

PHOENIX CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION

REGISTERED CHARITY 1117115

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
AND STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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PHOENIX CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees are pleased to present their report and the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Legal and Administrative

Phoenix Children's Foundation is a registered charity, number 1117115, that was established by Trust Deed dated 26th August 2006.

The objective of the Charity is to provide disabled and severely ill children throughout the UK with vital equipment and/or therapeutic activities. The aim is to help these special needs children with their physical and mental development in order to enhance the quality of their lives.

The trustees review the charity's aims, objectives and activities each year. This review looks at what has been achieved during the year, ensuring that the aims, objectives and activities remain focused on the charity's principal purpose. In carrying out these reviews and in all their duties, the trustees have paid full regard to the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

The charity trustees during the year were:

Mr Douglas Wrenn
Mr Mark Curry
Mr Daniel Smith

Trustees are appointed by members of the charity in executive committee.

Activities and Achievements (2024–25)

The year to 31 March 2025 has been one of resilience, recovery and renewed strength for Phoenix Children's Foundation. Building on lessons from previous challenges, the charity has focused on providing stability, safety and meaningful opportunities for disabled and vulnerable children and young people whose needs continue to grow in both complexity and urgency.

Demand for our SEND and alternative provision has remained high, with many young people attending who find mainstream environments overwhelming or inaccessible. Our forest school approach, animal-assisted experiences and enrichment sessions continue to offer a calm, nurturing space where young people can regulate, build confidence and experience success. For many families, our provision represents not just an activity, but a lifeline during periods of crisis, school breakdown or emotional distress. Safeguarding remains central to all our activities, with robust policies, procedures and oversight in place to protect children, young people and vulnerable adults.

Our animals remain at the heart of our work. They are not only central to our identity but also play a vital role in how young people connect, communicate and begin to build trust. Interactions with animals often provide a bridge where traditional approaches have been unsuccessful, supporting emotional regulation, confidence and social development. All costs for our animals including purchase, welfare and ongoing care are fully supported through our "Sponsor a Pony" and animal sponsorship schemes, alongside income generated through our mobile animal experiences and community visits. This ensures that animal welfare is sustainably funded without drawing on restricted or community-support funding streams.

During the year, livestock costs increased as we replenished our reindeer herd following losses in the previous year. Reindeer are herd animals and do not thrive in very small numbers, so rebuilding the group was necessary for welfare reasons and to maintain established animal care standards. This was funded through animal-specific income streams and seasonal engagement work. The absence of reindeer during the previous Christmas period demonstrated how significant they are, with strong demand from care and community venues. Although many groups kindly accepted alternative visits with our miniature donkeys, it was evident that reindeer experiences were especially valued. Replenishing the herd allowed us to meet Christmas 2024 commitments successfully.

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Activities and Achievements continued

Our animals remain in high demand throughout the year. Nita continues to lead this area of work, taking lambs out during the spring, Shetland ponies and alpacas during the summer months, and reindeer and donkeys during the festive season, visiting care homes, schools, hospitals and community settings. We have also recently expanded our offering to include a mobile petting zoo experience, which has proved extremely popular. This strand of work plays an important dual role: supporting community engagement and wellbeing at a subsidised rate but whilst still covering all animal care, feed, housing and veterinary costs. This structure ensures the animals remain a sustainable, self-supported part of the charity's work.

Charitable income received during the year has instead been directed toward our core charitable objectives. This includes subsidising places for children and young people who would otherwise be unable to attend, supporting families facing financial hardship, improving equipment and facilities, and maintaining safe, accessible provision for those with complex medical, emotional and behavioural needs. Our charitable objectives also enables us to continue subsidised community engagement opportunities so that vulnerable groups can access experiences that promote emotional wellbeing, confidence and social development.

We continued to strengthen our facilities to ensure that our environment remains safe, welcoming and fit for purpose. Additions and improvements to equipment and storage, alongside the purchase of a defibrillator, have enhanced our ability to deliver year-round provision safely. These developments help us respond to children with increasingly complex needs. Operating an outdoor provision continues to present challenges linked to weather and ground conditions, and ongoing site improvements aim to reduce disruption and ensure year-round access wherever possible.

Our staff team remains one of our greatest strengths. Increased staffing ensured safe delivery and strong safeguarding practice, while staff undertook a wide range of training including Safeguarding, Safeguarding for Disabilities, Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, Challenging Behaviour, Team Teach, GDPR, COSHH, Health & Safety, Medication, Fire Safety Awareness Fire Warden Training and Performance Appraisals. This commitment to professional development reflects the level of responsibility involved in supporting young people who may present with trauma, high anxiety or complex additional needs.

