



BUCKFASTLEIGH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Supporting community growth and wellbeing

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts

For the year ending

31st March 2025

Charity number: 1101187

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Highlights at a Glance

Youth sessions delivered	2,644
Total contact hours	4,000+
Young people engaged	125 (aged 9–19)
Meals served	2,800
Feature project	Pads, Gloves & Pizza (PCC Safer Communities)

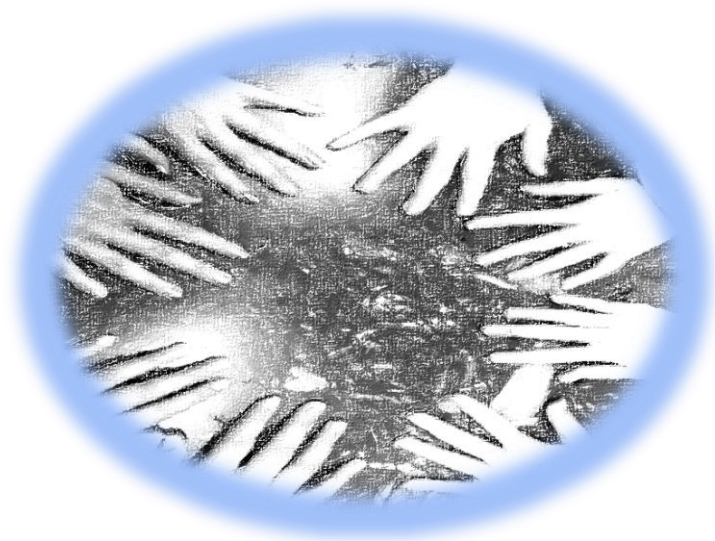
Introduction

2024–2025 has been another pivotal year for the Buckfastleigh Community Development Project (Trust). Supported by the Reaching Communities Lottery Grant and a range of valued partners, the charity has continued to strengthen its core youth services through the Bungalow Youth Project. Our programmes have empowered young people aged 9 to 19 to connect, grow, and thrive within a safe and creative environment. This year marked the introduction of a new After School Space, offering a twice-weekly, calm, supported environment for young people to unwind, socialise, and access food and guidance after school.

“The Bungalow has become my second home – it’s where I feel safe, where people listen.” — Young person, aged 14

Our commitment remains to foster belonging, confidence, and community leadership among young people in Buckfastleigh and surrounds.

Natalie Clark
Chair of Trust



Objectives and Activities

The charity is driven by five core objectives that guide all our programmes and partnerships:

1. **Empowering Young People** – ensuring young people shape and influence the services they access.
2. **Promoting Healthy Lifestyles** – offering nutritious food and cooking opportunities.
3. **Building Skills and Opportunities** – supporting progression, leadership, and creativity.
4. **Encouraging Positive Development** – creating safe, structured environments for social and emotional growth.
5. **Collaborating for Holistic Support** – working with local agencies, schools, and families to meet diverse needs.

2024–2025 Bungalow Youth Project Programme

The Bungalow Youth Project delivered 2,644 youth sessions across the year, equating to over 4,000 contact hours. We engaged approximately 125 young people aged 9–19 through regular weekly sessions and holiday programmes, serving around 2,800 meals. Each session was designed to build confidence, connection, and opportunity.

Weekly programme:

- Monday – Charity Project Night: Pads, Gloves & Pizza sessions, helping young males to build resilience, plus Girls Night to create a supportive space for young females.
- Tuesday – Programme Planning & Youth Worker Training.
- Wednesday – Year 5–6 Group (9–11 years) and After-School Dungeons & Dragons Group.
- Thursday – Junior Night (11–13 years).
- Friday – Senior Night (13–19 years).
- NEW: After School Space (Mondays & Fridays, 3:30–5pm) – providing calm, supported time after school.

Programme Achievements

- Delivered consistent, four-day-per-week youth services for 48 weeks.
- Introduced the After School Space, improving access and early intervention support.
- Provided 2,800 nutritious meals and hands-on cooking activities.
- Strengthened youth leadership through planning and fundraising initiatives.
- Continued strong partnerships with local organisations including Soundart Radio, Victoria Park Trustees, and Shallowford Farm. Through Shallowford farm, 12 young people experienced their first residential learning trip.
- Supported progression for young people interested in youth work and leadership roles.

The Difference Our Charity Makes

Our work is pro-social, preventative, and relational – creating ripples for families, schools and the wider town.

