

ANNUAL REPORT

Year Ending 31st March 2025



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The White Horse Project
Registered Charity no. 1131750

Registered in England & Wales No. 6941257

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Legal and Administrative Information

Name of Charity: The White Horse Project

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Governing Document: Memorandum & Articles of Association incorporated 23rd June 2009

Official Address: St Anne's Vicarage, Ashworth Road, Rossendale, BB4 9JE

Charitable Objects

The charities objects, as laid out in the memorandum and articles of association, are:

TO ACT AS A RESOURCE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE LIVING IN THE AREA OF ROSSENDALE PRIMARILY WHITEWELL WARD AND INSPIRED BY CHRISTIAN FAITH BY PROVIDING ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE AND ORGANISING PROGRAMMES OF PHYSICAL, EDUCATIONAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES AS A MEANS OF:

- A) ADVANCING IN LIFE AND HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE BY DEVELOPING THEIR SKILLS, CAPACITIES AND CAPABILITIES TO ENABLE THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN SOCIETY AS INDEPENDENT, MATURE AND RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUALS;
- B) ADVANCING EDUCATION;
- C) RELIEVING UNEMPLOYMENT;
- D) PROVIDING RECREATIONAL AND LEISURE TIME ACTIVITY IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR PEOPLE LIVING IN THE AREA OF BENEFIT WHO HAVE NEED BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABILITY, POVERTY OR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES WITH A VIEW TO IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE OF SUCH PERSONS;
- E) PROMOTE A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE.
- F) PROMOTE CHRISTIAN SPIRITUAL WELLBEING.

Names of Trustees

Rodney Bevan

Amanda Robertson

Jill Loraine Bevan

Andrew John Roberts

Susan Elizabeth Hopkinson

Claire Louise Wise

Basis for appointing Trustees

New or replacement Trustees are appointed by the existing Trustees. There must be a minimum of three (3) Trustees but not subject to any maximum.

Project Manager

Léonie Ford-Miah

Reporting serious incidents (RSI)

The trustees confirm that during the period covered in this annual report the charity did not experience any serious incidents or other matters that should have been brought to the attention of the Charity Commission.

The trustees believe they have complied with their duty to ensure that the charity has worked for the public benefit. Unless reported in Related Party Transactions at the end of this report all officers and management team members give their time and services for free.

Jill Bevan and Andrew Roberts are responsible for maintaining the accounts, which are not audited.

Bankers

Our bankers are:

Barclays Bank

Leicester

LE87 2BB

Independent Examiner

Our Independent Examiner is Mr Peter Terry

Reserves Policy

The charity confirms that all funds are to be used for the on-going work. It is our policy to keep 6 months running costs, building improvement costs and funds towards a large event held every 3 years in reserves when possible.

Public Benefit

The Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on Public Benefit. The key public benefit delivered by The White Horse Project is the provision of high-quality activities and services for Young People which enable them to enjoy better life chances. Through the wide range of programs individuals develop new skills, improve their academic performance, take on additional responsibilities and therefore improve their whole individual wellbeing.

Policies of the Charity

Policies

The Charity works to policy statements that deal with: -

Arrival & Departure
Building security
Communication
Complaints*
Computer use
Confidentiality
Code of Conduct
Conflict of interest
Copyright
Disciplinary
Disclosure
Environment
Extremism*
Equipment
Equal Opportunities*
Equality*
Finance
Fire safety
First Aid
Flood evacuation
Health & Safety*
GDPR
Lettings
Lone Worker
Reserves
Safeguarding Children & Young People*
Security
Sexual health
Staff & Volunteers
Training
Travel
Trustees
Visits
Vulnerable adults

*These policies are reviewed annually by the Trustees

Trustees Introduction

The year 2024-25 started off with a brand-new program and the return of Friday night socials.

THE WHITE HORSE PROJECT

FREE! 11-18 YRS ALL WELCOME!
BOOKING IS NEEDED: 07389884525

SINGING
Make a note of Tuesdays
5.30pm-6.30pm
with the one and only Sean Ruane

BAND
Rock out with the talented Dave Jackson
Tuesdays @ 6.45pm-7.45pm

ART
Get creative with amazing artist
Ruth Evans
Wednesdays @ 5pm-6.30pm

SOCIALS
Hang out with your mates,
make new ones, or just have fun
with the lovely Lorraine Williams
Every other Friday @ 5pm-7pm

FIND US IN THE
FORMER
METHODIST
CHURCH,
TURNPIKE
BB4 9UD

follow us on facebook or insta
@ White Horse Project



Friday Night Socials!!

Hang out with your mates,
make new ones,
or just have fun!

