

Company registration number: 05830381  
Charity registration number: 1118283

**THE DODDRIDGE CENTRE LIMITED  
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND  
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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The Doddridge Centre Limited  
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**The Doddridge Centre Limited**  
**Company No. 05830381**  
**Trustees' Report For The Year Ended 31 March 2025**

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

## **Objectives and Activities**

### **Aims and Objectives**

Our charity's purposes as set out in the objects contained in the company's Memorandum of Association are:

- Our mission is to promote any charitable purpose within Northamptonshire and the surrounding areas. (The area of benefit);
- By providing groups operating within the area of benefit with necessary accommodation and facilities to enable such organisations to carry out their charitable work.
- To advance educational opportunities to the public;
- To provide life skills opportunities that empowers people to make their own decisions and communicate their choices;
- To work to end isolation and improve wellbeing amongst community members;
- To relieve poverty by providing facilities and support for community members suffering hardship, and support for other organisations which give help to people suffering hardship;
- To undertake community development and community activities in furtherance of these charitable aims.

The aim of our charity is to continue to provide the highest quality services to non-profit organisations and community groups providing them with the best opportunities and developing their tools and strategies to help them and us achieve a more just society.

Each year we review our objectives and activities to ensure they continue to reflect our aims. We refer to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when carrying out this review and when planning our future activities. The review helps us to ensure our aim, objectives and activities remain focused on our stated purposes.

### **Significant Activities**

Each year we review our objectives and activities to ensure they continue to reflect our aims. We refer to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when carrying out this review and when planning our future activities. The review helps us to ensure our aim, objectives and activities remain focused on our stated purposes.

Our model that has, once again, allowed us to be partially self-financing is room / building hire and office rental, which has led holistically to the development of a range of capacity building services for the wider community and supporting the idea of a Community Hub. During the year ended 31 March 2025, we provided the following services.

- Accommodation for charitable and community organisations (some free or subsidised)
- Working in partnership with other organisations
- Initial advice and guidance to the local community
- Volunteering
- Office hire for small, non-profit or charitable organisations.
- Provided warm spaces for the local community to use.
- Provided a food parcel provision.
- Provided a variety of groups, activities, events and classes for the community to engage with.
- Provided a community wardrobe facility.

The two centres support organisations that use the facilities as permanent offices, as a conference venue, or as a space in which to perform dance, creative crafts and other recreational activities. In short, we act as a resource centre, providing office spaces and meeting rooms to circa 50 separate organisations as well as developing the concept of a Community Hub for local residents. This involves being able to access a range of services, advice and guidance through office users and partnership arrangements. Office hirers are encouraged to give back to the community through their own business model.

We continue to see a growing interest in room hire, proving that there is still a real need for value-for- money accommodation, in a friendly and non-threatening ambience venue such as that offered by the Doddridge Centre.

We are proud to be able to offer volunteering and student placement opportunities working closely with the University of Northampton for this purpose. We have seen a growing number of dedicated volunteers over the last year with many committing to running their own groups and activities. This has meant that we have been able to expand our offerings in relation to services and provide a variety of different support to meet the needs of the whole community. We have encouraged our volunteers to really think about what they would need or like to see in the centre, giving them the facilities to be able to offer these out to others who would benefit. We also created a role of a Community Outreach worker who was responsible for offering activities such as CV writing and interview skills, networking events, providing support to the community and working with external organisations to create partnership working opportunities.

We have been able to create a warm, welcoming community space for the whole community to use, offering Wi-Fi, refreshments and a safe space to sit and engage with others. Along with this, we have been able to continue to offer a community wardrobe which allows for individuals and families to come to the centre, swap, donate or take clothing and shoes that they require, alleviating the financial pressure on many. Thanks to funding, we have also been able to offer food parcels to local families living in the NN5 area throughout the year assisting to relieve poverty and deprivation during the difficult times.

Our groups and activities grew to include, seniors lunch club, children's crafts, breakfast club, Rhyme-time, family craft sessions, monthly community events, youth club and more.

