and contracts | Active Gloucestershire   | -              | 600            |
| Grants and contracts | Thirty Percy Foundation  | -              | 158,504        |
| Grants and contracts | Diabetes project         | -              | 20,700         |
| Grants and contracts | History project          | 5,000          | 14,500         |
| Grants and contracts | Youth group activities   | 47,191         | -              |
| Grants and contracts | Levelling up together    | -              | 15,500         |
| Grants and contracts | Shared Prosperity fund   | 30,000         | -              |
| Grants and contracts | Outdoor learning Officer | 2,036          | 30,000         |
| Grants and contracts | Farm Cafe                | -              | 32,000         |
| Grants and contracts | English cooking group    | -              | 10,000         |
| Grants and contracts | M Patel                  | -              | 1,255          |
| Grants and contracts | Drug & alcohol project   | 12,500         | -              |
|                      |                          | <u>253,942</u> | <u>485,997</u> |

**5. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

|           | 31.3.25       | 31.3.24       |
|-----------|---------------|---------------|
|           | £             | £             |
| Purchases | <u>45,025</u> | <u>49,857</u> |

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**The Friendship Cafe Ltd**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
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**6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

|                          | Direct<br>Costs<br>£ | Support<br>costs (see<br>note 7)<br>£ | Totals<br>£    |
|--------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| BBC Children in Need     | 10,231               | -                                     | 10,231         |
| Chequers Bridge          | 53,135               | -                                     | 53,135         |
| Carers                   | 44,598               | -                                     | 44,598         |
| Farm                     | 29,656               | -                                     | 29,656         |
| Friendship Cafe          | 94,525               | -                                     | 94,525         |
| Coffee Shop              | 114,867              | 83                                    | 114,950        |
| NHS Perinatal            | 3,858                | -                                     | 3,858          |
| Riding                   | 3,722                | -                                     | 3,722          |
| Womens Development       | 20,431               | -                                     | 20,431         |
| History project          | 13,744               | -                                     | 13,744         |
| Youth group activities   | 76,753               | -                                     | 76,753         |
| Outdoor learning Officer | 14,560               | -                                     | 14,560         |
| English cooking group    | 6,324                | -                                     | 6,324          |
| Drug & alcohol project   | 2,500                | -                                     | 2,500          |
|                          | <u>488,904</u>       | <u>83</u>                             | <u>488,987</u> |

**7. SUPPORT COSTS**

|             | Finance<br>£ |
|-------------|--------------|
| Coffee Shop | <u>83</u>    |

**8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

|                             | 31.3.25<br>£ | 31.3.24<br>£ |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Depreciation - owned assets | 6,644        | 6,509        |
| Other operating leases      | <u>1,575</u> | <u>2,875</u> |

**9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

**The Friendship Cafe Ltd**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**For The Year Ended 31 March 2025**

**10. STAFF COSTS**

|                    | 31.3.25        | 31.3.24        |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                    | £              | £              |
| Wages and salaries | 271,059        | 342,514        |
|                    | <u>271,059</u> | <u>342,514</u> |

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

|                | 31.3.25   | 31.3.24   |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| Management     | 1         | 2         |
| Administration | 2         | 2         |
| Projects       | 28        | 38        |
|                | <u>31</u> | <u>42</u> |

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

**11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

|                                   | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>£ | Restricted<br>funds<br>£ | Total<br>funds<br>£ |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b> |                            |                          |                     |
| Donations and legacies            | 60,535                     | 1                        | 60,536              |
| <b>Charitable activities</b>      |                            |                          |                     |
| BBC Children in Need              | -                          | 22,373                   | 22,373              |
| Carers                            | -                          | 35,000                   | 35,000              |
| Farm                              | 7,500                      | 81,804                   | 89,304              |
| Friendship Cafe                   | -                          | 15,000                   | 15,000              |
| Coffee Shop                       | -                          | 31,661                   | 31,661              |
| Riding                            | -                          | 9,600                    | 9,600               |
| Active Gloucestershire            | -                          | 600                      | 600                 |
| Thirty Percy Foundation           | -                          | 158,504                  | 158,504             |
| Diabetes project                  | -                          | 20,700                   | 20,700              |
| History project                   | -                          | 14,500                   | 14,500              |
| Levelling up together             | -                          | 15,500                   | 15,500              |
| Outdoor learning Officer          | -                          | 30,000                   | 30,000              |
| Farm Cafe                         | -                          | 32,000                   | 32,000              |
| English cooking group             | -                          | 10,000                   | 10,000              |
| M Patel                           | -                          | 1,255                    | 1,255               |
| Other trading activities          | 72,716                     | -                        | 72,716              |
| Other income                      | 56,942                     | -                        | 56,942              |
| <b>Total</b>                      | <u>197,693</u>             | <u>478,498</u>           | <u>676,191</u>      |
| <b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>             |                            |                          |                     |
| <b>Raising funds</b>              |                            |                          |                     |
| Other trading activities          | 42,382                     | 7,475                    | 49,857              |
|                                   | <u>42,382</u>              | <u>7,475</u>             | <u>49,857</u>       |
| <b>Charitable activities</b>      |                            |                          |                     |
| BBC Children in Need              | -                          | 21,015                   | 21,015              |
| Chequers Bridge                   | 26,851                     | 21,719                   | 48,570              |
| Carers                            | 507                        | 28,945                   | 29,452              |

