

North Devon Voluntary Services Ltd



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Annual Report and Accounts 2024 – 2025

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Introduction from the Chair of Trustees

North Devon Voluntary Services Ltd is a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee, providing a Council of Voluntary Service (CVS) for the district of North Devon.

During the 2024/25 financial year, NDVS continued to build on our relationships with other Devon-based organisations with an aim of bolstering the resilience and sustainability of the Voluntary Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) community through various campaigns and projects. These are mentioned more fully in the Chief Officer's report below. We were however particularly grateful to receive funding from the National Lottery Community Fund, and in partnership with our colleagues at Torridge CVS (TTVS), and One North Devon, launch our Reaching Communities project.

We continue to maintain our hosting arrangements for developing local charitable organisations, demonstrating the strength of our organisation to both act as an employer for these organisations and projects, and to create additional bridges to the voluntary and community sector.

The trustee group has been bolstered with new additions in the year, who bring an energy and additional experience and supportive challenge, whilst retaining considerable expertise and experience with longer serving trustees. We look forward to making use of their varied skillsets.

Our Honorary Treasurer continues to work closely with our Finance Officer and our Bookkeeper to ensure that we remain fiscally responsible and transparent. Our Reserves Policy for contingencies was revised to be able to cover 12 months of operation, as recommended by the Charity Commission, and to provide a savings buffer against unexpected costs such as IT equipment repair and replacement.

During the year we had some staff changes giving our Chief Officer the opportunity to continually review roles within the organisation, and flex resource to meet demand in what continues to be a fast moving (and often challenging) environment. The Board are very happy to support the Chief Officer in achieving greater levels of service and productivity. The current team work harmoniously together, supporting each other as necessary. The trustees would like to thank our Chief Officer for the professional and expert way she has provided an environment for the staff to be a coordinated team.

Externally the UK environment continues to provide challenges. NDVS continues to support local organisations to remain resilient, but we acknowledge that times are difficult for many of them.

NDVS is confident that we can continue to provide CVS support to VCSE organisations within North Devon. We look forward with optimism to working ever more closely with local authorities, our partner organisations and the health services, where we are ideally placed to provide valuable and essential support in our area.

In summary, I believe that NDVS remains strong, resilient, and viable for 2025/26, and I am proud to present our annual report detailing our work over the last twelve months.



Bill Allen

Introduction from the Chief Officer

I'm delighted and proud to present this year's Chief Officer report — a reflection on another extraordinary year for NDVS and the wider VCSE sector in North Devon. It's been a year of change, growth, and deepened connection, and I remain humbled by the resilience, creativity, and compassion that surrounds us, despite being very challenging external landscape especially with a new Government with its own ideas bringing about more change and uncertainty.

This year, we've experienced significant transitions — both within our organisation and across the sector. We said a fond farewell to Jon Wilkes as Chair and IT volunteer, and we welcomed Bill Allen as our new Chair, alongside Mark Johnson as Vice Chair. Their leadership brings fresh energy and continuity to our mission.

Internally, we've expanded our team to meet growing demand and opportunity. Thanks to National Lottery funding and other strategic support, we welcomed new roles including Place-based Community Developers, Youth Connector, Rural and Coastal Inclusion Connector, and a much-needed HR and Admin Support Officer. The office is buzzing with ideas, energy, and collaboration, and we have had a move around to accommodate everyone and make them feel at home!

We've continued to build on our strategic partnerships and project delivery. Our **Reaching Communities Project**, in collaboration with TTVS and One Northern Devon, reached its six-month milestone with a glowing review. This initiative is not only supporting community developers and connectors but also helping us reflect, adapt, and improve our systems and models.

In addition to our core services, NDVS continues to play a vital role as a host for a growing number of community-led and statutory projects across North Devon. Our hosted project model offers flexible, tailored support — from grant management and HR services to financial oversight and leadership mentoring. This approach enables both grassroots initiatives and statutory services to deliver local impact more effectively, while benefiting from our infrastructure, networks, and sector expertise. It's a powerful way we help turn ideas into sustainable action and strengthen cross-sector collaboration

We continue to facilitate our Third Sector **Leadership Hub** and have had some useful email conversations as meet ups, as well as information sharing workshop. Our **Partnership** offer is also expanding and hopefully supporting those that we are here to serve.

We also launched the **North Devon Inclusive Community Framework** — a new initiative designed to help guide and support our beneficiaries in becoming more inclusive, particularly in meeting the complex and evolving needs of our community members. This framework is already fostering important conversations and practical steps toward more equitable and accessible services.

The **North Devon Community Development Alliance** is in its embryonic stages, beginning with a Corporate Breakfast to explore how we can work more closely with the business community to support wellbeing and resilience.

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This year saw the launch of our refreshed website and the unveiling of our “7 C's of CVS” values infographic — a visual celebration of who we are and what we stand for. Huge thanks to Jack and Leah Cunningham at ITK Media for their creativity and support, alongside our own Events and Communication's Officer, Jill Bond and wider team for their input and hard work.

We've also begun exploring the use of AI and CRM systems to streamline our operations and improve how we connect with and support our community. A new Contact Management System is on the horizon, and we're excited about the potential it holds. We are very grateful to Cosmic for also securing us several places on their workplace digital skill's course.

Our **Annual Community Awards** was once again a highlight — over 200 people gathered at Barnstaple Hotel to celebrate the unsung heroes of our community. The room was filled with emotion, laughter, and pride. The hashtag #InspiredByCommunitySpirit captured the essence of the evening perfectly.

We also continued our **Revitalising Volunteering Campaigns**, with events focused on engaging younger volunteers and showcasing the benefits of giving time. These events have sparked new collaborations and inspired fresh thinking about how we support and promote volunteering.

We've remained active in national conversations, working closely with NAVCA and NCVO, and engaging with the Civil Society Covenant. We responded to the Autumn Spending Review with concern, writing to Ian Roome MP and launching a budget implications survey to ensure our sector's voice is heard.

We know the volume of surveys and communications can feel overwhelming, but your input is vital. It helps us advocate effectively and shape our work to meet real needs.

As we move into the new financial year, our internal focus will be on:

- Strengthening our financial resilience and fundraising strategy.
- Finalising our training offer and evaluating our impact.
- Implementing our new CRM system.
- Planning our next Annual Awards — and exploring the possibility of a fundraising ball!

We're also developing our **Story of Change** and aligning our work plan to ensure we continue to deliver meaningful, measurable impact.

This year has reminded me — again and again — that change can be beautiful. I'm endlessly grateful to our team, our Board, our funders, and our partners. Your belief in our mission fuels everything we do. To all of you working in and with VCSE organisations: thank you. Your strength, resilience, and dedication are the heartbeat of our communities. You inspire us every day. Together, we will continue to support those who do good — and help them flourish!