We continue to offer a form of catering service to groups using the centres, this includes our own hosted community events such our lunch clubs for senior citizens and toddlers, with outside caterers for larger and private events where requested. We are offering an enhanced service in conjunction with various suppliers, dependant on needs, along with conference and meeting room equipment, including flip charts, a Multi-purpose DLP Projector, Laptop computer, Media TV, mobile TV, video & DVD players, and Hearing Induction Loops in every room.

# The Doddridge Centre Limited Trustees' Report (continued) For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

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## Public Benefit

Our primary purpose is to provide charitable organisations and community groups with suitable accommodation, quality services and support such that it enables them to carry out their charitable work. Inextricably linked to this purpose is the aim of contributing to the public good by promoting the work of resident agencies and regular user groups whenever possible, by offering straight forward booking procedures, by welcoming user groups and their clients to the centre and ensuring our facilities and services meet their high expectations. All our activities are undertaken to further our charitable purposed for the public benefit.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

## Financial Review

### Financial Position

The trustees report a surplus for the year of £121,007 compared to £46,871 in the previous year.

We received £235,298 in external grant funding, of which £130,551 was restricted. We generated £123,776 from charitable trading activities and £1,986 from investments. We received £194 in donations.

As at March 2025 we held net unrestricted funds of £97,715 in cash and £90,951 of restricted funds made up of £80,837 in energy efficient fixed assets and £10,114 in cash.

The trustees are proud of the fact that each year we continue to generate a high proportion of income from our services. Greatly appreciated financial support was received from various funders including and through Northamptonshire Community Foundation, West Northamptonshire Council and others.

### Reserves Policy

The reserves policy of the charity is based on having free reserves at a level sufficient to provide six months cover in the event of delays in receipt of unrestricted grants or accrued legacies, together with a sum required to meet any capital commitments. As of 31st March 2025, this has been set at £40,000. The total unrestricted fund stands at £97,715. The charity has several restricted funds as detailed in note 20 totaling £90,951 (2024: £9,674) . These are where the donor has specified the purpose for which the money can be spent.

## Structure, Governance and Management

### Trustee Selection Methods

The Memorandum & Articles of Association provides for a minimum of 3 Directors. Directors can be appointed by the charity in a general meeting as co-opted until formally ratified at the next Annual General Meeting (AGM), by the other directors. Doddridge Memorial United Reform Church (DMURC) set up the charity in 1995 with the purpose of converting existing church buildings into a multi-use, multi-agency, and multi-faith community facility. DMURC no longer uses the building for worship and ceased to use it in 2019.

The members of the Executive Committee (the Trustees) are elected annually and offer a wide range of skills in the fields of community involvement, faith-based work, finance, and law. Trustees identify and approach individuals to fill any perceived gaps in skills or knowledge and ensure the Executive Committee reflects the local community.

The Trustees seek to ensure the needs of user groups are represented by inviting existing User Groups and Resident Agencies to nominate a User Group Representative to the Executive Committee. We currently have four representatives.

Most Trustees are already familiar with the practical work of the charity, mainly being drawn from regular visitors of the centre and existing Trustee networks. New Trustees are provided with a Trustee Induction Pack which includes copies of the Policies & Procedures adopted by the charity, the latest Annual Report, Accounts and Governing Documents. They are also made aware of the history and ethos of the organisation to familiarise themselves with the charity and the context in which it operates.

### Infrastructure

It is thanks to the wonderful funders mentioned below, that we have been able to offer these services, and these include Garfield Weston, Sports England, Northampton Community Aid, Northampton Town Council, UK Shared Prosperity Fund, National Lottery – Reaching Communities, Office of Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, Northampton Partnership Homes, VCSE Energy Efficiency, Far Away Children's Charity and West Northamptonshire Council, who all provided funding toward core costs allowing us to continue to run the centre whilst the project work was undertaken. Without this funding, we would not have been able to continue to keep the building warm, cover additional staffing hours or continue our business-as-usual services.

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## Infrastructure - continued

We have been able to provide a wide range of services to the community, and this is ever expanding as we continue to grow and meet the needs of local individuals and families. We have continued to provide infrastructure support and advice to small start-up groups where needed. This has included signposting to models for various policies, support and advice in completing funding applications, contacts for further advice, and often the most valuable is the networking aspect with similar or like-minded organisations. Whilst this has obviously been reduced greatly, there still has been a need locally within the community. There has been increased interest in the centre, which is expected to continue indefinitely, indeed we have reached full room occupancy with one office set aside for ad-hoc per-session hire.

We continue to maintain both sites to a high standard as funds allow and have a regular group of traders who assist us in repairs, maintenance and scheduling of works. We respond quickly to any repairs tasks that become apparent, though we do have to prioritise repairs in terms of risk and importance to the function of the centre. With a large Victorian building coupled with fast increasing utility costs we are seeking funding to replace many of the windows with double glazed units and a more efficient way of heating our large hall, as we are ever mindful of reducing our costs and causing less damage to our environment. As such we have installed solar panels and secondary glazing throughout the centre as well as insulation, this was achieved through an energy efficiency grant. We have continued to engage in exploratory talks with the landlord following their request to review the lease agreement and these have been fruitful. Maintenance costs formed part of that discussion, as did purchase of the building and we continue to negotiate and liaise with the landlords regarding this with the hope of the Option Agreement being finalised imminently.

## Risk Management

The Executive Committee has assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, specifically those related to the operations and finances of the charity and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate our exposure to the major risks. The Trustees do not believe the charity is subject to any substantial risk beyond the liabilities disclosed in the Annual Report and Accounts. The organisation has public liability and employer liability insurance to protect the charity in the case of a claim. The trustees, having taken advice, have introduced risk management processes to assess risks and implement risk management strategies. These include regular risk assessments by appropriately trained members of staff.

## Organisational Structure

At present the Executive Committee consists of four Trustees who meet approximately every 6 weeks and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. The Centre Director is also in attendance at committee meetings but has no voting rights. Other members of staff attend meetings as and when deemed appropriate by the Trustees.

The Centre Director has overall day to day responsibility of the charity; its fundraising, its profile and networks, new opportunities, premises, staff and volunteers and general day to day management of the charity and its buildings.

## Reference and Administrative Details

### Trustees

Mr Graham Croucher - Chair  
Mr Shankar Meembat - Treasurer  
Ms Julie Letts - Secretary  
Mr Ian Whippey

### Other Personnel

Rachel Bott - Senior Manager

### Charity Number

1118283

### Company Number

05830381

### Registered Office

109 St James Road  
Northampton  
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**The Doddridge Centre Limited  
Trustees' Report (continued)  
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025**

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**Independent Examiner**

Nasir Mukhtar ACPA CPFA SAIA  
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## The Doddridge Centre Limited Trustees' Report (continued) For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

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### Other Information

#### The Future

During the year ended 31st March 2025 we have continued to move from strength to strength providing a variety of services and support to the community, aiming to meet their needs and help to reduce poverty and deprivation. With the rising costs of living, we have focused on providing support in relation to food poverty, warm spaces, clothing and providing support in relation to employment and education. Our offerings continued to grow with the success of numerous grants and donations which have allowed us to go above and beyond in our work with the community. We have become re-established as a community hub which meets the needs of not only individuals and families but also charities, voluntary groups and non-profit organisations.

We will continue to review our offer and service constantly to ensure it is consistent with our aims and articles and so that it is ethical but cost effective. We will continue to seek more income generation projects so that we can become more self-supporting. This includes constant review of our hire rates so that they cover our costs but remain competitive. In recent years we have tried to keep prices lower, with everyone's rising costs in mind, and this has helped return more bookings. We are also at the early stages of looking at setting up a further arm of the charity that will generate income for the centre such as a good quality second hand goods/charity shop of which research has shown there is a need for in the area. Research has also shown that this type of initiative can potentially return a good income for our charity, which will help with our costs and enhance the activities that we provide for the community, in line with, and augmenting our charitable aims.

