

Charity Number: 1115404

**TOGETHER FOR SHEFFIELD**

**UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**31 MARCH 2025**

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## TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

### YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

#### **Objectives and Activities**

The object of the charity is for the public benefit - the advancement of the Christian faith in Sheffield, through facilitating meetings and gatherings and the sharing of information resources across the churches in the Sheffield area, providing charitable covering for city-wide Christian initiatives.

#### **Achievements and performance**

##### Ascend Project

The Ascend programme continues to deliver transformative impact. Commissioned by Sheffield City Council through levelling-up funding, we've been able to expand the team and grow our reach. However, challenges persist in the entry-level job market, with a slowdown in employer capacity to provide placements.

Despite these challenges, we are seeing support from churches, businesses and charities within the city, all of whom are stepping up to offer work experience placements for vulnerable young adults, providing the with vital first references and workplace exposure.

This partnership between faith communities and employers showcases the practical role churches can play in empowering individuals.

We are relaunching our Ascend:Now program to increase the input our young adults receive; this, alongside our mentoring offer will further improve their readiness for employment. We will also explore opportunities to provide meaningful employment to some of our young adults meeting the needs of our community at Together for Sheffield. Following a successful relaunch of our programs we will also seek to expand our offer throughout South Yorkshire in response the unemployment challenge across the region. This additional work will and help us to achieve our vision of seeing restored communities through young adults finding purpose and work.

##### Arise Project

Arise Sheffield continues to thrive within the city, with its projects and events reaching thousands of Christians within the city. Seasonal campaigns, including Easter (March), Halloween, and Christmas, have become established rhythms of engagement, drawing participation from people reconnecting with church communities and those encountering faith for the first time.

A growing number of churches are recognising Arise as a vital way to engage with their local communities and address the city's needs. The initiative continues to foster unity among churches and believers, building a foundation for long-term transformation in Sheffield.

For the sixth year running the Arise team will launch and organize prayer-walking across Sheffield via our App. We will continue to drive new ways for followers of Jesus to express their faith in relevant and innovative ways so that others get to hear of the life, hope and purpose that Jesus brings. We will do this through training another 10 churches using our Equip programme. In the summer we will pilot a new Gospel Delivery Project in two parts of Sheffield which aims to produce a gospel book bespoke for Sheffield which will eventually be offered to every home in Sheffield. In the Autumn we will grow the Happy Halloween Project so that primary school children are able to engage in the season without it having to be scary.

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#### Future Plans

As the charity looks to grow its presence and impact in the city, we have been delighted to have been offered a city centre office and base of operations – plans for which will further enhance the collaboration and partnership of Together For Sheffield with its supporters and contributors.

Together For Sheffield also plans to add a further summer seasonal campaign in the coming year.

#### **Financial Review**

##### Review of financial performance

During the year, total incoming resources amounted to £229,023 (2024: £215,561). The primary component related to donations from supporters (£137,273, 2024: £213,270).

Resources expended totalled £236,084 (2024: £228,308). The charity achieved a deficit of £7,061 (2024: deficit of £12,747).

##### Reserves policy

At the end of the financial year, the total reserves of the charity amounted to £95,367 (2024: £102,248), consisting of unrestricted general funds of £33,686 (2024: £9,140), designated funds of £3,610 (2024: designated deficit of £1,300) and restricted funds of £58,071 (2024: £94,588).

The Trustees have a reserves policy and consider it prudent to maintain sufficient reserves, not invested in tangible assets but kept unrestricted, to enable the payment of normal running costs. This is set at three months' costs. The Trustees are satisfied that the level of reserves presented in these accounts is satisfactory with respect to the charity's reserves policy.

#### **Structure, governance and management**

##### Governing document

Together for Sheffield, originally founded as Sheffield Cross Links in 2006, embraced its current identity as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation in 2019 to reflect its mission of fostering transformation through collaboration across Sheffield's communities.

