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CENTRE WEST (NEWCASTLE)
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

CENTRE WEST (NEWCASTLE)
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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Rev G R Curry Mr F J Laird Cllr H Rahman Ms S L Douglas Ms M Bartley Cllr T M Cairns	
Country of incorporation	United Kingdom (England and Wales)	04357221
Charity registration	England and Wales	1129502
Registered office	The Beacon Westgate Road Newcastle upon Tyne Tyne and Wear NE4 9PQ	
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CENTRE WEST (NEWCASTLE)

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TRUSTEE'S REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's memorandum and articles of association, the Companies Act 2006 and "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).

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects is "to directly contribute to the closing of the gaps in quality of life between the people of the West End and the remainder of the City and enhance their life chances".

This is a broad, cross cutting remit. In working towards the social, economic and physical regeneration of the inner west of Newcastle, Centre West currently undertakes a range of activities in keeping with its social enterprise ethos to achieve this including:

- maintaining a portfolio of properties to give Centre West a stable financial footing and benefit the community by clustering activity and services in the west end, creating opportunities for the area.
- in partnership with Groundwork South Tyneside and Newcastle developing the Beacon as an employment and enterprise hub.
- seeking out, developing and delivering targeted enterprises and initiatives to increase opportunities and open up choice for individuals and communities, e.g. Hat-trick.
- maintaining strategic relationships with key service providers and local decision-makers to influence and inform the design and delivery of services and shape planning and investment in redevelopment of the area.
- sustaining a network of community intelligence, brokering conversations and supporting our communities to play a role in the decisions that affect the west end of Newcastle.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

The challenges facing the communities of the inner west of Newcastle remain significant. Centre West is taking an incremental approach to these challenges, all the while championing the place of communities in those decisions that affect the area and the lives of those living there.

In 2024 the trustees adopted a 3 year business plan with aims of generating further growth of projects while safeguarding the financial outlook of the overall charity with a full cost recovery model.

In April 2023 Centre West was assessed by Investors in People and retained its IPP status. The report confirmed that Centre West is performing well above the average Investors in People score as well as for the industry sector within which it operates i.e. social work activities including charities. For all areas IIP rates Centre West at least a 9 out of 10.

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The Beacon

Occupying the site of the former West Road Fire Station, this £6.6 million development was completed in December 2011 and now provides a multi-use eco-friendly building for supporting and developing community enterprise, businesses, employment, education, and business training events. Significantly, it is a partnership with the environmental charity, Groundwork South Tyneside and Newcastle.

Due to the nature of changing demand a process speeded up by the pandemic. In 2021–22 the joint Board took the decision to concentrate on business support particularly the hot-desking offer and reduce the events offer to meeting room hire only.

Demand for office accommodation and artisans' workshops is consistently more than, the target of 85%. The project after initially requiring significant investment reported a break-even position for the 2022-23 financial year. Due to utilities costs rising in October 2024 from @ £50k to @ £105K per annum. The year ended with a -£15k deficit in 2024-25.

Priorities for future development are:

- Repayment of the owning charities investment, Centre West £273K.
- Reduce utilities costs and CO2 emissions via grant investment in on site renewable power generation and LED lighting throughout the building.
- Mitigate rates risk and generate additional income – Implement the Beacon agreed development plan to establish an enterprise hub on the 2nd floor.
- Generate income – Additional to Co-working, virtual tenancies and business events. Establish an enterprise offer for special Educational Needs young people as part of the enterprise hub offer.

Governance arrangements for Hat-Trick & CHEFF.

Both Hat-Trick and CHEFF are managed as separate ring-fenced projects. Budgets are approved by the Board and grant income restricted; both also have separate approved business development plans. This provides clarity, regarding, their respective trading accounts and provides protection from community development work commitments. Centre West has reduced central costs and made significant provision to mitigate risk.

Hat-trick

Hat-Trick is a highly regarded community sport coaching and health initiative. It has continued to grow and has continued to develop during 2024/25. Despite the impact of the cost of living crisis. As part of the Board agreed development strategy Hat-Trick expanded its operations into Gateshead and successfully extended its activities in 2024/25.