With heartfelt thanks,

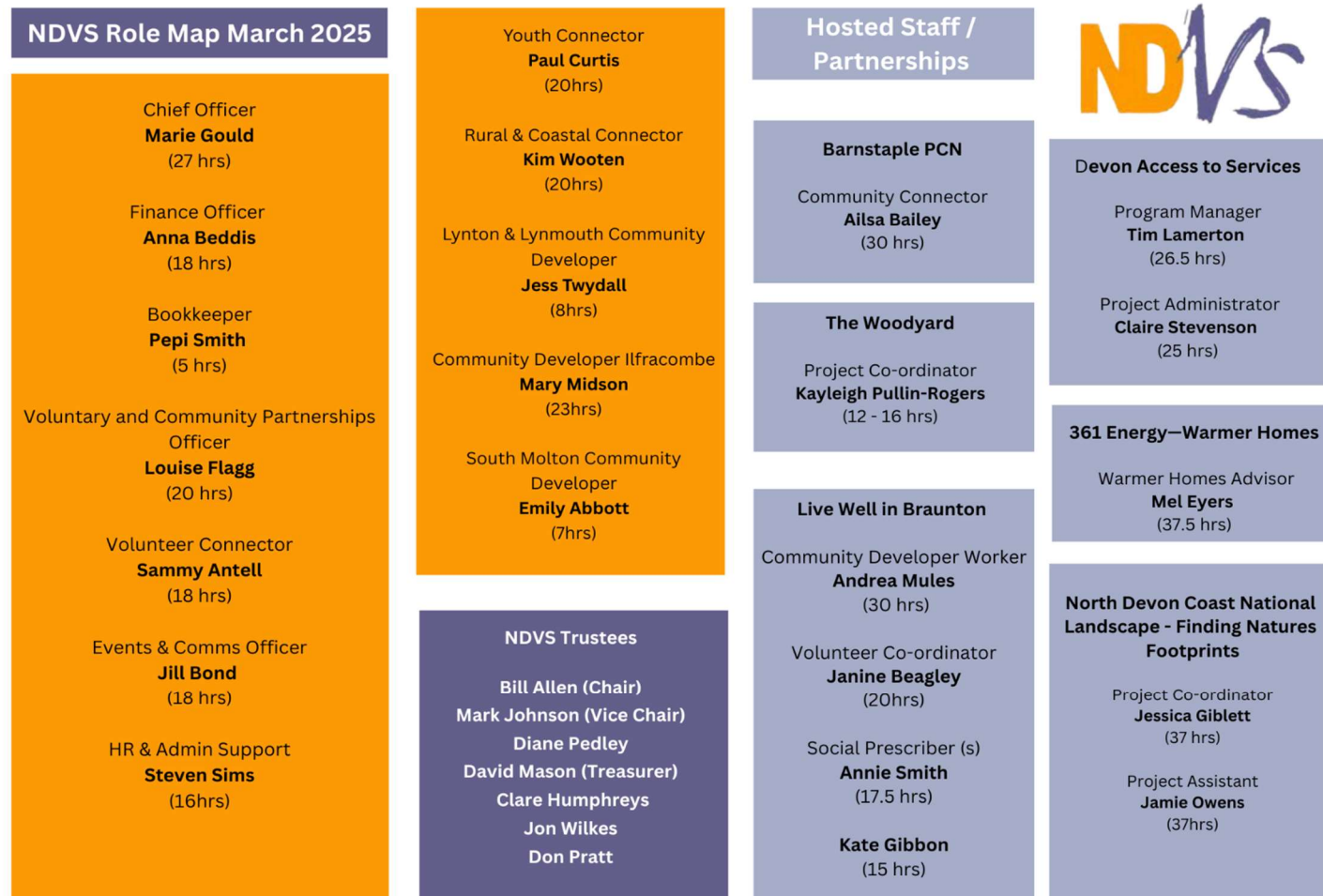
Marie Gould

Chief Officer, NDVS



Our Structure

Diagram NDVS Team (Core and hosted projects) end of March 2025



In terms of our leadership structure, we have a board of Trustees that are embedded in the local community. There is a broad range of skills that the trustees bring to the charity, ranging from third sector, health/social care and HR. They will have overall legal responsibility for project delivery and financial management.

Our CEO reports into the Board and Marie Gould has come to the charity with background of 30 years in education (further education – business and management) and is Senior Leader’s MBA Exeter University educated.

The core team is headed up by Marie and comprises:

- Partnerships Officer – working across the community and support group and partnership working.
- Events and Comms Officer – working on organising a range of community events as well as our communications strategy.
- Admin and HR Support Officer – supporting the HR function and wider team with admin tasks.
- Finance Officer – Maintains budgets and forecasts for NDVS and produces financial reports for Funders and Board of Trustees as well as preparing the end of year accounts and ensuring financial and HR policies and procedures are fit for purpose.
- Book-keeper – Maintains the days books for sales, purchases and banking, prepares and issues invoices in relation to contractual agreements and processes BACS payments, which include staff expenses and salaries.

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We also have recruited new posts through the National Lottery Reaching Communities fund in partnership with TTVS.

- Community Developers for South Molton, Ilfracombe and Lynton and Lynmouth – National Lottery Reaching Communities funded project, in partnership with relevant Town Councils
- Youth Connector – connecting the community development work through a youth focussed lens and ascertaining the gaps
- Rural and Inclusion Connector – connecting the place-based community development work and looking at how we can reach more – by need, socially or geographically.

As a strong and prominent CVS, we host projects to support with HR, finance and line management. This also allows us to gain vital community feedback from the people working directly with the community.

- Volunteer Connector – funded by the UK Government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and in partnership with North Devon Council
- Project Manager and Administrator – Devon Access to Services – DCC funded project
- Home Energy Adviser – 361 energy and funded through Energy Redress Scheme
- Project Co-ordinator and Assistant – North Devon Coast National Landscape – funded through National Lottery Heritage funded project.
- Community Developer for Live Well in Braunton – funded project through National Lottery Reaching Communities fund
- Marketing and Volunteer Co-ordinator – as above
- 3 x Social Prescribers – Local PCN funded
- Project co-ordinator – funded through The Woodyard Project



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Aims and Objectives

North Devon Voluntary Services (NDVS) is an independent charity based in Barnstaple, providing support and specialist advice to voluntary organisations and social enterprises in our local area. Our mission is to strengthen and champion the work of local organisations by representing, developing supporting and celebrating voluntary and community action. Ultimately, we help those who do good, to flourish!

As the Council for Voluntary Service (CVS) we are a small local charity that operates within North Devon. CVS' are "the place at which local voluntary and community organisations speak to each other". We are the local voice of the Third Sector; we are also the ears so that we can make sure that the strategic players know what gaps there are in the community and who is best placed to fulfil this need.

We offer a wide variety of services and support for local organisations; for example, training; funding advice; group development; support and so much more. Our vision is to be the beacon of light for the voluntary and community sector in North Devon; advising; listening; signposting, celebrating, and connecting.

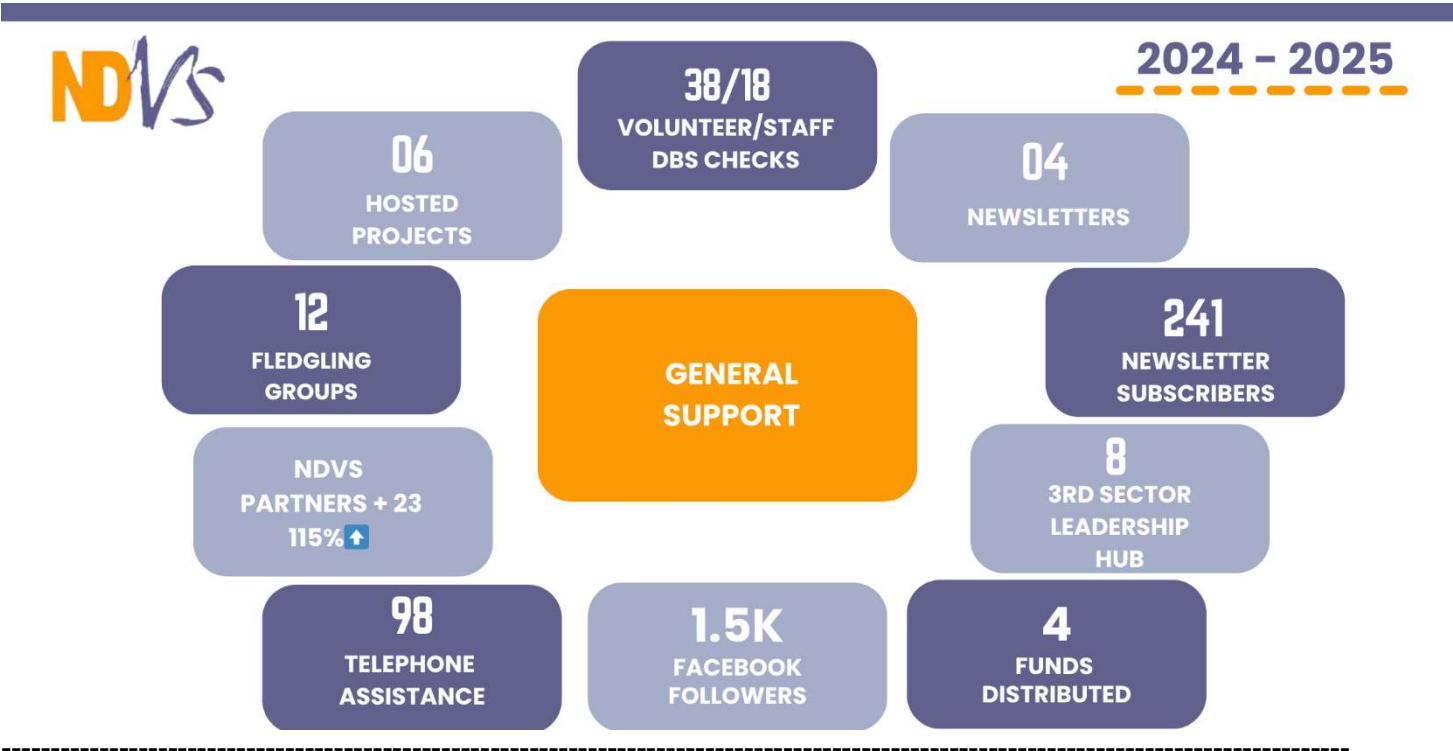
We also host several projects, supporting fledgling organisations with a variety of functions such as HR and Finance. Part of this strategic aim is to build closer links with the Primary Care Network (PCN) Wellbeing teams so we can understand the themes of referrals being handled by their social prescribers. In turn we can support filling any gaps in services and needs, through VCSE organisations or other suitable partners.