As always, we are keen to listen to the needs and wants of the local community ensuring that we are meeting their needs and providing services and support that they want to engage in. It is important that the community has an active and listened to voice within the centre and their needs continue to be met by a variety of different methods. We are engaging with the community regarding the opportunity to purchase the building and will look to deliver a campaign with which they will feel valued and a key asset to the process.

The Doddridge Centre is the heart of the community and puts its centre users at the forefront of its offerings. As such, we are passionate about ensuring that the centre continues to be a safe, welcoming space for the whole community to utilise and benefit from. We are hopeful of continuing to expand our services as per the request of the community and providing spaces for local organisations to meet the needs of their own service users. We are particularly keen on expanding our partnership working, especially within the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) sector, allowing for more opportunities to be explored and developed over the coming years.

The future continues to look much brighter overall, with a continuing awareness of our brand and services, however we remain aware of the continuing financial challenge of rising costs and increased competition for less grant funding.

### Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of The Doddridge Centre Limited 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).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statement 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 the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing the financial statements the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

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

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

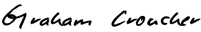
### Small Company Rules

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

**The Doddridge Centre Limited  
Trustees' Report (continued)  
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025**

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The trustees' report was approved by the board of trustees and signed on its behalf by:

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Mr Graham Croucher

Trustee  
15th December 2025

**The Doddridge Centre Limited  
Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Doddridge Centre Limited  
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025**

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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 trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent Examiner's Statement**

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 The Association of International Accountants, 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 the Company 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.

Signed by:

*Nasir Mukhtar*

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17th December 2025  
1 Weedon Road  
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**The Doddridge Centre Limited**  
**Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)**  
**For The Year Ended 31 March 2025**

			2025	2024
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:</b>				
Donations and legacies	3	194	-	194
Charitable activities:	4			
Community Outreach		104,747	130,551	235,298
Office Space		111,944	-	111,944
Catering		1,960	-	1,960
Other trading activities	5	9,872	-	9,872
Investments	6	1,986	-	1,986
		<u>230,703</u>	<u>130,551</u>	<u>361,254</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>				
Raising funds	9	1	-	1
Charitable activities:	9			
Community Outreach		(190,974)	(49,274)	(240,248)
		<u>(190,973)</u>	<u>(49,274)</u>	<u>(240,247)</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>		<u>39,730</u>	<u>81,277</u>	<u>121,007</u>
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<u>39,730</u>	<u>81,277</u>	<u>121,007</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:</b>				
Total funds brought forward		57,985	9,674	67,659
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	20	<u>97,715</u>	<u>90,951</u>	<u>188,666</u>

The notes on pages 11 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

**The Doddridge Centre Limited**  
**Comparative Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)**  
**For The Year Ended 31 March 2025**

		<b>2024</b>		
		<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>Total funds</b>
	<b>Notes</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:</b>				
Donations and legacies	<b>3</b>	4,507	-	4,507
Charitable activities:	<b>4</b>			
Community Outreach		63,404	20,712	84,116
Office Space		112,650	-	112,650
Catering		1,802	-	1,802
Other trading activities	<b>5</b>	7,361	-	7,361
Investments	<b>6</b>	470	-	470
		<u>190,194</u>	<u>20,712</u>	<u>210,906</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>				
Charitable activities:	<b>9</b>			
Community Outreach		(132,992)	(31,043)	(164,035)
<b>NET INCOME</b>		<u>57,202</u>	<u>(10,331)</u>	<u>46,871</u>
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<u>57,202</u>	<u>(10,331)</u>	<u>46,871</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:</b>				
Total funds brought forward		783	20,005	20,788
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>20</b>	<u><u>57,985</u></u>	<u><u>9,674</u></u>	<u><u>67,659</u></u>

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**The Doddridge Centre Limited**  
**Statement of Financial Position**  
**As At 31 March 2025**