The quality of the apprentice training programme was recognized nationally in 2022/23, That recognition was maintained and built upon in 2024/25.

Hat-Trick has established a national reputation for excellence. Both managers are in demand as business consultants for other sports-based community initiatives around the country and this also presents an opportunity for growth. Hat-Trick has strong partnership links nationally, regionally, and locally and this presents opportunities to further develop schemes of work such as family health, community safety, counter extremism, dangers of social media, holiday hunger and steps to employment.

In 2024/25 Hat-Trick's team of staff and volunteers helped thousands of children, young people, and adults, raise aspirations, increase their opportunities, and be active.

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CHEFF

Approved as a pilot project in January 2019 the CHEFF project was evaluated against performance in January 2021. The Board continued to develop the project during 2024/2025. Its agreed objectives agreed for CHEFF include the following:

- Encourage families to lead healthier lifestyles.
- Target specific groups to reduce social exclusion – older residents.
- Reduce inequalities in health.
- Provide safe, high quality, minimal cost, inclusive, accessible, activities for all the family.
- Work in partnership with the local community and other services
- Encourage families to volunteer, gain qualifications, improve their outcomes and become role models
- Increase the reputation of Centre-West in the local community

Partnerships and community engagement

Centre West in 2024/25 maintained effective working relationships with Newcastle City Council and other key service providers. The organisation was able to navigate policy landscape shifts at both the national and local levels, restructure and refocus its priorities.

The 2024/27 business plan was updated during the year.

Financial review

This report relates to the period 2024-2025 during which income and expenditure related solely to the charity's core activities.

During the year a deficit of £130,291 was generated (2024: surplus of £57,009). The charity holds unrestricted funds of £1,043,950 (2024: £1,178,547) and restricted funds of £405,521 (2024: £401,215).

The 'free reserves' of the charity (defined as those unrestricted funds not designated for specific purposes or tied up in fixed assets) stood at £1,039,081 at the year end (2024: £1,173,487).

The cash reserves of the charity have been utilised in funding the operation of The Beacon.

The Trustees review a rolling 12 month cash flow at each board meeting and if necessary are prepared to liquidate an element of the investments managed by CCLA to ensure that the ongoing working capital requirements of the charity are met.

Going Concern

The charity has sufficient cash reserves, and realisable investments, currently £900,000, to cover several years' worth of current expenditure.

Grants and contracts

The Hat-Trick and CHEFF projects, continue to attract funding from a range of funders in the form of grants and contracts.

Reserves policy

In 2024-2025 the Trustees continued to operate a prudent reserves policy to reflect the time of transition for the charity and turbulence in the economy. The trustees have established an unrestricted reserves policy level to allow the Board to take appropriate action to ensure the continuity of its operations for several months should income be interrupted. It also includes unanticipated costs including staff absence.

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Risk statement

Centre West maintains a risk register and regularly reviews and evaluates risk and identifies appropriate preventative activities to minimise risk to the organisation. The trustees are confident that risks have been identified and appropriate risk management measures are in place. They are kept under continual review.

The asset strategy will be kept under review to ensure risk to income is minimised and return on investment and community outcomes maximised.

Hat-trick will undertake a review of its business model to ensure its ongoing sustainability. Indications are that the strong reputation the project has developed with funders, partners and beneficiaries places the project in a strong position to address any challenges it may face.

Objectives 2025-2026

During 2025-2026 the trustees will:

- seek to develop a coaching and training academy that will provide training programmes. The programmes will improve the quality of life for people from under-served communities by providing access to employment opportunities, skills development, and long-term personal and professional growth;
- support the expansion and development of Hat-Trick initiatives in the nearby Metropolitan Borough of Gateshead as well as other parts of the City of Newcastle upon Tyne; and
- working with Groundwork continue to review and develop the work of The Beacon to secure its long-term viability and enable the monies owed to the charities to be repaid. It is recognised that the challenges the charities faced are not insignificant.