Every other Friday
@ 5pm-7pm

Dates for your diary!

19th April	3rd May
17th May	14th June
28th June	12th July

ring 07389884525
or book in @membermeister



After the incredible concert in June work began on our garden project in association with Rossendale Men Shed. We were pleased to deliver a full summer program of activities. Whilst it is disappointing we have been unable to confirm a long term arrangement for our building we will continue to operate there for the foreseeable future.



The Trustees would like to thank our supporters, staff and volunteers for all their hard work during this year.

Andrew Roberts

On behalf of The Trustees of The White Horse Project

Highlight of the year

The highlight of the year had to be the concert on the 29th of June. After months of practice our young people entertained a packed house at St Annes church.



They were
awesome, well
done.

Comments on
Facebook

They were super
stars 😊

They were brilliant,
well done everyone
x

It was FANTASTIC!
Well done to
everyone involved



Activities, Achievements & Performance during current year 2024-25

Engagement With Young People

We have continued to engage positively with local young people, offering both a weekly term-time workshop programme and a holiday programme. Each week in term-time we have continued to offer music tuition (via zoom), singing, band and art workshops free of charge to young people. This was supplemented with a further Cookery Workshop, following the success of last year's pilot, and a new Gardening Project. We have expanded our holiday programme to include full days of activities in most school holidays and seen the introduction of dance, board games and the very popular Warhammer. Again, we were pleased to deliver sessions outside in Edgeside Park during the summer holidays.

Led by Sean & Vicky Ruane and Dave Jackson our musicians and singers have excelled themselves this year. They held their first solo gig in St Anne's Church in June 2024, when they performed an extensive programme to an audience of over a hundred people. Other young people volunteered to serve refreshments in the interval (which included mocktails) and to sell merchandise. This debut was followed up with a Christmas concert in December, which due to the hard work and commitment of all involved, was again very successful. We have been delighted to receive a generous legacy which will be used to introduce an annual award for singers and musicians. We will be working out the details of this in the year ahead, but it will mean recognition and a considerable prize for one young person each year.

Led by Ruth Evans our Art Workshop joined in once again with the annual Lantern Parade in October organised by Stacksteads Countryside Park Group. The artists also worked hard on creating mini mosaics celebrating local wildlife. This was another joint venture with *Civic Pride*, and when complete the mosaics will form a permanent trail in the centre of Waterfoot.

A very welcome addition to our programme has been the return of Friday night socials, renamed Youth Club. Lorraine started these on a monthly basis, which was extended to fortnightly, and sessions now happen every Friday and for an extended time of 5.30 – 8.00 pm. There is a varied programme – pool, table tennis, table football, craft, karaoke, pool, board games – and every week the young people eat a simple supper together. All young people, from Year 6 upwards are very welcome.

Our young people's council, known as *Limitless*, has continued to meet regularly to input their ideas into the way we operate and the activities we provide. Most notable they have shaped the Youth Club which has been reintroduced, and they have also requested a Homework Club.

Staffing

In June 2024 we welcomed Leonie Ford-Miah as our Project Manager, and she has brought a whole range of valuable skills from her experience in the business world and in volunteering roles in the community. She has overseen the modernising of our IT provision, so we work more smartly.

We have also been pleased to recruit some new volunteers, both in term-time and holidays. We are very grateful for their commitment and all they give to the young people.

Governance and Management

Our six trustees have continued to meet quarterly. We met in October for a Team Building Day when we worked together on our long-term vision and short-term objectives and this proved a very useful exercise. In March this was followed by a Team Building Day for trustees, staff and volunteers. This was facilitated by Bill Webster, trustee of the Igen charity who have supported us for many years. We were able to share the vision more widely and gather further input as we planned our way forward. In addition, we have signed up to *Charity Excellence* which provides a wealth of online training resources on all aspects of running a charity. As trustees we plan to work through these resources together.

Schools Outreach

In October we were pleased to welcome Kelsea Bennett to our staff as Outreach Co-ordinator. She had worked for us previously, alongside Siana. We recognise schools are very busy places and building long-term relationships with high schools in particular is a long-term work. We have made considerable progress in building relationships with local primary schools. Kelsea has worked in St Nicholas and St Peter's schools in Newchurch, and has sessions planned in St Anne's Edgeside. Her MusMeums project has been very well received, as Kelsea has worked with Year 6 students to help them prepare for the transition to high school. At the end of her six-week project parents and carers have been invited to come and view what their children have created. These sessions have been very well attended and have helped us in promoting what we have on offer. We have seen a rise in the number of young people attending Friday Youth Club as a result. Going forward we would like to continue working with these Year 6 students as they join Year 7 in local high schools.

