

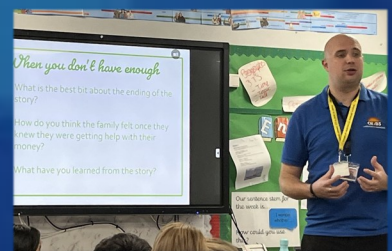


LIVING VALUES  GROWING FAITH

CRiBS Charitable Trust

Report and Accounts

Year ended 5th April 2025



"I loved being taught by CRiBS - It was amazing, and the Christmas performance was definitely my favourite part of Christmas" (Yr6 Pupil)

Accountants

Field Sullivan Limited

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Company registration number: 05947379

Charity registration number: 1122295

CRiBS Charitable Trust

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 5 April 2025

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Reference and Administrative Details

Chairman	Martin Andrews
Trustees	Martin Andrews Clive Beazley-Long Stephen Burnett Frederick Linley Bola Ojo Anne Wood
Secretary	Paul Davis
Charity Registration Number	1122295
Company Registration Number	05947379
Registered Office	The charity is incorporated in England and Wales. Cribs Office St Columba's Boys' School Halcot Avenue Bexleyheath DA6 7QB
Independent Examiner	Field Sullivan Limited 9 Hare & Billet Road Blackheath SE3 0RB
Bankers	The Co-operative Bank PO Box 250 Skelmersdale Lancashire WN8 6WT

CRiBS Charitable Trust

Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements and auditors' report of the charitable company for the year ended 5 April 2025.

Objects of the charity

The Trust seeks to demonstrate Christian faith in action by providing an interface between the local Christian churches and the community at large, mainly through its work in primary and secondary schools in Bexley Borough, although increasingly over the last few years also into Swanley, Dartford, Greenwich and beyond. Seeking to maintain our relevance, we will adapt and respond to emerging and ongoing needs.

Review of CRiBS' activities

In planning the activities, the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

CRiBS' strapline is **Living Values : Growing Faith**. It aims to help pupils develop positive values to live by, and provide space and strategies to help them think through what faith means to themselves and others. The organisation evaluates its activities and outcomes. We are delighted to report on the following projects:

REconnect

What: The CRiBS team has been delivering RE lessons since 1993. REconnect is a programme that offers the teaching of Christianity, as part of the RE syllabus, and consists of a bank of over 300 creative and memorable lessons. The team teach in primary schools across Bexley Borough as well as a number of neighbouring boroughs, and has developed teaching in pre-schools. REconnect also includes bespoke workshops covering a range of aspects with regards to Christianity and values education.

Outputs: In academic year 2024/25, CRiBS worked in 9 primary schools and 2 preschools; delivering 574 RE lessons, covering 36 topics/units (most for 5 lessons each), over a number of syllabuses, to 126 different classes, teaching about 3,720 children.

Outcomes: 93% of teachers evaluated the lessons in the highest ratings across a range of quality criteria. 91% of children said they enjoyed their lessons and 87% said the lessons had helped them know more about the topic.

Sample quotes:

'The children adored the CRiBS team and enjoyed the learning. I feel their knowledge of Christianity has developed greatly.' (Yr 3 teacher)

'Lovely sessions. Children enjoy and look forward to you coming in. Feels more meaningful to them hearing learning from Christians. Thank you!' (Yr4 teacher)

'Well, CRiBS is very helpful for the Bible. Hope you come back for year 3.' (Yr2 pupil)

'I loved the CRiBS lessons. They were really fun and I enjoyed them very much. They have taught me a lot.' (Yr4 pupil)

'I think everyone in my class loved CRiBS and had fun learning about Jesus and everyone was keen to answer.' (Yr4 pupil)

Summary: As schools review and change the RE syllabus that they use, the CRiBS team adapt and develop the RE lessons that they deliver to an increasingly diverse education sector with differing needs. Whatever the changes and challenges CRiBS remains true to representing and teaching Christian values and Bible teachings in a relevant and creative way.

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CRiBS Plays

What: The CRiBS team has been performing seasonal productions since 1997. These dramatic presentations are written and performed by the team to provide children with explanation and understanding of the true meaning of Christmas and Easter celebrations. They are delivered in a creative way with acting, puppetry, music and dance, and seek to engage the children with interactive performance.

Outputs: 46 performances of the Christmas 2024 play were delivered across 38 schools, and 44 performances of the Easter 2025 play were delivered across 37 schools. Approximately 15,300 children (plus staff) saw one or both of these plays, across 45 different schools.

Outcomes: CRiBS seasonal productions aim to provide a greater understanding of the reasons why Christians celebrate Christmas and Easter, a greater understanding of what these festivals mean day-to-day for Christians, and promoting enjoyment for children and staff of these celebrations in school.

Sample quotes:

'Really engaging and enjoyable for the children whilst delivering the Easter message.' (Headteacher)

'It is so difficult to cover such a tricky subject in a way that appeals to the children from Reception to Year 6. You did so well.' (Teacher)

'The children were absolutely enthralled. It held their attention remarkably well, even for some of our children who find concentrating a challenge. It was an excellent performance. Thank you.' (RE Co-ordinator)

'I loved how they were creative in how they presented it all. It was not done in a simple boring way. I learnt a lot from it and enjoyed it.' (Pupil)

Summary: CRiBS' seasonal productions continue to be appreciated and well-loved by children and staff alike.

CAPmoney:kids

What: CRiBS has been delivering this workshop for four years. Developed by Christians Against Poverty (CAP) it is a money management resource written specifically for children in Years 5 and 6 of primary school. The workshop comprises a range of front-led teaching and interactive activities undertaken in pairs and groups. Each class receives two 90-minute sessions, normally delivered a week apart.

Outputs: In academic year 2024/25, CRiBS delivered the workshop in 16 classes across 9 primary schools, to approximately 400 children.

Outcomes:

At the end of each workshop we asked the children to state whether they agreed with the following statements:

Statement	% children that agreed
I understand how money works and how to spend and save it	99%
I know what I can do to avoid money problems	92%
I know what a budget is and how to use one	96%
I enjoy learning about money	92%

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Sample quotes from pupils:

'I never realised how stressful money is for parents.'

'When I want sweets or clothes and my mum says no I understand there are more important things'

'... you should save money and spend it wisely. Don't waste money on things you don't need.'

We also surveyed the class teachers:

Statement	% teachers that agreed
The workshop helped the pupils understand how money works and how to spend and save it	100%
The workshop helped the pupils know what they can do to avoid money problems	100%
The workshop taught the pupils what a budget is and how to use one	100%
The workshop made money management enjoyable	100%

Sample quotes from teachers:

'The class were eager to share what they had learned and gave lots of positive feedback!'

'Really beneficial - important life skills that children need to know.'

'The children really enjoyed the group activities; there was an element of problem solving and they needed to be resilient. Tasks were accessible to all children.'

Summary: This continues to be a very popular, appreciated resource in schools, particularly when offered free thanks to grant funding. Unfortunately, for this financial year there was a period where no grant funding was available and there was a distinct drop in bookings, which picked up when some funding was received, hence the reduced number of bookings for this year. Nevertheless, a few schools were willing to pay for the workshop when funding wasn't available – a sure indicator of the appreciation and value of the workshop.

Moving Up

What: CRiBS has been delivering this workshop for five years, having developed it in 2021. 'Moving Up' is a 90-minute session for children in Year 6 to help them prepare for the move from primary school to secondary school. The workshop includes videos, discussion and opportunities for pupils to express how they are feeling about some of the potential changes with moving to secondary school.

Outputs: In academic year 2024/25, CRiBS delivered the workshop in 34 classes across 19 primary schools, to approximately 850 children.

