

# **ELECTRIC STORM YOUTH LTD**

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT  
AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
for the year ended 31st March 2025

Company No. 6349436  
Charity No. 1121106

Registered Office:  
34 Seaside Avenue, Lancing, West Sussex, BN15 8BY

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## **Achievements and Performance**

2024/25 was a year of development in the provision of our youth activities and the charity as a whole. It continued to be another challenging year for many local young people, as the cost-of-living crisis continues to affect their lives and that of their families. In addition, the number of young people with mental health issues and the number of young carers continues to rise.

Despite this, Electric Storm Youth (ESY) has continued to adapt to the challenges we have faced and where necessary, changed modes of service delivery so we can continue to effectively and safely support local young people. All this is being undertaken by just 2.6 FTE youth workers which at times has stretched our resources. Despite this, it was an exciting year for the charity

In April we moved into new premises within the heart of Lancing which we share with another local charity. After some of the challenges we faced with premises the previous year, this has given us a permanent location from which we have begun to operate some of our youth activities.

Also in April, we appointed an Inclusion Youth Worker. They have been instrumental in moving forward and developing our programme for activities and support to LGBTQ+ young people, as well supporting other aspects of our work youth such as Saturday activities, Youth Forum and school holiday activities.

In May, our Operations Manager left. The role was absorbed by the Interim Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and a full review of the administrative aspects of the charity's was carried out. This resulted in a decision to outsource the HR aspects of the charity's work to a third-party in October.

In September, the trustees agreed a Scheme of Delegation, which clearly sets out the respective responsibilities between the charity's board of trustees and the CEO.

In October, we commissioned a marketing company to undertake a full review of the charity's branding and communications, to ensure that we reach out to and communicate effectively to all young people, their parents/guardians and the wider community. Their recommendations were presented to the trustees at the end of February 2025 and were accepted in full. These are now in the process of being adopted and we look forward to seeing their full impact in the year ahead.

In January, our part-time young carers youth worker left. By increasing the hours of the inclusion youth worker, we have managed to cover this important aspect of our work.

In January, we appointed a part-time business office manager and in addition to increasing our communications and social media output, we are also beginning to see improvements and efficiencies in how we operate and organise our administrative systems.

At the end of March, we said goodbye to our Interim CEO, who had previously been the charity's fundraiser since 2021 and appointed our first substantive CEO. Within the parameters of the Scheme of Delegation, they will have full responsibility for the effective, top-level management and development of all services connected with the charity (including our charity shop), and to be responsible for the standard of support provided to all those using those services. In addition, they will have responsibility for all fundraising, grant and income-generating activities. Thus, securing the long-term future of the charity.

During the past 12 months, we became a Living Wage Foundation accredited employer, demonstrating our commitment to our employees. We strengthened the marketing of our charity shop, became a member of the Charity Retail Association and increased the number of special promotions. As a result, income has increased by nearly 10%.

Finally, we have embarked on the process of obtaining National Youth Agency, Quality Mark accreditation and although we have identified a number of areas that require more information, we expect this to continue throughout 2025/26.

### **ESY membership**

157 young people have engaged with our youth services during 2024/25. This includes 89 males, 65 females and 3 young people who identify as non-binary. Of these 85% identified as White British, 13% are mixed race and 2% black.

We continue to have a good distribution of different age ranges from year 6 in primary to years 7-13 of secondary school/sixth form and college. It is worth pointing out that for the first time, at the request of parents and a local primary school, we have engaged with pupils from Year 6 in a local primary school.

### **Meeting changing needs**

The need for our services continues to rise to levels above what we are currently able to provide. Over the year, we have found that demand for our Young Carers support in particular has increased with new young carers being identified on a regular basis.

Mental health problems continued to increase, and we found new ways to adapt to the rise in demand. We increased the number of emergency “acute” sessions our counsellor offers during the week.

During the 2024/25 period, we have noticed a welcomed fall in youth violence, as well as shoplifting and underage drinking. This led us to review and change some of our modes of service delivery so we can continue to support local young people effectively and safely.