Partnership

Partnership working remains a priority for us. We continued as members of Rossendale Borough Council's Rossendale Connected monthly online networking meeting and their Rawtenstall Community Partnership which meets quarterly and brings together councillors and members of organisations from the private, public and voluntary sectors. Our Project Manager has been invited to join the Town Board.

We have also continued to work with Rossendale Leisure Trust who administer the governments Healthy Activity and Food programme which again enabled us to run workshops through the Easter holidays and the long summer holidays.

We were pleased that our application to join Lancashire County Council's Social Movement Campaign was successful. This project encouraged young people across the county to champion a cause of their choosing, to highlight it through any art form and to present it to the public and local councillors. Our Art Group chose to highlight the problem of single use plastics and in particular that plastic is found at all levels in our food chain. They worked on a very successful project culminating in a presentation to visitors from Rossendale Borough Council – elected members and officers. Ruth also produced boards to show what the young people produced and capture the message of the project, and these were displayed in Waterfoot centre.

Use of our building

Unfortunately, we have still been unable to secure a long-term lease of the former Newchurch Methodist Church which means our future there remains uncertain. In view of this we have not

worked to achieve our target of increasing the number of regular users. We have though, welcomed one-off meetings, e.g. for Rossendale Borough Council's Rawtenstall Community Partnership and the Town Board.

Well-being

We continue to keep the well-being of young people central to all our projects. One of our trustees is the Community & Neighbourhood Team Manager for Burnley, as part of Lancashire County Council's Children and Family Wellbeing Service and a second continued as a member of Lancashire County Council's Family Hub Network in Rossendale. This enables us to keep up to date with provision for young people across our region, and to access material for training purposes.



Objectives for the coming year 2025-26

The charities objectives for 2025-2026 are as follows:

1. Volunteering

- We will aim to recruit at least six new volunteers.
- We will focus on recruiting volunteers from a diverse age range, including an accredited scheme for young volunteers.
- As a result of attracting more volunteers we will be able to improve our programme scheduling.

2. Youth Voice and influence

- We will develop our Young People's Council. We will ensure that all our workshops are represented on the Council, and there is a clear route from the Council to the decision making of the trustees.
- We will review our Mentoring Scheme.

3. Sustainability

- We will establish a funding committee.
- We will plan for the two-year fall off of existing funders.

4. Training

- We will revise and develop our Induction Training.
- We will conduct a skills audit of staff, trustees and volunteers to identify 'gaps', but also to support Continuing Professional Development plan.

5. Communication

- We will seek to understand the scale and use of social media
- We will review our marketing plan
- We will improve our IT provision and develop our use of software including Microsoft 365

6. Activities

- We will continue existing successful workshop activities
- We will look at wider general engagement, e.g. Friday night 'socials'
- We will aim to grow the numbers of young people engaging with us by 20%.

Financial Review

The White Horse Project Independent Examiners Report

I set out my report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025 which are set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also directors of the company for the purpose of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

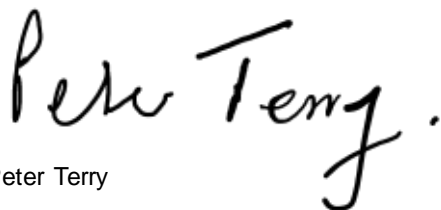
My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures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

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that, in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (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.



Peter Terry

Independent Examiner

25th November 2025

The White Horse Project
Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st March 2025
including Income and Expenditure Account

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Prior year funds £
Incoming resources						
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	2	3,399	107,431	-	110,830	68,833
Charitable activities			-	-	-	-
Other trading activities		-	-	-	-	-
Investments		-	-	-	-	-
Separate material item of income		-	-	-	-	-
Other			-	-		
Total		3,399	107,431	-	110,830	68,833
Resources expended						
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds				-	-	-
Charitable activities	3	6,342	70,010	-	76,352	63,699
Separate material item of expense						
Other		898	186	-	1,084	857
Total		7,240	70,196	-	77,436	64,556
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)		(3,841)	37,235	-	33,394	4,277
Net gains/(losses) on investments		-	-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)		(3,841)	37,235	-	33,394	4,277
Extraordinary items		-	-	-	-	-
Transfers between funds		(9,186)	9,186	-	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses):						
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use		-	-	-	-	-
Other gains/(losses)		-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(13,027)	46,421	-	33,394	4,277
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		51,447	25,261	-	76,708	72,430
Total funds carried forward		38,420	71,682	-	110,102	76,707

The White Horse Project
Balance sheet as at 31st March 2025
Company Number 6941257