**The Friendship Cafe Ltd**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**For The Year Ended 31 March 2025**

**11.9 COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued**

|                                    | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>£ | Restricted<br>funds<br>£ | Total<br>funds<br>£ |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Farm                               | 40,186                     | 48,868                   | 89,054              |
| Friendship Cafe                    | 24,028                     | 68,087                   | 92,115              |
| Coffee Shop                        | 87,118                     | 19,295                   | 106,413             |
| NHS Perinatal                      | 150                        | -                        | 150                 |
| Riding                             | 29,602                     | 16,486                   | 46,088              |
| Womens Development                 | 19,506                     | 2,032                    | 21,538              |
| Thirty Percy Foundation            | -                          | 80,501                   | 80,501              |
| History project                    | 258                        | 15,677                   | 15,935              |
| Outdoor learning Officer           | 949                        | 6,039                    | 6,988               |
| Farm Cafe                          | 4,085                      | 991                      | 5,076               |
| English cooking group              | -                          | 3,056                    | 3,056               |
| M Patel                            | -                          | 1,255                    | 1,255               |
| <b>Total</b>                       | <b>275,622</b>             | <b>341,441</b>           | <b>617,063</b>      |
| <b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>    | <b>(77,929)</b>            | <b>137,057</b>           | <b>59,128</b>       |
| <b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>     |                            |                          |                     |
| Total funds brought forward        | 144,542                    | 207,347                  | 351,889             |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b> | <b>66,613</b>              | <b>344,404</b>           | <b>411,017</b>      |

**12. INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REMUNERATION**

Included in professional fees is £5,225 for work undertaken by the independent examiner and their firm. These costs include £2,250 for the independent examination and £2,975 for the preparation of this year's accounts.

**13. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

|                       | Improvements<br>to<br>property<br>£ | Plant and<br>machinery<br>£ | Fixtures<br>and<br>fittings<br>£ | Motor<br>vehicles<br>£ | Totals<br>£ |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|-------------|
| <b>COST</b>           |                                     |                             |                                  |                        |             |
| At 1 April 2024       | 87,466                              | 127,986                     | 18,072                           | 80,973                 | 314,497     |
| Additions             | 16,592                              | 11,436                      | -                                | -                      | 28,028      |
| At 31 March 2025      | 104,058                             | 139,422                     | 18,072                           | 80,973                 | 342,525     |
| <b>DEPRECIATION</b>   |                                     |                             |                                  |                        |             |
| At 1 April 2024       | -                                   | 114,380                     | 14,439                           | 70,723                 | 199,542     |
| Charge for year       | -                                   | 3,866                       | 727                              | 2,051                  | 6,644       |
| At 31 March 2025      | -                                   | 118,246                     | 15,166                           | 72,774                 | 206,186     |
| <b>NET BOOK VALUE</b> |                                     |                             |                                  |                        |             |
| At 31 March 2025      | 104,058                             | 21,176                      | 2,906                            | 8,199                  | 136,339     |
| At 31 March 2024      | 87,466                              | 13,606                      | 3,633                            | 10,250                 | 114,955     |

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**14. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

|               | 31.3.25      | 31.3.24       |
|---------------|--------------|---------------|
|               | £            | £             |
| Trade debtors | 6,000        | 25,587        |
| Other debtors | 2,113        | 4,108         |
|               | <u>8,113</u> | <u>29,695</u> |

