

Annual Report and Accounts

Blandford Youth Advice and Information Centre
For the year ended 31 March 2025

Prepared by CBA Services Limited

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Reference and Administrative Details

Blandford Youth Advice and Information Centre For the year ended 31 March 2025

Registered Charity Number

1111623

Trustees

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Trustees' Report

Blandford Youth Advice and Information Centre For the year ended 31 March 2025

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable incorporated organisation for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Objectives and Activities

Purpose

The charitable incorporated organisation is established with the aim of promoting the education, development, and wellbeing of young people in Blandford Forum and North Dorset. Through a range of leisure and support activities, our aim is to enhance their physical, mental, and emotional capacities, enabling them to grow into confident, responsible members of society.

Our objectives include:

- Providing a welcoming venue where young people can access information and meet.
- Employing experienced youth workers, supported by trained volunteers, to deliver services at the centre.
- Offering advice and information on key issues such as housing, employment, relationships, sexual health, substance misuse, and social security benefits.
- Supporting the reduction of youth crime by creating opportunities to challenge anti-social behaviour through positive discussion and reflection.
- Helping young people make informed choices to achieve their full potential.

Activities

Treads is a youth advice and information centre offering support and guidance to young people aged 8-25.

Public Benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty under section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and Performance

Founded over 24 years ago, Treads continues to provide a warm, friendly, and relaxed environment where young people can access information and be signposted to specialist agencies. We take a holistic approach to tackling the barriers that prevent young people from making safe, healthy, and confident steps towards independence.

Our service is inclusive, professional, and trusted, empowering young people to stand on their own two feet and make informed decisions.

To meet the diverse needs of young people, we provide:

- Free counselling and high-support sessions (by appointment).
- Advice and information via telephone, online meetings, email, and social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram).
- Opportunities for social interaction through focus groups and community activities.

Staff and volunteers work both one-to-one and in partnership with other agencies. Issues frequently addressed include mental health challenges, anxiety, self-harm, gender dysphoria, domestic abuse, substance misuse, bullying, and difficulties experienced by young people with neurodiversity.

We actively encourage young people to have a voice in the community and challenge risk-taking behaviours through better information and advice. Young people are also involved in decision-making, with representation on the management committee.

The trustees recognise that many of the complex issues facing children, young people, and families cannot be solved by one organisation alone. Multi-agency partnership working remains vital to achieving seamless services and better outcomes.

Activities this year

Our projects have successfully continued throughout the year and include:

- **Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme**

Delivered for children eligible for benefit-related free school meals, providing enriching activities alongside nutritious meals.

- **Side By Side – Anti-Bullying in Schools**

A programme training young people to become bullying ambassadors. Participants gain skills to support victims of bullying, manage its impact, and promote positive peer relationships.

- **Weekly Anti-Bullying Workshops (Community-Based)**

Sessions held outside of school to help young people and adults overcome bullying in wider contexts such as the workplace and relationships. These workshops also address the impact of bullying on mental health.

- **Bright Horizon**

A safe and welcoming space for young people with learning disabilities to meet peers, make friends, and learn new skills in arts, crafts, and cooking.

- **Welcome to Dorset**

A group supporting refugee children and young people, helping them integrate into the local community and build connections with peers.

- **One-to-One Support**

Throughout the year, staff have provided tailored one-to-one support, ensuring young people receive personalised guidance and care.

- **Advice and Emotional Support**

Delivered consistently through wellbeing phone calls, online meetings, face-to-face sessions, and emails.

Financial Position

Treads conducts an annual review of its aims, objectives, and activities, updating its three-year business plan to ensure alignment with its mission. Each activity is evaluated for its success and impact on young people.

Representatives from funding partners and other organisations regularly attend open meetings, offering feedback and suggestions to improve services.

Robust systems are in place to manage performance and daily operations, including:

- Training and development plans
- Independent file reviews
- Policy updates and safeguarding procedures
- Client feedback and complaints processes
- Referrals, budgeting, and accounting

Quarterly reports are produced and shared with funders, partner agencies, and the public, highlighting our work and impact.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

CIO - Foundation conversion dated 5 August 2025 (2024 - Memorandum and Articles of Association incorporated on 10 March 2005 as amended by special resolution dated 6 October 2005).

Constitution

Charitable Incorporated Organisation (2024 - A company limited by guarantee).

Trustees

The Trust currently has four trustees, each bringing a range of skills and expertise to ensure sound governance and financial management.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees



Melanie Turland (Jan 15, 2026 09:08:35 GMT)

Melanie Turland

Trustee

Date.....

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of

Blandford Youth Advice and Information Centre

For the year ended 31 March 2025

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 8 to 11.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of your Charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination, I have followed all applicable 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 no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

Richard Howlett

[Richard Howlett \(Jan 28, 2026 09:38:48 GMT\)](#)

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Richard Howlett FMAAT

CBA Services Limited

45 East Street, Blandford Forum, Dorset, DT11 7DX

Date.....