Structure, governance and management

Centre West (Newcastle) is a charitable company limited by guarantee and was established as a charity in May 2009 to lead the regeneration of the Cruddas Park, Arthur's Hill, Ryehill and Elswick areas of the West End of Newcastle. It is the successor to New Deal for Communities (Newcastle) Limited.

Centre West (Newcastle) is governed by a memorandum and articles of association. The governance is the responsibility of the Board of Trustees, which takes decisions on the strategic leadership of the organisation by democratic majority vote at its general meetings, which take place bi-monthly. The Board comprises appointed trustees, and two elected Ward Members (proposed by Newcastle City Council). An agreed Role Specification is used to inform the suitability of potential trustees. The elected trustees serve a four-year term with elections taking place every second year for one trustee from each constituency; co-opted trustees are appointed annually.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Rev G R Curry
Mr F J Laird
Cllr H Rahman
Ms S L Douglas
Ms M Bartley
Cllr T M Cairns

During 2024/25 the City Council did not appoint a Councillor to sit on the Board.

Upon appointment, all trustees are provided with role descriptions, an information pack including the annual report, memorandum and articles of association and Centre West's policy and procedures. Existing trustees and staff participate in the induction. Periodic training is made available to the Board to support trustees in their role.

The Trustees have appointed a small staff team to support them in their work. Responsibilities for the day to day running of the organisation, managing the property portfolio, exploring new enterprise opportunities, community engagement and partnerships development are delegated to the Partnership Director and reported at subsequent board meetings.

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Centre West holds a 57.61% share in The Beacon, which is managed by a separate partnership board. The Centre West Board has the right to nominate two trustees to sit on the Beacon partnership board. These trustees are delegated authority to take decisions about the capital build and overarching operation of the Beacon, which are reported to the Centre West Board. Issues that have a direct bearing on the strategic direction of or risk to Centre West are referred to the Centre West Board.

Statement of Trustee's responsibilities

The trustees, who are also the directors of Centre West (Newcastle) for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustee's Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Auditor

In accordance with the company's articles, a resolution proposing that Sumer Auditco Limited be reappointed as auditor of the company will be put at a General Meeting.

Disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

Small company exemptions

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

The Trustee's report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Signed by:

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Rev G R Curry

Trustee 30 January 2026

Dated:

CENTRE WEST (NEWCASTLE)

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF CENTRE WEST (NEWCASTLE)

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Centre West (Newcastle) (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustee's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit:

- the information given in the Trustee's report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared, which includes the directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law, is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report included within the Trustee's report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)
TO THE MEMBERS OF CENTRE WEST (NEWCASTLE)

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report included within the Trustee's report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Trustee's report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of Trustee's responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)
TO THE MEMBERS OF CENTRE WEST (NEWCASTLE)**

Capability of the audit in detecting irregularities, including fraud

Based on our understanding of the charitable company and the sector in which it operates, we identified that the following laws and regulations are significant to the entity:

- Those laws and regulations considered to have a direct effect on the financial statements including UK financial reporting standards, Company Law and Charity Law.
- Those laws and regulations for which non-compliance may be fundamental to the operating aspects of the charity and therefore may have a material effect on the financial statements include compliance with charitable objectives, public benefit, fundraising regulations, safeguarding and health and safety legislation.

These matters were discussed amongst the engagement team at the planning stage and the team remained alert throughout the audit.

Audit procedures undertaken in response to the potential risks relating to irregularities (which include fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations) comprised of: inquiries of management and the Trustees as to whether the entity complies with such laws and regulations; enquiries with the same concerning any actual or potential litigation or claims; inspection of relevant legal correspondence and legal costs incurred; review of Trustee meeting minutes; testing the appropriateness of journal entries; and the performance of analytical review to identify unexpected movements in account balances which may be indicative of fraud.

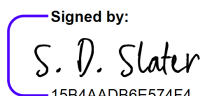
No instances of material non-compliance were identified. However, the likelihood of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is limited by the inherent difficulty in detecting irregularities, the effectiveness of the entity's controls, and the nature, timing and extent of the audit procedures performed. Irregularities that result from fraud might be inherently more difficult to detect than irregularities that result from error. As explained above, there is an unavoidable risk that material misstatements may not be detected, even though the audit has been planned and performed in accordance with ISAs (UK).

