

Company registration number: 05115873

Charity registration number: 1108606

Play Inclusion Project (PIP)

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

Rawcliffe & Co Limited
Chartered Accountants
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Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The charity's mission statement is to 'promote the social inclusion of children and young people with additional needs and disabilities within their local community'.

The aims of the charity are:

- To give social experiences to children and young people with additional needs and disabilities
- To promote the involvement of children and young people with additional needs and disabilities within their local community
- To provide appropriate leisure and social activities for children and young people with additional needs and disabilities
- To raise awareness of the needs of children and young people with additional needs and disabilities, therefore fostering a more diverse inclusive society
- To promote understanding and acceptance of disability
- To provide respite for parents and carers

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Significant activities

Play Inclusion Project experienced another extremely successful financial year. A significant increase in the number of children registering for Break Time hours through Lancashire County Council resulted in 139 children being placed on a waiting list in Wyre for our summer holiday club. This demonstrated that demand had outgrown our capacity to deliver with only two holiday clubs funded. To address this, expansion funding was sought and successfully secured from Lancashire County Council (LCC).

The increased funding allowed for a re-structure of the existing team and the recruitment of two new Area Managers. As a result, an additional weekly club and holiday club were launched in both Wyre and Preston, and demand for activities continued to rise throughout the year. This year saw the largest holiday club programme of activities Play Inclusion project had ever offered with 7 holiday clubs now being delivered each school holiday period.

In Preston, each Area Manager was assigned to a specific age group:

- 4–7 years
- 8–11 years
- 12–18 years

However, the distribution of children on the databases in Wyre did not support the same structure. Instead, two Area Managers worked with the 4–10-year-olds, while one Area Manager was responsible for the 11–18-year-olds.

The Break Time contract continued to present challenges throughout the year. Parents and carers consistently reported that the allocation of 78 hours was insufficient to meet their family's respite needs. The registration periods also continued to place considerable pressure on Area Managers, as all new referrals were received simultaneously. This influx often made the referral process difficult to manage due to the high number of children entering the service at once.

The 78-hour limit also created inconsistencies in attendance patterns, with some children attending during the Easter holiday club and then not returning until the summer holidays. This gap in attendance made it difficult for the Area Managers to establish and maintain effective working relationships with children, assess behaviours effectively, and implement appropriate support strategies. These issues were continually raised with Lancashire council by our CEO.

The demand for children to access activities via Break Time Plus funding continued to grow and by the end of the financial year 45 children were accessing Break Time Plus sessions. Children accessed these sessions either via a referral from their social worker or via their direct payments.

This year we continued to be a HAF delivery partner in Preston, Fylde and Wyre. In November 2024 the CEO was contacted by South Ribble Borough Council and asked if we would become a HAF partner to improve their SEND offer. During the Christmas holiday we expanded our HAF offer and had 10 places funded by South Ribble Borough Council. As with previous years the demand for HAF places far outweighed supply and due to limited funding, many children were only offered one HAF place per week throughout the funded periods as opposed to the 4 they were eligible for

Once again additional funding was sought and secured from Blackpool Council to cover the cost of the Government increasing the National Living Wage.

In October we held our annual trip through Blackpool Illuminations on a heritage tram. Once again this was an extremely popular event and was enjoyed by all who attended.

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Fundraising Events

This year saw the fundraising committee go from strength to strength with 4 events held throughout the year:

- Psychic Night with Emma Kinsey
- Midsummer's Ball
- Halloween Bingo
- Christmas Party

The events raised £3,460.70 and we would like to thank the members of the fundraising committee for their commitment, dedication, enthusiasm and support.

Donations

Donations were received from Fylde Golf Club, DJ Sidebottom/Glasdon's Charitable Programme, H & S Restaurants (McDonald's) and Centrica British Gas. These donations were used for activities and resources across all areas.

