

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025
for
Whitby, Scarborough and Ryedale
Disability Action Group

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Chairman's report

In my introduction to last year's Annual Report, I spoke of "choppy waters" ahead. As events unfolded, that warning proved well founded. The year covered by this report has tested Whitby DAG's resilience, governance and capacity in ways that few of us would have anticipated but it has also demonstrated the organisation's determination to adapt and endure.

Following a period of severe financial pressure in the previous year, Whitby DAG entered this reporting period with renewed hope, supported by the commencement of funding from the Woodsmith Foundation and the NHS Health Inequalities programme. These funding streams provided vital stability but they also came with new expectations around governance, reporting, and organisational development. Meeting those expectations, while continuing to deliver frontline services shaped much of the Trustees' work throughout the year.

At the same time, the organisation experienced significant disruption at senior staff level. This placed additional strain on remaining staff and required Trustees to become more closely involved in operational matters than would normally be the case. While far from ideal, this ensured continuity of services during a difficult period and prompted serious reflection about leadership capacity, organisational structure and how Whitby DAG should be supported to meet future challenges.

Financial sustainability remained a central concern. Although the immediate crisis of the previous year had eased, Trustees continued to monitor income, expenditure and reserves very carefully. Fundraising took place in an increasingly competitive environment, leading to a greater reliance on smaller trust applications alongside ongoing engagement with core funders. Work to improve financial reporting and transparency progressed steadily, strengthening confidence in the charity's financial position and decision-making.

Service demand remained high. The Mobility Equipment Hire Service continued to experience strong usage, reflecting the ongoing needs of disabled people and visitors to the area. At the same time, the service raised important questions around staffing, pricing, safety and long-term sustainability, all of which required careful Trustee oversight. The NHS Health Inequalities Hospital Transport Scheme was delivered as a pilot, providing valuable learning about affordability, demand and the practical realities of transport provision in a rural coastal area.

The year also marked a period of physical and organisational change. Following the sale of Church House, Whitby DAG completed its move to new premises at the Coliseum. While the relocation brought opportunities, it also highlighted challenges around space, infrastructure, IT provision and staff safety. Alongside this, work continued to strengthen policies, safeguarding arrangements and the Risk Register, reflecting a clear focus on governance and resilience.

Throughout the year, Trustees remained mindful of the people behind the organisation. Staff absences, workload pressures and uncertainty were handled with care and we are deeply grateful for the commitment shown by staff and volunteers alike. Long-standing volunteers continued to play a crucial role, even as the charity worked to clarify roles and procedures to support safe and consistent service delivery.

As the year progressed, Whitby DAG moved away from the immediate survival mode that characterised the previous period and began to focus more clearly on stability and future direction. Challenges remain, particularly around leadership capacity and long-term fundraising but the organisation is better governed, more financially informed and clearer about the work that lies ahead.

Whitby DAG has weathered another difficult year. It has not been without cost but it has reinforced the importance of strong governance, trusted partnerships and the dedication of all involved in the charity.

Mike Hutchinson
Chairman

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The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

06956837 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1131037

Registered office

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Mr M K Hutchinson
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Independent Examiner

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 19 November 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Mr M K Hutchinson - Trustee

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Whitby, Scarborough and Ryedale Disability Action Group ('the Company')

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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

Stewart M. Davies ACA FCCA

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19 November 2025

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.25 Total funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		33,833	81,270	115,103	25,460
Charitable activities					
Core activities		34,270	-	34,270	42,570
Investment income	2	722	-	722	719
Other income		-	-	-	8,200
Total		<u>68,825</u>	<u>81,270</u>	<u>150,095</u>	<u>76,949</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Core activities		<u>96,904</u>	<u>54,334</u>	<u>151,238</u>	<u>126,763</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(28,079)	26,936	(1,143)	(49,814)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		51,705	2,840	54,545	104,359
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>23,626</u></u>	<u><u>29,776</u></u>	<u><u>53,402</u></u>	<u><u>54,545</u></u>

Balance Sheet
31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.25 Total funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	7	10,256	-	10,256	12,684
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank and in hand		14,510	29,776	44,286	43,001
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(1,140)	-	(1,140)	(1,140)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>13,370</u>	<u>29,776</u>	<u>43,146</u>	<u>41,861</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		23,626	29,776	53,402	54,545
NET ASSETS		<u>23,626</u>	<u>29,776</u>	<u>53,402</u>	<u>54,545</u>
FUNDS	9				
Unrestricted funds				23,626	51,705
Restricted funds				29,776	2,840
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>53,402</u>	<u>54,545</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2025.

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

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

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

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 19 November 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

Mr M K Hutchinson - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

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

Expenditure

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

Tangible fixed assets

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

Fixtures and fittings	- 10% on reducing balance
Motor vehicles	- 20% on cost
Computer equipment	- 33% on cost

Taxation

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

Fund accounting

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

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

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

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Deposit account interest	722	719

3. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	2,428	5,921
Surplus on disposal of fixed assets	-	(8,200)

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

5. STAFF COSTS

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

	31.3.25	31.3.24
Employees	6	5

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

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	18,555	6,905	25,460
Charitable activities			
Core activities	1,416	41,154	42,570
Investment income	719	-	719
Other income	8,200	-	8,200
Total	28,890	48,059	76,949
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Core activities	78,338	48,425	126,763
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(49,448)	(366)	(49,814)

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	101,153	3,206	104,359
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>51,705</u>	<u>2,840</u>	<u>54,545</u>

