

Station House Community Association Limited

(Company Ltd by Guarantee Number 06183806)

(Registered Charity No. 1121980)

Financial statements

for the year ended 31 March 2025

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Legal Information

Trustees

Linda Finney	Chair
Janet Wilson	Treasurer
Sue Miller	
Ann Toy	
Fred Lewis	
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Registered Charity number

1121980

Company Ltd by Guarantee number

06183806

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Trustees' report

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Entities.

Structure, governance and management

The Charitable Company is governed by the Memorandum and Articles of Association incorporated 26 March 2007 and was entered on the Register of Charities effective from 14 December 2007.

Station House is managed by a voluntary management committee and day to day running of the charity is undertaken by the chief executive who manages a team of paid staff and volunteers on the committee's behalf.

The trustees who served during the year are listed on page 2 on the report.

New Trustees are recruited by invitation and or application. They are representative of the community, (either geographical or of interest). A full induction must be undertaken by all new trustees and a skills analysis completed.

Financial review

Income for the year is shown at £236,303 (2024: £198,836) and this is mostly from fees with some grant funding which is listed on the notes to the accounts. Expenditure is shown at £225,511 (2024: £204,831) with a year end carried forward of unrestricted funds balance of £82,849 (2024: £80,098)

Reserves Policy

The trustees are aiming to set aside three months running costs in addition to redundancy costs for all paid staff.

Public benefit statement

The trustees of the charity have worked with due regard for their legal responsibilities. Recruitment and retention of trustees follows an agreed procedure, meetings held as scheduled and minutes taken, circulated and retained. Decisions and discussions take place in meetings, and declarations of interest made where appropriate. Stringent financial controls are adhered to. Where there are issues, advice is taken from trusted sources which have no vested interest, normally Voluntary Action Barnsley's advisory team.

Objectives and activities

To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Thurnscoe, Goldthorpe and Bolton on Dearne and the neighbourhood together defined by the wards of Barnsley MBC (hereinafter called "the area of benefit") without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or political, religious or other opinions, by associating together the said inhabitants and the local authorities, other voluntary organisations in a common effort to advance education, and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare or recreation and leisure time occupations with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants:

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Trustees' report continued

Objectives and activities continued

To establish, or secure the establishment of a community centre (hereinafter called "the centre" and maintain the same (whether alone or in cooperation with any local authority or other person or body) in furtherance on these objectives:

To promote such other charitable purposes as may from time to time be determined.

The association shall be nonparty in politics and non-selective in religion.

To carry on any trade or business whatsoever and to do all such things as are incidental or conducive to the carrying on any trade or business by it.

Achievements and performance

Playgroup

Our 24-place playgroup continues to thrive and remains consistently full, reflecting its ongoing popularity within the community.

Our dedicated and experienced staff support the development of our youngest children through high-quality, play-based learning, underpinned by standardised assessments. This ensures each child receives the best possible start in their early years education.

We are seeing a growing number of children arriving with undiagnosed additional needs. To provide appropriate support and ensure every child has the opportunity to reach their full potential, we operate at a higher staff-to-child ratio than required. This responsive approach is only possible thanks to the commitment and adaptability of our team.

Many of our families benefit from two different streams of government funding. However, a small number do not qualify for either, yet still require access to affordable early years provision. As one of the few sessional playgroups in the borough able to accommodate these families, we are proud to provide an inclusive and supportive environment for all children, regardless of their circumstances.

Afterschool Club

This has been our busiest year to date at the Afterschool Club. On most days, we are operating at full capacity, with a waiting list of families hoping to access our services. This continued high demand highlights the essential role we play in supporting working families within our community.

Despite the introduction of new government funding aimed at supporting the development of new childcare services, we have not seen any reduction in demand. This suggests that existing services like ours remain a trusted and valued choice for parents and carers, particularly those who require flexible, high-quality, and accessible afterschool care. Our consistently high occupancy is a strong indicator of broader social trends. It reflects the growing number of families in which both parents are working or where single parents are balancing employment and childcare responsibilities. The Afterschool Club offers not just a safe and engaging environment for children, but also vital support for families striving to maintain employment and stability.

We are proud to provide a reliable service that meets the real and rising needs of our community. As we look ahead, we remain committed to exploring sustainable ways to expand capacity, reduce waiting times, and ensure that no family is left without the support they need.

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Trustees' report continued

Holiday Provision

Despite ongoing cost-of-living pressures, we continue to offer free places to children who do not meet the Free School Meals eligibility threshold. This inclusive approach ensures that no child is left behind due to technical eligibility criteria, and it reinforces our commitment to supporting *all* members of our community.

By providing access to food, play, fun, and friendships during the school holidays, we offer more than just childcare — we provide a safe, welcoming space that reduces stigma, builds connections, and strengthens the fabric of our community. For many families, our service fills the gap left by the absence of school support during holiday periods.

