



## **Open Country**

(A Company Charity limited by guarantee)

Charity Number      1107331  
Company Number    05155859

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**Trustees' Annual Report & Financial  
Statements for the year ended**

**31st March 2025**

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**Charity accounts preparation  
& independent examination service**

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**Trustees' Annual Report**

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**From: 1st April 2024****To: 31st March 2025**

The Board of Trustees, who are also Directors of the charity for the purpose of the Companies Act 2006, present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2025. The financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities, Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP (FRS102)).

<b>Charity's Full Name:</b>	Open Country
<b>Registered Company Number:</b>	05155859
<b>Registered Charity Number:</b>	1107331

## **Objectives and Activities**

### **Summary of the purposes of the charity set out in its governing document**

(a) To promote and protect the physical and mental health of disabled people and their carers without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political or religious or other opinions by facilitating such persons to have access to the countryside with the objects of improving the conditions of life of such persons. (b) To promote education and research into the treatment and care of disabled people, in particular but not exclusively focusing on disabled access to the countryside.

### **Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts**

Open Country is a Yorkshire-based organisation that seeks to enable anyone with any disability to access and enjoy the countryside. This is achieved through a variety of countryside activities and the provision of information and advice.

With hubs in Harrogate and Wakefield and our new Teesside hub commencing activity delivery from April 2025, our hands-on countryside activities are still going strong.

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**Summary of the purposes of the charity set out in its governing document (Continued)**

Our five nature conservation work parties give people with learning disabilities and mental health issues a chance to get involved in helping improve the environment throughout the local area. Five walking groups operate throughout the year, with walks ranging from two to ten miles. There are regular countryside outings to a variety of wheelchair accessible locations, including nature reserves, the seaside and country houses. We have six tandem clubs, between them covering Harrogate & Knaresborough, Ripon, Selby, Wakefield, Wetherby and York. Other groups are 'Wild Things' (nature study groups) and our 'Adventure Clubs' (specialising in outdoor pursuits). 'Wild about Wetherby', is a project for Aspire CBC, offering day services to people from the Wetherby area.

Our 'Countryside Advice Service' continues to offer information and advice on aspects of countryside access for all to a wide range of individuals, statutory agencies and countryside organisations. We evaluate our activities carefully and there is clear evidence of the physical and mental benefits to our service users, in the form of improving overall health, combating social isolation and forming strong and lasting friendships.

We have 19 staff (13 FTE) and 170 dedicated volunteers. We wish to note the superb contribution made by the latter, for without our volunteers, the activities offered to our service users would be severely restricted.

Despite the undoubted funding challenges facing our sector, we are continually expanding the service we offer, offering our skills to a wider community of disabled people and carers.

**The trustees consider that they have complied with their duties to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.**

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**Additional details of objectives and activities**

**Our key targets for Year Five, 2025 - 2026 are to:**

- Work to **sustain current level of activities** and participant numbers in our Harrogate and Wakefield Hubs. We will measure volume levels for all three hubs, whilst recognising that Wakefield's may dip due to temporary staffing and activity levels.
- Commence **Teesside Hub activity delivery**. Here we will aim for 75 people, enjoying 120 activities on 1,000 people/activity days.
- Produce a new **Five-year Business Plan** for 2026 - 2031.
- Evidence the **Quality** of our organisation and our offer and work towards a quality assurance award.
- Meet **Fundraising targets**. Work effectively, with increased income, measuring both individual and team performance.
- Submit our Wakefield **National Lottery bid**; with a successful outcome.
- Support our profile through increased **partnership development**.
- Maximise the promotion of our work through our **35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**.
- Gain **new minibuses** for Wakefield and Teesside.
- Produce **two Breakfree packs** - 'Barnsley' & 'Teesside Wildlife'.
- Revise **two Countryside Directories**.
- Recruit a new 'profile' **patron**.
- Commence our new '**Benchmark**' campaign.
- Launch our **Gold Standard** for inclusive access, with a new webpage.
- Successfully expedite our £126,000 **Nidderdale National Landscape** 'access for all' project, Phase II.