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Signed by:



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Mr Stephen Slater (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of Sumer Auditco Limited, Statutory Auditor

Accountants

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Date: 02 February 2026

CENTRE WEST (NEWCASTLE)
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Current financial year

		Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
	Notes				
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	-	312,518	312,518	322,435
Charitable activities	4	-	194,661	194,661	167,961
Investments	5	28,212	-	28,212	28,654
Total income		28,212	507,179	535,391	519,050
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	6	106,624	522,285	628,909	549,525
Net gains/(losses) on investments	11	(36,773)	-	(36,773)	87,484
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before transfers		(115,185)	(15,106)	(130,291)	57,009
Gross transfers between funds		(19,412)	19,412	-	-
Net movement in funds		(134,597)	4,306	(130,291)	57,009
Fund balances at 1 April 2024		1,178,547	401,215	1,579,762	1,522,753
Fund balances at 31 March 2025		1,043,950	405,521	1,449,471	1,579,762

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

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The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Prior financial year

		Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
	Notes			
Income from:				
Donations and legacies	3	-	322,435	322,435
Charitable activities	4	3,361	164,600	167,961
Investments	5	28,654	-	28,654
Total income		<u>32,015</u>	<u>487,035</u>	<u>519,050</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	6	<u>91,743</u>	<u>457,782</u>	<u>549,525</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	11	<u>87,484</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>87,484</u>
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before transfers		<u>27,756</u>	<u>29,253</u>	<u>57,009</u>
Gross transfers between funds		<u>(28,460)</u>	<u>28,460</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>(704)</u>	<u>57,713</u>	<u>57,009</u>
Fund balances at 1 April 2023		<u>1,179,251</u>	<u>343,502</u>	<u>1,522,753</u>
Fund balances at 31 March 2024		<u><u>1,178,547</u></u>	<u><u>401,215</u></u>	<u><u>1,579,762</u></u>

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12	2,022,696		2,177,347	
Investments	13	858,501		995,274	
		<u>2,881,197</u>		<u>3,172,621</u>	
Current assets					
Debtors	14	344,892		384,575	
Cash at bank and in hand		116,076		60,701	
		<u>460,968</u>		<u>445,276</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	<u>(271,755)</u>		<u>(267,366)</u>	
Net current assets			189,213		177,910
Total assets less current liabilities			3,070,410		3,350,531
Deferred income	17		(1,620,939)		(1,770,769)
Net assets			<u>1,449,471</u>		<u>1,579,762</u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds	19	405,521		401,215	
Unrestricted funds	20	1,043,950		1,178,547	
		<u>1,449,471</u>		<u>1,579,762</u>	

30 January 2026

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on

Signed by:

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Rev G R Curry
Trustee

Company Registration No. 04357221

CENTRE WEST (NEWCASTLE)
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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash absorbed by operations	23		(70,637)		(90,768)
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(2,200)		(5,315)	
Proceeds from disposal of investments		100,000		100,000	
Investment income received		28,212		28,654	
Net cash generated from investing activities			126,012		123,339
Net cash generated from financing activities			-		-
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents			55,375		32,571
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			60,701		28,130
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			116,076		60,701

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Centre West (Newcastle) is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is The Beacon, Westgate Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, Tyne and Wear, NE4 9PQ.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "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)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources within cash and investments to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The Trustees review a rolling 12 month cash flow at each board meeting and if necessary are prepared to liquidate an element of the investments managed by CCLA to ensure that the ongoing working capital requirements of the charity are met. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements. The Board has concluded that the going concern assumption is appropriate in preparing these financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Capital grants and contributions receivable are credited to deferred income and released to the income and expenditure account over the estimated lives of the relevant assets.

Revenue grants and contributions received and receivable in respect of specific project expenditure are credited to deferred income and recognised in the income and expenditure account in the same period as the related expenditure.

The funding is received in accordance with the provisions and conditions as specified in the offer letters which regulate the way in which such funds may be spent.