Achievements and performance

Funding secured this year enabled Play Inclusion Project to expand its services. Seven holiday clubs per school holiday period, two weekend clubs and seven weekly activities were delivered within Blackpool, Preston, Fylde and Wyre. We would like to thank all of our funders for their support, without which Play Inclusion Project would not be able to provide the respite and activities we offer.

Many children and young people have been able to access exciting social and leisure activities and parents and carers have received a quality break from their caring role because of this support.

In April, the team attended Coastal Radio's Local Business Awards at the Tower Ballroom as finalists in the "Not for Profit" category. The charity came a close second, narrowly beaten by Blackpool Scouts.

Financial review

The Charity continues to rely heavily on charitable donations and grants provided by Local Authorities and other funding bodies to help pay for staff, running costs and associated costs to deliver activities.

The charity remains financially sustainable though increased funding levels from LCC and in particular Break Time Plus funding. The hourly rates charged to access Break Time Plus activities increased to £15.45 per hour session cost and £11.44 for 1:1 support. For children requiring 2:1 support the staff cost was £22.88. The cost for children accessing via their direct payments were brought in line with Break Time plus rates this financial year.

Due to ever increasing delivery costs parental contributions were raised for the first time since 2015. The new session costs were:

- Weekly session (2 hours) - £6.00
- Weekend Clubs (4/5 hours) - £17.50
- Holiday Clubs (5hours) - £17.50
- Holiday Clubs (2 hours) - £7.00

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Invoices and Payments

The funding arrangements with Blackpool Council sees Play Inclusion Project paid the contract price monthly.

Break Time weekly and holiday club sessions are invoiced and paid for post-delivery.

Break Time Plus sessions attended are invoiced every 4 weeks for children accessing via a referral from a social worker.

Break Time Plus sessions accessed via direct payments and parental contributions are invoiced at the end of each month.

Cash flow became an issue towards the end of the financial year due to a backlog of Break Time Plus invoices being unpaid by LCC.

Policy on reserves

The charity is working towards unrestricted funds that equate to three months costs plus the cost of closure. The trustees consider the level of unrestricted income each year. Reserves are required to meet the working capital requirements of the charity and to fund existing projects. Unrestricted funds at 31st March 2025 have increased from £19,180 to £26,899.

Income generated was £636,298. The charity is trying to help more children and young adults which is in line with our mission statement to 'promote the social inclusion of children and young people with additional needs and disabilities within their local community'. A surplus of £7,719 in the year was added to our unrestricted reserves.

Principal funding sources

Blackpool Borough Council - Short Breaks

This funding enabled us to provide Short Break activities during school holidays and on Saturdays for 8-18year olds with severe and complex disabilities. Children referred had a range of disabilities including Autism, Downs Syndrome, Global Development Delay, severe learning disabilities and severe medical conditions. All referrals came from the Social Care Team as per the contract agreement and throughout the year 33 children accessed our Weekend and Holiday Clubs

The group continued to settle in to their new venue at Mereside Community Centre with all children successfully transitioning. A long-term lease agreement for a bouncy castle was secured to meet the sensory needs of many of the children accessing sessions. Other activities on offer for our Blackpool groups included trips to Gulliver's World, Lancaster Castle, Bendrigg Trust, Blackpool Zoo and The Creative Space Centre.

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Lancashire County Council - Break Time and Break time Plus

Break Time funding is for children with non-assessed needs who are unable to attend mainstream clubs and activities. Break Time Plus funding routes are for children with assessed needs. This funding enabled us to provide Short Break activities during school holidays in Wyre and Preston for 4-18year olds.

The Holiday Clubs were based at the United Reform Church Hall and YMCA Lofthouse Building in Fleetwood, and across various venues in Preston and included both in house activities and trips within the local community. Trips enjoyed by the children and young people this year included Gulliver's World, Wild Boar Park, Manchester Museum, Quad biking in Lancaster, Blackpool Zoo and Knowsley Safari Park

Break Time and Break Time Plus also funded weekly activities in Preston, Fylde and Wyre. Throughout the year two weekly youth clubs were delivered in Wyre and a youth club and two sensory sessions at The Space Centre along with tea at McDonalds was delivered in Preston. A weekly youth club was also delivered in Fylde which was based at St Cuthbert's Parish Centre.