## **Achievements and performance**

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.

### **Key achievements in Year Four, 2024 - 2025:**

- Commenced work on our **new Teesside Hub**, with the employment of a dedicated Hub Manager in December 2024.
- Facilitated **11,537 participant days** on our activities, a creditable effort, up from 9,707 the previous year.
- Promote our Voice, Locally, Regionally & Nationally. Some 'campaigns', notably **Barriers and Nidderdale**.
- Produced **Breakfree packs** for Nidderdale National Landscape and Selby.
- Revised **Countryside Directories** for East Yorkshire & North Yorkshire.
- Successfully held our 2<sup>nd</sup> **Good Access Scheme Winners' Conference**.
- Gained our first **electric vehicle**, with two charging points.
- **Increased staffing levels and activities**, funded by successful fundraising.

## **Financial review**

### **Results for the year**

As set out in the Statement of Financial activities on page 9, total income for the year was £630,410 (2024: £584,962) Net income for the year was £13,152 (2024: £128,080). During the year, we received invaluable financial and in-kind support from the organisations and individuals listed in the appendix.

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**Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held**

Reserves are required to bridge the gap between expenditure and income, to cover unplanned emergency expenditure and to develop new services.

Total funds as at 31 March 2025 amounted to £602,945 (2024: £589,793) of which £446,564 (2024: £360,789) was unrestricted. However, the unrestricted funds at 31 March 2025 include functional fixed assets (e.g. minibuses and other equipment required for the Charity's activities) of £146,796 that are essential for the Charity's activities and £33,927 in a fund designated by the trustees. These are therefore excluded from free reserves.

Therefore, the Charity's reserves freely available to spend at 31 March 2025 were £265,841 (2024: £236,546).

The Charity seeks to achieve sufficient reserves to cover six months' expenditure on charitable activities (£290,000) plus the estimated costs of meeting all commitments on a winding-up of the organisation (£90,000); a total of £380,000. Whilst reserves freely available to spend increased during the year ended 31 March 2025 at that date free reserves were significantly below the amount required to meet the trustees' reserves policy. The charity remains in a good financial position to withstand the challenges posed through increased costs and the anticipated reduction in new funding streams which has been borne out in the current financial year. As a result, the trustees are budgeting for a substantial deficit in the financial year ending 31st March 2026, whilst continuing to seek new funding which is essential to ensure the sustainability of our charitable activities.

The reserves policy is reviewed annually.

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**Structure, governance and management**

**Description of the charity's trusts**

**Type of governing document**

*Memorandum and Articles of Association form the governing document*

**How the charity is constituted**

*Company limited by guarantee*

**Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions**

*Trustees are appointed by the existing trustee body*



## Trustees' Annual Report

### Reference and administration details

**Charity's Full Name:** Open Country

**Charity's principal address:** Community House, 46 East Parade, Harrogate, HG1 5LT

**Names of the trustees who manage the charity:**

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
Richard Firth	Chair	
Tracey Jackson		
David Robinson		
David Titchmarsh		
Jonty Warneken		
Jayne Eyre		
Christopher Burt		
Laura Tapper		From 4 June 2025
Samantha Turner		From 8 October 2025
Clare Dowson	Treasurer	From 8 October 2025

**In addition, the following trustees served during the period covered by this report:**

Michelle Tempest-Mitchell	Resigned 12 June 2025
Jane Green	Appointed 23 October 2024; Resigned 12 June 2025

**Name of Company Secretary**

David Shaftoe

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members**

David Shaftoe (Chief Officer)

## Trustees' Annual Report

### Trustee responsibilities in relation to financial statements

Company law requires the directors (trustees) to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the income and expenditure of the company for the year. In preparing those financial statements, the directors (trustees) are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will on that basis.

The directors (trustees) are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Members of the Board of Trustees, who are Directors for the purpose of company law, and Trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 5.

### Disclosure of information

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

- There is no relevant information of which the Charity's Independent Examiner is unaware;
- The Trustees have taken the necessary steps to be aware of the information, which would be relevant for independent examination purposes and have communicated them to the Independent Examiner.