When the Bungalow is open, young people are not isolated, not hungry, not invisible. They find food, warmth, friendship, and a sense of belonging. They're learning who they are – and how they fit in the world – on their own terms.

Every session is a chance to grow connection, confidence, and community. We see it every day – young people who once stood on the edges now lead cooking sessions, plan trips, and welcome others through the door. Those who struggled to speak up are now youth mentors. The difference is emotional wellbeing. Connection. Confidence. Community.

Feature Project: Pads, Gloves & Pizza – PCC Safer Communities Grant



In 2024, the Bungalow Youth Project delivered Pads, Gloves & Pizza, ten-week martial arts, and mentoring programme funded through the Police & Crime Commissioner's Safer Communities Grant. The project was designed to divert young people from anti-social behaviour, while promoting health, resilience, and belonging.

Key Achievements

- 10 structured sessions combining martial arts, positive mentoring, and shared pizza-making.
- 30+ young people engaged including those at-risk of exploitation or behavioural challenges.
- Improved confidence, teamwork, and communication skills reported across all participants.
- Enhanced resilience and mental wellbeing, with participants describing feeling "stronger," "listened to," and "safe."
- Gender inclusion impact: strong engagement from female participants led to demand for future *girls-only sessions*.
- Community connection: participants reconnected with local spaces like the Moor Imagination Collective (MIC), joining other fitness and creative activities beyond the project.

Participant Voices

- *"I feel much more confident after these sessions. The martial arts training helped me feel stronger, and I made some great friends."*
- *"It felt good to have adults actually listen to us and treat us like we matter."*
- *"We need more things like this, especially for girls."*

Lessons Learned

- Smaller, focused groups enhance consistency and peer trust.
- Future delivery will include gender-specific sessions and improved structure balancing physical activity and discussion.
- Wider recruitment beyond The Bungalow reaches those most at risk.

The project directly supported the PCC's Safer Communities priority to discourage anti-social behaviour and strengthen community safety. It created a bridge between young people and trusted adults, providing alternative pathways to aggression and isolation.

Pizza Making



Challenges and Lessons Learned

Resource pressures continued to impact our ability to maintain full staffing consistency, though the commitment of our core team ensured service delivery never faltered. Behavioural challenges among a small group required careful management, strengthening our partnership work with local schools, social care, and community police. We learned that consistent boundaries, trusted relationships, and youth-led reflection are vital to sustaining a safe, inclusive environment.

We will continue to strengthen behaviour management protocols and early intervention strategies to support positive engagement across all sessions.

Outcomes and Impact

Over the past year, we've seen powerful changes in the lives of the young people we support:

- Improved emotional wellbeing
- Increased confidence
- Strengthened relationships
- Positive ripple effects

These outcomes show that what we offer is far more than activities – it's consistent care, belonging, and opportunity.

Looking Ahead

Over the next year, we will keep our doors open so that young people in Buckfastleigh and surrounds have a place to go, people they trust and opportunities to grow. This is about more than giving them something to do – it's about giving them somewhere to belong.



Thank You

To everyone who has walked alongside us this year, our young people, their families, our dedicated staff and volunteers, and our funders – thank you. Your contributions, enthusiasm and belief in our mission have made every success possible. Together, we're not just changing lives; we're building a stronger, more connected youth community.

Financial Review

During the year ending 31 March 2025, the charity received income totalling £84,302 and expenditure amounting to £93,271, resulting in total funds carried forward of £42,652. Restricted income was primarily derived from multi-year funding from the National Lottery Reaching Communities programme and additional grants from local and regional partners.

Core and project funders during the year included: National Lottery Reaching Communities, Growing Communities Devon County Council, Devon Community Foundation, Police and Crime Commissioner (Pads, Gloves & Pizza Project), Teignbridge Lottery, POCA Fund South Devon Community, DYS Space, Buckfastleigh Town Council, and Ashburton & Buckfastleigh Rotary Club.

We gratefully acknowledge the ongoing support of our funders and partners whose investment makes our work possible.

Structure, Governance and Management

Buckfastleigh Community Development Project (Trust) is a registered charity, governed by a constitution dated 19 December 2002, amended on 21 November 2003.

Organisation, Structure and Decision Making

The Trustees meet regularly to oversee strategy, operations, and compliance. Reports from the Bungalow Youth Project inform decisions to ensure alignment with charitable objectives. One Trustee is the partner of the employed Charity Director and abstains from any financial or employment-related decisions regarding that role to maintain transparency and good governance.

Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Natalie Clark (Chair) Jenna Sholz (Treasurer) Sophie Walker-Howarth (resigned October 2025) Karina Clegg Tegan Hubbard-Clegg Johnny Thwaites Fanny Jackson (resigned May 2024)
Staff:	Charity Director Youth Programme Facilitator Lead Support Worker Asst. Youth Support Worker
Charity registered number	1101187
Address	Victoria Park Lodge Plymouth Road Buckfastleigh TQ11 0DB
Accountants	Ian Barrett FCA FCIE
Bankers	Lloyds Bank

**Independent Examiner's Report to the
Trustees of Buckfastleigh Community Development Project (Trust)
Charity number: 1101187**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Buckfastleigh Community Development Project (Trust) for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

Signed and dated 15th January 2026

I P Barrett FCA FCIE
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Chartered Accountants
22 Union Street
Newton Abbot
Devon TQ12 2JS

Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 March 2025

		Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
	<i>Note</i>				
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	2	2,431	81,277	83,708	119,196
Other income	3	594	-	594	583
Total income		3,025	81,277	84,302	119,779
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	4	(1,014)	94,285	93,271	108,373
Total expenditure		(1,014)	94,285	93,271	108,373
Net income / (expenditure)		4,039	(13,008)	(8,969)	11,406
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		4,039	(13,008)	(8,969)	11,406
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		6,468	45,153	51,621	40,215
Total funds carried forward		10,507	32,145	42,652	51,621

The notes on pages 12 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

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

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Balance Sheet
31 March 2025

	<i>Note</i>	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	9	4,071	2,419
		4,071	2,419
Current Assets			
Stocks			
Debtors	10	1,813	492
Cash at bank and in hand		38,128	51,932
		39,941	52,424
Creditors:			
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(1,361)	(3,223)
Net Current Assets		38,581	49,201
Total assets less current liabilities		42,652	51,620
Creditors:			
Amounts falling due after more than one year	13	0	0
Net assets		42,652	51,620
Funds			
General funds	13	10,507	6,468
Restricted funds	14	32,145	45,153
		42,652	51,621

The notes on pages 12 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 15th January 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

Natalie Clark

Natalie Clark (Chair)

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2025

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of preparing the financial statements The financial statements of the charity, 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 Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

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.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from 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.

2. Income from: Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted	2025 Total	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£
			-	
Grants	-	80,830	80,830	116,422
Donations	2,431	447	2,878	2,774
			-	-
Total voluntary income	2,431	81,277	83,708	119,196

Income from donations and legacies in 2024 comprised £2,774 unrestricted funds and £116,422 restricted funds

3. Income from: Other Income

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted	2025 Total	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£
Bank interest	394	-	394	383
Other income	200	-	200	200
	594	-	594	583

In 2024 other income comprised £583 unrestricted and £Nil restricted funds.

4. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted	2025 Total	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£
Operation of Youth Project	(1,014)	94,285	93,271	108,373
	(1,014)	94,285	93,271	108,373

In 2024, expenditure on charitable activities was £108,373 of which £111,238 was restricted and -£2,865 was unrestricted.

The government's £5,000 Employers' Allowance for NI has been applied to unrestricted funds, which has resulted in a negative expenditure figure.

5. Operation of Youth Project Activities

	2025	2024
	Total	Total
	£	£
Activities undertaken directly		
Sessional fees	3,825	3,321
Food, materials and activity costs	6,971	8,219
Volunteer expenses	-	187
Other direct project costs	5,422	159
	16,217	11,886
Support costs		
Salaries, NI and pension	62,257	74,603
Other staff costs	246	581
Rent	1,662	1,662
Rates and water	312	283
Light and heat	1,640	1,927
Maintenance, cleaning and repairs	1,637	2,454
Insurance	1,540	1,355
IT, software and licences	361	3,701
General office costs	1,595	1,381
Bookkeeping and payroll	4,264	4,168
Marketing and promotion	356	207
Legal & professional fees	5	2,438
Independent examination	(330)	960
Depreciation	1,372	769
	76,917	96,487
Total	93,134	108,373

Independent examination fee is shown negative due to adjustment of over-provision in previous year.