**15. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

|   | 31.3.25       | 31.3.24       |
|---|---------------|---------------|
|   | £             | £             |
| Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 16) | 34,115        | -             |
| Trade creditors                         | 11,364        | 5,499         |
| Other creditors                         | 38,064        | 88,869        |
|   | <u>83,543</u> | <u>94,368</u> |

**16. LOANS**

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

|  | 31.3.25       | 31.3.24  |
|--|---------------|----------|
|  | £             | £        |
| Amounts falling due within one year on demand: |               |          |
| Bank overdrafts                                | <u>34,115</u> | <u>-</u> |

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**17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

|   | At 1.4.24<br>£ | Net<br>movement<br>in funds<br>£ | At<br>31.3.25<br>£ |
|---|----------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b>                   |                |                                  |                    |
| General fund                                | 66,615         | (43,123)                         | 23,492             |
| <b>Restricted funds</b>                     |                |                                  |                    |
| Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC)           | 4,947          | -                                | 4,947              |
| Gloucestershire County Council (GCC)        | 35,010         | 4,857                            | 39,867             |
| BBC Children In Need                        | 1,358          | (1,358)                          | -                  |
| Notgrove Trust                              | 4,032          | (4,032)                          | -                  |
| Barnwood Trust                              | 52,371         | 682                              | 53,053             |
| NHS CC                                      | 23,002         | 13,640                           | 36,642             |
| Hartpury College                            | -              | 5,000                            | 5,000              |
| Gloucester City Council                     | 6,720          | 31,944                           | 38,664             |
| Gloucestershire Community<br>Foundation     | 1,316          | (263)                            | 1,053              |
| British Horse Society                       | 2,640          | (130)                            | 2,510              |
| Emma Willis                                 | 5,243          | (1,049)                          | 4,194              |
| Cotswold Supporters                         | 19,852         | (304)                            | 19,548             |
| Thirty Percy Foundation                     | 91,137         | (58,290)                         | 32,847             |
| Active Gloucestershire                      | 2,833          | -                                | 2,833              |
| Peter O'Sullivan                            | 20,647         | -                                | 20,647             |
| Ernest Cook Trust                           | 24,124         | (15,000)                         | 9,124              |
| Hedley FDN                                  | 3,000          | (3,000)                          | -                  |
| NHS Glos ICB                                | 35,200         | (18,304)                         | 16,896             |
| CHK Foundation                              | 8,000          | (8,000)                          | -                  |
| The Guinness Partnership                    | 500            | -                                | 500                |
| The Gosling Foundation                      | 2,470          | (214)                            | 2,256              |
| Rowlands trust                              | -              | 5,000                            | 5,000              |
| Friends of westonbirt                       | -              | 463                              | 463                |
| Cotswold national landscape                 | -              | 1,250                            | 1,250              |
| Longfield Hospice                           | -              | 2,270                            | 2,270              |
| Gloucester community building<br>collective | -              | 309                              | 309                |
|   | <u>344,402</u> | <u>(44,529)</u>                  | <u>299,873</u>     |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>                          | <u>411,017</u> | <u>(87,652)</u>                  | <u>323,365</u>     |

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**17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