### Exemptions

The trustees have taken advantage of the exemption available to small companies, including the audit exemption (as detailed on the balance sheet).

### Declaration

**The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees Annual Report and Accounts  
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees**

Signature



Full Name

David Robinson

Position

Trustee

Date

8 December 2025

## Appendix

**During the Year 2024 – 2025, we received invaluable financial and in-kind support from the following organisations and individuals:**

Active Travel Community Grants - CityConnect	Harrogate and District Allotment Federation	The Cheridan Raithby Charitable Trust
Alan Rayner	Horbury Heritage Community Trust	The Finnis Scott Foundation
Alpkit Foundation	Huddersfield and Wakefield Rotary Clubs	The Friends of Parkinson's Park CIC
Anna Baldwin	James Cooke	The George A. Moore Foundation
Aspire Community Benefit Society	Jan and Mike Bartholomew	The Inman Charity
Bruce Wake Charitable Trust	Jonty Warneken	The Kenneth Hargreaves Charitable Trust
Cash4Clubs funded by Flutter UKI Charities Trust	Meadfleet	The Liz and Terry Bramall Foundation
Cone Exchange	Microsoft	The National Lottery Community Fund
Co-op Local Community Fund	National Coal Mining Museum	The Nature Hubs Fund by Hubbub
County Durham Community Foundation (now Point North Community Foundation)	NHS South West Partnership	The Nineveh Trust
DEFRA	Noble Charitable Trust	The Primary Club (The Murray Fund)
Danny Heptinstall and Rajni Hussain	Normanton Rotary Club	The Purey Cust Trust
David and Julie Turner	North Yorkshire Council (NYC)	The Shears Foundation
David Family Foundation	NYC Locality Budgets; Cllrs P Haslam, M Walker, C Aldred, A Warneken	The Sylvia and Colin Shepherd Charitable Trust
Department for Transport	North Yorkshire Sport Ltd	The Teesside Charity
Douglas Arter Foundation	NOVA Wakefield District	Tom and Julie Leggett
Duke of Devonshire's Charitable Trust	Otley Town Council	Wakefield and District Health and Community Support
Feoffees of St Michael's Spurriergate York	Peter Brambleby	Wakefield College
Fineline Global	Philip Robinson	Wakefield Council Culture Grants 2024
Frickley Athletic Community Foundation Friends and Family of Gwen Agar	Plantlife	Wakefield Council Neighbourhood Improvement Fund
Friends and Family of Nicky Serlin	Rhododendron Trust	Wakefield Council UKSPF Local Grants Programme
Garfield Weston Foundation	Roger Cordier	Warburtons Community Grants
Gay and Peter Hartley's Hillards Charitable Trust	Sally Dudley	Whitewell Wellbeing Ltd
HDH Wills 1965 Charitable Trust	Scotton Parish Council	Woodland Trust
HM Young Offenders Institution Wetherby	Simon Thomas and Outriders	Yorkshire Building Society
HM Revenue & Customs	Sir Jules Thorne	Yorkshire Wildlife Trust
	Sovereign Health Care	
	Tees Foundation	
	Tees Valley Community Foundation	
	The Boshier Hinton Foundation	
	The Bostock Foundation	

## Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Open Country

I report on the accounts of: **Open Country**  
for the year ended: **31st March 2025** which are set out on pages 11 to 23.

### 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

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 Trust as required by section 386 of the Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records
- 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.

**Karen Wood (ACMA)**

Outsource independent examination  
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**Date:**

## Open Country

### Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended: 31st March 2025

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	3.1	21,294	-	21,294	39,300
Charitable activities	3.2	220,998	375,526	596,524	536,311
Investments	3.3	10,846	-	10,846	5,917
Other income	3.4	1,746	-	1,746	3,434
<b>Total income</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>254,884</b>	<b>375,526</b>	<b>630,410</b>	<b>584,962</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities	4.1	264,874	352,384	617,258	456,882
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>264,874</b>	<b>352,384</b>	<b>617,258</b>	<b>456,882</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>(9,990)</b>	<b>23,142</b>	<b>13,152</b>	<b>128,080</b>
<b>Gross transfers between funds</b>	11.2	95,765	(95,765 )	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>85,775</b>	<b>(72,623)</b>	<b>13,152</b>	<b>128,080</b>
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<b>360,789</b>	<b>229,004</b>	<b>589,793</b>	<b>461,713</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>446,564</b>	<b>156,381</b>	<b>602,945</b>	<b>589,793</b>