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025	<u>5,288</u>	<u>64,051</u>	<u>450</u>	<u>69,789</u>
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 April 2024	4,204	52,451	450	57,105
Charge for year	<u>108</u>	<u>2,320</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,428</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>4,312</u>	<u>54,771</u>	<u>450</u>	<u>59,533</u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 March 2025	<u>976</u>	<u>9,280</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,256</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>1,084</u>	<u>11,600</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,684</u>

8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
Accrued expenses	<u>1,140</u>	<u>1,140</u>

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.24 £	Net movement in funds 31.3.25 £	At £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	51,705	(28,079)	23,626
Restricted funds			
Wheelchairs	700	(700)	-
Two Ridings Community Foundation	1,405	(1,076)	329
NYC Locality Budget	735	(210)	525
Woodsmith Foundation	-	6,972	6,972
Postcode Neighbourhood Trust	-	21,950	21,950
	<u>2,840</u>	<u>26,936</u>	<u>29,776</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>54,545</u>	<u>(1,143)</u>	<u>53,402</u>

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	68,825	(96,904)	(28,079)
Restricted funds			
Wheelchairs	-	(700)	(700)
Two Ridings Community Foundation	-	(1,076)	(1,076)
NYC Locality Budget	3,000	(3,210)	(210)
Woodsmith Foundation	36,320	(29,348)	6,972
NHS Humber	20,000	(20,000)	-
Postcode Neighbourhood Trust	21,950	-	21,950
	<u>81,270</u>	<u>(54,334)</u>	<u>26,936</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>150,095</u>	<u>(151,238)</u>	<u>(1,143)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	101,153	(49,448)	51,705
Restricted funds			
Wheelchairs	700	-	700
Two Ridings Community Foundation	-	1,405	1,405
NYCC Stronger Communities (Ryedale)	100	(100)	-
Hedley Foundation	1,906	(1,906)	-
NYC Locality Budget	500	235	735
	<u>3,206</u>	<u>(366)</u>	<u>2,840</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>104,359</u>	<u>(49,814)</u>	<u>54,545</u>

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	28,890	(78,338)	(49,448)
Restricted funds			
Wheelchairs	24,617	(24,617)	-
Events and Members	2,952	(2,952)	-
Minibus Fundraising	13,585	(13,585)	-
Two Ridings Community Foundation	4,950	(3,545)	1,405
NYCC Stronger Communities (Ryedale)	-	(100)	(100)
Hedley Foundation	-	(1,906)	(1,906)
NYC Locality Budget	1,955	(1,720)	235
	<u>48,059</u>	<u>(48,425)</u>	<u>(366)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>76,949</u>	<u>(126,763)</u>	<u>(49,814)</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	101,153	(77,527)	23,626
Restricted funds			
Wheelchairs	700	(700)	-
Two Ridings Community Foundation	-	329	329
NYCC Stronger Communities (Ryedale)	100	(100)	-
Hedley Foundation	1,906	(1,906)	-
NYC Locality Budget	500	25	525
Woodsmith Foundation	-	6,972	6,972
Postcode Neighbourhood Trust	-	21,950	21,950
	<u>3,206</u>	<u>26,570</u>	<u>29,776</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>104,359</u>	<u>(50,957)</u>	<u>53,402</u>

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	97,715	(175,242)	(77,527)
Restricted funds			
Wheelchairs	24,617	(25,317)	(700)
Events and Members	2,952	(2,952)	-
Minibus Fundraising	13,585	(13,585)	-
Two Ridings Community Foundation	4,950	(4,621)	329
NYCC Stronger Communities (Ryedale)	-	(100)	(100)
Hedley Foundation	-	(1,906)	(1,906)
NYC Locality Budget	4,955	(4,930)	25
Woodsmith Foundation	36,320	(29,348)	6,972
NHS Humber	20,000	(20,000)	-
Postcode Neighbourhood Trust	21,950	-	21,950
	<u>129,329</u>	<u>(102,759)</u>	<u>26,570</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>227,044</u>	<u>(278,001)</u>	<u>(50,957)</u>

10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

A new website was developed during the year and a payment of £6537.60 was made to Conversion Company Limited which is owned by Mr MK Hutchinson who is also a trustee and chairman of Whitby DAG.

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	22,783	18,555
Two Ridings Community Foundation	-	4,950
Hedley Foundation	1,050	-
Normanby Trust	10,000	-
NYCC Locality Budget	3,000	1,955
Woodsmith Foundation	36,320	-
NHS Humber	20,000	-
Postcode Neighbourhood Trust	21,950	-
	115,103	25,460
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	722	719
Charitable activities		
Fundraising - minibus	10,952	13,585
Benefits	200	1,416
Wheelchairs	20,925	24,617
Memberships	2,193	2,952
	34,270	42,570
Other income		
Gain on sale of tangible fixed assets	-	8,200
Total incoming resources	150,095	76,949
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	95,716	72,895
Rent, rates and service charge	15,016	15,109
Repairs and maintenance	3,307	3,569
Insurance	6,278	6,377
Minibus expenses	11,380	7,871
Staff expenses	2,374	1,622
Subscriptions	265	362
General expenses	241	377
	134,577	108,182
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Telephone, printing, postage and stationery	4,133	8,904
Accountancy and legal fees	2,686	1,795
Carried forward	6,819	10,699

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	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
Governance costs		
Brought forward	6,819	10,699
Computer and website costs	6,538	1,058
Bank charges	876	903
Fixtures and fittings	108	121
Motor vehicles	2,320	5,800
	16,661	18,581
Total resources expended	151,238	126,763
Net expenditure	(1,143)	(49,814)

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements