

**Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 March 2025
for
Hart Voluntary Action Limited**



Registered Company Number: 05982733 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity Number: 1119912

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 March 2025

Reference and Administrative Details

Company Registered number	05982733 (England & Wales)
Registered Charity number	1119912
Registered Office	Civic Offices Harlington Way Fleet Hampshire GU51 4AE
Trustees	I Booth (Chairman) M Rawlins (Vice-Chairman) B East (Treasurer) L Alderson D Astles M Covacic (resigned 20 January 2025) M Dolan (co-opted 21 February 2025) M Gaynor (co-opted 21 February 2025) NI Phillips (resigned 1 July 2024) W Roberts (resigned 20 January 2025) G Woods (resigned 20 January 2025)
Ex-Officio Appointed by Hart District Council	Cllr Peter Wildsmith
Company Secretary	Caroline Winchurch
Independent Examiner	Anna Coote MAAT Gilroy & Brookes Accountants Ltd Chartered Accountants Suite 15, The Enterprise Centre Coxbridge Business Park Farnham Surrey GU10 5EH
Bankers	National Westminster Bank plc 31-37 Victoria Road Farnborough Hampshire GU14 7NR

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 March 2025

The Trustees, who are also Directors of the Charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 2015).

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

Hart Voluntary Action Limited is a charitable company limited by guarantee and was incorporated on 30 October 2006. It took over the operations, assets (excluding the fixed assets which were held at nil value) and liabilities of Hart Voluntary Action on 1 April 2008. The governing documents are the Articles of Association, which were replaced with the approval of the membership at Hart Voluntary Action's Annual General Meeting on 12 November 2018.

Organisational Structure

The Trustees are responsible for governance, including setting the Charity's strategy and policies, and reviewing progress against objectives. The Chief Executive, working closely with the Trustees, carries out the day-to-day management of the Charity. However, all Trustees are encouraged to take an interest in the Charity's programme of activities and provide additional support to staff service leads.

Appointment of Trustees

The appointment of Trustees is approved at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). During the year, additional Trustees may be co-opted by the Board of Trustees for formal adoption at the next AGM. New Trustees are recruited by formal appeal to the Charity's member organisations, through personal contacts of staff and the existing Trustees and via the Hart Volunteer Centre.

Trustee induction and training

Trustees are formally inducted in the work of the Charity and their own responsibilities as a Trustee over a period of months. This initially involves discussions with Honorary Officers and other Trustees, briefings by the Chairman and Chief Executive, and a review of the latest Annual Report, Annual Accounts and current services. Any training for new or existing Trustees is scheduled as required.

Risk Assessment

A formal risk assessment procedure is in place using Charity Commission guidelines. The Trustees review the major risks and their implications and measures are taken to mitigate potentially adverse effects. The procedures continue to be maintained and monitored on an ongoing basis. Regular reviews of the Charity's policies and governance procedures fall to the Human Resources and Governance Sub-Committee, whilst the Financial and Strategy Sub-Committee is responsible for reviewing financial and strategic planning for the Charity.

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Public Benefit Statement

The Trustees, in carrying out their duties, have due regard to the guidance published by the Charity Commission on public benefit. This report addresses the public benefit reporting requirements published by the Charity Commission.

The Objectives and Activities section provides a summary of activities and explains how these activities provide benefit to the local community in the area of operation. More detailed information about activities is reported in the Achievements and Performance section of this report.

Objectives and Activities

The core objectives of the Charity are:

- Firstly, to promote and improve the capacity of the voluntary sector throughout Hart District through the one-to-one support, provision of information and training, and representation of the voluntary sector in consultation with statutory agencies and with due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission on public benefit. As such, eligible voluntary and community organisations and social enterprises are invited to become members of Hart Voluntary Action.
- Secondly, through the Hart Volunteer Centre, the Charity aims to promote and sustain voluntary organisations by helping groups recruit and retain volunteers and by putting potential volunteers in touch with volunteering opportunities.