Receipts and Payments

Blandford Youth Advice and Information Centre For the year ended 31 March 2025

	NOTES	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED	2025	2024
Receipts					
Donations		12,532	500	13,032	2,895
Grants		19,496	14,638	34,134	23,461
Interest Income		311	-	311	280
Total Receipts		32,340	15,138	47,478	26,635
Payments					
Advertising & Marketing		-	(72)	(72)	(177)
Ateens		(450)	(1,598)	(2,047)	(5,369)
Audit & Accountancy fees		-	-	-	(1,429)
Bank Fees		(60)	-	(60)	(60)
Bookkeeping		(878)	-	(878)	(879)
Depreciation Expense		-	-	-	(78)
Direct Expenses		(17)	-	(17)	-
Assets retained for own use		(442)	-	(442)	-
General Expenses		(84)	-	(84)	-
Insurance		(1,074)	-	(1,074)	(1,021)
IT Software and Consumables		(524)	-	(524)	(325)
Pensions Costs		(518)	-	(518)	(632)
Printing & Stationery		(193)	(19)	(212)	(239)
Rent		-	(747)	(747)	(1,233)
Repairs & Maintenance		(84)	-	(84)	-
Salaries		(16,275)	(9,272)	(25,547)	(29,543)
Staff Compliance Costs		(71)	-	(71)	-
Staff Training		-	-	-	(28)
Subscriptions		(30)	-	(30)	-
Subsistence		(55)	-	(55)	(93)
Telephone & Internet		(72)	-	(72)	(72)
Travel - National		(124)	(109)	(233)	(93)
Youth Worker		(45)	-	(45)	(457)
Total Payments		(20,995)	(11,817)	(32,812)	(41,726)
Net of Receipts / (Payments)		11,345	3,321	14,666	(15,091)

	NOTES	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED	2025	2024
Reconciliation of funds					
Cash Funds Last Period End		24,561	2,809	27,370	42,462
Cash Funds This Period End		35,906	6,131	42,036	27,370

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Blandford Youth Advice and Information Centre As at 31 March 2025

	NOTES	31 MAR 2025	31 MAR 2024
Tangible Fixed Assets			
Office Equipment	1	-	7,399
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Office Equipment		-	(6,957)
Total Tangible Fixed Assets		-	442
Cash Funds			
CAF Gold Account		10,546	10,292
CafCash Account		31,490	18,186
Total Cash Funds		42,036	28,477
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			
Accruals		-	1,426
Pensions Payable		-	123
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		-	1,549
Total Net Assets / (Liabilities)		42,036	27,370
Funds of the charity			
Funds	2	42,036	27,370
Total Funds of the charity		42,036	27,370

Basis of Accounting

During the current financial year, the Charity has changed its accounting basis from Accruals to Receipts and Payments in accordance with the Charities Act 2011. The Receipts and Payments account recognises only money received and paid in the period and excludes the value of all other assets received in kind unless, and until, converted into money.

Impact of the Change

- The current year's figures reflect actual cash movements only and exclude non-cash items such as depreciation, accruals and prepayments.
- Comparative figures for the previous year were prepared on an accruals basis and therefore include adjustments for income and expenditure relating to that period, as well as depreciation and other non-cash items.
- As a result, the figures for the two years are not directly comparable.

The CIO is not registered for Gift Aid or VAT.

	NOTES	31 MAR 2025	31 MAR 2024
1. Assets retained for own use			
Furniture and equipment		7,399	7,399
Total Assets retained for own use		7,399	7,399

£7,399 (2024: £7,399) of the above assets retained for own use were attributable to unrestricted funds and £nil (2024: £nil) were attributable to restricted funds.

	NOTES	31 MAR 2025	31 MAR 2024
2. Funds of the Charity			
Unrestricted funds		35,906	24,560
Restricted funds		6,131	2,810
Total Funds of the Charity		42,037	27,370

Approval

The trustees confirm, in accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012, that at the period end the CIO did not have any outstanding guarantees to third parties nor any debts secured on assets of the CIO.

Signed on behalf of all the trustees

Melanie Turland

[Melanie Turland \(Jan 15, 2026 09:08:35 GMT\)](#)

Melanie Turland

Trustee

Date.....

Analysis of funds

Blandford Youth Advice and Information Centre For the year ended 31 March 2025

Charity funds

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted funds					
General	24,560	32,340	(20,995)	-	35,906
Restricted funds					
Art 2 Heart	2,810	-	(2,810)	-	-
Bright Horizons	-	4,000	(3,772)	-	228
Holiday Activities & Food	-	5,500	(1,194)	-	4,306
Welcome to Dorset	-	5,638	(4,041)	-	1,597
Total restricted funds	2,810	15,138	(11,817)	-	6,131
Total funds	27,370	47,478	(32,812)	-	42,036

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
General	42,462	23,635	(41,536)	-	24,560
Restricted funds					
Art 2 Heart	-	3,000	(190)	-	2,810
Total restricted funds	-	3,000	(190)	-	2,810
Total funds	42,462	26,635	(41,726)	-	27,370

This page does not form part of the financial statements.