We work very closely with One Northern Devon (OND) - a partnership of organisations that recognise that unfair and avoidable differences in social, economic and environmental conditions affect the opportunities people have, to lead healthy and happy lives. In recent years, we have employed or hosted Community Developers supporting Community Development across North Devon.

Holding these four functions, as guiding principles, as members of National Association of Voluntary and Community Action.



Here’s a snapshot of how we’ve supported and collaborated with the Voluntary and Community Sector over the past year:



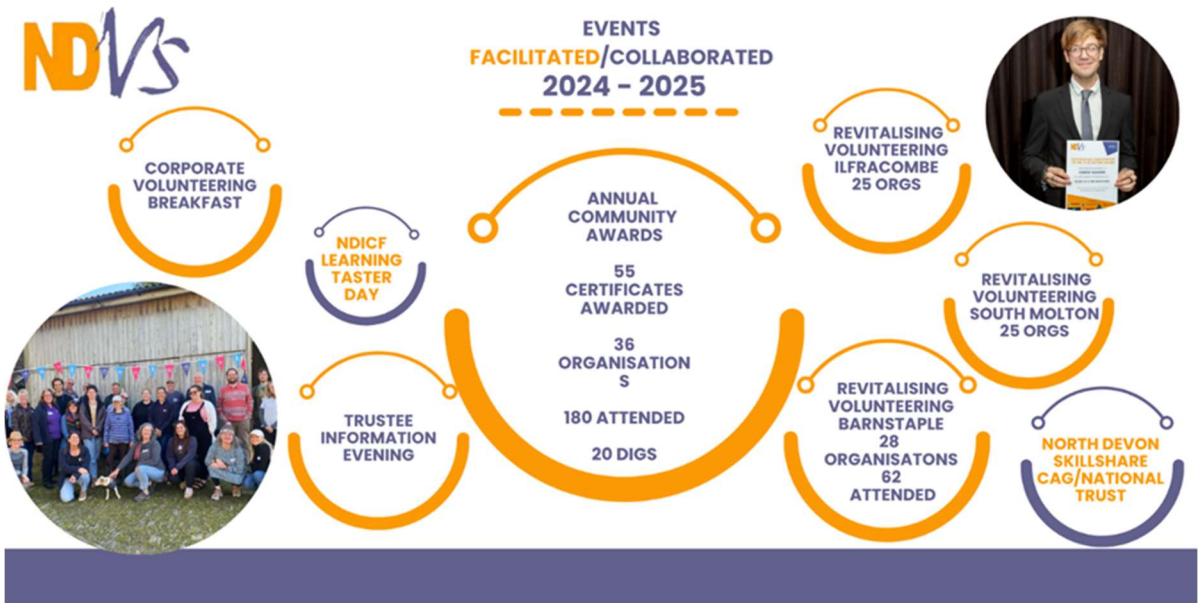
Our subsidised **TRAINING PROGRAMME** continues to go from strength to strength, and we remain committed to listening to the needs of the sector and responding with relevant, accessible training opportunities. Through regular engagement with our Volunteer **Management Forum**, **Partners** and **Leadership Hub**, we gather valuable insights and feedback, which directly inform the development of our training offer. This collaborative approach ensures that our sessions are timely, practical, and aligned with the real challenges and aspirations of our VCSE partners.



Our EVENTS programme continues to grow in reach and relevance, and thanks to **successful funding bids, we’ve been able to** organise and facilitate a wide range of events **throughout the year — each one designed to inform, inspire, and connect.**

In addition to our own events, we’ve also been proud to **support several strategic partners** with their activities — offering planning support, promotion, and on-the-ground presence.

Through ongoing evaluation and feedback, we know these events are more than just dates in the diary — they’re opportunities to learn, network, and celebrate **the incredible work happening across our communities,** while also acknowledging the very real challenges we face together



Our PARTNERSHIP offer continues to grow and evolve, and we are proud to be working alongside a dynamic and expanding network of organisations who share our commitment to community wellbeing and collaboration. Our partnership model is designed to be flexible, inclusive, and mutually beneficial — offering tailored support, visibility, and opportunities to connect

Our LEADERSHIP HUB continues to thrive as a space for honest conversations, shared learning, and collaborative planning. **With 26 active members, the hub offers a supportive environment where leaders across our local VCSE sector can connect, reflect, and grow together.** We maintain a **dedicated interactive community group email,** alongside **regular meet-ups and social events,** helping to build trust, spark ideas, and strengthen leadership across the region



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Devon Connect continues to grow in visibility and value, gaining traction with both VCSE organisations and the wider public. Our revitalising events have played a key role in raising awareness of the platform and encouraging more groups to make the most of its features.

Organisations are increasingly using Devon Connect to:

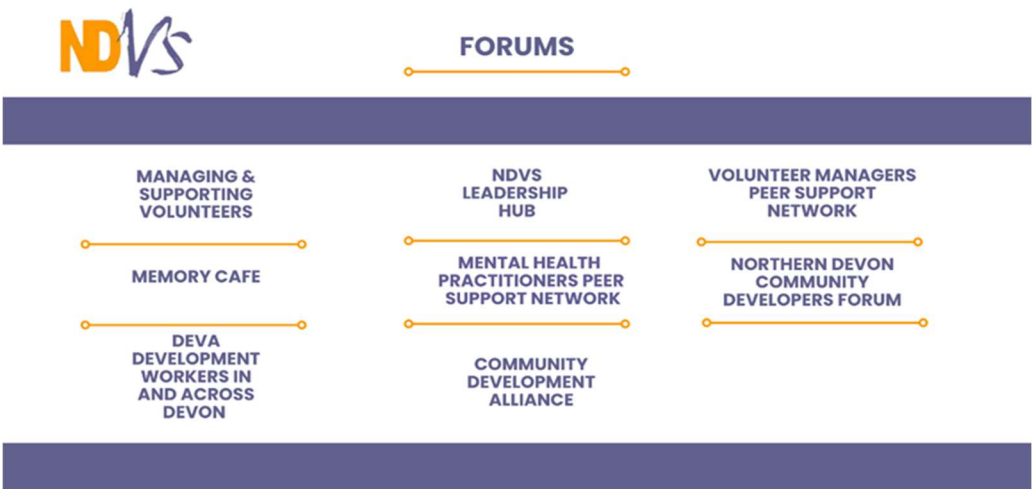
- Post opportunities and events
- Host team meetings
- Share documents
- Engage in conversations
- Link content to specific geographic areas
- Participate in themed campaigns such as *Youth Matters* and *Trustees Week*

The appointment of a **Volunteer Connector**, alongside our expanded community development and connector team, has significantly enhanced this work, building on the strong foundations laid by our Community and Partnerships Officer. Together, they’ve helped expand the platform’s reach and impact — making it a more dynamic and inclusive space for collaboration and community action.



Forums

NDVS continues to support established local **forums** while also facilitating and nurturing the development of new ones and these forums provide vital spaces for collaboration, peer support and shared learning — helping to strengthen the voice and impact of the VCSE sector across North Devon.