6. Net income/expenditure

This is stated after charging:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets owned by the charity	1,372	769
Pension costs	1,018	1,292

7. Analysis of staff costs, Trustees' remuneration and expenses, and the costs of key management personnel

Staff costs were as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	63,099	73,011
Social Security costs	-	300
Pension contributions	1,018	1,292
	64,117	74,603

The number of employees during the year was as follows:

	Average monthly		Full time equivalent	
	2025	2024	2025	2024
Youth workers and management	4	5	2.0	2.5
	4	5	2.0	2.5

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

The key management personnel comprises the Charity Director and Project Manager (both part-time). The aggregate employee benefits payable to key management personnel for the year was 34,641 (2024: £54,698)

8. Related Party Transactions

No Trustee received remuneration for acting as a Trustee of the Charity (2024: Nil), nor did any Trustee receive expenses or other benefits (2024: Nil)

During the year, one Trustee was paid £28,411 for her role as Charity Director (2024: £24,769), but has since resigned from her Trustee role.

9. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Furniture and Equipment	IT & Electrical Equipment	Total
	£		£
Cost or valuation			
At 1 April 2024	200	2,988	3,188
Additions		3,024	3,024
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31 March 2025	200	6,012	6,212
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2024	40	729	769
Charge for year	40	1,332	1,372
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31 March 2025	80	2,061	2,141
Net book value			
At 31 March 2024	160	2,259	2,419
At 31 March 2025	120	3,951	4,071

10. Debtors: Due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade debtors	-	-
Accrued income	152	-
Other debtors	69	-
Prepayments	1,592	492
	1,813	492

11. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	-	508
Other creditors	388	911
Accruals	973	1,804
	1,361	3,223

12. Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other creditors	-	-
	-	-

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13. Unrestricted Funds

	Funds brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Fund as at 31 March 2025
		£	£	£	£
General funds	6,468	3,025	1,014	-	10,507
	6,468	3,025	1,014	-	10,507

**Unrestricted Funds
2024 - Comparative**

	Funds brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Fund as at 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	(2,943)	3,358	2,865	3,188	6,468
	(2,943)	3,358	2,865	3,188	6,468

14. Restricted Funds

	Funds brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Fund as at 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Lottery Reaching Communities	29,867	75,070	(75,162)	-	29,775
Tesco Groundworks	-	3,500	(1,840)	-	1,660
Teignbridge Lottery	2,286	-	(2,286)	-	-
Growing Communities	-	1,260	(1,260)	-	-
PCC Safer Communities	10,000	-	(10,000)	-	-
S Devon Community Foundation	3,000	-	(3,000)	-	-
Buckfastleigh Town Council	-	1,000	(715)	-	285
Barn Park	-	447	(22)	-	426
	45,153	81,277	(94,285)	-	32,145

To reflect the use of restricted funds within the required period, transfers equivalent to the cost of fixed assets purchased has been transferred to unrestricted funds to cover future depreciation charges.

Lottery Reaching Communities	To support the Bungalow Youth Project including running costs and salaries
Tesco Groundworks	To provide food and art materials for the youth sessions
Teignbridge Lottery	Running costs to provide a Warm Food Hub
Growing Communities	Running costs and salaries to provide a Warm Food Hub
PCC Safer Communities	To run the Pads, Gloves and Pizza project which supports young people who have been impacted by County Lines activity in Buckfastleigh
S Devon Community Foundation	To provide activity days, residential trip, transport and refreshments
Barn Park	Funds provided towards upkeep of Barn Park play area
Buckfastleigh Town Council	To support Dungeons and Dragons club

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Restricted Funds					Fund as
2024 - Comparative	Funds brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	at 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Lottery Reaching Communities	41,869	97,573	(106,587)	(2,988)	29,867
Tesco Groundworks	1,125	375	(1,300)	(200)	-
Teignbridge Lottery	-	2,500	(214)	-	2,286
Growing Communities	-	2,974	(2,974)	-	-
PCC Safer Communities	-	10,000	-	-	10,000
S Devon Community Foundation	163	3,000	(163)	-	3,000
	43,157	116,422	(111,238)	(3,188)	45,153

15. Analysis of Funds

	General fund	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	2025	2024
			£	£
Tangible fixed assets	4,071	-	4,071	-
Current assets	6,476	33,465	39,941	43,857
Current liabilities	40.00	(1,321)	(1,361)	(3,43)
Long term liabilities	-	-	-	-
	10,507	32,145	42,652	40,214

	General fund	Restricted	Total
	£	£	2024
			£
Tangible fixed assets	2,419		2,419
Current assets	4,120	48,305	52,425
Current liabilities	(71)	(3,152)	(3,223)
Long term liabilities	-	-	-
	6,468	45,153	51,621

16. Contingent Liabilities

The charity had no contingent liabilities at 31 March 2025.