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1 Accounting policies (Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

This relates to the costs of carrying out the activities of the charity. Where there are costs common to both direct charitable and management expenditure judgement is applied on a time allocation basis.

Charitable activities include expenditure associated with the provision of projects undertaken to benefit the area and property activities for the regeneration of the local area, including both direct cost and support costs relating to these activities.

Governance costs include those costs incurred in the governance of the charity and its assets and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Leasehold property	25 years straight line
Fixtures and fittings	33 1/3% straight line
Computers	33 1/3% straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.10 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

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1 Accounting policies

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Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.11 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.12 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

1.13 Legal status of the charity

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital. In the event of a winding up, every member undertakes to contribute to the payment of liabilities such amount as may be required not exceeding the total of £1.

1.14 Joint arrangement

Joint arrangements are accounted for in accordance with FRS 102 - Section 15 - Investments in Joint Ventures. These financial statements recognise only Centre West (Newcastle)'s share of the income, expenditure, assets and liabilities of joint arrangement projects.

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2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees 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 period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

Critical judgements

The following judgements (apart from those involving estimates) have had the most significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements.

Assessing indicators of impairment

In assessing whether there have been any indicators of impairment of assets, the trustees have considered both external and internal sources of information such as market conditions and experience of recoverability. The properties are periodically valued by Chartered Surveyors to ensure freehold properties are accurately disclosed in the financial statements.

Key sources of estimation uncertainty

The estimates and assumptions which have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities are as follows.

Determining residual values and useful economic lives of tangible fixed assets

The company depreciates tangible fixed assets over their estimated useful lives. The estimation of the useful lives of assets is based on historic performance as well as expectations about future use and therefore requires estimates and assumptions to be applied by management. The actual lives of these assets can vary depending on a variety of factors, including technological innovation, product life cycles and maintenance programmes.

Judgement is applied by trustees when determining the residual values for tangible fixed assets. When determining the residual value trustees aim to assess the amount that the company would currently obtain for the disposal of the asset, if it were already of the condition expected at the end of its useful economic life. Where possible this is done with reference to external market prices. The carrying amount of tangible fixed assets at the reporting end date was £2,022,696 (2024: £2,177,347).

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Restricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2024 £
Grants	312,518	322,435
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Grants		
Newcastle CC revenue grant	69,191	50,191
Release of deferred capital grants	149,830	149,830
Other grants	93,497	122,414
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	312,518	322,435
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Activities						
Services from charitable activities	-	194,661	194,661	-	164,600	164,600
Share of The Beacon Partnership profit	-	-	-	3,361	-	3,361
	-	194,661	194,661	3,361	164,600	167,961

5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Income from listed investments	28,212	28,654

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6 Charitable activities

	Project undertaken to benefit area 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Project undertaken to benefit area 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Staff costs	320,682	320,682	259,440	259,440
Depreciation and impairment	154,460	154,460	154,459	154,459
Advertising and communication	221	221	305	305
Equipment	37,764	37,764	26,585	26,585
Trustee and staff expenses	6,215	6,215	6,759	6,759
Property costs	976	976	4,484	4,484
Legal and professional fees	498	498	600	600
Sundry expenses	1,469	1,469	5,150	5,150
Share of The Beacon Partnership loss	14,796	14,796	-	-
	<u>537,081</u>	<u>537,081</u>	<u>457,782</u>	<u>457,782</u>
Share of support costs (see note 7)	71,140	71,140	73,815	73,815
Share of governance costs (see note 7)	20,688	20,688	17,928	17,928
	<u>628,909</u>	<u>628,909</u>	<u>549,525</u>	<u>549,525</u>
Analysis by fund				
Unrestricted funds	106,624	106,624	91,743	91,743
Restricted funds	522,285	522,285	457,782	457,782
	<u>628,909</u>	<u>628,909</u>	<u>549,525</u>	<u>549,525</u>