Throughout the year these activities were attended by 149 children using break time hours and 45 children using break time plus funding

HAF

The Holiday and Food programme (HAF) is a national programme that provides funding for activities and food to children in receipt of benefit related free school meals. This year we offered HAF places to eligible children living or attending school in Fylde, Wyre, Preston and South Ribble at the Easter, Summer and Christmas holiday clubs. The parental contributions, staff costs and costs of trips and activities for those attending through the HAF programme were covered by the funding along with a £5.00 food subsidy to be paid to parents for the days their child attended.

Throughout the year we were able to offer 438 HAF places to 86 children and young people.

Wyre Saturday Swim Club

These sessions were funded by donations from DJ Sidebottom/Glasdon Charitable Programme and Warren Farm Community Association. The club ran alternate Saturdays, was based at Fleetwood YMCA and was for 8-18year olds with additional needs and disabilities living in Wyre.

The session involved a swim session in the morning and games, arts and crafts and free play were available in the afternoons.

The sessions were attended regularly by 18 children and young people.

Sign High Say Hi!

We delivered activities on behalf of Sign Hi Say Hi! for deaf children and their families throughout various venues in Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre.

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Trustees' Report

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Registration Number:	1108606
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	The charity is incorporated in England & Wales.
Registered Office:	139 Red Bank Road Blackpool Lancashire FY2 9HZ
Independent Examiner:	Rawcliffe & Co Limited Chartered Accountants Unit 1 Barons Court Graceways Whitehills Business Park Blackpool Lancashire FY4 5GP
Accountants:	Rawcliffe & Co Limited Chartered Accountants Unit 1 Barons Court Graceways Whitehills Business Park Blackpool Lancashire FY4 5GP

Trustees and officers

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees:	Mrs Carol Ann Gradwell (resigned 10 September 2025)
	Mr Ian Christopher Harrison
	Mrs Gaynor Hope
	Mr Joseph Tantram (appointed 20 October 2025)

Financial instruments

Objectives and policies

The charity's activities expose it to a number of financial risks including credit risk, cash flow risk and liquidity risk. The charity does not use derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes.

Cash flow risk

The main cashflow risk relates to the availability of grant funding which is applied for each year. The risk is that one of the grant providers does not offer funds. The charity limits this risk by obtaining funds from multiple sources as listed earlier in this report. The charity also conducts fund raising activities to help cashflow.

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Credit risk

The charity's principal financial assets are bank balances and cash.

The credit risk on liquid funds is limited because the counterparties are banks with high credit-ratings assigned by international credit-rating agencies.

Liquidity risk

The charity does not have debtors or high stock levels. All activities are planned and costed based on available grant funding to mitigate liquidity risk.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

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

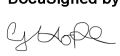
Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources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

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

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

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

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 10 December 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

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Mrs Gaynor Hope
Trustee

**Chartered Accountants' Report to the Trustees on the Preparation of the Unaudited
Statutory Accounts of
Play Inclusion Project (PIP)
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

In order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Companies Act 2006, we have prepared for your approval the accounts of Play Inclusion Project (PIP) for the year ended 31 March 2025 as set out on pages 11 to 25 from the company's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given us.

As a practising member firm of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW) we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at <http://www.icaew.com/en/members/regulations-standards-and-guidance/>.

This report is made solely to the board of directors of Play Inclusion Project (PIP), as a body, in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 15 March 2017. Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the financial statements of Play Inclusion Project (PIP) and state those matters that we have agreed to state to the board of directors of Play Inclusion Project (PIP), as a body, in this report, in accordance with ICAEW Technical Release 07/16 AAF. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Play Inclusion Project (PIP) and its board of directors as a body for our work or for this report.