We are proud to be seen as a trusted place of advice and support, particularly for those who may be facing hardship, isolation, or navigating services for the first time. This approach not only sustains existing relationships but also welcomes new families into our service, often acting as a first step toward wider engagement with local support networks.

Our ongoing commitment to inclusion and compassion helps us play a vital role in reducing inequalities and building a resilient, connected community.

Building improvements

This year, in addition to ongoing improvements to our building and outdoor spaces, we were pleased to secure funding to make our premises more energy efficient. Thanks to support from Groundwork UK, we were able to insulate our loft and replace outdated lighting with modern, energy-saving units.

These upgrades not only enhance the comfort of our space for children, families, and staff but are also expected to reduce our energy bills—freeing up more of our resources for frontline work. Just as importantly, they represent our commitment to sustainability and doing our part to protect the planet for future generations.

Partnership Working and Practical Support

This year, we have continued to work closely with a wide range of key partners including the Dearne Area Team, local foodbanks, Fareshare, Shop on the Go, the Family Hub, local schools, and early years services. These strong and collaborative relationships are essential to the delivery and reach of our work.

Together, we have been able to provide short-term, practical support to families facing hardship, including supermarket vouchers, cleaning packs, hygiene products, and other essentials. These interventions, though modest in nature, often make a significant difference to families experiencing financial strain or crisis.

The success of our work lies in partnership. By working together, we are able to pool resources, share expertise, and offer more coordinated, responsive, and far-reaching support. This collaborative approach not only increases our impact but also ensures families receive holistic support that meets both immediate and longer-term needs.

We remain committed to strengthening these partnerships in the year ahead, recognising that collective action is key to building a stronger, more resilient community.

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Trustees' report continued

Trustees and Volunteers

Unlike many small and medium-sized charities, we are fortunate to have a strong and committed board of trustees who provide clear strategic direction and governance. Their time, expertise and unwavering dedication are the backbone of our charity—without them, we simply could not operate. We are deeply grateful for their continued service.

Our success also relies heavily on the dedication of our volunteers, including a number of long-serving individuals who work tirelessly behind the scenes. Their contributions may not always be visible, but they are absolutely vital. From supporting day-to-day operations to helping with events and outreach, their work adds immense value to everything we do.

We are proud of our long-standing commitment to supporting placement students, offering them valuable real-world experience and practical skills that help them progress in their chosen careers. It's a mutually beneficial relationship—our service benefits from their fresh perspective and energy, and they gain the experience they need to succeed.

We are also lucky to have volunteers who bring specialised skills and a wealth of enthusiasm, enhancing the quality and reach of our services. As the saying goes: *"Volunteers are not paid – not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless."* We wholeheartedly agree. Their contribution is immeasurable, and we thank every one of them for helping us make a lasting difference in our community.

Funding and Philanthropic Support

Without the generosity of grant-makers and funders, our work simply wouldn't be possible. While funding for specific projects is essential, some of the most meaningful impact comes from those who support us because they believe in our values, our vision, and the difference we make in the community.

We are especially grateful to the **Annie & Fred Tranter-Rushden Trust**, whose ongoing support over several years has helped cover core running costs. Their generosity has also brought joy to children and families by funding Easter eggs and Christmas selection boxes — small gestures that make a big difference.

The **Coalfields Regeneration Trust** remains our longest-standing supporter. Year after year, in various ways, they have been instrumental in enabling us to grow and adapt to the needs of our community.

We're also delighted to have welcomed new funders this year, including **Barnsley Round Table** and **Arnold Clark**, whose contributions have allowed us to expand our reach. In addition, returning supporters such as **Cash for Kids**, the **Co-op**, and the **Freshgate Trust** have once again provided crucial funding that enables us to continue our vital work.

We are deeply thankful for every funder who chooses to invest in us. Their belief in us helps us to continue — ensuring that we remain a source of support, stability, and opportunity for the families we serve.

Trustees' report continued

Trustees responsibilities for the financial statements


Company and charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period which show the state of affairs of the charity and of net income or expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- ☐ select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- ☐ make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- ☐ prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.
- ☐ state whether applicable accounting standards of recommended practice have been followed subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable the Trustees to prepare financial statements. The Trustees are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the Trustees on _____ and is signed on their behalf by:


Linda Finney
Chair

Station House Community Association Limited

Independent Examiner's report on the Accounts of Station House Community Association Limited for the year ended 31 March 2025

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 9 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- ☐ examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- ☐ to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- ☐ to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

Craig Williamson
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Date: 