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Outcomes:

At the end of each workshop we asked the children to state whether they agreed with the following statements:

Statement	% children that agreed
I benefitted from time to think about my move to secondary school.	90%
I now feel more positive about my move to secondary school.	85%
I know where I can go for help at secondary school.	94%

Sample quotes from pupils:

'(I learnt) to be myself and excel in every way in secondary school.'

'(I enjoyed) talking about how we are feeling about certain things.'

'(I enjoyed) how interactive and immersive this was.'

We also surveyed the class teachers:

Statement	% teachers that agreed
My pupils benefitted from the time to think about their move to secondary school.	100%
My pupils now feel more positive about their move to secondary school.	100%
My pupils now know where they can go for help at secondary school.	100%

Sample quotes from teachers:

'Excellent workshop. Children were engaged and it encouraged them to think about their secondary schools.'

'A highlight was the videos of real pupils' experiences.'

'The videos, explanations and memories worked really well.'

'Your workshop covered a lot of their worries. It was a very good session, easy enough for the children to relate.'

Summary: This year was another highly successful year for our "Moving Up" transition workshops. The data and feedback shows how much this workshop is appreciated by both children and staff as it prepares children for this change in their lives.

Unlimited (Primary)

What: Unlimited (primary) is a programme for boys and girls to support them with the challenges of social, emotional, behavioural or personal issues. It consists of small group 'HeartSense' sessions for mentoring and focussing on developing emotional understanding (generally each programme comprises 10 weeks of sessions in a school). We also offer an after-school club, focussing on team games, social skills and confidence building. Additionally, we have developed a short course to support children going through bereavement. Due to limited school budgets, only one school has requested the after-school club, so the outcome data is based solely on the 'HeartSense' sessions.

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Outputs: In academic year 2024/25, the CRiBS team has delivered 22 'HeartSense' programmes across 8 different schools, working with 312 children (a number of whom were seen over an extended time over more than one school term).

Outcomes: We collect data from the children, teachers and parents at the end of a programme to evaluate impact.

The following data has been gathered from academic year 2024/25:

Area of consideration:	% children identifying a positive change	% teachers identifying a positive change	% combined identifying a positive change
Attitude towards learning	82%	91%	86%
Listening skills	82%	87%	84%
Behaviour in class	77%	84%	81%
Ability to ask for help	84%	83%	83%
Making and keeping friends	81%	77%	79%
Respecting others	93%	88%	90%
Behaviour outside of class	75%	78%	76%
Handling negative situations	75%	76%	76%
Understanding of emotions	85%	75%	80%
Expression of emotions	76%	77%	76%
Confidence	76%	88%	82%
Wellbeing	87%	89%	88%

Sample quotes from pupils: 'HeartSense has taught me...'

'... how to be nice to myself and others.'

'... to tell people how I feel and not keep it to myself.'

'... to control my emotions carefully and to tell my emotions and feelings to others to help me feel better.'

Sample quotes from teachers:

'I've seen improvements across all aspects of learning. They still struggle with some friendships but improved their regulation afterwards.'

'He calms down quicker and is now better able to understand the feelings of others.'

Summary: HeartSense has continued to be of vital importance to the schools that we work with and they report that CRiBS is very much part of the school community. It is highly valued by the children, teachers and senior leadership of the schools. Limited school budgets can impact on a school's ability to afford the programme, even when costs are subsidised; some schools have booked smaller packages of work but others have been unable to book at all.

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Unlimited (Secondary)

What: Academic year 2024/25 saw the CRIBS team's Unlimited mentoring presence continue to be valued in secondary schools. The link with a local Social Prescribing project, led by Bexley Voluntary Services Council ('BVSC'), ceased at the end of last academic year. However, demand for mentoring continues to be high, and there have been some significant encouragements that the work can help young people navigate the challenges they face. New volunteers have been identified for training in order to further expand the capacity of the team. In addition, we have provided support for a study skills group in one school, and continued to offer support to school Christian Unions, albeit a decreased amount due to limited staff availability.

Outputs: In academic year 2024/25, the mentoring programme has taken place in 6 schools, and 82 young people have been mentored. One Christian Union has been supported by CRIBS, and provision of a Study skills group in one school.