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Activities and Achievements continued

Community support has once again been extraordinary. We are deeply grateful for grant support received during the year from organisations including Packington Parish Council, Tesco, Neighbourly and others whose funding has helped us maintain and develop our provision. We also hosted the highest number of corporate volunteering days in our history. Teams from Cadent, Amazon, Severn Trent and other organisations gave their time and energy to undertake demanding physical work across the site. Their practical support has made a visible and lasting difference to our environment and to the experience of the young people who use it.

Despite the pressures facing the voluntary sector, the charity ended the year in a stronger financial position. This improved stability allows us to plan with greater confidence while continuing to respond flexibly to families in urgent need.

Looking ahead, trustees remain committed to growing our provision responsibly, protecting animal welfare, strengthening our facilities and extending support to young people. All activities undertaken during the year directly supported the charity's objective of improving the physical, emotional and developmental wellbeing of disabled and seriously ill children. The year has highlighted both the scale of need within our communities and the unique, compassionate role The Phoenix Children's Foundation plays in meeting that need.

Grant Making Policy

The Charity makes grants to individuals and organisations that promote healthy recreation to special needs and terminally ill children. Donations will also be made to purchase essential equipment and therapy-based activities required by children up to the age of eighteen years.

We also continue to support visits to The Stables to make best use of the facilities.

Reserves Policy

The reserve accounts remain at a stable and healthy amount, and we have also increased this by £18,000.

It remains an objective to accumulate reserves to provide a minimum of 12 months running costs.

Risks Policy

The trustees have assessed the major risks that could affect the Charity and are satisfied that procedures are in place to identify such risks at the earliest opportunity and to address them.

Trustees

As ever, our search for trustees continues and we are looking to appoint another two trustees.

Approved by the Trustees

Mr D Wrenn

Mr M Curry

Mr D Smith

Date

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Phoenix Children's Foundation

I report to the Charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 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 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.

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.

Daniel Johnson
29 January 2026

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Date: _____

PHOENIX CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION
Receipts and Payments Account: Year to 31 March 2025

	<u>2025</u> <u>£</u>	<u>2024</u> <u>£</u>
INCOME		
GENERAL FUND		
Income receipts:		
Income, donations and collections etc.		
Charities Aid and sundry donations	168,719	123,165
Bank Interest Received	951	790
Miscellaneous Livestock Sales	<u>-</u>	<u>400</u>
	169,670	124,355
RESTRICTED FUNDS		
Toilet Replacement		
Grants/Donations	-	-
Forest Enrichment Area		
Grants/Donations	-	-
Fridge/Freezer		
Grants/Donations	500	-
Defibrillator		
Grants/Donations	1,595	-
Yurt Roof Replacement		
Grants/Donations	1,125	2,125
Sensory Room		
Grants/Donations	-	1,500
Flourish Project		
Grant from the National Lottery		
Donation to Flourish with Phoenix CIC	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Incoming Resources	<u><u>172,890</u></u>	<u><u>127,980</u></u>

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	<u>2025</u> £	<u>2024</u> £
EXPENDITURE		
RESTRICTED FUNDS		
Forest School Expenditure	515	4,356
Defibrillator	1,595	-
Replace Yurt Roof	-	1,389
Alternative Education Program	-	870
Toilet replacement	7,346	-
GENERAL FUND		
Payments		
Charitable activity direct expenditure:		
Donations to Flourish With Phoenix CIC	-	-
Donations	-	-
Provision of Therapeutic Activities	600	49,937
Fund Raising costs	3,604	5,290
Livestock Expenses	38,637	12,662
Enrichment Expenses	5,267	7,551
Governance and administration costs:		
Wages	50,497	32,616
Light & Heat	2,843	825
Repairs & Renewals	5,317	8,275
Insurance	1,195	277
Subscriptions	150	70
Postage, printing & stationery	745	309
Telephone/Fax	1,817	822
Accountancy	2,100	-
Bookkeeping Costs	2,762	1,875
Sundry	27	2,387
Loss on Disposal of Polaris Ranger	-	650
Loss on Deceased Reindeer	1,900	8,500
Total payments	<u>126,917</u>	<u>138,661</u>
Net Receipts/(Payments) for the year	<u>45,973</u>	<u>(10,681)</u>
GENERAL FUND	52,209	(7,691)
RESTRICTED FUNDS	<u>(6,236)</u>	<u>(2,990)</u>
	<u>45,973</u>	<u>(10,681)</u>