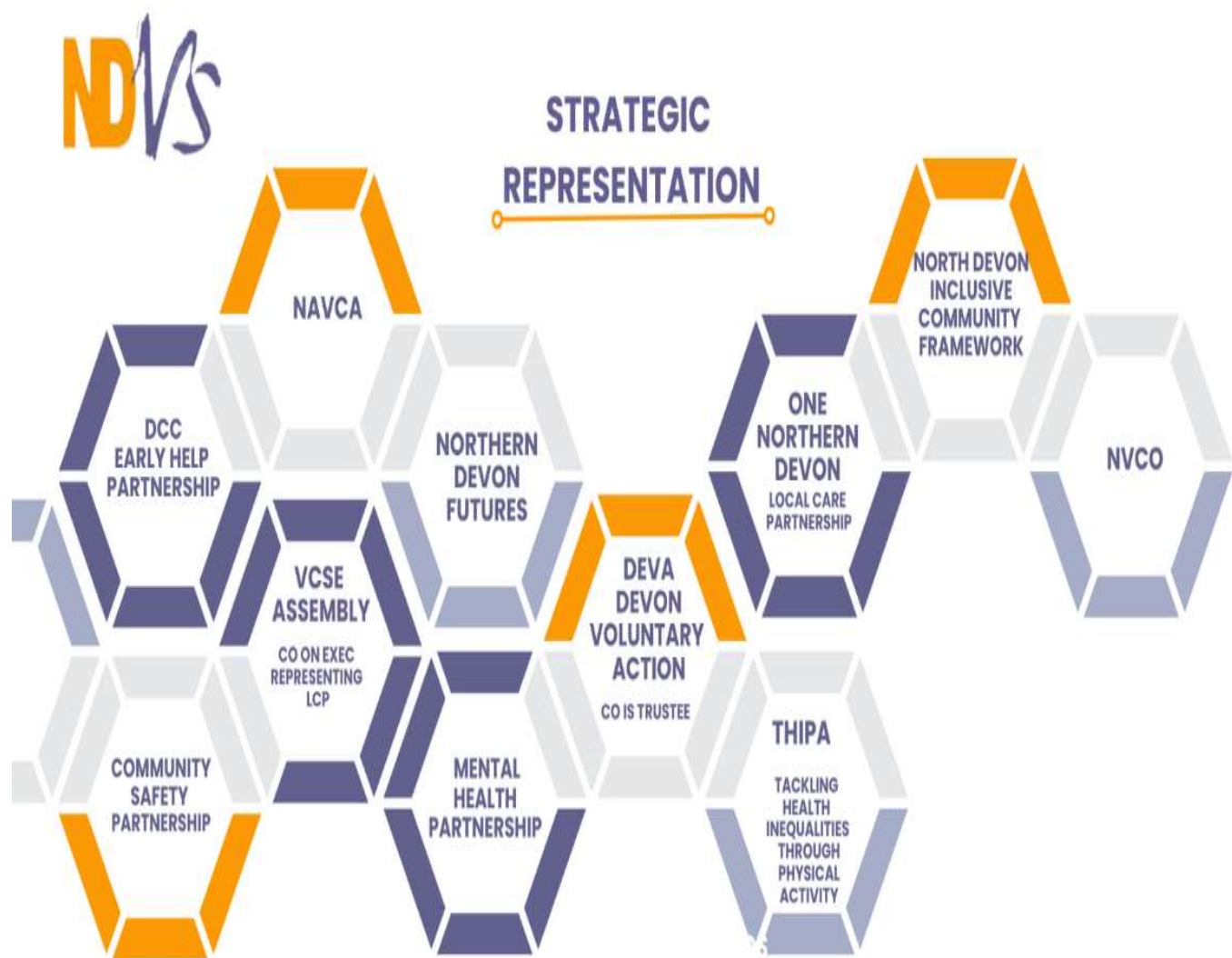
VCSE Representation

Strategic Development and Voluntary Sector Representation

Representing the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) sector is a **core part of our mission** — especially as statutory service providers increasingly seek to collaborate with community organisations.

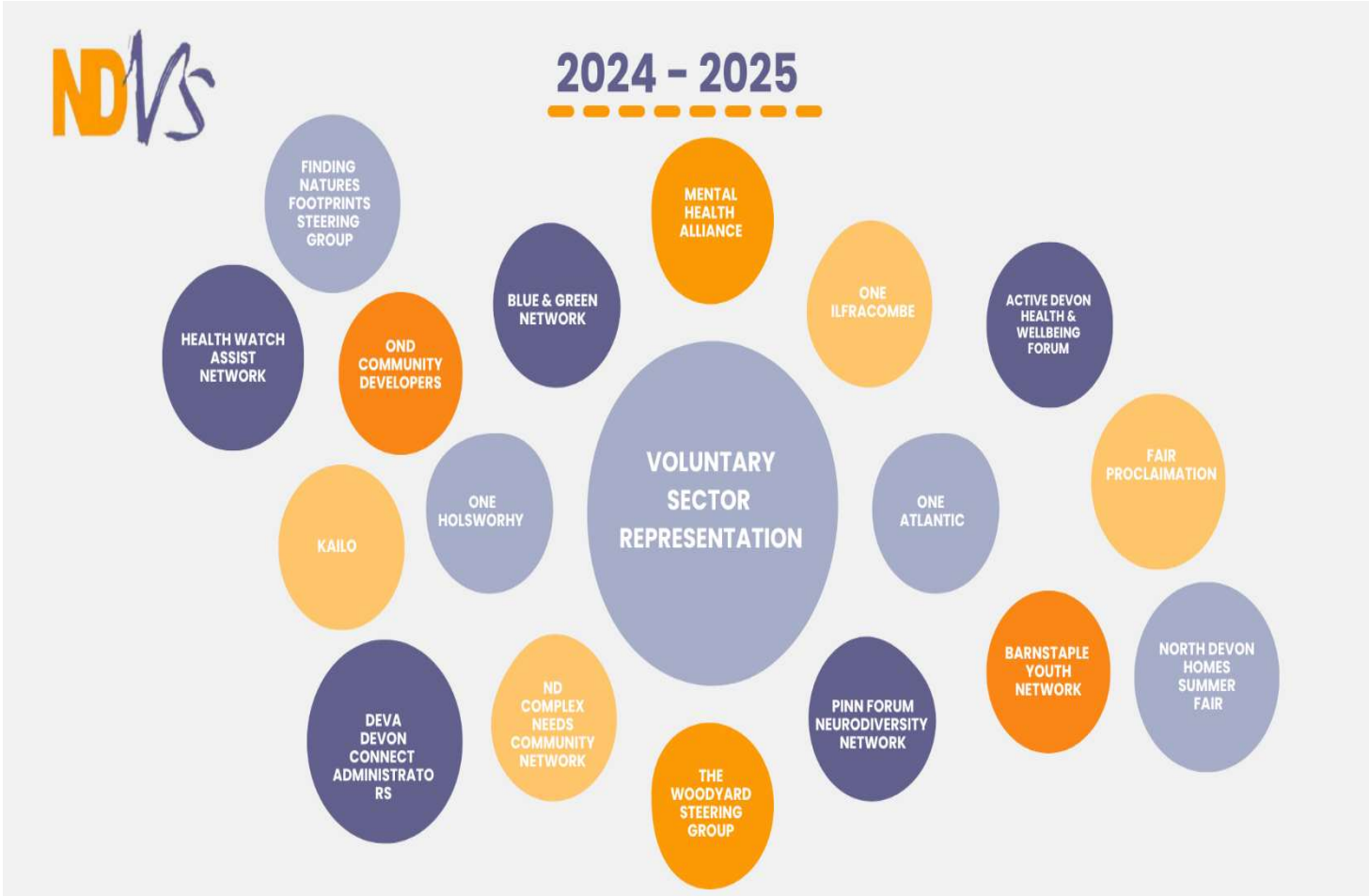
Over the past year, we’ve actively facilitated and participated in **strategic meetings, networks, and partnership forums**, ensuring the sector’s voice is not only present but heard loud and clear.

Whether advocating for funding, inclusion, or recognition, our role is to **champion the sector’s strengths, highlight its challenges**, and help shape policies and practices that reflect the realities of our communities.



VCSE Community Stakeholders

We are committed to ensuring **strong and visible representation of the voluntary sector across our communities**. Whether through local forums, collaborative projects, or place-based initiatives, we work to ensure that VCSE voices are included in conversations that shape services, policies, and community priorities.



By building trusted relationships and maintaining a presence in key spaces, we help ensure that the sector’s knowledge, experience, and values are recognised and respected at every level.

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Hosted Projects and Services

NDVS is proud to act as a host for a range of strategic projects delivering across North Devon and the wider northern Devon area. This hosting role is a vital part of our work — enabling important initiatives to be delivered locally while benefiting from our established networks, infrastructure, and sector insight.

By providing governance, administrative support, and strategic alignment, we help ensure these projects can focus on what matters most: **making a difference in our communities.**

Below is a list of the projects we currently host:

Devon Access to Services (DAS)

DAS is an 18-year-old project hosted by NDVS and funded by Devon County Council (DCC). We support the 59 members of Devon Community Car Forum (DCCF). We also provide information to help people access the services they need via our Devon Services website, which had 280,000 hits last year.

<https://www.devonservices.org.uk/>

DAS distributed the annual DCC grant £41,388 to the 51 Full Members of the Devon Community Car Forum via the new single fund holder (slimmed down from three). This payment is made in return for data relating to volunteer car journeys across the Devon County Council area (please see the table below).