Outcomes: Although formal feedback from questionnaires has not been gathered in every case, where it has been, mentees are asked to evaluate the extent to which the mentoring has helped them and the responses are presented in the table below:

Area of consideration:	% mentees reporting positive change
Attitude towards learning	83%
Listening skills	75%
Behaviour in class	80%
Ability to ask for help	81%
Confidence with school work	75%
Relationships with peers	83%
Relationships with adults	77%
Confidence with social life	78%
Behaviour outside of class	73%
Ability to handle negative situations	79%
Understanding of emotions	81%
Ability to express and regulate emotions	81%
Confidence about the future	71%
Ability to manage your mental wellbeing	83%
Attitude towards home life	81%

Quotes from mentees:

'I'm able to calm myself down.'

'Very helpful advice on how to handle negative situations.'

'Helped a lot with my confidence for the future and understanding my emotions.'

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Testimonial from a school:

'Unlimited mentors from CRiBS visit our schools weekly to mentor our students. They work with some of our hardest to reach and vulnerable students. Their calm and friendly approach and consistent support has helped students overcome a number of anxieties and improved their school attendance. They are really good at professional information sharing and report any safeguarding or emotional wellbeing concerns to enable us to talk to parents and offer further services, if required. The fact that CRiBS is not time-limited means we can support students for longer than many other services and this has proved to be very beneficial for the students whose problems are going to be ongoing. Every student who has been supported by CRiBS has shown increased confidence and started to talk a bit more about their feelings. CRiBS now feels like an essential and important part of our pastoral support team and we value the service very much.'

Summary: Mentoring support is more important in secondary schools than ever as young people face so many challenges in their lives. In order to sustain providing mentoring and other support to secondary schools a charge has been introduced but four schools are already booked to continue being supported. Plans are also being made for the possibility of mentoring hubs in the community, aside of school provision, working in conjunction with local churches.

Community Links

The CRiBS team was glad to be involved in supporting local community events, 'Lark in the Park' and 'Spark in the Park', at the start of the school summer holiday period. Providing support and input through drama, storytelling and a range of other activities - a privilege for the team to be involved in serving children and families in a very different context to the term-time school setting.

Conclusion

Throughout this year the CRiBS team has always exhibited a readiness and capability to adapt its services to meet the needs of the schools we serve. Whatever the circumstances, CRiBS endeavours to bring support, encouragement and hope, informed by our faith perspective, to the lives of children and young people across the area.

Governance

The policy and operating decisions of the charity rest with the Trustees who meet regularly (usually at least 6 times each year) to monitor the activities of the Charity. In planning the activities, the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission. New Trustees are recruited and appointed by a majority of existing Trustees. During this year one Trustee stepped down and another was appointed.

Financial Review

Incoming resources during the year amounted to £233,711 and resources expended £257,641 giving rise to a deficit of £23,930 for the year.

As reported in last year's review, we were expecting income to be reduced quite significantly in this 2024-25 year due to difficulties in attracting grant funding, budgetary pressures on schools, the general cost of living issues faced by individuals, and the strain on church budgets. Although the year resulted in a deficit of £23,930 we were in the position of having a decent level of reserves, a portion of which we have been able to use during this year.

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CRiBS remains grateful to a range of funders. Some are interested in the Christian principles that underpin our work, others are interested in impact-based approaches, others like preventative work or work that gets behind difficult behaviours to dealing with hurts and anger. We are delighted to pool the resources of churches, individuals, businesses and trusts to deliver projects that help children and young people to reach their potential. Some funders prefer to remain anonymous and others like to be acknowledged; in all cases we are extremely thankful. We would particularly like to thank the following:

Groundwork UK (Tesco Stronger Starts), Marsh Charitable Trust, Sevenoaks District Council, The Harenc Community Trust, The MSE Charity, The National Lottery Community Fund, The Souter Charitable Trust, William Kendall's Charity.