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 March 2025

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2025</u> <u>£</u>	<u>2024</u> <u>£</u>
Fixed Assets	3	198,472	173,552
Monetary Assets			
Bank Current Account			
- HSBC	7,875	11,135	
Bank Reserve Account			
- HSBC	19,971	1,904	
- HSBC Phoenix Sponsor A Pony	3,226	4,728	
- HSBC Solar Panels	.	.	
- HSBC Savings	<u>45,679</u>	<u>45,485</u>	
		76,751	63,252
Loan - Flourish With Phoenix CIC		14,660	(240)
		<u><u>289,883</u></u>	<u><u>236,564</u></u>
General Fund			
Balance at 1 April 2024	193,125	200,816	
Fund transfer	7,346	-	
Net Receipts/(Payments) for the year	<u>52,209</u>	<u>(7,691)</u>	
		252,680	193,125
Restricted Fund	4		
Balance at 1 April 2024	43,439	46,429	
Fund Transfer	-	-	
Net Receipts/(Payments) for the year	<u>(6,236)</u>	<u>-2,990</u>	
		<u>37,203</u>	<u>43,439</u>
Balance at 31 March 2025		<u><u>289,883</u></u>	<u><u>236,564</u></u>

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Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

1. Accounting Policies

The following accounting policies have been used consistently in the preparation of these accounts.

a) Basis of Accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

2. Taxation

Phoenix Children's Foundation has charitable status and is not liable to taxation.

3. Fixed Assets

Governance and Administration

	Brought forward 01 Apr 24 £	Additions £	Disposals £	Carried forward 31 Mar 25 £
Computer Equipment	8,363	369	-	8,732
Office Furniture and Equipment	12,752	-	-	12,752
Stable (50%)	1,225	-	-	1,225
Office Building	8,227	-	-	8,227
Log Store	318	2,370	-	2,688
	<u>30,885</u>	<u>2,739</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33,624</u>

Charitable Activities

	Brought forward 01 Apr 24 £	Additions £	Disposals £	Carried forward 31 Mar 25 £
Stable (50%)	1,224	-	-	1,224
Classroom	37,279	18,004	-	55,283
Toilet Block	34,478	-	-	34,478
Sensory Garden	14,113	277	-	14,390
Solar Panels	31,730	-	-	31,730
Sheds & Cabin	12,892	-	-	12,892
Biological Assets:				
Reindeer	3,700	5,800	(1,900)	7,600
Donkeys	7,000	-	-	7,000
Goats	250	-	-	250
Polaris Ranger	-	-	-	-
	<u>142,666</u>	<u>24,081</u>	<u>- 1,900</u>	<u>164,847</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>173,552</u>	<u>26,820</u>	<u>(1,900)</u>	<u>198,472</u>

4. Restricted Fund Balances

	<u>2025</u> £	<u>2024</u> £
Facilities at Stable Yard	29,563	29,563
Forest Enrichment Area	879	1,394
Toilet Replacement	-	7,346
Defibrillator	-	-
Yurt Roof Replacement	4,261	3,136
Sensory Room	2,000	2,000
Fridge/Freezer	500	-
	<u>37,203</u>	<u>43,439</u>

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5. Sponsor A Pony

A small group of miniature ponies, donkeys, alpacas and reindeer is kept by the Charity. These are taken to venues, such as hospitals, schools, care homes and hospices. They are part of the fundraising operation in that they generate support from the public. They are also used at the Charity premises in provision of therapeutic activities, thus fulfilling the charitable objective.

The Trustees are aware of the importance of these animals in both roles, but are also conscious of the costs involved. Consequently, a Sponsor a Pony Scheme was started with the ultimate intention of this scheme fully funding their upkeep, as it continues to achieve.

Other income includes donations to the above scheme, these funds being utilised for the upkeep and welfare of the animals. Costs are allocated between Fund Raising Costs and Provision of Therapeutic Activities.

6. Flourish with Phoenix Community Interest Company

On 18 February 2019, Flourish with Phoenix Community Interest Company was incorporated with the intention of addressing the issues that young people have in improving their life chances and quality of life. It enables services to be provided on a fee basis with any excess income being paid to Phoenix Children's Foundation. During the year under review, the company has made significant donations to the charity.

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