Working in partnership with DCC, Devon wide NHS Trusts, and the Car Forums we also distributed 1976 Volunteer Driver Hospital Parking Permits to the 56 participating car schemes.

We detailed the challenges, opportunities facing Community Car Schemes and their amazing achievements in our annual Social Kindness report “More Than a Journey” which can be found on our revamped DAS page on the NDVS website <https://ndvs.org.uk/devon-access-to-services/>. Please follow the link and scroll down to see our reports and please also look at our maps of car schemes and Memory Cafes. This work is part of our new transport project started this year with the Devon Memory Café Consortium.

DAS continued its regular activities hosting Car Forum meetings and providing professional advice and support. We collected statistics, case studies and shared best practice to all the member car schemes. DAS would like to thank Devon County Council and NDVS for their continued support of the project.

Community Car Scheme Activity	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25 (provisional)
Number of Volunteer drivers (estimated 1900 pre covid)	1100	1206	1228	1240
Journeys to and from health care	70,410	88,319	88,506	80,256
Journeys to social and welfare activities	18,119	27,202	33,878	23,325
Total number of journeys	88,529	115,521	122,384	103,581
Journeys for passengers in wheelchairs	1,873	2,766	2,372	1,521
Miles travelled	972,703	1,382,925	1,319,986	1,125,341
Volunteer hours	103,813	133,935	129,103	133,982
Notional value of vol hours min wage	£924,974	£1,395,603	£1,476,938	£1,635,920
Drivers' expenses paid	£377,813	£480,971	£500,121	£468,461
Operational costs of schemes	£509,920	£704,806	£930,000	£1,093,735
Received from passengers	£517,861	£693,403	£775,497	£647,566
All other fundraising (inc grants)	£552,195	£361,529	£379,381	£245,381
Overheads cost of providing services	£887,733	£1,185,777	£1,430,121	£1,562,196
Funding -deficit/+surplus	+£182,323*	-£130,845	-£275,243	-£669,249

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*2021-22 Two schemes received large bequests which has inflated the deficit/surplus figure. Many schemes are still struggling to meet their costs.

To find out more about car schemes in your area, please call us on 07840 452147 or search www.devonservices.org.uk

Live Well in Branton

Following a successful National Lottery funding bid, NDVS continues to host and employ key roles for the *Live Well in Branton* initiative, including:

- **Community Connector**
- **Marketing, Admin and Volunteer Co-ordinator**
- **Two Social Prescribers**

NDVS also remains an active member of the **Branton Forum**, providing advice, information, and guidance to the local community.

The Social Prescribers work in close collaboration with the Community Connector and Volunteer Co-ordinator to **identify gaps in support and refer individuals to appropriate services**. This partnership has been further strengthened by the creation of a **Volunteer Hub**, which helps mobilise local volunteers to meet emerging needs — particularly for those experiencing isolation or complex challenges.

Over the past year, the Community Connector has played a central role in coordinating voluntary action, ensuring the project continues to meet its National Lottery outcomes. This work is supported by the Marketing, Admin and Volunteer Co-ordinator and the dedicated LWiB committee, whose commitment remains vital to the project's success.

Barnstaple Alliance Primary Care Network

NDVS continues to work in partnership with the Barnstaple Alliance Primary Care network to support the NHS wellbeing agenda. NDVS employs a Community Connectors on behalf of the network with the aim of linking the local voluntary and community activities to the needs of patients. In addition, these workers identify gaps in service provision and with NDVS's support develop new voluntary and community services.

North Devon Coast – Natural Landscape (NDCNL)

The NDCNL (formerly AONB) covers 171 square kilometres (66 square miles) of mainly coastal landscape including special places such as Combe Martin, Lee Bay, Woolacombe, Croyde, Saunton, Northam Burrows Country Park, Westward Ho!'s Pebble Ridge, the Hartland Peninsula and Branton Burrows, a UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve.

Finding Nature's Footprints is a three-year National Lottery Heritage Funded project which aims to learn more about the nature in our villages, gardens, fields and shores through surveys, monitoring and mapping of wildlife including plants, mammals, insects and birds. This was its first year.

This information will be used to support action by communities, volunteers, landowners and local agencies to develop community-led nature recovery plans and take action for nature improvement.

NDCNL have teamed up with partners across North Devon to provide opportunities for new audiences in the area to connect with nature and benefit from the nationally designated Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty As part of this project NDVS host the Project Co-ordinator and assistant.

361 Energy Redress

Funded through the Phase 2 round of Energy Redress funding, we work with 361 Energy, a local CIC, and host one of their Home Energy Advisors. 361 Energy Redress provide advice, guidance and practical support to improve energy efficiency and affordability.

They offer free energy advice, in-home visits, and support with installing energy-saving measures and accessing grants for insulation, boilers, and solar panels. 361 Energy also coordinates home retrofit projects and works with local businesses, schools, and communities to promote energy efficiency and sustainability across the region.

Volunteer Connector

This role is funded through a grant agreement secured to support the delivery of key project objectives over a specified period. The funding has been provided by North Devon Council to enable our organisation to recruit and employ a staff member dedicated to the role's aims.

The funding is currently time-limited and is subject to the terms and conditions set out in the funding agreement, including reporting requirements and the achievement of agreed outcomes. The financial support ensures that the role is fully resourced to contribute to the successful delivery of the project within the agreed timeframe.

In her role as Volunteer Connector, Sammy works with voluntary organisations in North Devon and engages with the local community to increase the number of volunteers in placements. Her dedication to fostering community involvement and supporting volunteer initiatives is essential to our mission of empowering local organisations and creating lasting, positive change.

The Woodyard Project

Funded through the Woodyard Project, supported and inspired by Ann Cleeves, author of The Long Call and Graham Devine, we have now taken on hosting the Project Co-ordinator role, in partnership with the Woodyard Management Committee, and Barnstaple Town Council.

This role is designed to support a central community hub, known as 'The Woodyard', which brings together the local community and charity workers with the aim of improving communication and understanding, and to provide new opportunities for creative and different ways of working. This inclusive space provides a welcoming hub that supports mental wellbeing, reduces loneliness, and strengthens community ties in the local area.

Its enduring purpose is clear: to build a real-life space where "people come together and don't feel lonely," enhancing individual lives and community resilience.



Governing Document

NDVS Ltd is a company limited by guarantee (number 06934618) and a registered charity (number 1133707) with an area of benefit which covers North Devon. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which sets out the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up, members are liable for any debts, the total not to exceed £10.

Appointment of Trustees

Trustees are appointed by approval of the members at the Annual General Meeting, by approval of the members during the year or by co-option of the Board of Trustees. New trustees are provided with an induction pack and additional training offered as needs indicates. The Board of Trustees meets on average every other month and a Chief Officer is appointed to manage the day-to-day operations.

Risk Management

The Trustees have identified the risks facing the Charity. They review them regularly and put systems in place to mitigate these risks. Significant external risks to funding have led to the development of a strategic plan which will allow for the diversification of funding and activities. Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects.

The trustees review risks to the organisation every quarter using a risk register to identify, score, and (plan to) mitigate risks under the headings of Governance, External risks, Regulatory and Compliance, Financial and Operational. At the year end, the Board was confident that all risks were being appropriately managed. Going forward, we believe the most significant risks to our organisation remain external funding and Local Government reform. We continue to work as a Board and leadership team to mitigate these risks to ensure continued service delivery from a sustainable organisation.

Public Benefit

The Trustees are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and have taken it into account when making decisions to which the guidance is relevant. How we have done this is demonstrated in the Chief Officer's report.

Related Parties

We are a member of DeVA working in partnership with TTVS, Involve, South Hams CVS, Teignbridge CVS and West Devon CVS, all locally based organisations providing comprehensive support to Devon's voluntary and community sector. DeVA is an associate member of NAVCA and NCVO.