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### Balance Sheet as at:

31st March 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible assets	8	<u>146,796</u>	<u>74,243</u>
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand	7	435,818	486,156
Debtors & prepayments	9	22,840	31,636
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<u>458,658</u>	<u>517,792</u>
<b>Current Liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year</b>			
Creditors and accruals	10	(2,509 )	(2,242 )
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>456,149</u>	<u>515,550</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>602,945</u>	<u>589,793</u>
<b>Funds of the Charity</b>			
Unrestricted Funds (General)	11	446,564	360,789
Restricted Funds	11	156,381	229,004
<b>Total Funds Carried Forward 11 &amp; 12</b>		<u>602,945</u>	<u>589,793</u>

The trustees are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 (the Act) relating to the audit of the financial statements for the year by virtue of section 477, and that no member or members have requested an audit pursuant to section 476 of the Act.

The directors (trustees) acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- i) ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- ii) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company at the end of each financial year and of its profit and loss 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 company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and with the 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 (Charities SORP (FRS 102)).

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 8th December 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



David Robinson

**Trustee**

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### Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended:

31st March 2025

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Net income for the year	13,152	128,080
Add: Depreciation for the year	26,963	27,030
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	40,115	155,110
<b>Working capital changes</b>		
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	8,796	(11,435 )
Increase in creditors	267	282
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<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b>49,178</b>	<b>143,957</b>
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<b>Cash flows used in investing activities</b>		
Purchase of fixed assets	(99,516)	(18,013 )
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<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year</b>	<b>(50,338 )</b>	<b>125,944</b>
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Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April 2024	486,156	360,212
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<b>Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March 2025</b>	<b>435,818</b>	<b>486,156</b>
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### Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31st March 2025

#### 1 Basis of preparation

##### 1.1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and the 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 (Charities SORP (FRS 102)).

##### 1.2 Change of basis of accounting

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last year.

##### 1.3 Change to previous accounts

No changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

#### 2 Accounting policies

##### Income and endowments

###### Recognition of income

Income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- receipt is probable; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

###### Incoming resources with related expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure, the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.

###### Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has evidence of entitlement to the resources and receipt is probable.

###### Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

##### Expenditure and Liabilities

###### Expenditure

###### Raising funds

Cost of raising funds comprise those costs associated with attracting voluntary income.

###### Charitable activities

Charitable activities expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

###### Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

##### Assets

###### Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £2,000. They are valued at cost or, if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt, less depreciation.

###### Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

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



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Notes to the accounts for the year ended: 31 March 2025

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
<b>3.1 Donations and legacies</b>						
Donations and legacies	19,274	-	19,274	36,393	-	36,393
Gift Aid	2,020	-	2,020	2,907	-	2,907
	<b>21,294</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>21,294</b>	<b>39,300</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>39,300</b>
<b>3.2 Charitable activities</b>						
Grants	35,652	375,526	411,178	32,033	348,139	380,172
Wild About Wetherby project	32,425	-	32,425	32,425	-	32,425
Self funders	105,472	-	105,472	90,983	-	90,983
Transport contributions	12,909	-	12,909	9,055	-	9,055
Trips income	9,435	-	9,435	7,674	-	7,674
Tandem income	5,593	-	5,593	3,969	-	3,969
Bus Service Operators' Grant	3,812	-	3,812	833	-	833
Work party income	15,700	-	15,700	11,200	-	11,200
	<b>220,998</b>	<b>375,526</b>	<b>596,524</b>	<b>188,172</b>	<b>348,139</b>	<b>536,311</b>
<b>3.3 Investments</b>						
Interest received	10,846	-	10,846	5,917	-	5,917
	<b>10,846</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,846</b>	<b>5,917</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,917</b>
<b>3.4 Other income</b>						
Sundry income	1,746	-	1,746	3,434	-	3,434
	<b>1,746</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,746</b>	<b>3,434</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,434</b>
<b>Total income</b>	<b>254,884</b>	<b>375,526</b>	<b>630,410</b>	<b>236,823</b>	<b>348,139</b>	<b>584,962</b>