It is your duty to ensure that Play Inclusion Project (PIP) has kept adequate accounting records and to prepare statutory accounts that give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and of Play Inclusion Project (PIP). You consider that Play Inclusion Project (PIP) is exempt from the statutory audit requirement for the year.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit or a review of the accounts of Play Inclusion Project (PIP). For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the statutory accounts.

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10 December 2025

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Play Inclusion Project (PIP) ('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.

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Play Inclusion Project (PIP) ('the Company')

Independent examiner's statement

Since the Company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ICAEW, 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 Play Inclusion Project (PIP) 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.

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Kirsten Shearer c/o Rawcliffe and Co Limited
Chartered Accountants
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10 December 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	549,029	-	549,029
Other trading activities	4	86,901	-	86,901
Other income		367	-	367
Total income		636,297	-	636,297
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds		(2,812)	-	(2,812)
Other expenditure	5	(625,972)	(4,276)	(630,248)
Total expenditure		(628,784)	(4,276)	(633,060)
Net income/(expenditure)		7,513	(4,276)	3,237
Net movement in funds		7,513	(4,276)	3,237
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		19,180	5,591	24,771
Total funds carried forward	14	26,693	1,315	28,008
		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	433,904	9,509	443,413
Other trading activities	4	63,303	-	63,303
Other income		324	-	324
Total income		497,531	9,509	507,040
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds		(738)	-	(738)
Other expenditure	5	(513,657)	(4,655)	(518,312)
Total expenditure		(514,395)	(4,655)	(519,050)
Net (expenditure)/income		(16,864)	4,854	(12,010)
Net movement in funds		(16,864)	4,854	(12,010)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		36,044	738	36,782
Total funds carried forward	14	19,180	5,592	24,772

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

The notes on pages 16 to 25 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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**Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025
(Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains
and Losses)**

The funds breakdown for 2024 is shown in note 14.

The notes on pages 16 to 25 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Play Inclusion Project (PIP)
(Registration number: 05115873)
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	9	4,244	3,440
Current assets			
Debtors	10	985	630
Cash at bank and in hand	11	35,219	32,229
		36,204	32,859
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	12	(12,440)	(11,527)
Net current assets		23,764	21,332
Net assets		28,008	24,772
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		1,315	5,592
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		26,693	19,180
Total funds	14	28,008	24,772

The notes on pages 16 to 25 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025**

For the financial year ending 31 March 2025 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The financial statements on pages 11 to 25 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 10 December 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

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Mrs Gaynor Hope
Trustee

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Statement of Cash Flows for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash income/(expenditure)		3,237	(12,010)
Adjustments to cash flows from non-cash items			
Depreciation	5	<u>1,415</u>	<u>1,146</u>
		4,652	(10,864)
Working capital adjustments			
Increase in debtors	10	(356)	(185)
Increase in creditors	12	<u>913</u>	<u>325</u>
Net cash flows from operating activities		5,209	(10,724)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	9	<u>(2,219)</u>	<u>(2,677)</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		2,990	(13,401)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April		<u>32,229</u>	<u>45,630</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March		<u><u>35,219</u></u>	<u><u>32,229</u></u>

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

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

1 Charity status

The charity is limited by guarantee, incorporated in England & Wales, and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

The address of its registered office is:

139 Red Bank Road

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These financial statements were authorised for issue by the trustees on 10 December 2025.

2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

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

Basis of preparation

Play Inclusion Project (PIP) meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern

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

Income and endowments

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

Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

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

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Gift aid

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the Statement of Financial Activities at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Government grants

Government grants are recognised based on the accrual model and are measured at the fair value of the asset received or receivable. Grants are classified as relating either to revenue or to assets. Grants relating to revenue are recognised in income over the period in which the related costs are recognised. Grants relating to assets are recognised over the expected useful life of the asset. Where part of a grant relating to an asset is deferred, it is recognised as deferred income.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £500.00 or more are initially recorded at cost.