We also thank the many individuals and churches that have continued to support the work of CRiBS Charitable Trust.

Reserves Policy

The reserves policy takes on guidance from various sources, in particular, Trustees looked at the 4C's of reserves planning, namely; Contingency, Cash-flow, Commitment and Closure. CRiBS has grown as a Charity over the last 30 years and its liabilities and responsibilities to staff have inevitably increased too. The Trustees therefore has a reserves figure of two times monthly expenditure, rounded down marginally to £50,000. If free assets fall below this level, Trustees expect to be alerted so that they can decide on what action is necessary. We anticipate reducing our reserves figure in the 2025-26 year based on a reduced monthly expenditure budget.

The team's current headquarters is a set of offices which have kindly been loaned by St Columba's Boys' School, a secondary school in Bexleyheath. We have a memorandum of understanding that we can remain until July 2029, which was recently extended from July 2024, which gives a good assurance, although should any circumstances change we could be asked to leave at any time with three months' notice. This situation could leave CRiBS with a need to organise suitable replacement office accommodation at fairly short notice.

Risk statement

The Trustees have reviewed the risks to which a small charity operating with few employees and working in the community is exposed. Appropriate procedures are in place to identify, monitor and review these risks on a regular basis. We operate a Safeguarding Policy covering all personnel, whether employed or volunteering.

Trustees' responsibilities

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which give a true and fair view of the state of the charity and of its income and expenditure for the year.

1. Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
2. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
3. State whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts.
4. Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

We are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006.

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We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of CRiBS Charitable Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards, comprising FRS 102 have been followed, subject to any material 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 charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that can 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.

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

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 6 November 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



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Martin Andrews
Chairman and trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of CRIBS Charitable Trust ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees (who are also Directors for the purpose of company law) on my examination of the accounts of the CRIBS Charitable Trust ('the charitable company') for the year ended 5 April 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes 13 to 27.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of CRIBS Charitable Trust 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 CRIBS Charitable Trust 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.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the financial statements. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair' view and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the Independent examiner's statement.

Independent examiner's statement

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 CRIBS Charitable Trust 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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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of CRiBS Charitable Trust ('the Company')



Tim Sullivan FCA
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7 November 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 5 April 2025
(Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	3	145,611	22,620	168,231	192,859	40,062	232,921
Charitable activities	4	57,445	-	57,445	71,858	-	71,858
Other trading activities	5	6,488	-	6,488	852	-	852
Investment income	6	1,547	-	1,547	3,721	-	3,721
Total income		211,091	22,620	233,711	269,290	40,062	309,352
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	7	(238,184)	(19,457)	(257,641)	(165,461)	(117,179)	(282,640)
Total expenditure		(238,184)	(19,457)	(257,641)	(165,461)	(117,179)	(282,640)
Net (expenditure)/income		(27,093)	3,163	(23,930)	103,829	(77,117)	26,712
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	(71,003)	71,003	-
Net movement in funds		(27,093)	3,163	(23,930)	32,826	(6,114)	26,712
Reconciliation of funds							
Total funds brought forward		154,089	7,914	162,003	123,842	14,028	137,870
Total funds carried forward	17	126,996	11,077	138,073	156,668	7,914	164,582

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.
The funds breakdown for 2024 is shown in note 17.

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(Registration number: 05947379)

Balance Sheet as at 5 April 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	13	1,968	2,630
Current assets			
Debtors	14	3,790	8,737
Cash at bank and in hand	15	<u>137,356</u>	<u>156,143</u>
		141,146	164,880
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	16	<u>(5,041)</u>	<u>(5,507)</u>
Net current assets		<u>136,105</u>	<u>159,373</u>
Net assets		<u><u>138,073</u></u>	<u><u>162,003</u></u>
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		11,077	7,914
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>126,996</u>	<u>154,089</u>
Total funds	17	<u><u>138,073</u></u>	<u><u>162,003</u></u>

For the financial year ending 5 April 2025 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

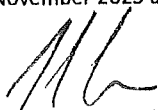
The notes on pages 16 to 27 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Balance Sheet as at 5 April 2025

The financial statements on pages 13 to 27 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 6 November 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



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Martin Andrews
Chairman and trustee

The notes on pages 16 to 27 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 5 April 2025

1 Charity status

The charity is limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales, and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £5 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

The address of its registered office is:

Cribs Office
St Columba's Boys' School
Halcot Avenue
Bexleyheath
DA6 7QB

These financial statements were authorised for issue by the trustees on 6 November 2025.