### **Our service provision**

Our **youth forum** continued to meet and play an active role in planning the work we do to ensure that remained relevant and helpful to local young people. Membership covered our service user age range and included young people from our youth Sessions and activities, mental health support programme, LGBT+ and allies sessions and young carers. This representation meant that we ensured our work was truly being youth led by service users who have experience of the different aspects of our work.

**Bolt hole** having had to pause this provision due to losing access to suitable premises, these resumed in September 2024 in our new premises. The session offers young people support and the chance to freely discuss any issues they were having. We also provided drinks and snacks and a warm place for young people which has been important during the continuing cost-of-living crisis.

During the year, we started a **work experience programme** and in partnership with The Barista Project we have two run very successful barista training days.

Our 2024 school summer **holiday activities** was very successful and well supported and included: young carers activities, a skate Jam event, crazy golf , beach meet ups, trips to Jump In Fun, ten-pin bowling , go karting, beekeeping and two sailing activities.

We continued to commission a six week programme of 1-2-1 **mental health counselling sessions** from Your Space Therapies. In addition, Your Space also provided drop-in counselling sessions for young people who require immediate assistance or do not wish to see a counsellor on a structured regular basis. ESY youth workers also offered mental health safe space chats, a drop-in service for ESY members run from SRWA where ESY members needing mental health support can drop in to speak to our youth workers. In addition, group support sessions were also delivered.

We provided **young carers support** through two youth workers based at Sir Robert Woodard Academy. The service took place all-day on a Wednesday and on Friday mornings. Young carers working with us get a chance to talk to our staff on a 1-2-1 basis about their caring duties, how they are feeling and coping, and any difficulties they are facing. We liaised with the pastoral staff at the school where this was required.

Our **detached youth work** programme has proved extremely effective in reaching young people on their own turf and through it, we have young people who have come to access our other services. Over the course of the year, we ran on average 3 detached sessions each week. We use our mobile provision van for at least two of these detached sessions. During the winter months, we used our detached work as a way of checking in on the welfare of young people who were out and about during the cold snaps. We often have young people seeking out the ESY mobile van for a drink, a snack and a general chat.

Compared to previous years, there have been no major incidents with young people in the community. In fact, this has been the quietest year, in terms of anti-social behaviour that we have had. Not only has youth violence in Lancing been almost non-existent, even shoplifting amongst young people have decreased. Our presence on the streets of Lancing whilst on detached could be a factor in deterring young people shoplifting, but there are other factors at play as well.

### **Working with the community**

We maintained strong community ties with Lancing Parish Council, Adur and Worthing Councils, West Sussex County Council, Sir Robert Woodard Academy, the police and numerous other local organisations such as Keep Lancing Lovely and Men in Sheds to enable us to keep up to date with known local hot spots and individuals to look out for and engage with whilst out on detached. When appropriate, we signposted young people to other organisations or reported any concerns to the Contextual Safeguarding Coordinator for Adur and Worthing.

We encourage young people to take an active interest in their local community. Supported by our community partnership youth worker, young people have taken part in a number of community activities.

We partnered up with Esteem to carry out another intergenerational board game afternoon. We took part in the Easter, Autumn and Christmas Lancing Village Trails and LPC community Fayre and Adur's Children and Young People's Networking event. We also helped at the Space At The Table scheme and organised a family fun day with hot food over the summer school holiday.

### **Income**

As the cost of living is increasing, so is the cost of providing our services. Whilst the majority of our funding is from the Lottery Community Fund. During 2024/25 we maintained developed our core youth services in accordance with the terms of the grant. However, we continued to apply for funding to fill other areas of our work and received grants from Adur Community Grant and Sussex Community Foundation. In January 2025, we were chosen by The Longshore, as their charity until April 2025 and a number of fundraising activities have taken place.

### Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

Law requires the Directors for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, to prepare Financial Statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charitable Company and of the net incoming and outgoing resources of the Charitable Company for that period. In preparing those Financial Statements, the Directors are required to: -

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- Prepare the Financial Statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charitable Company will continue to operate.

The Directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charitable Company and enable them to ensure that the Financial Statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charitable Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

### Constitution

The Company was incorporated on 21st August 2007 and registered with the Charity Commission on 9th October 2007 (registration number 1121106).

### Objects

The objects of the Charitable Company are to advance life and relieve the needs of young people. This will be achieved by providing recreational and leisure time activities and support which aims to develop skills, capacities and capabilities to enable young people to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals. The charity will be promoting education and looking for ways to relieve unemployment. This is summed up in our mission statement "Supporting teenagers now, laying foundations for the future".

### Public Benefit

Electric Storm Youth Limited welcomes all young people (aged 11-19) on an equal opportunities basis (regardless of faith, gender or personal circumstances). We believe in encouraging young people to belong to a community by developing their self-confidence and helping them aspire to achieve in life.

### Tangible fixed asset and depreciation

No tangible fixed assets are held which require depreciation.

### Reserves Policy

As per the Electric Storm Youth Reserves Policy, we are holding 6 months of full running costs in reserve. This figure is reviewed annually at our yearly budget review.

### Risk Management

The trustees are accountable under the Articles of Association, which incorporates company and charity law. The financial liability of individual members of the Charity is limited to the £1 membership contribution. The Directors will prepare and / or approve all relevant policies as becomes necessary as the charity achieves its objectives.

### Appointment of Trustees

The Articles of Association provide for a minimum of two and no maximum number of Directors. Directors do not have a specified time-limit on their appointment.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and was approved by the Board of Directors on 27 November 2025.



Marion Peskett, Chair of Directors

**Company Information****Patron**

Mr Tim Loughton MP (until September 2024)

**Directors**

Mrs Joy Hartley

Mrs Sophie Kerr (from March 2025)

Mrs Sylvia Knight

Ms Sarah Owen (until September 2024)

Dr David Peskett

Mrs Marion Peskett

Mr Ian Tout

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West Sussex

BN15 8BY

**Company Number**

6349436

**Charity Number**

1121106

**ELECTRIC STORM YOUTH LIMITED**  
**(a company limited by guarantee)**  
**Registration number 06349436**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**(including income and expenditure account)**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<b>Incoming resources</b>					
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b>					
Voluntary income					
Giving		2,279		2,279	2,238
Donations	2	1,067	1,300	2,367	2,436
Gift Aid				0	0
Legacies		0		0	0
Activities for generating funds					
Fundraising events		21		21	118
Investments income					
Interest receivable		3,177		3,177	2,960
Incoming resources from charitable activities	3	46,210	132,084	178,294	134,224
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<b>52,754</b>	<b>133,384</b>	<b>186,138</b>	<b>141,976</b>
<b>Resources expended</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Youth work provision		216	8,732	8,948	24,359
Fundraising		0		0	300
Staffing Costs		31,337	92,427	123,764	105,489
Grant funding			2,400	2,400	7,581
Office, printing, postage, stationery and phone		1,022	21,919	22,941	4,748
Training courses		1,472		1,472	669
Publicity, promotion and website		1,091	1,075	2,166	1,942
Travel and accommodation		6		6	0
Insurance		182	2,500	2,682	2,730
Shop		27,125		27,125	23,166
Business Development		4,630		4,630	236
Professional fees		200		200	675
<b>Governance costs</b>					
Legal registrations		13	0	13	13
Resources and administration		0	0	0	0
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>67,294</b>	<b>129,053</b>	<b>196,347</b>	<b>171,908</b>
<b>Net incoming resources / (resources expended) before transfers</b>		<b>-14,540</b>	<b>4,331</b>	<b>-10,209</b>	<b>-29,932</b>
<b>Transfer</b>		<b>-14,540</b>	<b>4,331</b>	<b>-10,209</b>	<b>-29,932</b>
Fund balances brought forward at 1 April 2024	8	60,770	93,274	154,044	183,976
Fund balances carried forward at 31 March 2025		<b>46,230</b>	<b>97,605</b>	<b>143,835</b>	154,044

**ELECTRIC STORM YOUTH LIMITED**  
**(a company limited by guarantee)**  
**Registration number 06349436**  
**BALANCE SHEET**