In addition to its core activities, the Charity provides a community development role in identifying unmet needs and gaps in provision of services primarily in Hart District and in neighbouring areas where applicable. The Charity is also awarded the responsibility for the administration of grants for specific initiatives aimed at further promoting community engagement and community activities in Hart District. In so doing, the Charity is mindful of the guidance published by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

During the reporting period Hart Voluntary Action continued to deliver the following frontline services alongside its core support for the wider voluntary and community sector serving Hart residents:

- Counselling Services (121 Youth Counselling, 121 Adult Counselling and Sunshine and Showers Depression Support Groups, Level 5 Counselling Adolescents Diploma, Family Counselling)
- Hart and Rushmoor Young Carers
- Hart Health Walks
- Hart's Community Garden
- The Annexe Counselling Rooms
- Ukrainian Refugee Support.

Hart Voluntary Action acts as a link between the voluntary and community sector and the statutory sector where active consultation and formal partnership representation has become an increasingly important role played by the Charity. Hart Voluntary Action is a pro-active participant in various partnerships at Hart District and Hampshire County level, for example: Hart and Rushmoor Local Children's Partnership, the Here for Hart Working Group, and other strategic groups co-ordinated by Frimley and Hampshire and Isle of Wight Integrated Care Boards. As such, the charity plays a significant role through its objectives and activities in achieving the community and wellbeing goals in Hart District Council's Corporate Plan, and contributing to Hampshire County Council's strategic priorities.

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Objectives and Activities (continued)

Hart Voluntary Action is a member of NAVCA (National Association for Voluntary and Community Action), which represents Local Infrastructure Organisations (LIOs) at the national level in England. Hart Voluntary Action works in partnership with other LIOs in Hampshire through the Community Infrastructure Partnership CIC, and the Hampshire CVS Network.

Achievements and Performance

New branding and website

Hart Voluntary Action launched a completely refreshed website and branding for its services in October 2024. The new website makes it easier for all users to navigate to the different services the charity offers, as well as placing more focus on how external stakeholders can engage with or support Hart Voluntary Action. The Trustees would like to thank the Lions Club of Fleet for their donation towards the cost of the new website.

Local Infrastructure Quality Accreditation (LIQA)

Hart Voluntary Action was awarded the Local Infrastructure Quality Accreditation by its umbrella organisation NAVCA (National Association of Voluntary and Community Action) in July. This means that the charity has been reviewed by its peers as successfully meeting the four functions of local infrastructure support: Leadership & Advocacy, Partnerships & Collaboration, Capacity Building, Volunteering.

Local Infrastructure Support for the Voluntary and Community Sector

Hart Voluntary Action's work in support of the voluntary and community sector in Hart covers:

One-to-one guidance on topics ranging from governance to fundraising; promoting the activity of the voluntary and community sector, providing training and networking opportunities and help with volunteer recruitment. Hart Voluntary Action also advocates on behalf of the local voluntary and community sector at multi-agency meetings, especially those involving the statutory sector.

Over the year, the charity provided one-to-one support to 28 community organisations and charities, held 7 networking and training events, and continued to update and expand the amount of information about the activities of our local voluntary sector on the online Here for Hart community directory. The number of member organisations of Hart Voluntary Action has remained static at 150. Membership of Hart Voluntary Action is free of charge and guarantees access to regular news bulletins, invitations to events and assistance with individual enquiries.

Hart Voluntary Action and Rushmoor Voluntary Services ran 2 shared Voluntary Sector Forum events for their member organisations during the year, as a starting point for more combined collaboration around voluntary sector engagement with the reduction in infrastructure grant funding from Hampshire County Council.

The Hart Volunteer Centre facilitated the placement of 186 local residents into regular volunteering roles, mainly with other voluntary and community organisations, but also with the charity's own frontline services. As part of a wider initiative in Hampshire, the charity also recorded separately how many volunteers were being placed into "micro" or one-off/short-term volunteering opportunities (a total of 25 placements during the financial year). This is in response to an ongoing trend in the UK that fewer people are interested in committing to regular or long-term volunteering activity.

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Achievements and Performance (continued)

The Hart Volunteer Centre saw the number of volunteering opportunities it was promoting on the Volunteer North Hampshire online platform that is shared with the Volunteer Centres operated by Basingstoke Voluntary Action and Rushmoor Voluntary Services increase during the year to 176 “live” opportunities.