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2025

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Total funds 2025	Total funds 2024
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Incoming from	1				
Incoming resources from Charitable activities	3	28,582	58,018	86,600	75,283
Incoming Resources from generated funds:					
Fees		148,472	-	148,472	122,838
Other income		1,231	-	1,231	715
Total Incoming resources		178,285	58,018	236,303	198,836
Expenditure on					
Charitable activities:					
Staff costs		157,232	23,262	180,494	164,624
Rent and rates		2,836	-	2,836	1,342
Training		1,325	-	1,325	495
Travel		10	-	10	17
Utilities		-	5,909	5,909	5,598
Office costs		2,710	-	2,710	2,594
Insurance		3,022	-	3,022	2,893
Project costs		350	11,376	11,726	8,822
Refreshments and consumables		955	1,226	2,181	2,953
Repairs and renewals		3,916	8,205	12,121	8,924
Equipment and IT		738	-	738	827
Other expenditure		110	-	110	4,052
Other:					
Accountancy		485	-	485	460
DBS Checks		181	-	181	170
Legal & registration fees		1,019	-	1,019	492
Payroll fees		644	-	644	571
Total expenditure		175,533	49,978	225,511	204,831
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources		2,751	8,040	10,792	(5,995)
Brought forward		80,098	1,726	81,824	87,820
Fund balances carried forward	4	82,849	9,766	92,616	81,825

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

Company number: 06183806		2025	2024
	Notes	£	£
Current assets			
Bank balance - Current Santander		92,762	81,897
Cash balance		338	387
Total current assets		93,100	82,284
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			
Accruals	2	(485)	(460)
Total current liabilities		(485)	(460)
Net current assets		92,615	81,824
Total assets		92,615	81,824
Represented by			
Unrestricted funds		82,849	80,098
Restricted funds		9,766	1,726
Total		92,615	81,824

For the year ending 31 March 2025 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small com 3-6

Director's responsibilities;

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476,


The directors 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 are approved by the Board on _____ and signed on its behalf by:



Linda Finney
Chair



Janet Wilson
Treasurer

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Notes to the Accounts

for the year ended 31 March 2025

1 Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of preparation

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), and the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS102 (effective from January 2015 and updated with effect from January 2016) - (the Charities SORP (FRS102)), as modified for smaller charities.

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as defined under FRS102.

(b) Income

Grants donations and Income from charitable trading activities are recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are received.

(c) Restricted Funds

Restricted funds are used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets the criteria is identified to the fund together with a fair allocation of management and support costs.

(d) Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted Funds are other income received or generated for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

(e) Resources expended

Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis, inclusive of V.A.T. The company is not VAT registered.

Governance costs of the charity relate to the costs of running the charity such as the costs of meetings, professional costs and statutory compliance, and includes any costs which cannot be specifically identified to another expenditure classification. In the opinion of the trustees all support costs relate to charitable expenditure.

(f) Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its useful life.

(g) Fund Accounting

Funds held by the charity are either restricted funds or unrestricted general funds. Unrestricted funds are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees. Restricted funds that can only be used for a particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

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Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31 March 2025

2 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

These are expenses that have been incurred but have not been billed or paid for during the accounting period. They are in respect of:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	485	460
	<u>485</u>	<u>460</u>

3 Incoming resources from Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Grants:				
Annie & Fred Tranter-Rushden	10,000	-	10,000	-
Arnold Clarke	2,000	-	2,000	-
Barnsley MBC Inclusion Grant	-	-	-	840
Barnsley MBC Uniform Fairy	-	-	-	700
Barnsley MBC Healthy Holidays	13,582	-	13,582	8,976
Barnsley MBC HSG	-	34,108	34,108	19,325
Barnsley MBC Family Hub Literacy	-	2,695	2,695	-
Barnsley Round Table	1,500	-	1,500	-
Big Local Thurnscoe	-	-	-	500
Cash for Kids	-	2,755	2,755	2,000
Coalfields Regeneration Trust	-	11,000	11,000	5,000
The Co-op Foundation	500	-	500	-
Danum PLS	-	-	-	5,000
Dearne Ward North Area Team	-	500	500	-
Groundworks UK	-	5,040	5,040	-
Feeding Britain	-	-	0	562
Freshgate Trust	1,000	-	1,000	-
Key Fund South Yorkshire	-	-	-	2,000
Peoples Postcode Lottery	-	-	-	20,000
South Yorkshire Community Foundation *	-	1,920	1,920	10,380
	<u>28,582</u>	<u>58,018</u>	<u>86,600</u>	<u>75,283</u>

4 Restricted Funds

	Brought forward	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Carried forward
Barnsley MBC Family Hub Literacy	-	2,695	(2,695)	-
Barnsley MBC Uniform Fairy	346	-	(346)	-
Barnsley MBC HSG	-	34,108	(25,158)	8,950
Cash for Kids	-	2,755	(2,755)	-
Coalfields Regeneration Trust	-	11,000	(11,000)	-
Dearne Ward North Area Team	-	500	(500)	-
Groundworks UK	-	5,040	(5,040)	-
South Yorkshire Community Foundation	-	1,920	(1,104)	816
South Yorkshire Community Foundation	1,380	-	(1,380)	-
	<u>1,726</u>	<u>58,018</u>	<u>(49,978)</u>	<u>9,766</u>