|   | Incoming<br>resources<br>£ | Resources<br>expended<br>£ | Movement<br>in funds<br>£ |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b>                   |                            |                            |                           |
| General fund                                | 200,205                    | (243,328)                  | (43,123)                  |
| <b>Restricted funds</b>                     |                            |                            |                           |
| Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC)           | 30,940                     | (30,940)                   | -                         |
| Gloucestershire County Council (GCC)        | 56,500                     | (51,643)                   | 4,857                     |
| BBC Children In Need                        | 8,872                      | (10,230)                   | (1,358)                   |
| Notgrove Trust                              | -                          | (4,032)                    | (4,032)                   |
| Barnwood Trust                              | 20,484                     | (19,802)                   | 682                       |
| NHS CC                                      | 35,000                     | (21,360)                   | 13,640                    |
| Hartpury College                            | 5,000                      | -                          | 5,000                     |
| Gloucester City Council                     | 32,148                     | (204)                      | 31,944                    |
| Gloucestershire Community<br>Foundation     | -                          | (263)                      | (263)                     |
| British Horse Society                       | -                          | (130)                      | (130)                     |
| Emma Willis                                 | -                          | (1,049)                    | (1,049)                   |
| Cotswold Supporters                         | -                          | (304)                      | (304)                     |
| Thirty Percy Foundation                     | 3                          | (58,293)                   | (58,290)                  |
| Active Gloucestershire                      | 5,000                      | (5,000)                    | -                         |
| Ernest Cook Trust                           | 416                        | (15,416)                   | (15,000)                  |
| Hedley FDN                                  | -                          | (3,000)                    | (3,000)                   |
| Garfeild Weston                             | 25,000                     | (25,000)                   | -                         |
| NHS Glos ICB                                | -                          | (18,304)                   | (18,304)                  |
| GCRP  | 1,335                      | (1,335)                    | -                         |
| County of Glos high sheriff                 | 2,500                      | (2,500)                    | -                         |
| CHK Foundation                              | -                          | (8,000)                    | (8,000)                   |
| The Gosling Foundation                      | -                          | (214)                      | (214)                     |
| Rowlands trust                              | 5,000                      | -                          | 5,000                     |
| Langtree Trust                              | 500                        | (500)                      | -                         |
| LHC community benefit fund                  | 5,000                      | (5,000)                    | -                         |
| Friends of westonbirt                       | 1,750                      | (1,287)                    | 463                       |
| Cotswold national landscape                 | 6,870                      | (5,620)                    | 1,250                     |
| Longfield Hospice                           | 2,837                      | (567)                      | 2,270                     |
| Gloucester community building<br>collective | 500                        | (191)                      | 309                       |
| COOP Food Group                             | 500                        | (500)                      | -                         |
|   | <u>246,155</u>             | <u>(290,684)</u>           | <u>(44,529)</u>           |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>                          | <u>446,360</u>             | <u>(534,012)</u>           | <u>(87,652)</u>           |

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**17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

|   | At 1.4.23<br>£        | Net<br>movement<br>in funds<br>£ | At<br>31.3.24<br>£    |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b>               |                       |                                  |                       |
| General fund                            | 144,542               | (77,927)                         | 66,615                |
| <b>Restricted funds</b>                 |                       |                                  |                       |
| Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC)       | -                     | 4,947                            | 4,947                 |
| Gloucestershire County Council (GCC)    | 28,564                | 6,446                            | 35,010                |
| BBC Children In Need                    | -                     | 1,358                            | 1,358                 |
| Community Development Foundation        | 138                   | (138)                            | -                     |
| Notgrove Trust                          | -                     | 4,032                            | 4,032                 |
| Barnwood Trust                          | 23,836                | 28,535                           | 52,371                |
| NHS CC                                  | 27,811                | (4,809)                          | 23,002                |
| Gloucester City Council                 | -                     | 6,720                            | 6,720                 |
| Gloucestershire Community<br>Foundation | 1,645                 | (329)                            | 1,316                 |
| British Horse Society                   | 2,770                 | (130)                            | 2,640                 |
| Emma Willis                             | 6,554                 | (1,311)                          | 5,243                 |
| Cotswold Supporters                     | 25,232                | (5,380)                          | 19,852                |
| Thirty Percy Foundation                 | 67,317                | 23,820                           | 91,137                |
| Active Gloucestershire                  | 2,833                 | -                                | 2,833                 |
| Peter O'Sullivan                        | 20,647                | -                                | 20,647                |
| Ernest Cook Trust                       | -                     | 24,124                           | 24,124                |
| Hedley FDN                              | -                     | 3,000                            | 3,000                 |
| NHS Glos ICB                            | -                     | 35,200                           | 35,200                |
| CHK Foundation                          | -                     | 8,000                            | 8,000                 |
| The Guinness Partnership                | -                     | 500                              | 500                   |
| The Gosling Foundation                  | -                     | 2,470                            | 2,470                 |
|   | <u>207,347</u>        | <u>137,055</u>                   | <u>344,402</u>        |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>                      | <u><u>351,889</u></u> | <u><u>59,128</u></u>             | <u><u>411,017</u></u> |