##### Trustees and Leadership

The charity is governed by its Trustees, whose details are provided overleaf. The power of appointment or removal of Trustees rests with the Trustees, and new Trustees are selected via an impartial recruitment process. They are well known to the existing Trustees and have demonstrated a high level of commitment and dedication to the vision of the charity by the way in which they model and live out its vision and values. Prior to being appointed, any new Trustees will meet with one of the Chair of Trustees and the CEO in order to understand their responsibilities and the framework within which the charity operates. This induction will include reading and accepting the constitution document and the previous annual report.

The Trustees meet monthly. The Trustees retain responsibility for the overall strategic decisions of the CIO, and are responsible for approving budgets and monitoring on-going financial performance against those budgets. The CEO and staff team make day-to-day decisions on expenditure and activities.

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#### Internal Controls and Risk Management

The Trustees have overall responsibility for the charity's internal controls and risk management procedures.

The Trustees recognise that the nature of some of the charity's work requires acceptance and management of some risk in order to achieve its charitable objectives, and are satisfied that systems and controls in place are sufficient to monitor, manage and mitigate the charity's exposure to these risks.

The Trustees regularly review any significant risks facing the charity and this review will continue in the coming year.

All major insurable risks are subject to normal charity and employer's insurance. Any contracts entered into on behalf of the charity are reviewed before execution in order to ensure that they do not significantly impact the charity's ability to fulfil its objectives.

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### Reference and Administrative Details

**Registered Charity Number** 1115404

**Principal address** 3 Liberty Road  
Sheffield  
S6 5PT

**Trustees** Jonathan Watts – Co-Chairman  
Matthew Gavins – Co-Chairman  
Sandra Keene CBE (resigned 11<sup>th</sup> August 2025)  
Ben Woollard - CEO  
Ben Leach - Treasurer

**Independent Examiner** Julie Robinson  
Footprints Accountancy  
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This report was approved by the Trustees on 19th January 2026 and is signed on their behalf by:

*J C Watts*

Jonathan Watts – Co-Chairman

*Matthew Gavins*

Matthew Gavins – Co-Chairman

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## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

### YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

#### Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Together For Sheffield

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Together For Sheffield ("the charity") for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

#### 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 Act').

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

#### Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

*Julie Robinson*

Julie Robinson  
Independent Examiner

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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

### YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

		2025				2024		
	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Total Funds £
<b>Income from:</b>								
Donations and legacies	4	147,601	4,510	76,277	228,388	60,264	858	215,441
Other trading activities	5	635	-	-	635	-	-	120
<b>Total income</b>		148,236	4,510	76,277	229,023	60,264	858	215,561
<b>Expenditure on:</b>								
Raising funds	6	23,937	900	2,839	27,676	10,471	-	36,486
Charitable activities	7	131,200	-	77,208	208,408	116,245	1,813	191,822
<b>Total expenditure</b>		155,137	900	80,047	236,084	126,716	1,813	228,308
<b>Net (expenditure)/income</b>		(6,901)	3,610	(3,770)	(7,061)	(66,452)	(955)	(12,747)
Transfers between funds		31,447	1,300	(32,747)	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		24,546	4,910	(36,517)	(7,061)	(66,452)	(955)	(12,747)
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>								
Total funds brought forward		9,140	(1,300)	94,588	102,248	75,592	(345)	115,175
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		33,686	3,610	58,071	95,367	9,140	(1,300)	102,428

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

The notes on pages 8 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

**31 MARCH 2025**

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	13	5,374	15,288
Cash at bank and in hand		92,039	87,140
		<u>97,413</u>	<u>102,428</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(2,046)	-
Net current assets		<u>95,367</u>	<u>102,428</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u><b>95,367</b></u>	<u><b>102,428</b></u>
<b>Funds of the charity</b>			
Unrestricted funds		33,686	9,140
Designated funds		3,610	(1,300)
Restricted funds		<u>58,071</u>	<u>94,588</u>
<b>Total charity funds</b>	15	<u><b>95,367</b></u>	<u><b>102,428</b></u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on  
19th January 2026 and are signed on behalf of the board by:



Ben Leach - Treasurer

The notes on pages 8 to 14 form part of these financial statements.