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7 Support and governance costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2025	Support costs	Governance costs	2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	36,389	-	36,389	35,545	-	35,545
Depreciation	2,391	-	2,391	2,076	-	2,076
Advertising and communication	775	-	775	749	-	749
Equipment	56	-	56	52	-	52
Property costs	5,871	-	5,871	5,580	-	5,580
Office supplies	5,546	-	5,546	5,080	-	5,080
Rent	19,223	-	19,223	21,028	-	21,028
Legal and professional fees	-	-	-	2,880	-	2,880
Bank charges and interest	36	-	36	36	-	36
Sundry expenses	853	-	853	789	-	789
Audit fees	-	3,600	3,600	-	3,600	3,600
Accountancy	-	17,088	17,088	-	14,328	14,328
	<u>71,140</u>	<u>20,688</u>	<u>91,828</u>	<u>73,815</u>	<u>17,928</u>	<u>91,743</u>
Analysed between						
Charitable activities	<u>71,140</u>	<u>20,688</u>	<u>91,828</u>	<u>73,815</u>	<u>17,928</u>	<u>91,743</u>

8 Net movement in funds

2025
£

2024
£

The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):

Fees payable for the audit of the charity's financial statements	3,600	3,600
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	156,851	156,535
	<u>156,851</u>	<u>156,535</u>

9 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any expenses, remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

10 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2025 Number	2024 Number
Charitable	<u>13</u>	<u>11</u>

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10 Employees **(Continued)**

Employment costs	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	328,689	271,527
Social security costs	18,455	14,255
Other pension costs	9,927	9,203
	<u>357,071</u>	<u>294,985</u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

Remuneration of key management personnel

Key management has been determined to be the trustees and the Partnership Director of the charity. Trustees receive no remuneration or benefits.

The remuneration of key management personnel is as follows.

	2025	2024
	£	£
Aggregate compensation	<u>37,132</u>	<u>36,347</u>

11 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2025	2024
	£	£
Revaluation of investments	(38,032)	89,036
Gain/(loss) on sale of investments	<u>1,259</u>	<u>(1,552)</u>
	<u>(36,773)</u>	<u>87,484</u>

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12 Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computers £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 April 2024	3,861,479	33,814	85,299	3,980,592
Additions	-	-	2,200	2,200
At 31 March 2025	3,861,479	33,814	87,499	3,982,792
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 April 2024	1,689,192	30,928	83,125	1,803,245
Depreciation charged in the year	154,460	1,436	955	156,851
At 31 March 2025	1,843,652	32,364	84,080	1,960,096
Carrying amount				
At 31 March 2025	2,017,827	1,450	3,419	2,022,696
At 31 March 2024	2,172,287	2,886	2,174	2,177,347

13 Fixed asset investments

	Listed Investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 April 2024	995,274
Valuation changes	(38,032)
Disposals	(98,741)
At 31 March 2025	858,501
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2025	858,501
At 31 March 2024	995,274

14 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	33,774	49,520
Amounts owed by joint ventures	281,673	274,514
Prepayments and accrued income	29,445	60,541
	344,892	384,575

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15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	5,227	4,196
Trade creditors	2,928	4,512
Amounts owed to joint ventures	225,470	210,673
Other creditors	1,666	3,108
Accruals and deferred income	36,464	44,877
	<u>271,755</u>	<u>267,366</u>

16 Collaboration

On 28 February 2011 the charity entered into a collaboration agreement with the environmental charity Groundwork South Tyneside and Newcastle. The purpose of the arrangement has been to fund and supervise the construction of The Beacon Building as described in the trustees report. The two parties agreed the way in which the project was to be financed and these financial statements recognise Centre West (Newcastle)'s share of the relevant assets and liabilities. The capital contribution from Groundwork South Tyneside and North Tyneside Limited was £1,575,000.

17 Government grants

Deferred income is included in the financial statements as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Deferred income is included within:		
Shown as deferred income on the face of the balance sheet	1,620,939	1,770,769
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Movements in the year:		
Deferred income at 1 April 2024	1,770,769	1,920,599
Released from previous periods	(149,830)	(149,830)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Deferred income at 31 March 2025	<u>1,620,939</u>	<u>1,770,769</u>

Included in deferred government grants is £1,620,939 (2024: £1,770,769) in relation to The Beacon development.