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**17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

|   | Incoming<br>resources<br>£ | Resources<br>expended<br>£ | Movement<br>in funds<br>£ |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b>               |                            |                            |                           |
| General fund                            | 197,693                    | (275,620)                  | (77,927)                  |
| <b>Restricted funds</b>                 |                            |                            |                           |
| Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC)       | 4,947                      | -                          | 4,947                     |
| Gloucestershire County Council (GCC)    | 50,500                     | (44,054)                   | 6,446                     |
| BBC Children In Need                    | 22,373                     | (21,015)                   | 1,358                     |
| Community Development Foundation        | -                          | (138)                      | (138)                     |
| Notgrove Trust                          | 5,000                      | (968)                      | 4,032                     |
| Barnwood Trust                          | 51,286                     | (22,751)                   | 28,535                    |
| Summerfield Charity                     | 5,000                      | (5,000)                    | -                         |
| NHS CC                                  | 60,699                     | (65,508)                   | (4,809)                   |
| Gloucester City Council                 | 6,720                      | -                          | 6,720                     |
| Gloucestershire Community<br>Foundation | -                          | (329)                      | (329)                     |
| British Horse Society                   | -                          | (130)                      | (130)                     |
| Emma Willis                             | -                          | (1,311)                    | (1,311)                   |
| Gloucester Gateway Trust                | 2,000                      | (2,000)                    | -                         |
| Gloucester Community Foundation         | 250                        | (250)                      | -                         |
| Cotswold Supporters                     | -                          | (5,380)                    | (5,380)                   |
| Thirty Percy Foundation                 | 147,002                    | (123,182)                  | 23,820                    |
| Active Gloucestershire                  | 600                        | (600)                      | -                         |
| Create Gloucester                       | 4,500                      | (4,500)                    | -                         |
| British Equestrian Federation           | 3,600                      | (3,600)                    | -                         |
| British horseracing                     | 1,000                      | (1,000)                    | -                         |
| Ernest Cook Trust                       | 30,000                     | (5,876)                    | 24,124                    |
| Sporting assets                         | 22,450                     | (22,450)                   | -                         |
| Hedley FDN                              | 3,000                      | -                          | 3,000                     |
| NHS Glos ICB                            | 40,000                     | (4,800)                    | 35,200                    |
| M Patel                                 | 1,255                      | (1,255)                    | -                         |
| GCRP                                    | 504                        | (504)                      | -                         |
| CHK Foundation                          | 8,000                      | -                          | 8,000                     |
| Spirax Sarco                            | 500                        | (500)                      | -                         |
| The Guinness Partnership                | 2,300                      | (1,800)                    | 500                       |
| The Gosling Foundation                  | 5,012                      | (2,542)                    | 2,470                     |
|   | <u>478,498</u>             | <u>(341,443)</u>           | <u>137,055</u>            |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>                      | <u>676,191</u>             | <u>(617,063)</u>           | <u>59,128</u>             |



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**17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

|   | At 1.4.23<br>£        | Net<br>movement<br>in funds<br>£ | At<br>31.3.25<br>£    |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b>                   |                       |                                  |                       |
| General fund                                | 144,542               | (121,050)                        | 23,492                |
| <b>Restricted funds</b>                     |                       |                                  |                       |
| Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC)           | -                     | 4,947                            | 4,947                 |
| Gloucestershire County Council (GCC)        | 28,564                | 11,303                           | 39,867                |
| Community Development Foundation            | 138                   | (138)                            | -                     |
| Barnwood Trust                              | 23,836                | 29,217                           | 53,053                |
| NHS CC                                      | 27,811                | 8,831                            | 36,642                |
| Hartpury College                            | -                     | 5,000                            | 5,000                 |
| Gloucester City Council                     | -                     | 38,664                           | 38,664                |
| Gloucestershire Community<br>Foundation     | 1,645                 | (592)                            | 1,053                 |
| British Horse Society                       | 2,770                 | (260)                            | 2,510                 |
| Emma Willis                                 | 6,554                 | (2,360)                          | 4,194                 |
| Cotswold Supporters                         | 25,232                | (5,684)                          | 19,548                |
| Thirty Percy Foundation                     | 67,317                | (34,470)                         | 32,847                |
| Active Gloucestershire                      | 2,833                 | -                                | 2,833                 |
| Peter O'Sullivan                            | 20,647                | -                                | 20,647                |
| Ernest Cook Trust                           | -                     | 9,124                            | 9,124                 |
| NHS Glos ICB                                | -                     | 16,896                           | 16,896                |
| The Guinness Partnership                    | -                     | 500                              | 500                   |
| The Gosling Foundation                      | -                     | 2,256                            | 2,256                 |
| Rowlands trust                              | -                     | 5,000                            | 5,000                 |
| Friends of westonbirt                       | -                     | 463                              | 463                   |
| Cotswold national landscape                 | -                     | 1,250                            | 1,250                 |
| Longfield Hospice                           | -                     | 2,270                            | 2,270                 |
| Gloucester community building<br>collective | -                     | 309                              | 309                   |
|   | <u>207,347</u>        | <u>92,526</u>                    | <u>299,873</u>        |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>                          | <u><u>351,889</u></u> | <u><u>(28,524)</u></u>           | <u><u>323,365</u></u> |