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**Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025**

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
<b>4.1 Charitable activities</b>						
Staff:						
- salaries, pensions & NIC	229,461	175,299	404,760	195,034	142,955	337,989
- training	5,749	600	6,349	2,242	750	2,992
- subsistence	574	-	574	807	-	807
- travel expenses	230	-	230	151	-	151
- recruitment costs	1,284	902	2,186	1,625	210	1,835
- uniform & protective equip.	397	-	397	-	625	625
Volunteer's expenses	939	-	939	918	-	918
Activity expenses:						
- activity fees and costs	7,864	35,194	43,058	4,912	4,929	9,841
- tandem costs	2,539	3,015	5,554	878	763	1,641
- allotment	524	-	524	424	-	424
- insurance	4,062	-	4,062	3,220	-	3,220
Project costs:						
- Conservation materials	100	3,925	4,025	196	204	400
- Wild About Wetherby	8	-	8	9	-	9
Vehicles:						
- fuel, oil & electric power	12,672	-	12,672	13,457	-	13,457
- repairs and servicing	9,519	-	9,519	7,125	1,036	8,161
- insurance	5,011	-	5,011	4,314	-	4,314
Small equipment and tools	2,406	3,433	5,839	124	1,537	1,661
Mower & trailer maintenance	1,668	-	1,668	603	934	1,537
Carried forward	285,007	222,368	507,375	236,039	153,943	389,982

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## Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Brought forward	285,007	222,368	507,375	236,039	153,943	389,982
Administration expenses:						
- rent	13,555	8,575	22,130	8,538	7,575	16,113
- cleaning and maintenance	200	-	200	250	3,042	3,292
- health and safety	2,583	453	3,036	583	379	962
- advertising and PR	5,389	2,693	8,082	2,185	337	2,522
- printing and stationery	3,317	8,160	11,477	2,280	3,822	6,102
- postage and telephone	2,141	-	2,141	2,079	30	2,109
- IT and internet	4,895	400	5,295	2,543	-	2,543
- subscriptions	122	-	122	85	-	85
- other	208	-	208	649	174	823
- payroll bureau fees	1,388	-	1,388	1,282	-	1,282
- bookkeeping	3,120	-	3,120	2,880	-	2,880
Depreciation	26,963	-	26,963	27,030	-	27,030
Legal & professional fees	2,254	4,500	6,754	780	-	780
Bank charges	401	-	401	377	-	377
Donations to other organisations		18,566	18,566	-	-	-
Head office recharges	(86,669)	86,669	-	(9,085)	9,085	-
	264,874	352,384	617,258	278,495	178,387	456,882
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>264,874</b>	<b>352,384</b>	<b>617,258</b>	<b>278,495</b>	<b>178,387</b>	<b>456,882</b>

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### Notes to the accounts for the year ended: 31st March 2025

#### 5 Trustee expenses & examination fees

##### 5.1 Trustee expenses

No trustees received a remuneration for services rendered during the year, nor were any trustees' out of pocket expenses reimbursed.

##### 5.2 Fees for examination of the accounts

	2025 £	2024 £
Independent Examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	<u>700</u>	<u>700</u>
Other fees paid to the Independent Examiner (BSOG authorisation)	<u>80</u>	<u>80</u>

#### 6 Staff costs and emoluments

	2025 £	2024 £
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	366,755	307,501
Employers National Insurance	26,077	21,363
Employers pension contributions	11,928	9,125
	<u>404,760</u>	<u>337,989</u>
Average number of employees	<u>15</u>	<u>14</u>