To help 13 of Hart’s local charities attract new trustee volunteers, the Hart Volunteer Centre organised an information evening for prospective trustees at the Elvetham Hotel in Hartley Wintney. This information evening was held to help volunteers to feel more comfortable with the idea of becoming a trustee whilst learning a little more about the charities exhibiting. The event welcomed a steady stream of prospective trustees with organisations sharing that they had had meaningful and ongoing conversations and a total of 9 new trustees were placed as a result.

At the end of March, the Hart Volunteer Centre, in partnership with the Lions Club of Fleet, held another “Get Involved” Volunteer Fair in Hart Shopping Centre, Fleet providing the opportunity for 18 organisations to promote their volunteering roles. This was well received with a high level of engagement from the public, and new volunteer recruitments as a result.

The charity continued to be an active member of the Here for Hart Working Group, co-ordinated by Hart District Council, and maintained responsibility for managing the project co-ordination of the Hart and Rushmoor Local Children’s Partnership, which is supported by Hampshire County Council.

Achievement and performance: Hart Voluntary Action’s Community Services

Hart Voluntary Action’s **Counselling Services** include 121 Youth Counselling, 121 Adult Counselling, Family Counselling, and Sunshine and Showers Depression/Anxiety Support groups.

121 Youth Counselling provides a confidential counselling service of up to 10 weekly sessions per client aged 11-25 years. The service is designed to complement children and young people’s mental health services provided through the NHS and in schools and colleges, and meets a gap for supporting young people who do not need to meet the thresholds for Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS). During the year the service received 149 referrals and 63 new clients were supported alongside clients already in service at the beginning of the year.

121 Adult Counselling continued its activity seeing 74 new clients (an 34% increase on 23-24) during the year, who would not be able to afford private counselling and dealing with issues that were negatively impacting their mental health. Demand for this service has continued to grow during the year, and at year-end there were a total of 73 people on the waiting list. Counselling sessions are delivered by a mix of paid and volunteer counsellors on counselling training placements.

Sunshine and Showers, one of Hart Voluntary Action’s most long-standing services offering facilitated peer group support for adults dealing with depression and anxiety, continued to hold weekly group sessions at Odiham Cottage Hospital. Group members can participate for as long as they wish an evening group is available to suit people who are in employment.

Hart Voluntary Action’s **Family Counselling** service, which provides counselling and play therapy for the whole family group was able to support 10 new family groups during the year.

The charity launched an online version of its **Level 5 Diploma in Counselling Adolescents** training course in January 2025 which will finish in October 2025. This has meant that counsellors from anywhere in the country can attend. Eight counsellors have been taking part in this training course.

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Achievements and Performance (continued)

Counselling training helps to generate income to contribute to the continuation of the charity's Counselling Services. Additional income has been generated through the provision of an in-school counselling service for Oakmoor School in Bordon, and the promotion of the Annexe Counselling Rooms at Odiham Cottage Hospital for hire for private and NHS/charity talking therapy/counselling sessions. The charity continues to look for such income generation opportunities to replace or complement charitable fundraising activity.

Hart Health Walks is another long-standing service provided by Hart Voluntary Action. Thanks to the commitment and flexibility of the Health Walks volunteers, the charity was able to sustain its 7 weekly walks programme (walk locations: Blackwater, Crookham Village, Fleet, Hartley Wintney, Hook, Odiham and Yateley). The service welcomed 58 new walkers during the year, with around 188 individual walkers taking part, with a high proportion taking part in 2 or 3 Health Walks each week. All of the 75 walkers who responded to the 2025 Health Walks Survey stated that health walks had a positive or very positive impact on their health and wellbeing, with positive impacts on physical and mental wellbeing and social connections also scoring highly.

The staff/volunteer team who run the **Hart and Rushmoor Young Carers** service have continued to offer a wide variety of respite activity both during term-time and school holidays. Hart and Rushmoor Young Carers provide young people aged 7-25 years with the opportunity to take time out from their caring responsibilities. For the older age group of young adult carers aged 16-25 years one-to-one support and assistance with accessing further/higher education and employment opportunities also increased over the reporting period. Due to a higher number of young carers being engaged in the service overall, young carers were only able to access their respective young carers' club session on a fortnightly basis, with the service providing three term-time club sessions per week by age group/school year. At year-end there were 154 young carers engaged in the service. During the year, the "Young Carers Voice" Board was introduced, involving a small group of young carers representing all age groups in feeding in their views and ideas about the service for future club and school holiday activity and raising awareness external issues they are facing.