Depreciation and amortisation

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

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Fixtures and fittings	25% reducing balance

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

Trade debtors

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

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

Cash and cash equivalents

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

Trade creditors

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

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

Borrowings

Interest-bearing borrowings are initially recorded at fair value, net of transaction costs. Interest-bearing borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost, with the difference between the proceeds, net of transaction costs, and the amount due on redemption being recognised as a charge to the Statement of Financial Activities over the period of the relevant borrowing.

Interest expense is recognised on the basis of the effective interest method and is included in interest payable and similar charges.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the charity has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting date.

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

Foreign exchange

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate of exchange at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the balance sheet date are reported at the rates of exchange prevailing at that date.

The results of overseas operations are translated at the average rates of exchange during the period and their balance sheets at the rates ruling at the balance sheet date. Exchange differences arising on translation of the opening net assets and results of overseas operations are reported in other comprehensive income and accumulated in equity (attributed to non-controlling interests as appropriate).

Other exchange differences are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities in the period in which they arise except for:

- 1) exchange differences on transactions entered into to hedge certain foreign currency risks (see above);
- 2) exchange differences arising on gains or losses on non-monetary items which are recognised in other comprehensive income; and
- 3) in the case of the consolidated financial statements, exchange differences on monetary items receivable from or payable to a foreign operation for which settlement is neither planned nor likely to occur (therefore forming part of the net investment in the foreign operation), which are recognised in other comprehensive income and reported under equity.

Fund structure

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

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

Pensions and other post retirement obligations

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

Financial instruments

Classification

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the charity after deducting all of its liabilities.

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Recognition and measurement

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs), except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially measured at fair value (which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs), unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. If an arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, the financial asset or financial liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are only offset in the statement of financial position when, and only when there exists a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and the charity intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Financial assets are derecognised when and only when a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or are settled, b) the charity transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, or c) the charity, despite having retained some, but not all, significant risks and rewards of ownership, has transferred control of the asset to another party.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

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Debt instruments

Debt instruments which meet the following conditions are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method:

(a) The contractual return to the holder is (i) a fixed amount; (ii) a positive fixed rate or a positive variable rate; or (iii) a combination of a positive or a negative fixed rate and a positive variable rate.

(b) The contract may provide for repayments of the principal or the return to the holder (but not both) to be linked to a single relevant observable index of general price inflation of the currency in which the debt instrument is denominated, provided such links are not leveraged.

(c) The contract may provide for a determinable variation of the return to the holder during the life of the instrument, provided that (i) the new rate satisfies condition (a) and the variation is not contingent on future events other than (1) a change of a contractual variable rate; (2) to protect the holder against credit deterioration of the issuer; (3) changes in levies applied by a central bank or arising from changes in relevant taxation or law; or (ii) the new rate is a market rate of interest and satisfies condition (a).

(d) There is no contractual provision that could, by its terms, result in the holder losing the principal amount or any interest attributable to the current period or prior periods.

(e) Contractual provisions that permit the issuer to prepay a debt instrument or permit the holder to put it back to the issuer before maturity are not contingent on future events, other than to protect the holder against the credit deterioration of the issuer or a change in control of the issuer, or to protect the holder or issuer against changes in levies applied by a central bank or arising from changes in relevant taxation or law.

(f) Contractual provisions may permit the extension of the term of the debt instrument, provided that the return to the holder and any other contractual provisions applicable during the extended term satisfy the conditions of paragraphs (a) to (c).

Debt instruments that are classified as payable or receivable within one year on initial recognition and which meet the above conditions are measured at the undiscounted amount of the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received, net of impairment.

With the exception of some hedging instruments, other debt instruments not meeting these conditions are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

Commitments to make and receive loans which meet the conditions mentioned above are measured at cost (which may be nil) less impairment.

Investments

Investments in non-convertible preference shares and non-puttable ordinary or preference shares (where shares are publicly traded or their fair value is reliably measurable) are measured at fair value through profit or loss. Where fair value cannot be measured reliably, investments are measured at cost less impairment.

Investments in subsidiaries and associates are measured at cost less impairment. For investments in subsidiaries acquired for consideration including the issue of shares qualifying for merger relief, cost is measured by reference to the nominal value of the shares issued plus fair value of other consideration. Any premium is ignored.