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total this year £	Total last year £
Fixed assets						
Tangible assets	5	1,790	378	-	2,168	3,252
Total fixed assets		1,790	378	-	2,168	3,252
Current assets						
Stocks		-	-	-	-	-
Debtors		2,988	-	-	2,988	1,552
Investments		-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		33,642	71,304	-	104,946	71,903
Total current assets		36,630	71,304	-	107,934	73,455
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		0	0	-	0	0
Net current assets		36,630	71,304	-	107,934	73,455
Total assets less current liabilities		38,420	71,682	-	110,102	76,707
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year		-	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities	6	0	-	-	0	0
Total net assets		38,420	71,682	-	110,102	76,707
Funds of the Charity						
Endowment funds		-			-	-
Restricted income funds			71,682		71,682	25,261
Unrestricted funds		38,420		-	38,420	51,447
Revaluation reserve					-	-
Total funds		38,420	71,682	-	110,102	76,707

For the year ending 31st March 2025, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

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

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS 102 SORP.

Approved by the Board on 25th November 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J Bevan'.

J Bevan - Director

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'AJ Roberts'.

AJ Roberts - Director

The White Horse Project
Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31st March 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash provided by operating activities	7	33,043	7,485
Cash flows from investing activities	7	0	(1,554)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Change in cash in reporting period		<u>33,043</u>	<u>5,931</u>
Cash at 1st April 2024		<u>71,903</u>	<u>65,972</u>
Cash at 31st March 2025		<u>104,946</u>	<u>71,903</u>

The White Horse Project

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2025

1. Statement of Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of Preparation

The financial statements of the the company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared under the historical cost convention the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), with the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006. A summary of the principal accounting policies, which have been applied consistently, except where noted, is set out below.

The White Horse Project meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

1.2 Income

Recognition of income	These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the charity becomes entitled to the resources; • it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and • the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.
Grants and donations	Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met.
Contractual income and performance related grants	This is only included in the SoFA once the charity has provided the related goods or services or met the performance related conditions.
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.
Support costs	The charity has incurred expenditure on support costs.
Volunteer help	The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.
Income from interest, royalties and dividends	This is included in the accounts when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.

1.3 Expenditure and Liabilities

Liability recognition	Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.
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1.4 Assets

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity	These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year.
	They are valued at cost.
	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 lives as follows]:
Fixtures and fittings	33.3% reducing balance basis
Office Equipment	33.3% reducing balance basis

The White Horse Project
Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2025

2. Income

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Prior year funds £
Donations and Legacies					
Donations and gifts	1,962	-	-	1,962	5,368
Gift Aid	1,437	-	-	1,437	1,693
General grants provided by government/other charities	-	107,431	-	107,431	61,772
Total	3,399	107,431		110,830	68,833

3 Expenditure

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Charitable Activities					
Youth Activities	6,342	70,010	-	76,352	63,699
Youth Mentoring CIN	-	-	-	-	-
Youth Counselling CCG	-	-	-	-	-
Youth Music	-	-	-	-	-
Total	6,342	70,010	-	76,352	63,699

4 Staff Costs

	This year £	Last year £
Salaries and wages	28,307	24,661
Social security costs	-	-
Pension costs	2,108	2,049
Other employee benefits	-	-
Total staff costs	30,415	26,710

During the year the charity employed 3 part time staff equivalent to less than 1 fulltime member

The White Horse Project
Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2025

5 Fixed Assets

	Fixtures & Fittings £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1st April 2024	1,700	36,871	38,571
Additions		-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31st March 2025	1,700	36,871	38,571

Depreciation

At 1st April 2024	1,700	33,619	35,319
Charge in year	-	1,084	1,084
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31st March 2025	1,700	34,703	36,403

Net book values

At 31st March 2025	-	2,168	2,168
At 31st March 2024	-	3,252	3,252

6 Provision for liabilities

	This year £	Last year £
Provision for dilapidations	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

7 Cash flows

	This year £	Last year £
Net Income/(expenditure) for the year	33,394	4,277
Decrease/(Increase) in debtors	(1,435)	2,351
(Decrease)/Increase in creditors	0	0
Depreciation	<u>1,084</u>	<u>857</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>33,043</u>	<u>7,485</u>
Interest received	0	0
Purchase of fixed assets	0	1,554

Net cash in investing activities

0

1,554

8 Related Party Transactions

During the accounting period the charity purchased telecommunications services to the value of £1,399 (2024 £1,001) from Avoira Ltd where Andrew Roberts is a Director. There was no outstanding balance at the year end. The directors are happy that the services provided were at a price much lower than comparable services and therefore good value for money.