				2025	2024
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible Assets	13	-	80,837	80,837	-
		-	80,837	80,837	-
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	14	13,823	-	13,823	8,494
Cash at bank and in hand		135,168	10,114	145,282	67,183
		148,991	10,114	159,105	75,677
<b>Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year</b>	15	(50,636)	-	(50,636)	(8,018)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)</b>		98,355	10,114	108,469	67,659
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		98,355	90,951	189,306	67,659
<b>Creditors: Amounts Falling Due After More Than One Year</b>	16	(640)	-	(640)	-
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		97,715	90,951	188,666	67,659
<b>FUNDS OF THE CHARITY</b>					
Restricted Funds				90,951	9,674
Unrestricted Funds				97,715	57,985
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	20			188,666	67,659

For the year ending 31 March 2025 the charitable company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 479a of the Companies Act 2006 relating to subsidiary companies.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 15 December 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

Mr Graham Croucher

Trustee

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*Graham Croucher*

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The notes on pages 11 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

Mr Shankar Meembat

Trustee

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*Shankar Meembat*

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# The Doddridge Centre Limited

## Notes to the Financial Statements

### For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

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#### 1. General Information

The Doddridge Centre Limited is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England & Wales, registered number 05830381 and registered charity number 1118283. The registered office is 109 St James Road, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN5 5LD.

#### 2. Accounting Policies

##### 2.1. Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) "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) (effective 1 January 2019)", Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Companies Act 2006.

The charitable company is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

##### 2.2. Going Concern Disclosure

The trustees have not identified any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt about the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern.

##### 2.3. Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

##### 2.4. Incoming Resources

All income is included in the financial statements when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers. Intangible income, in the form of donated facilities and voluntary help etc., is not included in the financial statements since it is not considered practicable to quantify such income.

##### 2.5. Resources Expended

Expenditure is stated inclusive of Value Added Tax (VAT) and brought into account in the year in which it is due.

##### 2.6. Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of the fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Plant & Machinery	Straight Line Basis over 25 years
Fixtures & Fittings	Straight Line Basis over 15 years

##### 2.7. Investments

Grants received in advance are paid into a higher interest savings account with no restrictions on access. Funds are transferred when required to the current account. No funds are tied up in long term investments.

Interest is brought into account on a receivable basis.

##### 2.8. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and are readily convertible to a known amount of cash with insignificant risk of change in value, and bank overdrafts.

##### 2.9. Pensions

The charitable company operates a defined pension contribution scheme. Contributions are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme. The charity operates a National Employment Savings Trust (NEST) defined contribution pension scheme.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**  
**For The Year Ended 31 March 2025**

**2.10. Government Grant**

Government grants are recognised in the statement of financial activities in an appropriate manner that matches them with the expenditure towards which they are intended to contribute.

Grants for immediate financial support or to cover costs already incurred are recognised immediately in the statement of financial activities. Grants towards general activities of the entity over a specific period are recognised in the statement of financial activities over that period.

Grants towards fixed assets are recognised over the expected useful lives of the related assets and are treated as deferred income and released to the statement of financial activities over the useful life of the asset concerned.

All grants in the statement of financial activities are recognised when all conditions for receipt have been complied with.

**3. Income from Donations and Legacies**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>funds</b>	<b>funds</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Donations and gifts	194	4,507

**4. Income from Charitable Activities**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>funds</b>	<b>funds</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Community Outreach	104,747	130,551
Office Space	111,944	-
Catering	1,960	-
	218,651	130,551
	349,202	198,568

**Grants, included above, are as follows:**

Reaching Communities Fund £40,000.00 (Unrestricted)

VCSE Energy Efficiency Fund £85,155.00 (Restricted)

UK Shared Prosperity Fund £20,535.00 (Restricted)

Household Support Fund £10,147.00 (Restricted)

**5. Income from Other Trading Activities**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Total funds</b>
	<b>funds</b>	
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Fundraising events	9,872	7,361

**6. Investment Income**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>funds</b>	<b>funds</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Bank interest receivable	1,986	470

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**7. Government Grants**

Government grants recognised in the accounts were as follows:

WNC HSF	£2,147.25	Core costs
WNC Community fund	£9,609.60	Core costs
WNC Arts and Culture fund	£4,999.00	Library worker
WNC	£1,500.00	Core costs (warm spaces)
Northampton Town Council	£2,088.00	Podcasting equipment
UK Shared prosperity fund	£20,535.00	Worker and apprentice