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Derivative financial instruments

The charity uses derivative financial instruments to reduce exposure to foreign exchange risk and interest rate movements. The charity does not hold or issue derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes.

Derivatives are initially recognised at fair value at the date a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently remeasured to their fair value at each reporting date. The resulting gain or loss is recognised in statement of financial activities immediately unless the derivative is designated and effective as a hedging instrument, in which event the timing of the recognition in statement of financial activities depends on the nature of the hedge relationship.

Fair value measurement

The best evidence of fair value is a quoted price for an identical asset in an active market. When quoted prices are unavailable, the price of a recent transaction for an identical asset provides evidence of fair value as long as there has not been a significant change in economic circumstances or a significant lapse of time since the transaction took place. If the market is not active and recent transactions of an identical asset on their own are not a good estimate of fair value, the fair value is estimated by using a valuation technique.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from companies, trusts and similar proceeds	45,379	45,379	28,527
Grants, including capital grants;			
Government grants	503,650	503,650	414,440
Other income from donations and legacies	-	-	446
	549,029	549,029	443,413

4 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Other income from other trading activities	86,901	86,901
Total for 2025	86,901	86,901
Total for 2024	63,303	63,303

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5 Other expenditure

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Staff costs				
Wages and salaries		468,049	4,138	472,187
Social security		16,983	-	16,983
Pension costs		5,432	-	5,432
Other staff costs		4,168	-	4,168
Depreciation, amortisation and other similar costs		1,276	138	1,414
Total for 2025		<u>495,908</u>	<u>4,276</u>	<u>500,184</u>
Total for 2024		<u>405,184</u>	<u>1,161</u>	<u>406,345</u>

6 Net incoming/outgoing resources

Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year include:

	2025 £	2024 £
Depreciation of fixed assets	<u>1,414</u>	<u>1,146</u>

7 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	472,187	385,109
Social security costs	16,983	12,201
Pension costs	5,432	4,491
Other staff costs	4,168	3,398
	<u>498,770</u>	<u>405,199</u>

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The monthly average number of persons (including senior management / leadership team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2025 No	2024 No
Average number of employees	<u>88</u>	<u>75</u>

10 (2024 - 10) of the above employees participated in the Defined Contribution Pension Schemes.

Contributions to the employee pension schemes for the year totalled £5,432 (2024 - £4,491).

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

8 Taxation

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

9 Tangible fixed assets

	Furniture and equipment £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 April 2024	18,491	18,491
Additions	<u>2,219</u>	<u>2,219</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>20,710</u>	<u>20,710</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 April 2024	15,051	15,051
Charge for the year	<u>1,415</u>	<u>1,415</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>16,466</u>	<u>16,466</u>
Net book value		
At 31 March 2025	<u>4,244</u>	<u>4,244</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>3,440</u>	<u>3,440</u>

10 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Prepayments	<u>985</u>	<u>630</u>

11 Cash and cash equivalents

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash at bank	<u>35,219</u>	<u>32,229</u>

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12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	-	640
Other taxation and social security	5,601	4,659
Other creditors	399	280
Pension scheme creditor	2,280	2,108
Accruals	4,160	3,840
	<u>12,440</u>	<u>11,527</u>

13 Pension and other schemes

Defined contribution pension scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge for the year represents contributions payable by the charity to the scheme and amounted to £5,432 (2024 - £4,491).

14 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	19,180	636,297	(628,784)	26,693
Restricted funds	<u>5,591</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,276)</u>	<u>1,315</u>
Total funds	<u>24,771</u>	<u>636,297</u>	<u>(633,060)</u>	<u>28,008</u>
	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	36,044	497,531	(514,395)	19,180
Restricted funds	<u>738</u>	<u>9,509</u>	<u>(4,655)</u>	<u>5,592</u>
Total funds	<u>36,782</u>	<u>507,040</u>	<u>(519,050)</u>	<u>24,772</u>