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## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

### **31 MARCH 2025**

#### **1. General information**

The charity is a public benefit entity and is registered in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is 3 Liberty Road, Sheffield, S6 5PT.

#### **2. Statement of compliance**

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', and the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)).

#### **3. Accounting policies**

##### **Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis. They are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity.

##### **Going Concern**

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties around the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

##### **Income**

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

##### **Expenditure**

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

##### **Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

##### **Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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#### Creditors

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

#### Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently recognised at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

#### Pension costs

The company offers a defined contribution pension scheme for its employees. There are no further liabilities other than that already recognised on the charity's balance sheet.

#### Income tax

The charity is exempt for taxation on its income and gains where they are to be applied for charitable purposes.

#### Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future projects or commitments.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

#### Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

#### 4. Income from donations and legacies

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Donations & gifts	137,273	213,270
Gift aid recoverable	1,914	2,171
Grants receivable	89,200	-
	228,388	215,441

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#### 5. Other trading activities

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Sale of merchandise	<b>635</b>	120

#### 6. Expenditure on charitable activities

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
	<b>Note</b>	
Project delivery costs	<b>65,770</b>	26,121
Project resources	<b>22,437</b>	32,220
Prayer	<b>3,600</b>	3,550
Grants & gifts payable	<b>883</b>	150
Staff costs	<b>10</b> <b>105,443</b>	113,020
Support costs	<b>8</b> <b>10,275</b>	16,761
	<b>208,408</b>	191,822

#### 7. Expenditure on raising funds

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
	<b>Note</b>	
Advertising & marketing	<b>17,401</b>	19,726
Support costs	<b>8</b> <b>10,275</b>	16,760
	<b>27,676</b>	36,486

#### 8. Analysis of support costs

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Office and administrative costs	<b>14,883</b>	29,573
Governance costs	<b>5,667</b>	3,948
	<b>20,550</b>	33,521

Support costs are allocated evenly between expenditure on charitable activities and expenditure on raising funds.

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#### 9. Independent examination fees

	2025 £	2024 £
Fees payable to the independent examiner for:		
Independent examination of the financial statements	<u>1,069</u>	<u>1,069</u>

#### 10. Staff costs

Staff costs were as follows:

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Wages and salaries	105,436	77,468
Social security costs including SMP	(5,004)	19,481
Pension costs	5,010	7,459
	<u>105,443</u>	<u>104,408</u>

No employee earned more than £60,000 during the year.

The key management personnel of the charity are the charity's CEO. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel were £45,966 (2024: £51,087).

	2025 No.	2024 No.
Average head count	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>

#### 11. Trustee remuneration

In the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025, as permitted by the constitution of the charity, Ben Woollard – a trustee of the charity – was remunerated in his capacity as CEO of the charity. Remuneration for this trustee was as follows:

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Wages and salaries	39,315	43,536
Social security costs	4,170	4,753
Pension costs	2,481	2,797
	<u>45,966</u>	<u>51,087</u>

Within the year, one trustee incurred and was reimbursed for expenses incurred on behalf of the charity. Total expenses reimbursed to trustees in the year totalled £4,282, and consisted of travel and office costs incurred by the trustees.

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#### 12. Grants paid

In the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025, the charity made a small number of minor grants and gifts to individuals and organisations. Specifics relating to these grants have been omitted on the grounds of materiality and confidentiality.

#### 13. Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Accounts receivable	<u>5,374</u>	<u>15,288</u>

#### 14. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Taxation and social security	<u>2,046</u>	<u>-</u>

#### 15. Analysis of charitable funds

	At 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2025 £
<b>Unrestricted and designated funds</b>					
General funds	9,140	148,236	(155,137)	31,447	33,686
SLIP	(1,300)	-	-	1,300	-
Arise Peaks & Dales	-	4,510	(900)	-	3,610
	<u>7,840</u>	<u>152,746</u>	<u>(156,037)</u>	<u>32,747</u>	<u>37,296</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Arise Sheffield	37,886	-	-	(37,886)	-
Ascend	61,841	76,277	(80,047)	-	58,071
Magazine	(4,343)	-	-	4,343	-
Together For Schools	(21)	-	-	21	-
Empower	315	-	-	(315)	-
Church Without Walls	(1,070)	-	-	1,070	-
Prayer	(20)	-	-	20	-
	<u>94,588</u>	<u>76,277</u>	<u>(80,047)</u>	<u>(32,747)</u>	<u>58,071</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>102,428</u>	<u>229,023</u>	<u>(236,084)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>95,367</u>