2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Second edition October 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). They also comply with the Companies Act 2006 and Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

CRiBS Charitable Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

The charity opted to early adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

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Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the directors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the periods in which the estimate is revised where revisions affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revisions affects both current and future periods.

Income and endowments

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

Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Legacy gifts are recognised on a case by case basis following the grant of probate when the administrator/executor for the estate has communicated in writing both the amount and settlement date. In the event that the gift is in the form of an asset other than cash or a financial asset traded on a recognised stock exchange, recognition is subject to the value of the gift being reliably measurable with a degree of reasonable accuracy and the title to the asset having been transferred to the charity.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Gift aid

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the Statement of Financial Activities at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Investment Income

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

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Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £500 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Motor vehicles	25% reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	33% reducing balance

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Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Pensions and other post retirement obligations

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

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3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Donations and legacies;				
Donations	121,336	-	121,336	144,186
Legacies	-	-	-	9,732
Gift aid reclaimed	14,470	-	14,470	14,313
Grants, including capital grants;				
The Harenc Community Trust	5,500	-	5,500	5,500
The National Lottery Community Fund	-	15,000	15,000	15,500
Marsh Christian Trust	-	600	600	500
The MSE Charity	-	507	507	4,562
The Family Trust	-	-	-	5,000
ASDA Foundation	-	-	-	1,128
St James Place Charitable Foundation	-	-	-	2,500
Makers of Playing Cards Charity	-	-	-	2,000
The Fellowship of St John's Trust Association	-	-	-	10,000
The Fyrish Foundation	-	-	-	10,000
The Souter Charitable Trust	3,000	-	3,000	3,000
The Laing Family Charitable Trust	-	-	-	5,000
William Kendall (via BVSC)	-	4,563	4,563	-
Sevenoaks District Council	-	950	950	-
Groundwork UK	-	1,000	1,000	-
Sponsorship	1,305	-	1,305	-
	<u>145,611</u>	<u>22,620</u>	<u>168,231</u>	<u>232,921</u>

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4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Fees and supplies	57,445	57,445	68,367
Contractual income	-	-	3,491
	<u>57,445</u>	<u>57,445</u>	<u>71,858</u>

5 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £	Total 2024 £
Events income;			
Fundraising events	1,086	1,086	-
Other Income	5,402	5,402	852
	<u>6,488</u>	<u>6,488</u>	<u>852</u>

6 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Interest receivable and similar income;			
Interest receivable on bank deposits	1,547	1,547	1,264
Other income from fixed asset investments	-	-	2,457
	<u>1,547</u>	<u>1,547</u>	<u>3,721</u>

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7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Fundraising costs		790	-
Project costs		3,579	2,828
Direct costs		7,564	2,956
Staff costs	10	225,372	268,919
Support costs	8	20,336	7,937
		<u>257,641</u>	<u>282,640</u>

In addition to the expenditure analysed above, there are also support costs of £20,336 (2024 - £7,937) which relate directly to charitable activities. See note 8 for further details.

8 Analysis of support costs

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
(Profit)/loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	(12,344)
Staff training	343	345
Rent	1,375	1,577
Insurance	1,179	145
Repairs and maintenance	-	218
Telephone and fax	2,151	1,091
Computer software and maintenance	1,137	654
Printing, postage and stationery	3,945	4,081
Trade subscriptions	1,071	1,442
Sundries	1,241	1,471
Motor expenses	3,273	3,322
Travel and subsistence	976	1,423
Accountancy	780	1,524
Independent examination	2,202	2,100
Depreciation of fixtures and fittings	23	34
Depreciation of motor vehicles	640	854
	<u>20,336</u>	<u>7,937</u>

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9 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

10 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	208,959	248,734
Social security costs	10,695	13,360
Pension costs	5,718	6,825
	<u>225,372</u>	<u>268,919</u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management / leadership team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2025 No	2024 No
Charitable activities	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

11 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

12 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.