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**17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

|   | Incoming<br>resources<br>£ | Resources<br>expended<br>£ | Movement<br>in funds<br>£ |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b>                   |                            |                            |                           |
| General fund                                | 397,898                    | (518,948)                  | (121,050)                 |
| <b>Restricted funds</b>                     |                            |                            |                           |
| Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC)           | 35,887                     | (30,940)                   | 4,947                     |
| Gloucestershire County Council (GCC)        | 107,000                    | (95,697)                   | 11,303                    |
| BBC Children In Need                        | 31,245                     | (31,245)                   | -                         |
| Community Development Foundation            | -                          | (138)                      | (138)                     |
| Notgrove Trust                              | 5,000                      | (5,000)                    | -                         |
| Barnwood Trust                              | 71,770                     | (42,553)                   | 29,217                    |
| Summerfield Charity                         | 5,000                      | (5,000)                    | -                         |
| NHS CC                                      | 95,699                     | (86,868)                   | 8,831                     |
| Hartpury College                            | 5,000                      | -                          | 5,000                     |
| Gloucester City Council                     | 38,868                     | (204)                      | 38,664                    |
| Gloucestershire Community<br>Foundation     | -                          | (592)                      | (592)                     |
| British Horse Society                       | -                          | (260)                      | (260)                     |
| Emma Willis                                 | -                          | (2,360)                    | (2,360)                   |
| Gloucester Gateway Trust                    | 2,000                      | (2,000)                    | -                         |
| Gloucester Community Foundation             | 250                        | (250)                      | -                         |
| Cotswold Supporters                         | -                          | (5,684)                    | (5,684)                   |
| Thirty Percy Foundation                     | 147,005                    | (181,475)                  | (34,470)                  |
| Active Gloucestershire                      | 5,600                      | (5,600)                    | -                         |
| Create Gloucester                           | 4,500                      | (4,500)                    | -                         |
| British Equestrian Federation               | 3,600                      | (3,600)                    | -                         |
| British horseracing                         | 1,000                      | (1,000)                    | -                         |
| Ernest Cook Trust                           | 30,416                     | (21,292)                   | 9,124                     |
| Sporting assets                             | 22,450                     | (22,450)                   | -                         |
| Hedley FDN                                  | 3,000                      | (3,000)                    | -                         |
| Garfeild Weston                             | 25,000                     | (25,000)                   | -                         |
| NHS Glos ICB                                | 40,000                     | (23,104)                   | 16,896                    |
| M Patel                                     | 1,255                      | (1,255)                    | -                         |
| GCRP  | 1,839                      | (1,839)                    | -                         |
| County of Glos high sheriff                 | 2,500                      | (2,500)                    | -                         |
| CHK Foundation                              | 8,000                      | (8,000)                    | -                         |
| Spirax Sarco                                | 500                        | (500)                      | -                         |
| The Guinness Partnership                    | 2,300                      | (1,800)                    | 500                       |
| The Gosling Foundation                      | 5,012                      | (2,756)                    | 2,256                     |
| Rowlands trust                              | 5,000                      | -                          | 5,000                     |
| Langtree Trust                              | 500                        | (500)                      | -                         |
| LHC community benefit fund                  | 5,000                      | (5,000)                    | -                         |
| Friends of westonbirt                       | 1,750                      | (1,287)                    | 463                       |
| Cotswold national landscape                 | 6,870                      | (5,620)                    | 1,250                     |
| Longfield Hospice                           | 2,837                      | (567)                      | 2,270                     |
| Gloucester community building<br>collective | 500                        | (191)                      | 309                       |
| COOP Food Group                             | 500                        | (500)                      | -                         |
|   | <u>724,653</u>             | <u>(632,127)</u>           | <u>92,526</u>             |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>                          | <u>1,122,551</u>           | <u>(1,151,075)</u>         | <u>(28,524)</u>           |

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**17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

**18. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

Ashraf Rhymansaib, mechanic, is the brother-in-law of former Coordinator Imran Atcha. Ashraf was paid during the course of the year for labour and parts purchased for repairs and servicing of the minibus, farm vehicle and trailers. He was also charged monthly rent for the vehicle workshop.