Hart's Community Garden entered into its third growing season, with a total of 42 people engaged as individual members, and more of the garden area under cultivation. Alongside, regular members' gardening sessions, a total of 16 workshops and 30 other events were organised by the Hart's Community Garden team, either at the community garden or at other community venues. The aim of the events and workshops is to bring the Hart's Community Garden to a wider audience and ensure that the community garden is available to as many local residents to visit and enjoy. Thanks to new grant funding from the Coronation Food Project, Hart's Community Garden has extended its links with the Yateley Community Pantry run by Yateley Industries and The Fleet Community Pantry run by Hart Foodbank to donate excess produce (fruit, vegetables and herbs) for distribution to community pantry members (people who are on low incomes or who need to budget for food and other essentials).

Hart's Community Garden is a member of the RHS "In Bloom" initiative, and was awarded Level 4: Thriving in the "It's Your Neighbourhood" category of community horticultural activity.

Ukrainian Refugee Support – the charity has continued to provide support for Ukrainian refugees who first came to Hart District under the Homes for Ukraine initiative launched by the UK government in spring 2022. Working with staff at Hart District Council, Hart Voluntary Action's focus in this current year has been on supporting Ukrainian families who have moved into independent accommodation. Help has taken the form of volunteer transport for medical and job appointments, assistance with finding employment, scoping education provision for children and young people, and any practical arrangements with setting up in their new homes.

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Achievements and Performance (continued)

Achievements and performance: New Activity Launched in 2024-25

Walk and Talk Counselling Service – thanks to start-up funding from grants and a crowdfunding campaign, Hart Voluntary Action launched another way for local residents to engage in counselling – Walk and Talk Counselling – in July. Counselling face-to-face in a room is not for everyone, and engaging in counselling whilst walking outdoors is becoming more popular as an alternative. During the year, the service worked with 18 clients who each received up to 10 counselling sessions provided by two trained counsellors, with sessions starting and finishing at Hart’s Community Garden. Walk and Talk counsellors have been able to observe that being outside can encourage people, especially men, to open up about their emotions more and over 75% of the adults who have receiving counselling to date reported an improvement in their mental health on completing their counselling sessions.

Thermal Imaging Volunteering Pilot Project – Hart Voluntary Action worked in partnership with Hart District Council’s Climate Engagement Team to run a new short-term volunteering scheme to involve volunteers in thermal imaging Hart residents’ homes. Just over 250 local residents registered their interest in having images taken of their homes with a with a thermal imaging camera to assess where there might be issues affecting heat loss. The team of 20 volunteers managed to visit 136 properties between November 2024 and February 2025, taking 1000s of images to help residents with finding the cold spots in their homes and providing information on possible support with measures such as roof insulation. Feedback from residents was very positive with a majority expressing interest in making further upgrades to improve the energy and thermal efficiency of their homes.

Support to Hart Voluntary Action

None of the above services would have been possible without the grants and contract funding secured through Hart Voluntary Action’s community development and fundraising activity. The Trustees would like to thank Hart District Council, Hampshire County Council, and Odiham Cottage Hospital Combined Trusts, for their ongoing support of the Charity’s core Council for Voluntary Services activity and/or our community services.

Funding from the statutory sector and the National Lottery Community Fund has also been received through Hart Voluntary Action’s ongoing membership of the Hampshire Youth Access network of youth counselling agencies (led by No Limits South) and of the Hampshire Young Carers Alliance (led by One Community). Both of these networks aim to ensure there is a consistent offer of support for children and young people across the county. For the 24-25 financial year, the Trustees would also like to also thank the following organisations for their charitable grants/donations: Frimley Integrated Care Board, Lions Club of Fleet, the Coronation Food Project, the Chapman Trust, Big Give, Rushmoor Borough Council, the Veolia Sustainability Fund, Hook & Odiham Rotary Club, Farnborough Rotary Club, Hart Rotary Club, Waitrose Fleet, 3H Foundation, Childbase, John Lewis, IDS Group, and Microsoft.