18 Retirement benefit schemes

	2025	2024
	£	£
Defined contribution schemes		
Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes	9,927	9,203
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

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19 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

Current financial year

	Movement in funds				
	Balance at 1 April 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Beacon Building	280,784	149,830	(154,459)	-	276,155
Hat-Trick Project	102,079	300,976	(292,041)	-	111,014
Science City	18,352	-	-	-	18,352
CHEFF Project	-	56,373	(75,785)	19,412	-
	<u>401,215</u>	<u>507,179</u>	<u>(522,285)</u>	<u>19,412</u>	<u>405,521</u>

Prior financial year

	Movement in funds				
	Balance at 1 April 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 1 April 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Beacon Building	285,412	149,830	(154,458)	-	280,784
Hat-Trick Project	39,738	291,521	(239,180)	10,000	102,079
Science City	18,352	-	-	-	18,352
CHEFF Project	-	45,684	(64,144)	18,460	-
	<u>343,502</u>	<u>487,035</u>	<u>(457,782)</u>	<u>28,460</u>	<u>401,215</u>

Beacon Building

Grant funding was received for the construction of a new social enterprise building to support the local business community in partnership with Groundworks South Tyneside and Newcastle. This fund represents the charity's share of the building as included in tangible fixed assets.

Hat-Trick Project

The Hat-Trick project was founded in 2005, using football as an ideal method to help young people gain skills and confidence - while having a great time along the way. This project is funded by grants restricted for this purpose.

CHEFF Project

The CHEFF project was founded in 2019, to encourage families to lead healthier lifestyles, reducing inequalities in health. This project is funded by grants restricted for this purpose.

Science City

The Newcastle Science City Community Engagement Project was launched to bring people of all backgrounds together to get involved with science and find out how it can make a real and lasting difference to their communities. The fund balance relates to an underspend on the project, for which authorisation is being sought to transfer to unrestricted funds.

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19 Restricted funds

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Transfers between funds

This represents a core charity contribution to the CHEFF project.

20 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 April 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	1,178,547	28,212	(106,624)	(19,412)	(36,773)	1,043,950
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Previous year:	At 1 April 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	1,179,251	32,015	(91,743)	(28,460)	87,484	1,178,547
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

21 Analysis of net assets between funds

Current financial year

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Fund balances at 31 March 2025 are represented by:			
Tangible assets	4,869	2,017,827	2,022,696
Investments	858,501	-	858,501
Current assets/(liabilities)	180,580	8,633	189,213
Provisions and deferred income	-	(1,620,939)	(1,620,939)
	<u>1,043,950</u>	<u>405,521</u>	<u>1,449,471</u>

Prior financial year

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Fund balances at 31 March 2024 are represented by:			
Tangible assets	5,060	2,172,287	2,177,347
Investments	995,274	-	995,274
Current assets/(liabilities)	178,213	(303)	177,910
Provisions and deferred income	-	(1,770,769)	(1,770,769)
	<u>1,178,547</u>	<u>401,215</u>	<u>1,579,762</u>

22 Related party transactions

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22 Related party transactions

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Two trustees that served during the year, H Rahman and T Cairns, are councillors of Newcastle City Council which acted as the accountable body to the NDC funding, but does not deliver any of the company's projects.

Funding was received from Newcastle City Council of £69,191 (2024: £50,191).

At 31 March 2025 an amount of £15,266 (2024: £33,105) is owed from Newcastle City Council and is included in debtors.

23 Cash absorbed by operations	2025	2024
	£	£
(Deficit)/surplus for the year	(130,291)	57,009
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(28,212)	(28,654)
(Gain)/loss on disposal of investments	(1,259)	1,552
Fair value gains and losses on investments	38,032	(89,036)
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	156,851	156,535
Movements in working capital:		
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	39,683	(59,955)
Increase in creditors	4,389	21,611
(Decrease) in deferred income	(149,830)	(149,830)
Cash absorbed by operations	(70,637)	(90,768)