	2025	2024
	£	£
Local Authority Grants	40,879	10,045

**8. Net Income/(Expenditure)**

The net income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2025	2024
	£	£
Bad debts	-	(736)
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets - owned	4,318	-

**9. Analysis of Expenditure**

	2025		
	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs (see note 10)	Total
	£	£	£
Raising funds	-	(1)	(1)
Community Outreach	139,422	100,826	240,248
	139,422	100,825	240,247

	2024		
	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs (see note 10)	Total
	£	£	£
Community Outreach	118,391	45,644	164,035

**10. Support Costs**

	2025		
	Raising funds	Community Outreach	Total
	£	£	£
Employee costs:			
Wages and salaries	-	7,448	7,448
Employers pensions - defined contributions scheme	-	1,120	1,120
Staff training	-	298	298
Premises expenses:			
Rent	-	4,740	4,740

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Rates	-	878	878
Light and heat	-	30,147	30,147
Water rates	-	2,582	2,582
Repairs and maintenance	-	16,971	16,971
Cleaning	-	2,471	2,471
Premises insurance	-	4,517	4,517
General administration:			
Advertising and marketing costs	-	633	633
Telecommunications and data costs	-	3,438	3,438
Independent examiner's fees	-	3,380	3,380
Accountancy fees	-	4,800	4,800
Professional fees	-	2,664	2,664
Bank charges	-	1,765	1,765
Other office costs	-	5,423	5,423
Sundry expenses	(1)	2,823	2,822
Depreciation:			
Depreciation of plant and machinery	-	2,039	2,039
Depreciation of fixtures and fittings	-	2,279	2,279
Interest payable:			
Bank interest payable	-	10	10
Governance costs:			
Independent examiner's fees	-	400	400
	(1)	100,826	100,825

	<b>2024</b>
	<b>Community Outreach</b>
	<b>£</b>
Employee costs:	
Employers pensions - defined contributions scheme	1,013
Premises expenses:	
Light and heat	33,764
Cleaning	2,071
General administration:	
Independent examiner's fees	3,380
Accountancy fees	2,957
Bad debts written off	(736)
Governance costs:	
Independent examiner's fees	400
Consultancy fees	2,795
	<u>45,644</u>

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**11. Independent Examiner's Remuneration**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Independent examination of the financial statements	400	400
Other assurance services	-	-
Tax advisory services	-	-
Other financial services	3,380	3,380
	<u>3,780</u>	<u>3,780</u>

Mukhtar & Co Accountants and Tax Advisers also received £4,800 on account of costs incurred for bookkeeping provided by a third party.

**12. Average Number of Employees**

Average number of employees during the year was: 11 (2024: 6)

**13. Tangible Assets**

	<b>Plant &amp; Machinery</b>	<b>Fixtures &amp; Fittings</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Cost</b>			
As at 1 April 2024	-	-	-
Additions	50,965	34,190	85,155
As at 31 March 2025	<u>50,965</u>	<u>34,190</u>	<u>85,155</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>			
As at 1 April 2024	-	-	-
Provided during the period	2,039	2,279	4,318
As at 31 March 2025	<u>2,039</u>	<u>2,279</u>	<u>4,318</u>
<b>Net Book Value</b>			
As at 31 March 2025	<u>48,926</u>	<u>31,911</u>	<u>80,837</u>
As at 1 April 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

**14. Debtors**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Due within one year</b>		
Trade debtors	5,811	-
Other debtors	8,012	8,494
	<u>13,823</u>	<u>8,494</u>

**15. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade creditors	42,818	-
Other loans	4,328	1,886
Other creditors	-	4,920
Taxation and social security	3,490	532
Accruals and deferred income	-	680
	<u>50,636</u>	<u>8,018</u>

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**16. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due After More Than One Year**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Payments on account	640	-

**17. Loans**

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Amounts falling due within one year or on demand:		
Other loans	4,328	1,886

**19. Pension Commitments**

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charitable company in an independently administered fund.