The Trustees would also like to thank the volunteers at St John’s Hartley Wintney, St John’s Hook and Café 46 for making the refreshments for our walkers and walk leaders; Hart and Farnborough Foodbanks for the donations of food and refreshments for the young carers’ clubs; Yelabus for young carers’ transport; The Elvetham Hotel for hosting our Trustee recruitment event; and Heckfield Place for hosting young carers’ farm visits.

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Hart Voluntary Action Volunteers

Hart Voluntary Action has a team of just under 100 regular volunteers helping across all of the services. It would have been impossible to deliver the level of achievements and performance without volunteer involvement, which enables the charity to deliver a cost-effective and professional service to the local community. Regular volunteer roles include: young leaders, club assistants and drivers for the Hart and Rushmoor Young Carers Service, walk leaders and back markers for Hart Health Walks, group facilitators, counsellors and reception volunteers for our Counselling Services, and gardening session support for Hart's Community Garden.

Staff

The Trustees would like to thank the staff team for all of their contributions to the management of services and the day-to-day running of the Charity's activities, which has enabled the charity to engage with an estimated 350 individuals per month across all of our community service activity.

Changes to the Trustee Board

Maureen Covacic, Wyn Roberts, George Woods resigned from the Trustee Board Annual General Meeting on 22 January 2025, they had all completed their full three terms of service. Ian Booth was appointed to the role of Chairman to take over from Wyn Roberts, and Mike Rawlins as Vice Chairman to take over from Maureen Covacic. Michael Dolan and Mark Gaynor were co-opted to the board of Trustees on 21 February 2025, and their appointment will be confirmed at the next Annual General Meeting. Maureen Covacic agreed to stay on as a co-opted volunteer to assist the HR & Governance Sub-Committee.

Strategic Report: Plans for the Future Period: 2025-2026

Hart Voluntary Action Infrastructure Support to the Voluntary and Community Sector – as notified in the 2023-2024 Trustees' Annual Report, Hart Voluntary Action along with all other Hampshire CVS's lost its infrastructure grant funding from Hampshire County Council. This will place pressures on the funding of its core infrastructure support functions, and the Trustees will be regularly reviewing future capacity to make Hart Voluntary Action's core infrastructure support activity financially viable for the future.

Hampshire Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation

In early 2025, it was announced that Hampshire and the unitary authorities of Portsmouth, Southampton and Isle of Wight's application for the new government's priority devolution and local government re-organisation scheme was approved. Hart Voluntary Action will work with the local authorities to ensure that its voluntary and community sector membership is aware of proposed changes and potential impacts, particularly generated by the setting up of new unitary authorities to replace the current two-tier local authority arrangements currently in place.

Hart Eco Hub

At the end of the year, Hart Voluntary Action was awarded a Climate Change grant from Hart District Council to re-establish a hub space at Hart Shopping Centre, this time to create the Hart Eco Hub. The plans are to be open in summer 2025 to promote volunteering and community activity at the local level in support of the environment and to address climate change.

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Financial Review

Trustees' Responsibilities

The Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the Charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity, and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are also responsible for regularly reviewing the Charity's policies and ensuring that they remain fit for purpose.

Results for the year

During the financial year here was a deficit for the year on the unrestricted fund of £26,095 and a total deficit on the restricted funds of £7,122, giving an overall deficit for the year of £33,217.

All restricted funds and frontline services are externally funded, and do not impose a charge on Hart Voluntary Action's unrestricted funds. Fees for the central administration and governance expenditure, based on full cost recovery, are earned from these services.

The main sources of unrestricted income during the year were the core grants received from Hampshire County Council and Hart District Council which funded the delivery of the Local Infrastructure Support function. This income supports staff responsible for community development, membership support and the running of the Volunteer Centre.