#### 7 Cash at bank and in hand

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Current bank account	167,857	227,738
Deposit bank accounts	267,805	257,901
Cash in hand	156	517
	<u>435,818</u>	<u>486,156</u>

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#### 8 Fixed assets

	Vehicles £	Equipment £	Total £
<b>8.1 Tangible fixed assets</b>			
<b>Cost or valuation</b>			
At 1st April 2024	210,799	43,136	253,935
Additions in year	77,672	21,844	99,516
Disposals in year	-	-	-
At 31st March 2025	<u>288,471</u>	<u>64,980</u>	<u>353,451</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
At 1st April 2024	154,770	24,922	179,692
Charge for the year	20,568	6,395	26,963
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31st March 2025	<u>175,338</u>	<u>31,317</u>	<u>206,655</u>
<b>Net Book Value</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
At 31st March 2025	<u>113,133</u>	<u>33,663</u>	<u>146,796</u>
At 31st March 2024	<u>56,029</u>	<u>18,214</u>	<u>74,243</u>

#### 9 Debtors and prepayments

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Amounts falling due within one year</b>		
Debtors	18,265	20,687
Prepayments and accrued income	4,575	10,949
	<u>22,840</u>	<u>31,636</u>

#### 10 Creditors and accruals

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Amounts falling due within one year</b>		
Accruals	2,509	2,242
	<u>2,509</u>	<u>2,242</u>

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#### 11 Movement of funds

##### 11.1 Movement of major funds

2025

Fund Name	Balance b/fwd	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Balance c/fwd
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>					
General funds	310,789	254,884	248,801	95,765	412,637
Designated funds	50,000		16,073	-	33,927
	<u>360,789</u>	<u>254,884</u>	<u>264,874</u>	<u>95,765</u>	<u>446,564</u>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
Minibuses	115,000	31,001	-	(84,097 )	61,904
Awards for All	2,785	-	2,785	-	-
Wild about Wakefield	45,168	45,222	60,525	(11,668 )	18,197
Barnsley	10,687	20,770	27,930	-	3,527
Community Fund	30,874	101,000	123,145	-	8,729
Teeside	-	31,650	2,354	-	29,296
Nidderdale	-	83,219	83,219	-	-
<b>Activities</b>					
Primary Club 24	2,000	-	2,000	-	-
NHS	1,453	-	1,453	-	-
TR Heart of Selby	2,798	-	2,798	-	-
George Moore 24	3,250	-	3,250	-	-
Jack Brunton	3,250	-	3,250	-	-
G & P Hartley's					
Hillards Trust		1,000	1,000		-
Purey Cust		5,000	5,000		-
Inman Charity		3,500			3,500
Awards for All		19,987	3,331		16,656
George Moore 25		2,500			2,500
Primary Club 25	-	2,322	-	-	2,322
<b>Total activities</b>	<u>12,751</u>	<u>34,309</u>	<u>22,082</u>		<u>24,978</u>
<b>Conservation</b>					
JSLF	6,338	-	6,338	-	-
Liz & Terry Bramall	-	5,000	1,250		3,750
<b>Total conservation</b>	<u>6,338</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>7,588</u>		<u>3,750</u>
<b>Miscellaneous</b>					
Two Ridings	3,238	-	3,238	-	-
Whitwam Family	2,163	-	2,163	-	-
HDH Wills 1965	-	2,000	-	-	2,000
NY Sport UKSPF	-	17,355	17,355	-	-
Ninevah	-	4,000	-	-	4,000
	<u>5,401</u>	<u>23,355</u>	<u>22,756</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,000</u>
<b>Total Restricted</b>	<u>229,004</u>	<u>375,526</u>	<u>352,384</u>	<u>(95,765 )</u>	<u>156,381</u>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<u><u>589,793</u></u>	<u><u>630,410</u></u>	<u><u>617,258</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>602,945</u></u>

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#### 11.1 Movement of major funds (continued)