Legal and Administrative Information

Registered Charity Number	1133707
Company Registration Number	06934618
Registered Office	Suite 206, Queens House, Queens Street, Barnstaple, EX32 8HJ
Trustees:	<div><div>Jonathan Wilkes</div><div>Chair – Resigned 26 July 2024 (remaining as Trustee)</div></div> <div><div>Bill Allen</div><div>Chair – From 26 July 2024</div></div> <div><div>Marc Johnson</div><div>Vice Chair – From 26 July 2024</div></div> <div><div>David Mason</div><div>Treasurer</div></div> <div><div>Patrick May</div><div>Resigned April 2024</div></div> <div><div>Diane Pedley</div><div></div></div> <div><div>Clare Humphreys</div><div></div></div> <div><div>Marc Johnson</div><div>Appointed May 2024</div></div> <div><div>Don Pratt</div><div>Appointed July 2024</div></div>
Company Secretary	David Mason
Chief Officer	Marie Gould
Bankers	Unity Trust Bank, Customer Services Centre Nine Brindley Place Birmingham B1 2HB
Accountants	Westcotts (SW) LLP 47 Boutport Street Barnstaple Devon EX31 1SQ
Solicitors	Wollen Michelmore Avery House, Liberty Road Roundswell Business Park BARNSTAPLE Devon, EX31 3TL
Constitution	Adopted July 1997 Revised 20th April 2006 Memorandum and articles of association 15 June 2009

Financial Review

Year 24/25 saw an increase in funding from £451,125 (23/24) to £505,758 (24/25) reflecting not only the increasing development work undertaken but funding specifically relating to projects to aid community development, including the volunteer shortage and funding challenges. Our reserves have decreased from £204,668 (23/24) to £183,961 (24/25) but are still in line with our reserves policy. However, projects that are WIP at the beginning of the year and WIP at the end of the year should be noted.

In particular projects that had brought forward funds on 1st April 2024 were

- DASP £40,218
- Barnstaple PCN £1,100
- AONB £468
- LWIB Lottery £60
- DCC Teacher's Hub £1,194
- Revitalising Volunteer £1,239
- Visual Impairment (Siggery Fund) £7,610
- NDDC Volunteer Connector £8,437
- 361 Warmer Homes Phase 2 £(5,531)
- The Woodyard £19,387

and projects that had carried forward funds as at 31st March 2025 are

- DASP £33,645
- Barnstaple PCN £97
- AONB £196
- LWIB Lottery £191
- DCC Teacher's Hub £1,194
- Revitalising Volunteers £19,864
- Visual Impairment (Siggery Fund) £5,685
- The Woodyard £11,832
- NLCF – Reaching Communities / Partnerships £23,874

The expenditure on these will be in the 25/26 year.

361 Warmer Homes Phase 2 fund carries forward £(30,941) owing to a time lag between expenditure and the receipt of the quarterly funds.

Analysis of Incoming Funds is as follows:

	£ 24/25	£ 23/24
Grants & Donations	490,785	432,188
Training Workshops	6,962	12,457
Costs Recovered	2,520	2,285
Interest Received	5,104	4,195
Other Income	387	-
Total Incoming Funds	505,758	451,125

Resources Expended

Total Expenditure for the YE 24/25 is £526,465; an increase of £116,807 on the previous year. However, included in this figure is £74,212 which represents £54,212 that was redistributed to TTVS that applied for funding as part of the NLCF Reaching Communities/Partnerships project as well as grants that were sent out to groups that applied for funding as part of the Siggery Fund.

Key Costs 24/25 compared to 23/24

Resources Expended:

	£ 24/25	£ 23/24
Staffing Costs	340,917	315,865
Grants Transferred	74,212	6,612
Premises Costs	12,695	9,990
Office Costs	8,446	4,220

The increase in staffing costs reflects the increased project activity and COL rises.

Reserves Policy

As at 31st March 2025 the total NDVS reserves stood at £183,961 of which £3,237 is designated funds set aside for potential redundancy costs. The total reserves are a decrease of £20,707 on the previous year. Analysis of reserves show that £65,641 is Restricted Funding and £118,320 is Unrestricted Funding.

The NDVS Reserves Policy has several objectives:

- To ensure that we have sufficient funds to cover potential redundancies – currently held in a Designated Fund,
- To enable us to ensure the organisation can survive for at least 12 months should other funding cease,
- To provide sufficient resilience and flexibility to cope with changing times and the fact that some of our projects arrive with grants whereas with others the costs have to be reclaimed afterwards,
- From time to time there are opportunities that require “matched funding” – without some flexibility we would be unable to respond to those opportunities.

The Trustees have reviewed the charity’s needs for reserves in line with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission and we should be able to continue our operations for a minimum of 12 months.

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provision applicable to companies entitled to the small companies' exemption.

On Behalf of The Board: 

Bill Allen (Chair)

Date: 23rd October 2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the North Devon Voluntary Services Limited.

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 as set out in this report.

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 Examiners 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 (FRS102).

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.

Since the Charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW) which is one of the listed bodies.

Signed 

Date 23rd October 2025

Catherine Williams FCA DChA

Westcotts (SW) LLP
Independent Examiner
47 Boutport Street
Barnstaple, EX31 1SQ

Statement of Financial Position as of 31st March 2025

	Total Funds 24/25 £	Prior Year Funds £
Tangible assets	291	388
Current Assets:		
Debtors	3,625	5,190
cash at Bank and in hand	198,593	212,469
	202,218	217,659
Current Liabilities		
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
	18,548	13,379
Net Current Assets	183,670	204,280
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	183,961	204,668
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year		
Provision for Liabilities		
Total Net Assets	183,961	204,668
Funds of the Charity:		
Restricted Funds	65,641	74,186
Unrestricted Funds	118,320	130,482
	183,961	204,668


For the financial year ended 31 March 2025 the company was entitled to exemption to audit under ss. 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

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

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

The financial statements were approved by the board and signed on its behalf on 21/03/25 Date

..... Bill Allen (Chair)

..... Mark Johnson (Vice Chair)

..... David Mason (Company Secretary)

Charity Number: 1133707

Company Limited by Guarantee

Registered in England Number: 06934618

Statement of Financial Activities YE March 2025 (Including Income and Expenditure Account)

	31st March 2025			31st March 2024		
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Totals Funds £	Totals Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £
Income:						
Grants & Donations	26,327	464,458	490,785	432,188	25,064	407,124
Earned from Other Activities	11,632	3,341	14,973	18,937	9,695	9,242
Total Income	37,959	467,799	505,758	451,125	34,759	416,366
Expenditure:						
Expenditure on charitable activities	50,121	476,344	526,465	409,658	11,053	398,605
Net Incoming Resource	(12,162)	(8,545)	(20,707)	41,467	23,706	17,761
Transfer between funds					-6	6
Net Movement of Funds	(12,162)	(8,545)	(20,707)	41,467	23,700	17,767
Reconciliation of Funds:						
Total Funds Brought Forward	130,482	74,186	204,668	163,201	106,782	56,419
Total Funds Carried Forward	118,320	65,641	183,961	204,668	130,482	74,186

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

**North Devon Voluntary Services
Statement of Cash Flows
For the year ended 31 March 2025**

	2025	2024
<i>Cash generated from operations</i>	(20,707)	41,467
Profit		
Net adjustments to cash flows from non-cash items		
Depreciation charge	97	129
	(20,610)	41,596
Working capital adjustments		
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	1,565	16,292
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	5,169	(4,873)
Net cash flows from operating activities	(13,876)	53,015
<i>Cash generated from investing</i>		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		
Net cash flows from investing activities	0	0
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(13,876)	53,015
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April	212,469	159,454
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March	<u>198,593</u>	<u>212,469</u>

Notes to the Accounts

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales and a registered charity in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is Suite 206, Queens House, Queen Street, Barnstaple, Devon, EX32 8HJ

1. Basis of Accounting

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and in the preceding year.

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS102, the Charities SORP (FRS102) and the requirements of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102). The financial reports are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

1.2 Change in basis of accounting

There have been no changes in the Accounting Policies for 2024 or 2025.

1.3 Fund Accounting

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

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Management Committee for particular purposes.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor through the terms of an appeal.

1.4 Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income.

Grants and donations are received by way of grants, donations and gifts and are included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in the accounts.

Investment income is included when receivable.

Incoming resources from charitable trading activity are accounted for when earned.

Incoming resources from grants, where related to performance and specific deliverables, are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

1.5 Resources Expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes VAT and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income and the costs of trading for fundraising purposes, including the running of community transport.

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

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SoFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource.

1.6 Fixed Assets

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £500. They are valued at Cost or, if Gifted, at the value to the Charity on receipt. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off costs of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the basis of 25%, reducing balance.