Reserve funds are held on deposit in interest-bearing accounts at Nationwide Building Society and National Westminster Bank.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees are committed to maintaining a robust and appropriate level of reserves to ensure the charity's long-term sustainability and to manage unforeseen events effectively. Our policy on reserves is reviewed annually and is based on a thorough assessment of our financial risks and strategic objectives.

Reserves are that part of the charity's unrestricted funds that are freely available to spend on any of the charity's general purposes. Our total unrestricted funds at the year-end amounted to £140,300.

The charity's unrestricted funds are held for the following purposes:

- Free reserves: We aim to maintain a level of free reserves to ensure a smooth transition in the event of an unplanned event, such as a significant drop in income or unexpected expenditure. This target is set at six months of average unrestricted operating costs, which is considered sufficient to cover

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any short-term cash flow deficits and allow for a period of strategic review and adjustment. At the year-end, our free reserves, held in the General Fund, stood at £66,621.

- Designated funds: In addition to our free reserves, the Trustees have set aside a portion of unrestricted funds into designated funds for specific future purposes. At the year-end, our designated funds totalled £73,679, comprising the following:
 - Development Fund: This fund is aimed at raising income to provide long-term stability for the charity. The value of the fund at the year end was £9,228.
 - Contingency Fund: The Trustees have designated £64,451 to the Contingency Fund. This fund is intended to cover potential wind-down costs, including statutory redundancy payments for staff and the settlement of other final liabilities should the charity need to cease its operations.

The Trustees believe this reserves policy strikes an appropriate balance between safeguarding the charity's future and ensuring that funds are being effectively used for our charitable purposes. The policy is reviewed as part of the annual financial planning process, and our free reserve levels are actively monitored throughout the year to ensure they remain within the target range. At the end of the financial year, our reserves are on target.

Independent Examiner

Gilroy & Brookes Accountants Ltd has been re-appointed as Independent Examiner for the next year.

Statement of disclosure of information to the Independent Examiners

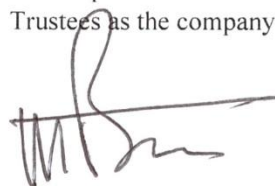
All directors of the company who held office at the date of approval of these Financial Statements, as set out below, each confirm so far as they are aware, that:

- There is no relevant information of which the company's independent examiners are unaware; and
- They have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as directors in order to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the company's independent examiners are aware of that information.

Small Company Provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies' exemption.

The Report of the Trustees incorporating a strategic report, was approved by order of the Board of Trustees as the company directors, on 30 October 2025 and signed on the Board's behalf by:



Ian Booth
Chairman

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Hart Voluntary Action Limited

Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of Hart Voluntary Action Limited ('the Company')

I report to the Charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's Trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the MAAT 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.



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Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	2	7,481	27,865	35,346	21,705
Charitable activities	3	85,357	305,383	390,740	366,915
Other trading activities	4	-	22,788	22,788	8,058
Investment income	5	5,645	-	5,645	4,806
Total		98,483	356,036	454,519	401,484
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	6	(124,578)	(363,158)	(487,736)	(452,596)
Net expenditure for the year and net movement on funds		(26,095)	(7,122)	(33,217)	(51,112)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		166,395	88,409	254,804	305,916
Total funds carried forward		140,300	81,287	221,587	254,804

The notes form part of these financial statements.

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total Funds £
Current assets					
Debtors	12	2,729	19,795	22,524	24,958
Cash at bank and in hand		144,208	107,444	251,652	282,331
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		146,937	127,239	274,176	307,289
Creditors:					
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(6,637)	(45,952)	(52,589)	(52,485)
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Net current assets and net assets		140,300	81,287	221,587	254,804
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Funds					
	14				
Unrestricted funds		140,300	-	140,300	166,395
Restricted funds		-	81,287	81,287	88,409
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Total funds		140,300	81,287	221,587	254,804
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The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2025.

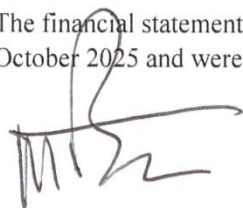
The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- Ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- Preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 30 October 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



Ian Booth
Chairman

The notes form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2025

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of preparing the Financial Statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, 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 financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Going concern

Despite the financial losses incurred over the past year and uncertainties over grant funding arrangements, Hart Voluntary Action Limited remains committed to its objectives of supporting, promoting and sustaining the charity sector in Hart District. The Management and Trustees continue to explore new revenue streams, fundraising initiatives and cost reduction measures.