**AS AT 31 MARCH 2025**

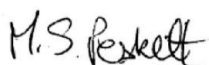
		<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	5	0	0
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand	143,835	154,044	
Debtors		0	
	<u>143,835</u>	<u>154,044</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	6		
<b>Net current assets</b>		143,835	154,044
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>143,835</u>	<u>154,044</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u>143,835</u>	<u>154,044</u>
<b>Represented by:</b>			
Unrestricted funds	7	46,230	3,529
Restricted funds	7	97,605	150,515
<b>Members' funds</b>		<u>143,835</u>	<u>154,044</u>

In approving these financial statements as directors of the company we hereby confirm:

- a) that for the year stated above the company was entitled to the exemption conferred by Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006;
- b) that no notice has been deposited at the registered office of the company pursuant to Section 476 requesting that an audit conducted for the year ended 31 March 2025; and
- c) that we acknowledge our responsibilities for:
  - 1) ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with Section 386; and
  - 2) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit or loss for the year then ended in accordance with the requirements of Section 393 and which otherwise comply with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008)

These financial statements were approved by the board and authorised for issue on 27 November 2025



Marion Peskett  
 Chairman



**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

## **1 Accounting policies**

### *Basis of accounting*

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical costs convention and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting and Reporting by Charities issued in March 2005.

### *Company status*

The charity is a company limited by guarantee. In the events of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity.

### *Fund accounting*

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the directors in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the directors for particular purposes.

Restricted funds are subjected to specific restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donors or through the terms of an appeal.

### *Incoming resources*

Incoming resources are accounted for on an accruals basis, being mainly donated income.

### *Resources expended*

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Governance costs are those expended on the governance of the charity rather than those associated with the general running of fundraising activities.

### *Tangible fixed asset and depreciation*

None

## **2 Donations**

	<b>General</b>	<b>Total 2025</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Personal Donations	2,279	<b>2,279</b>	5,311
Restricted Donations	0	<b>0</b>	0
Legacies	0	<b>0</b>	8,993
	<b>2,279</b>	<b>2,279</b>	<b>14,304</b>

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

**3 Restricted Fund Incoming resources from charitable activities**

	General	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£
Grants	16,278	16,278	18,990
Residentials	0	0	430
National Lottery Community Fund	115,806	115,806	47,523
Restricted fundraising	0	0	0
	<u>132,084</u>	<u>132,084</u>	<u>66,943</u>

**4 Directors remuneration and expenses**

No remuneration directly or indirectly out of funds of the charity was paid or payable for the year to any trustee or to any person known to be connected to them. The directors also acted as charity trustees during the year.

**5 Fixed Assets**

	Sports equipment	Computer equipment	Total
	£	£	£
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 April 2024		0	0
Additions at cost	0	0	0
At 31 March 2025	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1 April 2024	-	-	0
Depreciation charge		0	
At 31 March 2025	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	
<b>Net Book Value</b>			
At 31 March 2024	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

**6 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£
Other creditors	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

**7 Analysis of net assets between funds**

	Tangible fixed assets	Net current assets	Total 2025	Total 2024
<b>Restricted funds</b>	0	97,605	97,605	150,515
	<u>0</u>	<u>97,605</u>	<u>97,605</u>	<u>150,515</u>
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>				
General	0	46,230	46,230	3,529
	<u>0</u>	<u>143,835</u>	<u>143,835</u>	<u>154,044</u>

**8 Adjustment**

An adjustment was made to the unrestricted funds held as a legacy of £57,000 received in May 2021 was previously listed as restricted when it was unrestricted but ringfenced by the trustees to protect key staff wages. The trustees agreed in October 2025 to lift the ringfence and adjust the totals held accordingly.



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Electric Storm Youth Limited

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1121106  
Company reg  
06349436

**Set out on pages**

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/03/2025**

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

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

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

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

**Signed:**

**Date:**

18<sup>th</sup> September  
2025

**Name:**

Rosanne Nulty CPFA; CMIIA.

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qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**

None