1.7 Going Concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

North Devon Voluntary Services Limited

2. Grants & Donations

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Funder	Project						
North Devon Council	Core	17,000	-	17,000	17,000	-	17,000
Devon Voluntary Action (DEVA)	Core	2,008	-	2,008	-	-	-
Norman Family Charitable Trust	CVS	-	-	-	2,000	-	2,000
Norman Family Charitable Trust	CVS	(2,500)	-	2,500	2,500	-	2,500
Devon Voluntary Action	CVS	-	-	-	200	-	200
DMCC	CVS	95	-	95	25	-	25
Devon County Council	CVS	2,250	-	2,250	-	-	-
Taw & Torridge Voluntary Services	CVS	288	-	288	-	-	-
Barnstaple Town Council	CVS Training	2,000	-	2,000	1,000	-	1,000
The Norman Family Trust	CVS Training	2,000	-	2,000	-	-	-
Devon Voluntary Action (REM)	Core	-	-	-	400	-	400
Devon Voluntary Action (COMF)	Core	-	-	-	595	-	595
Easy Fund Raising	Core	306	-	306	-	-	-
North Devon Community Lottery	Core	186	-	186	-	-	-
University of Exeter (J Hayes)	Core	20	-	20	-	-	-
Families in Grief	Core	100	-	100	-	-	-
Centurion Management	Core	175	-	175	141	-	141
Barnstaple Town Council	Events	1,000	-	1,000	1,000	-	1,000
Active Devon Partnerships	Events	-	-	-	203	-	203
ITK Media	Events	300	-	300	-	-	-
Westcotts	Events	300	-	300	-	-	-
Devon & Cornwall Police	Events	200	-	200	-	-	-
Vitaliq	Events	300	-	300	-	-	-
North Devon Biosphere Foundation	Events	300	-	300	-	-	-
Devon County Council	DASP (5)	-	51,685	51,685	-	48,759	48,759
Siggy Fund	DASP (5)	-	-	-	-	760	760
DMCC	DASP (5)	-	1,017	1,017	-	-	-
Devon Voluntary Action	CH&SCT (22)	-	-	-	-	5,632	5,632
Devon County Council	Care Direct (24)	-	-	-	-	8,957	8,957
Royal Devon University Healthcare Trust	Comm Dev (46)	-	-	-	-	15,434	15,434
The Energy Savings Trust	361 Energy (48)	-	-	-	-	42,431	42,431
Barnstaple PCN Alliance	Barnstaple PCN (50)	-	25,987	25,987	-	35,579	35,579
Devon Voluntary Action	COMF (52)	-	-	-	-	1,990	1,990
Devon County Council	AONB (53)	-	47,041	47,041	-	30,161	30,161
Live Well in Braunton	LWIB (54)	-	67,971	67,971	-	68,405	68,405
Devon County Council	DCC Teachers Hub (56)	-	-	-	-	300	300
Barnstaple Town Council	Volunteer Awards (59)	-	-	-	-	1,000	1,000
The National Lottery Community Fund	Revitalising Volunteers (60)	-	20,000	20,000	-	1,000	1,000
The Norman Family Trust	Revitalising Volunteers (60)	-	500	500	-	-	-
Living Options (Siggy Fund)	Visual Impairment (61)	-	-	-	-	10,416	10,416
Devon County Council	DCC Growing Communities (62)	-	-	-	-	1,000	1,000
Devon Voluntary Action	Homes for Ukraine (63)	-	-	-	-	2,577	2,577
TTVS	Homes for Ukraine (63)	-	-	-	-	2,000	2,000
University College London	Kailo Co-Pilot (64)	-	-	-	-	20,000	20,000
North Devon Council	NDDC Volunteer Connector (65)	-	20,000	20,000	-	40,000	40,000
Devon County Council	DCC Grow Comms - Yoga (66)	-	-	-	-	2,927	2,927
Devon County Council	DCC Grow Comms - Mini Gardeners (67)	-	-	-	-	3,000	3,000
The Energy Savings Trust	361 Warmer Homes P2 (68)	-	55,606	55,606	-	43,786	43,786
Ann Cleeves	The Woodyard (69)	-	20,000	20,000	-	20,000	20,000
Graham Devine	The Woodyard (69)	-	-	-	-	2,000	2,000
Torrington Health	The Woodyard (69)	-	240	240	-	-	-
Devon County Council	End of Year Events - GCF (71)	-	-	-	-	2,989	2,989
Devon County Council	DCC Grow Comms - Training (72)	-	3,000	3,000	-	-	-
Devon County Council	DCC Grow Comms - Events (73)	-	2,000	2,000	-	-	-
The National Lottery Community Fund	NLCF - Reach Comms / Partnerships (74)	-	143,192	143,192	-	-	-
The Asda Foundation	Empower Local Communities (75)	-	720	720	-	-	-
North Devon Biosphere Foundation	NDBF Biosphere Communities (76)	-	4,500	4,500	-	-	-
The Davie Trust	The Davie Trust - Youth (78)	-	1,000	1,000	-	-	-
TOTAL		26,327	464,458	490,785	25,064	407,124	432,188

3. Net Incoming Resources for Year Ending 2023

	2025	2024
	£	£
This is stated after charging depreciation	97	129

4. Examination & Accounting Fees

Independent Examiners Fees	2,190	2,180
Examination & Accounting Fees	2,190	2,180

5. Employees ' Costs (including pension and employers national insurance)

Gross Salaries	315,264	293,358
Employers National Insurance	22,209	19,080
Pension Costs	8,444	8,427
Employers Allowance	(5,000)	(5,000)
Total Employee Cost	340,917	315,865

No Employees received emoluments over £60,000

Average number of full time equivalent employees in the year:

10.9 10.4

6. Trustee Remuneration & Related Party Transactions

No trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year.

No loans were made to Trustees by the charity or by Trustees to the Charity (YE 2024 nil).

7. Taxation

The charity's activities fall within the exemptions afforded by the provisions of Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988. Accordingly, there is no taxation charge in these accounts.

		£ YE 2025	£ YE 2024
8	Tangible Assets		
	8.1 Cost or Valuation		
	As at 1st April 2024	20,653	20,653
	Disposals		
	Additions		
	As at 31st March 2024	<u>20,653</u>	<u>20,653</u>
	8.2 Accumulated Depreciation		
	As at 1st April 2024	20,265	20,136
	Depreciation on Disposals		
	Charge for the Year	97	129
	As at 31st March 2024	<u>20,362</u>	<u>20,265</u>
	8.3 Net Book Value		
	As at 1st April 2024	388	517
	As at 31st March 2025	<u>291</u>	<u>388</u>
9	Debtors & Prepayments		
	Grant Funding	723	2,058
	Other Debtors	-	-
	Prepayments	<u>2,902</u>	<u>3,132</u>
		<u>3,625</u>	<u>5,190</u>
	All of which are due within one year		
10	Current Liabilities - Due within one year		
	Other Creditors	11,675	8,312
	Taxation, PAYE & INS	<u>6,873</u>	<u>5,067</u>
		<u>18,548</u>	<u>13,379</u>

11. Movement in Funds 24/25

Statutory Requirement in Accounts/ to show each funding stream

	Balance Bfwd £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	Balance Cfwd £
DASP	40,218	55,792	(62,366)		33,644
Care Direct	0	-	-		0
NCH & SCT	0	-	-		0
Live Well in Braunton	0	-	-		0
Community Builder (Comm Dev)	0	-	-		0
Grow, Share, Cook	0	-	-		0
361 Energy Redress	0	-	-		0
Barnstaple PCN	1,100	25,987	(26,989)		98
Kickstart	(0)	-	-		(0)
COMF	0	-	-		0
Active Devon	0	-	-		0
Early Nourishment	(0)	-	-		(0)
Velocity	0	-	-		0
Live Well in Braunton (Lottery)	60	67,971	(67,840)		191
DCC Teachers Hub	1,194	-	-		1,194
Revitalising Volunteers	1,239	20,500	(1,875)		19,864
AONB Finding Nature's Footsteps	468	47,041	(47,313)		196
COL Community	0	-	-		0
Warmer Spaces	(0)	-	-		(0)
Volunteer Awards	0	-	-		0
Visual Impairment	7,610	-	(1,925)		5,685
DCC Growing Communities	4	-	-		4
Homes for Ukraine	0	-	-		0
Kailo Co-Pilot	0	-	-		0
NDDC Volunteer Connector	8,437	20,000	(28,437)		0
DCC Growing Communities - Yoga	0	-	-		0
DCC Growing Communities - Mini Gardeners	0	-	-		0
361 Warmer Homes Phase 2	(5,531)	55,606	(81,016)		(30,941)
The Woodyard	19,387	20,240	(27,795)		11,832
End of Year Events - GCF	0	-	-		0
DCC Growing Communities - Training	0	3,000	(3,000)		0
DCC Growing Communities - Events	0	2,000	(2,000)		0
NLCF - Reaching Communities/Partnerships	0	143,192	(119,318)		23,874
Empowering Local Communities - Asda Foundat	0	970	(970)		0
NDBF Biosphere Communities	0	4,500	(4,500)		0
The Davie Trust	0	1,000	(1,000)		0
Total Restricted Funds	74,186	467,799	(476,344)	-	65,641
Designated Fund	1,283			1,954	3,237
General Funds	129,199	37,959	(50,121)	(1,954)	115,083
Total Unrestricted Fund	130,482	37,959	(50,121)	-	118,320
Total Funds	204,668	505,758	(526,465)	-	183,961