The Trustees believe that, with the continued support of our donors, partners, and volunteers, the Charity has sufficient resources to continue its operations for the foreseeable future. The Charity will continue to seek additional funding and manage its finances prudently. Therefore, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity will continue as a going concern, fulfilling its objectives and serving its beneficiaries.

Financial Reporting Standard 102 – reduced disclosure exemptions

The charitable company has taken advantage of the exemption from presenting a cash flow statement, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'

Income

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

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings	-	20% on cost
Plant and machinery	-	100% on cost

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1 Accounting Policies (continued)

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

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

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objectives of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Designated funds are determined by the Trustees from time to time as being held for specific purposes.

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

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
Donations	7,476	27,320	34,796	21,108
Gift Aid	5	545	550	209
Other Charitable Income	-	-	-	388
	<hr/> 7,481 <hr/>	<hr/> 27,865 <hr/>	<hr/> 35,346 <hr/>	<hr/> 21,705 <hr/>

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3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
Grants				
Hampshire County Council				
Core and Restricted Grants	32,500	53,462	85,962	62,620
Hart District Council Core				
and Restricted Grants	50,010	37,870	87,880	69,327
Rushmoor Borough Council	-	2,928	2,928	1,464
Odiham Cottage Hospital				
Combined Trusts	-	32,692	32,692	27,692
The National Lottery				
Community Fund	-	68,868	68,868	18,664
The National Lottery Awards				
for All Grant	-	9,863	9,863	9,220
The National Lottery				
Community Fund:				
Community Organisations				
Cost of Living Fund	-	-	-	55,342
NHS Hampshire & IoW ICB	-	4,962	4,962	9,976
Other Grants	2,847	24,785	27,632	26,563
	<hr/> 85,357	<hr/> 235,430	<hr/> 320,787	<hr/> 280,868
Government contracts				
Hampshire County Council				
Contracts	-	27,146	27,146	38,919
NHS Hampshire & IoW ICB				
Contract	-	26,670	26,670	30,496
	<hr/> -	<hr/> 53,816	<hr/> 53,816	<hr/> 69,415
Other charitable income	-	16,137	16,137	16,632
	<hr/> 85,357	<hr/> 305,383	<hr/> 390,740	<hr/> 366,915

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4 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
Room Hire	-	10,005	10,005	3,843
Events	-	5,580	5,580	4,215
Counselling Training	-	7,203	7,203	-
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	-	22,788	22,788	8,058
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5 Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
Bank Interest	5,645	-	5,645	4,806
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	5,645	-	5,645	4,806
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6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
Wages & Salaries	124,835	217,458	342,293	302,749
Staff costs	2,673	3,973	6,646	6,934
Trustee training	-	-	-	420
Volunteer expenses	64	6,266	6,330	6,149
Project costs	365	80,291	80,656	77,794
Computer costs	11,930	897	12,827	11,329
Website costs	4,161	-	4,161	4,463
Subscriptions	895	668	1,563	1,532
Insurance	2,746	-	2,746	2,763
Office costs	12,530	1,044	13,574	14,033
Advertising, marketing and publicity	636	3,446	4,082	246
Legal and professional costs	11,056	-	11,056	19,093
AGM and other meetings	820	-	820	857
Bad debt provision	(149)	-	(149)	3,086
Bank charges	859	-	859	867
Management fee	(48,933)	48,933	-	-
Miscellaneous costs	90	182	272	281
Expenditure on charitable activities	124,578	363,158	487,736	452,596

7 Trustees' remuneration, benefits and expenses

There were no Trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025 (31 March 2024: £nil).

There were no Trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025 (31 March 2024: £nil).