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	At 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted and designated funds</b>					
General funds	75,591	60,264	(126,765)	-	9,140
SLIP	(344)	858	(1,813)	-	(1,300)
	75,247	61,122	(128,528)	-	7,840
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Arise Sheffield	7,811	82,337	(52,262)	-	37,886
Ascend	32,354	70,375	(40,888)	-	61,841
Magazine	538	1,727	(6,608)	-	(4,343)
Together For Schools	-	-	(21)	-	(21)
Empower	315	-	-	-	315
Church Without Walls	(1,070)	-	-	-	(1,070)
Prayer	(20)	-	-	-	(20)
	39,928	154,439	(99,779)	-	94,588
<b>Total funds</b>	115,175	215,561	(228,307)	-	102,428

The trustees have undertaken a review of fund accounting with respect to the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025, and have concluded that several funds previously recognised as designated or restricted are in fact indistinguishable from the core activities of the charity (previously referred to as 'TFS Central Services'). In light of this review, the trustees have agreed to consolidate a number of funds previously recognised within the heading 'General funds'. An explanation of the purpose for current and previous funds is given below.

**General funds:** Funds which can be used at the discretion of the trustees to further the objectives of the charity. These funds had previously been accounted for under the name 'TFS Central Services'.

**SLIP:** Funds collected and costs associated with monthly Sheffield Leaders in Prayer events. The balance of funds as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 has been consolidated within General funds following the trustees' review of fund accounting.

**Arise Peaks & Dales:** Funds set aside by the trustees in support of Arise groups meeting in the Peak District.

**Arise Sheffield:** Funds previously raised and defrayed with respect to the Arise project. Following the review of fund accounting, the trustees have agreed that this project is in fact central to the charity's activities and does not therefore require a separate fund. The balance of funds as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 has been consolidated within General funds following the trustees' review of fund accounting.

**Ascend:** Funds raised for the charity's Ascend project, which works to secure meaningful experience and employment for young people within the city of Sheffield.

**Magazine:** Funds raised toward the production of the charity's bi-annual Arise! Magazine. The balance of funds as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 has been consolidated within General funds following the trustees' review of fund accounting.

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**Together For Schools:** Funds raised towards a networking event for school workers. These funds have been fully spent.

**Empower:** Funds raised toward a quarterly prayer meeting. The balance of funds as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 has been consolidated within General funds following the trustees' review of fund accounting.

**Church Without Walls:** Funds raised towards an outdoor worship event. These funds have been fully spent.

**Prayer:** Funds raised to support individuals coordinating prayer across the city of Sheffield. These funds have been fully spent.

#### 16. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Current assets	39,342	58,071	97,413
Creditors less than 1 year	(2,046)	-	(2,046)
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>37,296</b>	<b>58,071</b>	<b>95,367</b>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Current assets	7,840	94,588	102,428
Creditors less than 1 year	-	-	-
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>7,840</b>	<b>94,588</b>	<b>102,428</b>

#### 17. Related party transactions

In the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025, the charity received grant income totalling £62,500 from the Gavins Foundation, a charity of which Matthew Gavins – a trustee of Together For Sheffield – was previously a trustee.

In the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025, the charity received donation income totalling £725 from Ben Leach Associates Limited, a company managed by Ben Leach, a trustee of Together For Sheffield.

During the year, one trustee purchased advertising space within the charity's Arise! Magazine. The purchase took place at a commercial rate.

The charity had no other transactions with related parties in the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025, other than those items disclosed in note 11.