Prior Year Comparison 23/24

	Balance Bfwd £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	Balance Cfwd £
DASP	39,581	58,768	(58,131)	0	40,218
Care Direct	323	8,957	(9,280)	0	0
NCH & SCT	0	5,632	(5,632)	0	0
Live Well in Braunton	1	-	0	-1	0
Community Builder (Comm Dev)	8,469	15,434	(23,903)	0	0
Grow, Share, Cook	500	-	(500)	0	0
361 Energy Redress	(11,512)	42,431	(30,919)	0	0
Barnstaple PCN	5,664	35,579	(40,143)	0	1,100
Kickstart	0	-	0	0	0
COMF	0	1,990	1,990	0	0
Active Devon	1,344	-	(1,344)	0	0
Early Nourishment	(1)	-	0	1	0
Velocity	0	-	0	0	0
Live Well in Braunton (Lottery)	0	68,405	(68,346)	1	60
DCC Teachers Hub	1,809	300	(916)	0	1,193
Revitalising Volunteers	10,000	1,000	(9,761)	0	1,239
AONB Finding Nature's Footsteps	126	30,154	(29,812)	0	468
COL Community	0	-	0	0	0
Warmer Spaces	115	-	(115)	0	0
Volunteer Awards	0	1,000	(1,000)	0	0
Visual Impairment	0	10,416	(2,806)	0	7,610
DCC Growing Communities	0	1,000	(996)	0	4
Homes for Ukraine	0	4,577	(4,577)	0	0
Kailo Co-Pilot	0	20,000	(20,000)	0	0
NDDC Volunteer Connector	0	40,000	(31,563)	0	8,437
DCC Growing Communities - Yoga	0	2,927	(2,927)	0	0
DCC Growing Communities - Mini Gardeners	0	3,000	(3,005)	5	0
361 Warmer Homes Phase 2	0	43,787	(49,317)	0	(5,530)
The Woodyard	0	22,000	(2,613)	0	19,387
End of Year Events - GCF	0	2,989	(2,989)	0	0
Total Restricted Funds	56,419	416,366	(398,605)	6	74,186
Designated Fund	3,475		-	2,192	1,283
General Funds	103,307	34,759	(11,053)	2186	129,199
Total Unrestricted Fund	106,782	34,759	(11,053)	6	130,482
Total Funds	163,201	451,125	(409,658)	0	204,668

Funders 2024/2025:

Project	Funded by:
DASP Purpose: Dedicated to improving access to information, services and representation focussing on volunteer lead community transport schemes.	Devon County Council
Live Well in Braunton Purpose: Provide Community Connector services and support community building, including volunteer hub, across the Live Well Braunton area.	Live Well in Braunton National Lottery Bid
Revitalising Volunteers Purpose: To organise and facilitate a series of events and celebrations to expand volunteer numbers, as they have rapidly declined since the COVID-19 pandemic.	The National Lottery Awards 4 All Fund
Warmer Homes (361 Energy) Purpose: To provide advice, guidance and practical support to improve energy efficiency and affordability.	Energy Redress Fund
Barnstaple Alliance Primary Care Purpose: To support provide advice and information and connect people to their local community to improve wellbeing.	Barnstaple Alliance Primary Care
NDCNL - Finding Nature's Footprint Purpose: To learn more about the nature in our villages, gardens, fields and shores through surveys, monitoring and mapping of wildlife including plants, mammals, insects and birds.	Devon County Council through National Lottery Heritage Fund
Visual Impairment Purpose: To strengthen peer support opportunities for people living with visual impairments in Barnstaple and locality. To support Barnstaple Visual Impairment Consortium to operate and provide activities, equipment or services enabling social connection for people with visual impairment	Living Options (Siggery Fund)
DCC Growing Communities - Training Purpose: To support our subsidised training offer to our local VCSE Sector in order to help them in their day-to-day work, ensure compliant and supportive as well as becoming more innovative, productive and successful.	Devon County Council

<p>DCC Growing Communities Purpose: To contribute to the facilitation of a range of revitalising volunteering events to help promote and attract volunteers to the sector.</p>	<p>Devon County Council</p>
<p>NDDC Volunteer Connector Purpose: Funding for impactful volunteering and/or social action projects to develop social and human capital in local places. Specifically, to employ a volunteer connector, enabling the expansion of the number of organisations registering for volunteering placements, alongside an increase in actual volunteers. Maintaining Devon Connect platform, and support VCSE Groups to use this as well as any other relevant training and support. As well as to work with other organisations to host events highlighting/celebrating volunteering.</p>	<p>This project is funded by the UK Government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and in partnership with North Devon Council</p>
<p>The Woodyard Purpose: To hold, administer and allocate funds to Third Parties as instructed to support the development of a central community hub, known as "The Woodyard" which would bring charity workers and members of the community together, improve communication and understanding, cut costs and provide opportunities for different and creative ways of working, and to make sure loneliness is reduced. This now includes employing a Project Co-ordinator.</p>	<p>Ann Cleeves Graham Devine</p>
<p>NLCF Reaching Communities / Partnerships Purpose: To build a strong, vibrant and connected VCSE sector using a community development alliance model, to help bring about social change and improve the quality of life across North Devon and Torridge. Looking at Community Development best practice, how to engage with hard-to-reach community members, as well as form a Northern Devon Community Development alliance, including sustainable funding model.</p>	<p>National Lottery Community Fund</p>
<p>Empowering Local Communities Purpose: To support the facilitation of a range of revitalising volunteer events as well as supporting our annual subsidised training offer to increase knowledge and confidence of volunteers who work with the isolate, lonely and vulnerable members of our community.</p>	<p>Asda Foundation</p>
<p>NDBF Biosphere Communities North Devon Voluntary Services (NDVS) and the North Devon Biosphere Foundation (NDBF) are partnering on the Biosphere Communities project to empower local communities in taking action for nature, climate, and sustainable land management. NDVS supports eight community hubs by building their capacity, delivering engagement and training workshops, and collaborating with partners like Westcountry Rivers Trust and Biosphere</p>	<p>North Devon Biosphere Foundation</p>

<p>Community Animators. Their work focuses on co-creating activities that reflect community aspirations and environmental priorities, while contributing to broader initiatives such as exhibitions, forums, and youth events.</p> <p>NDVS also helps communities design and run practical environmental projects—like river cleans, tree planting, and citizen science—and supports impact monitoring to inform project learning and reporting. Through this collaboration, NDVS strengthens green skills, raises awareness of sustainable practices, and fosters long-term, community-led environmental stewardship across the North Devon Biosphere.</p>	
<p>The Davie Trust (Youth)</p> <p>Purpose: To help us to start implementing our Youth Volunteering Agenda by allowing us to work with youth led organisations and understand how to best engage with our youth and break down barriers around volunteering.</p>	<p>The Davie Trust</p>

12. Analysis of Assets

	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £
Tangible Fixed Assets	291	-	-	291	388	388	-	-
Current Assets	132,978	3,237	66,003	202,218	217,659	137,117	1,283	79,259
Current Liabilities	(18,186)		(362)	(18,548)	(13,378)	(8,306)	-	(5,073)
	115,083	3,237	65,641	183,961	204,668	129,199	1,283	74,186

Purpose of Designated Funds

NDVS has felt that it is prudent to provide for redundancy costs. The total estimated as at 31st March 2025 is £16,156 from which £12,919 is calculated as being the cost for those staff working for DASP (Restricted Funding) and is built into their ongoing budget. The remaining £3,237 represents those staff who are currently being funded from Unrestricted Funds.

Non-regular Costs

None have been recorded during 2024/2025.

13. Company Status

NDVS is a private company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital.

Each director of the company is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 towards the assets of the charitable company in the event of liquidation.

14. Grants Redistributed

NDVS were awarded, via the Siggery Fund (£10,416) and DeVA/TTVS (£4,577), during FY24/24 which required funds to be distributed to smaller charitable entities. The purpose of these funds was to provide activities, equipment or services to enable social connection for people living with visual impairment and to provide help and support with the refugee crisis via the Homes for Ukraine project. These fund payments amounted to £14,993 and are shown as an expenditure item in Restricted Funding.

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