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**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities**  
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|                                       | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>£ | Restricted<br>funds<br>£ | 31.3.25<br>Total<br>funds<br>£ | 31.3.24<br>Total<br>funds<br>£ |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>          |                            |                          |                                |                                |
| <b>Donations and legacies</b>         |                            |                          |                                |                                |
| Donations                             | 8,153                      | 1                        | 8,154                          | 15,850                         |
| Activities and sundry income          | 49,463                     | 1,337                    | 50,800                         | 44,686                         |
|                                       | <u>57,616</u>              | <u>1,338</u>             | <u>58,954</u>                  | <u>60,536</u>                  |
| <b>Other trading activities</b>       |                            |                          |                                |                                |
| Coffee shop income                    | 85,805                     | -                        | 85,805                         | 72,716                         |
| <b>Charitable activities</b>          |                            |                          |                                |                                |
| Grants and contracts                  | 9,125                      | 244,817                  | 253,942                        | 485,997                        |
| <b>Other income</b>                   |                            |                          |                                |                                |
| Rental income                         | 47,659                     | -                        | 47,659                         | 56,942                         |
|                                       | <u>200,205</u>             | <u>246,155</u>           | <u>446,360</u>                 | <u>676,191</u>                 |
| <b>Total incoming resources</b>       |                            |                          |                                |                                |
| <b>EXPENDITURE</b>                    |                            |                          |                                |                                |
| <b>Other trading activities</b>       |                            |                          |                                |                                |
| Purchases for coffee shop             | 45,025                     | -                        | 45,025                         | 49,857                         |
| <b>Charitable activities</b>          |                            |                          |                                |                                |
| Wages                                 | 139,275                    | 131,784                  | 271,059                        | 342,514                        |
| Rent                                  | -                          | 1,575                    | 1,575                          | 2,875                          |
| Rates and water                       | 1,333                      | 597                      | 1,930                          | 6,652                          |
| Insurance                             | 3,504                      | 2,985                    | 6,489                          | 9,159                          |
| Light and heat                        | 18,473                     | 3,411                    | 21,884                         | 28,417                         |
| Development and activities            | 8,392                      | 81,570                   | 89,962                         | 75,523                         |
| Animal feed and bedding               | -                          | -                        | -                              | 10,405                         |
| Repairs and renewals                  | 9,096                      | 6,975                    | 16,071                         | 19,961                         |
| Subscriptions                         | 104                        | 2,158                    | 2,262                          | 1,858                          |
| Printing and advertising              | 844                        | 90                       | 934                            | 1,974                          |
| Training and professional             | 7,602                      | 28,961                   | 36,563                         | 16,391                         |
| Transport                             | 2,052                      | 4,522                    | 6,574                          | 6,701                          |
| Telephone and internet                | 1,305                      | 2,330                    | 3,635                          | 2,881                          |
| Cleaning and maintenance              | 2,115                      | 85                       | 2,200                          | 3,421                          |
| Refreshments                          | 244                        | 20,794                   | 21,038                         | 21,766                         |
| Vet/medical                           | -                          | 87                       | 87                             | 9,002                          |
| Depreciation of tangible fixed assets | 3,881                      | 2,760                    | 6,641                          | 6,510                          |
|                                       | <u>198,220</u>             | <u>290,684</u>           | <u>488,904</u>                 | <u>566,010</u>                 |
| <b>Support costs</b>                  |                            |                          |                                |                                |
| <b>Finance</b>                        |                            |                          |                                |                                |
| Card charges                          | 83                         | -                        | 83                             | 1,196                          |

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**The Friendship Cafe Ltd**

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025**

|                                 | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>£ | Restricted<br>funds<br>£ | 31.3.25<br>Total<br>funds<br>£ | 31.3.24<br>Total<br>funds<br>£ |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Total resources expended        | 243,328                    | 290,684                  | 534,012                        | 617,063                        |
| <b>Net income/(expenditure)</b> | <b>(43,123)</b>            | <b>(44,529)</b>          | <b>(87,652)</b>                | <b>59,128</b>                  |

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