8 Amounts payable to the Independent Examiner

Charitable expenditure includes the following amounts payable to the Charity's Independent Examiner:

	2025 £	2024 £
Fee payable for independent examination	600	600
Accountancy services	-	5,616
	600	6,216

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9 Staff costs

	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	315,911	277,616
Social security costs	15,020	14,106
Other pension costs	11,362	11,027
	<u>342,293</u>	<u>302,749</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Employees	<u>21</u>	<u>20</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

10 Comparatives for the Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Income from			
Donations and legacies	2,074	19,631	21,705
Charitable activities	84,230	282,685	366,915
Other trading activities	-	8,058	8,058
Investment income	4,806	-	4,806
Total	<u>91,110</u>	<u>310,374</u>	<u>401,484</u>
Expenditure on			
Charitable activities			
Expenditure on charitable activities	<u>(108,009)</u>	<u>(344,587)</u>	<u>(452,596)</u>
Net expenditure for the year and net movement in funds	<u>(16,899)</u>	<u>(34,213)</u>	<u>(51,112)</u>
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward	<u>183,294</u>	<u>122,622</u>	<u>305,916</u>
Total funds carried forward	<u>166,395</u>	<u>88,409</u>	<u>254,804</u>

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11 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
Cost			
At 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025	7,560	6,539	14,099
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Depreciation			
At 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025	7,560	6,539	14,099
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Net Book Value			
At 31 March 2025	-	-	-
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
At 31 March 2024	-	-	-
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>

12 Debtors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	16,749	21,155
Other debtors	296	2,169
Prepayments and accrued income	5,479	1,634
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	22,524	24,958
	<hr/>	<hr/>

13 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	4,826	22,989
Other creditors	41,517	22,524
Social security and other taxes	4,139	6,102
Accrued expenses	2,107	870
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	52,589	52,485
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14 Movement in funds

	At 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers between funds £	At 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	138,032	96,183	(95,939)	(71,655)	66,621
Designated funds					
Development Fund	28,363	2,300	(28,639)	7,204	9,228
Contingency Fund	-	-	-	64,451	64,451
Total unrestricted funds	166,395	98,483	(124,578)	-	140,300
Restricted funds					
Counselling Services	13,313	148,323	(143,708)	-	17,928
Young Carers	63,777	80,802	(111,050)	-	33,529
Community Garden	-	63,531	(46,397)	-	17,134
Other restricted funds	11,319	63,380	(62,003)	-	12,696
Total restricted funds	88,409	356,036	(363,158)	-	81,287
Total funds	254,804	454,519	(487,736)	-	221,587

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers between funds £	At 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	148,555	91,110	(101,633)	-	138,032
Designated fund – Development Fund	34,739	-	(6,376)	-	28,363
Total unrestricted funds	183,294	91,110	(108,009)	-	166,395
Restricted funds					
Counselling Services	19,993	111,504	(127,333)	9,149	13,313
Young Carers	39,577	127,795	(103,595)	-	63,777
Community Garden	3,780	38,537	(42,979)	662	-
Other restricted funds	59,272	32,538	(70,680)	(9,811)	11,319
Total restricted funds	122,622	310,374	(344,587)	-	88,409
Total funds	305,916	401,484	(452,596)	-	254,804

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15 Purpose of funds

Unrestricted funds

General fund	These funds are held available for the ordinary purposes of the charity.
Designated fund – Development Fund	The Development Fund has been established to be invested in raising income to provide longer term stability for the charity.
Designated fund – Contingency Fund	The Contingency Fund was established in the year to cover potential wind-down costs, including statutory redundancy payments for staff and the settlement of other final liabilities should the charity need to cease its operations

Restricted funds

Counselling Services	This fund is used to provide a range of counselling services to the residents of Hart District. Services include 121 Youth Counselling, 121 Adult Counselling, Sunshine & Showers Depression/Anxiety Support Groups.
Young Carers	This fund provides support to young carers and their families who live in Hart District or the Borough of Rushmoor.
Community Garden	This fund has been established to support the Community Garden at Edenbrook Country Park. The garden provides an inclusive space to enhance the wellbeing of members and the local community.
Other restricted funds	These funds include Hart Health Walks and other smaller restricted funds.

16 Related party disclosures

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2025.

17 Management fees

Management fees of £48,933 (*31 March 2024 - £48,085*) were charged to certain restricted funds for administration and other office costs paid through the unrestricted general fund.