During the year the charge to the statement of financial activities in respect of defined contribution schemes was £1,120 (2024: £1,013).

At the statement of financial position date contributions of £NIL were due to the fund and are included in creditors.

**20. Movement in Funds**

	<b>As at 1 April 2024</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>As at 31 March 2025</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General:				
General unrestricted fund	57,985	230,703	(190,973)	97,715
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
NTC Newsletters	339	-	(333)	6
Warm Spaces Funding	2,233	1,501	(2,499)	1,235
Anchor Senior Lunch	1,926	-	(1,926)	-
Cllr Events	38	-	(9)	29
Lunch and Play 3000	702	-	(558)	144
Faraway Summer 500	431	-	(426)	5
Skipton YC 1500	1,404	100	(1,260)	244
National Grid Funding	1,228	-	-	1,228
Barchester Transport 500	350	-	(105)	245
Locality - restricted premise	1,023	-	-	1,023
Cooking on a budget	-	1,000	-	1,000
Forever Young Fitness Class	-	2,890	(1,900)	990
Cooking with CYP (NCA)	-	504	(251)	253
McCarthy Stone Foundation	-	1,464	(744)	720
Podcast Equipment - NTC	-	2,088	(1,448)	640
Household Support Fund	-	10,147	(8,628)	1,519
UKSPF	-	20,535	(20,535)	-
PCC	-	2,926	(935)	1,991
Festive Fun Day	-	1,300	(1,284)	16

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WNC Library	-	941	(2,115)	(1,174)
VCSE Energy Efficiency Fund	-	85,155	(4,318)	80,837
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<b>9,674</b>	<b>130,551</b>	<b>(49,274)</b>	<b>90,951</b>
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>67,659</b>	<b>361,254</b>	<b>(240,247)</b>	<b>188,666</b>
	<b>As at 1 April 2023</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>As at 31 March 2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General:				
General unrestricted fund	783	190,194	(132,992)	57,985
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
NTC Newsletters	-	339	-	339
Warm Spaces Funding	1,478	1,750	(995)	2,233
Anchor Senior Lunch	-	3,000	(1,074)	1,926
Cllr Events	-	38	-	38
Lunch and Play 3000	-	3,000	(2,298)	702
Faraway Summer 500	-	431	-	431
Skipton YC 1500	-	1,404	-	1,404
Hillard Trust YC Salary	-	1,000	(1,000)	-
National Grid Funding	8,880	-	(7,652)	1,228
Barchester Transport 500	-	500	(150)	350
Locality - restricted premise	-	5,400	(4,377)	1,023
Councillor Covid Fund	24	-	(24)	-
NFC Global Goals	931	-	(880)	51
NPH Happy to help fund	-	300	(351)	(51)
NCF Family Food Aid	256	-	(256)	-
WMT Trains Fund	267	-	(267)	-
Tots Faraway fund	216	250	(466)	-
Cooking on a budget	700	-	(700)	-
Northampton Community St.Giles	4,051	-	(4,051)	-
Northampton Community Kitchen	684	-	(684)	-
Northampton Town Laptops	2,500	-	(2,500)	-
WNC Finance	18	-	(18)	-
Lottery Summer Project	-	2,000	(2,000)	-
Toy Trust Xmas 23	-	800	(800)	-
Faraway Child Trust Easter	-	500	(500)	-
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<b>20,005</b>	<b>20,712</b>	<b>(31,043)</b>	<b>9,674</b>
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>20,788</b>	<b>210,906</b>	<b>(164,035)</b>	<b>67,659</b>

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**The funds represent restricted income and restricted expenditure relating to**

NTC Newsletters – published newsletters for the local community

Warm space funding – utilised to provide a safe, inclusive space for the local community

Anchor – utilised towards preparing and serving seniors lunch

Cllr Events – utilised for events for the local community

Lunch and Play 3000 – utilised towards providing developmental play and lunch for local children and their parent/carers

Faraway summer – utilised towards activities for the local children during the summer holidays