2024

<b>Fund Name</b>	<b>Balance b/fwd</b>	<b>Incoming resources</b>	<b>Outgoing resources</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>Balance c/fwd</b>
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>					
General funds	384,448	236,823	278,495	(31,987 )	310,789
Designated funds	-	-	-	50,000	50,000
	<u>384,448</u>	<u>236,823</u>	<u>278,495</u>	<u>18,013</u>	<u>360,789</u>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
Minibuses	-	115,000	-	-	115,000
H. Catley	3,087	-	3,087	-	-
Awards for All	5,865	-	3,080	-	2,785
Wild about Wakefield	22,683	61,216	20,718	(18,013)	45,168
Barnsley	-	24,140	13,453	-	10,687
Community Fund	17,771	115,861	102,758	-	30,874
<b>Activities</b>					
Primary Club	3,000	2,000	3,000	-	2,000
NHS	2,344	-	891	-	1,453
TR Heart of Selby	9,439	-	6,641	-	2,798
George Moore	-	3,250	-	-	3,250
Jack Brunton	-	3,250	-	-	3,250
Shears Foundation	-	5,500	5,500	-	-
<b>Total activities</b>	<u>14,783</u>	<u>14,000</u>	<u>16,032</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,751</u>
<b>Conservation</b>					
Ninevah	3,000	-	3,000	-	-
Yorkshire Water	-	4,866	4,866	-	-
JSLF	-	7,606	1,268	-	6,338
629a	-	3,000	3,000	-	-
<b>Total conservation</b>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>15,472</u>	<u>12,134</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,338</u>
<b>Miscellaneous</b>					
Two Ridings	4,913	2,450	4,125	-	3,238
Whitwam Family	5,163	-	3,000	-	2,163
	<u>10,076</u>	<u>2,450</u>	<u>7,125</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,401</u>
<b>Total Restricted</b>	<u>77,265</u>	<u>348,139</u>	<u>178,387</u>	<u>(18,013 )</u>	<u>229,004</u>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<u><b>461,713</b></u>	<u><b>584,962</b></u>	<u><b>456,882</b></u>	<u><b>-</b></u>	<u><b>589,793</b></u>

#### 11.2 Transfer between funds

As permitted by the Charity SORP (FRS102), tangible fixed assets of £95,765 have been transferred from restricted to unrestricted funds. These assets were purchased from grants or donations which were restricted funds but are now held for a general and not a restricted purpose.

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### **11.3 Details of Funds Held**

#### **Unrestricted Funds General**

The general fund is unrestricted and available for general purposes.

#### **Unrestricted Funds Designated**

An unrestricted fund designated by the trustees to develop and operate our outreach project in Teeside.

#### **Restricted Funds**

The restricted funds are only available for the purposes specified for each fund, which are:

##### **Minibuses**

A fund reflecting grants and donations received for the acquisition of minibuses in future periods.

##### **Awards for All**

Big Lottery funding towards 'adventure' weekend trips

##### **Wild about Wakefield**

Grants funding a range of activities in the Wakefield district .

##### **Barnsley**

National Lottery Community funding to provide a range of activities in Barnsley..

##### **Community Fund**

National Lottery Community funding to provide a range of activities in the Wakefield district.

##### **Teeside**

Grants funding a range of activities in Teeside.

##### **Nidderdale**

Access for All initiative funded by DEFRA to improve accessibility in Nidderdale.

##### **Activities**

Grants contributing towards the running of tandem clubs, walking groups and other activities.

##### **Conservation**

Grants contributing towards the costs of conservation activities and biodiversity projects.

##### **Miscellaneous**

Grants for breakfree packs, allotment project, tools and IT equipment



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### Notes to the accounts for the year

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#### 12 Net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £
<b>Balances at 31st March 2025</b>			
Fixed assets	146,796	-	146,796
Current assets	302,277	156,381	458,658
Current liabilities	(2,509)	-	(2,509)
	<u>446,564</u>	<u>156,381</u>	<u>602,945</u>

	Funds £	Funds £	2024 £
<b>Balances at 31st March 2024</b>			
Fixed assets	74,243	-	74,243
Current assets	288,788	229,004	517,792
Current liabilities	(2,242)	-	(2,242)
	<u>360,789</u>	<u>229,004</u>	<u>589,793</u>