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13 Tangible fixed assets

	Furniture and equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost			
At 6 April 2024	8,456	10,799	19,255
At 5 April 2025	8,456	10,799	19,255
Depreciation			
At 6 April 2024	8,388	8,237	16,625
Charge for the year	22	640	662
At 5 April 2025	8,410	8,877	17,287
Net book value			
At 5 April 2025	46	1,922	1,968
At 5 April 2024	68	2,562	2,630

14 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	1,470	815
Prepayments	1,923	2,462
Other debtors	397	5,460
	3,790	8,737

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15 Cash and cash equivalents

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash on hand	854	645
Cash at bank	136,502	155,498
	<u>137,356</u>	<u>156,143</u>

16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Accruals	<u>5,041</u>	<u>5,507</u>

17 Funds

	Balance at 6 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 5 April 2025 £
Unrestricted funds				
<i>General</i>				
General Funds	154,089	211,091	(238,184)	126,996
Restricted funds				
Unlimited Primary (previously Boys Noise/bYou leaders)	3,500	600	(600)	3,500
Mentoring	2,450	-	-	2,450
CAP Money	(598)	5,070	(1,907)	2,565
Boys Noise - Van	2,562	-	-	2,562
Unlimited Secondary	-	16,950	(16,950)	-
	<u>7,914</u>	<u>22,620</u>	<u>(19,457)</u>	<u>11,077</u>
Total funds	<u>162,003</u>	<u>233,711</u>	<u>(257,641)</u>	<u>138,073</u>

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	Balance at 6 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 5 April 2024 £
Unrestricted funds						
<i>General</i>						
General Funds	123,842	269,290	(165,461)	(71,003)	(2,579)	154,089
Restricted funds						
Boys Noise/bYou leaders	2,000	7,500	(23,944)	17,944	-	3,500
Mentoring	2,450	15,500	(18,500)	3,000	-	2,450
CAP Money	600	4,562	(6,560)	800	-	(598)
Boys Noise - Van	8,978	-	(6,416)	-	-	2,562
REconnect	-	10,000	(51,076)	41,076	-	-
Unlimited Primary	-	2,500	(10,683)	8,183	-	-
	<u>14,028</u>	<u>40,062</u>	<u>(117,179)</u>	<u>71,003</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,914</u>
Total funds	<u>137,870</u>	<u>309,352</u>	<u>(282,640)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,579)</u>	<u>162,003</u>

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

Intervention support - funds from Makers of Playing Cards Charity, The Harenc Community Trust and St James Place Charitable Foundation for 'Unlimited Primary' project.

Mentoring - funds from The National Lottery Community Fund to run the 'Unlimited Secondary' project for mentoring of secondary school pupils.

CAP Money - funds from The MSE Charity to deliver the 'CAP Money Kids' course to year 5 and year 6 children.

Boys Noise - Van - net book value of the van purchased for the use on 'Boys Noise' project (now 'Unlimited Primary').

REconnect - funds from The Fellowship of St John's Trust Association for delivery of RE lessons in primary schools.

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18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 5 April 2025 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,968	-	1,968
Current assets	130,069	11,077	141,146
Current liabilities	(5,041)	-	(5,041)
Total net assets	<u>126,996</u>	<u>11,077</u>	<u>138,073</u>

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 5 April 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	2,630	-	2,630
Current assets	156,966	7,914	164,880
Current liabilities	(5,507)	-	(5,507)
Total net assets	<u>154,089</u>	<u>7,914</u>	<u>162,003</u>