Skipton YC – utilised towards the running of youth club

National Grid Funding – providing warm packs and the running of the warm spaces

Barchester Transport – providing transport membership for the seniors

Locality – utilised towards the legal fees in relation to the building

Cooking on a budget – to be utilised towards ingredients for the cooking on a budget course

Forever Young Fitness – utilised towards the hire of an exercise instructor to run sessions

Cooking with CYP – utilised towards running cooking classes for children and young people

McCarthy Stone Foundation – utilised towards afternoon tea and activities for seniors

Podcasting equipment – utilised towards the purchase of podcasting equipment for building the profile

Household Support fund – utilised towards purchasing household items/food/vouchers for the local community

UKSPF – UK Shared Prosperity fund utilised towards the salary of the Community Development Worker

PCC – utilised towards the staff costs and running of the youth club

Festive Fun Day – utilised towards providing a free, fun, festive community day

WNC Library – utilised towards the salary of the Library Assistant, providing 6 hours of cover per week

VCSE Energy Efficiency Fund- Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise funding towards energy efficiency upgrades to building

Reaching Communities Fund - Core cost funding towards running of centre

**21. Transactions with Trustees**

None of the trustees received any remuneration or any other benefits from an employment with the charity or a related entity during the current or previous year.

No trustee expenses have been incurred.

**22. Related Party Disclosures**

Key management personnel (including directors) received compensation of £40,477 (2024: £33,254)

During the year, the charitable company employed under standard terms Mr Croucher and the total remuneration was £5,175.72 for the Caretakers' role.

**Mr Croucher**

Family member of trustee

Salary of £5,175.72

**23. Controlling Parties**

The charitable company's ultimate controlling party is The Company Directors who are also the Trustees of the Charity.

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**24. Company limited by guarantee**

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company, in the event of a winding up, such an amount as may be required not exceeding £1.

**The Doddridge Centre Limited**  
**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)**  
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	2025	2024
	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations and gifts	194	4,507
	194	4,507
<b>Charitable Activities:</b>		
<b>Community Outreach</b>		
Income from charitable activities	235,298	84,116
	235,298	84,116
<b>Office Space</b>		
Rental income	111,944	112,650
	111,944	112,650
<b>Catering</b>		
Sale of goods or services	1,960	1,802
	1,960	1,802
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Fundraising events	9,872	7,361
	9,872	7,361
<b>Investments</b>		
Bank interest receivable	1,986	470
	1,986	470
	361,254	210,906
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>		
<b>Raising funds</b>		
Sundry expenses	1	-
	1	-
<b>Charitable Activities:</b>		
<b>Community Outreach</b>		
Purchases	-	(469)
Charitable Project Costs	(44,956)	(31,043)
Tools	(165)	-
Wages and salaries	(94,301)	(76,833)
Travel and subsistence expenses	-	(102)
Support and administration costs	-	(6,999)
Data and telecommunications costs	-	(2,196)
Bank charges	-	(749)
Wages and salaries	(7,448)	-
Employers pensions - defined contributions scheme	(1,120)	(1,013)
Staff training	(298)	-
Rent	(4,740)	-
Rates	(878)	-
Light and heat	(30,147)	(33,764)
Water rates	(2,582)	-

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Repairs and maintenance	(16,971)	-
Cleaning	(2,471)	(2,071)
Premises insurance	(4,517)	-
Advertising and marketing costs	(633)	-
Telecommunications and data costs	(3,438)	-
Independent examiner's fees	(3,380)	(3,380)
Accountancy fees	(4,800)	(2,957)
Professional fees	(2,664)	-
Bank charges	(1,765)	-
Bad debts written off	-	736
Other office costs	(5,423)	-
Sundry expenses	(2,823)	-
Depreciation of plant and machinery	(2,039)	-
Depreciation of fixtures and fittings	(2,279)	-
Bank interest payable	(10)	-
Independent examiner's fees	(400)	(400)
Consultancy fees	-	(2,795)
	<u>(240,248)</u>	<u>(164,035)</u>
	<u>(240,247)</u>	<u>(164,035)</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<u>121,007</u>	<u>46,871</u>