

**Registered number: 07596900**  
**Charity number: 1141552**

**Balloon Ventures Foundation Ltd**  
**(A company limited by guarantee)**

**Trustees' report and financial statements**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2025**

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**Reference and administrative details of the Charity, its Trustees and advisers**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2025**

<b>Trustees</b>	Mr W S G Smith Ms A J Hindman Mr J Prabhay Mr W Ogwal (appointed 5 July 2024)
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<b>Company registered number</b>	07596900
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<b>Charity registered number</b>	1141552
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<b>Registered office</b>	73 Mount View Road London N4 4SR
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<b>Company secretary</b>	Ms M C Phillips
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<b>Independent auditors</b>	Kreston Reeves Audit LLP Chartered Accountants 2nd Floor 168 Shoreditch High Street London E1 6RA
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<b>Bank</b>	TSB Bank Plc 120 George Street Edinburgh EH2 4LH  VFX Plc 32-38 Dukes Place London EC3A 7LP  Wise Payments Ltd 56 Shoreditch High Street London E1 6JJ  FairFX PLC 68 Upper Thames Street London EC4V 3BJ
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**Balloon Ventures Foundation Ltd**  
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**Trustees' report**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2025**

The Trustees present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the Charity for the year 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025. The annual report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the group and the Charity qualify as small under section 383 of the Companies Act 2006, the group strategic report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

**Objectives and activities**

**a. Policies and objectives**

The charity's objectives are to relieve poverty and financial hardship in Kenya and Uganda in such ways as the Trustees see fit. In particular but not exclusively by providing:

- (1) Training and funding for income generating programmes and job creation.
- (2) Supporting the needs of children in Busia in such ways as the trustees think fit.

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

**b. Strategies for achieving objectives**

To achieve its objectives the charity:

- Provides business support, training & loan finance to small businesses in East Africa to help them to grow and create good jobs, via the charity's trading subsidiary Balloon Ventures Limited.
- Provides support to several children's' homes and schools.

**c. Activities undertaken to achieve objectives**

To achieve the objectives the group has this year focussed on providing business support and loan finance to small business in East Africa. This year we have given 403 loans to small businesses in Kenya and Uganda (2024: 205 loans) and continued to provide technical business support to our investee businesses.

**d. Grant-making policies**

In order to further its objectives, the charity may co operate with, fund or provide grants to other organisations whether charities or other. The current focus of the charity is job creation.

The Board of trustees has ultimate collective responsibility for all grant making decisions in line with the group's charitable purposes and any restrictions agreed with donors and funding partners.

Trustees may assign certain decision making responsibilities to its sub committees, Board members or staff within its scheme of delegation. Such delegated decisions are subject to scrutiny and review from time to time.

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**Trustees' report (continued)**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2025**

**Review of the year's performance and achievements**

Balloon Ventures Limited continued working with and investing in small-medium enterprises ("SMEs"), building on the success of the previous year to achieve significant growth. Highlights of the year include:

Overall we made 403 loans against a target of 372 (2024: 205). This was on average 34 loans per month with an average loan size of £17k (£18k in Uganda, £13k in Kenya). The average loan size continues to grow (2024: £17.5k, 2023: £16.7k) particularly in Uganda where we have numerous clients returning for larger loans.

Of the 403 loans, 109 were repeat loans to customers who wanted larger loans having successfully repaid the first loan. Becoming a lender of choice and retaining good clients is a key part of our growth, profitability and efficiency strategy.

During the year we:

- Significantly grew revenue generated from the loan portfolio by £723k, to £1.5m (2024: £802k). This was driven by growth in our gross loan portfolio, which grew by £2.8m to £6.3m (2024: £3.5m). This growth was mostly concentrated in Uganda, though we saw growth in Kenya too.
- Expanded the team in Uganda from 24 to 35, with a total group-wide team of 45 staff. We also opened 1 new branch in Uganda to continue extending our geographical reach there.
- Focused on investment in technology and innovation projects, such as a new semi-automated arrears process, a new due diligence interface for the pre-investment team and connected our technology into the credit scoring bureau in Uganda.

**Cash**

We continued to receive financial support and excellent feedback from our funders: Palladium (through their Challenge Fund for Youth Employment), Dutch Good Growth Fund and CeniARTH.

During the year we raised additional debt funding of \$500k from DGGF and \$1.5m with CeniARTH. We are in ongoing discussions with various lenders about future funding.

**Impact**

5,269 good jobs have been created from Balloon's investments, were created/improved and 30,000 lives positively impacted. Before Balloon investment, 2.8% of jobs in our investee businesses are good jobs; after Balloon investment this increases to 92.5%.

Our investments have improved educational facilities for 75,000 students, healthcare facilities for 400,000 patients, and improved incomes for 16,000 smallholder farmers.

**Financial review**

**a. Going concern**

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

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**Trustees' report (continued)**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2025**

**b. Reserves policy**

The charity retains such reserves as the trustees consider necessary in order to sustain its ongoing charitable activities, having regard to the level of donations and grants received. Donations and grants received to cover specific charitable project costs are held in restricted reserves.

As at 31 March 2025, the total funds were £4,124,409 (2024: £3,116,463). Of this, £3,936,355 (2024: £2,732,265) was restricted funds.

**c. Risk management**

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the charity and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate the charity's exposure to the major risks.

**Structure, governance and management**

**a. Constitution**

The charity is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Memorandum of Association on 8 April 2011.

**b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees**

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Articles of Association.

**c. Organisational structure and decision-making policies**

The Board of Trustees, which has a minimum of three members, administers the charity and makes all decisions in regard to the charity's operations. The Board meets at least twice a year.

**d. Policies adopted for the induction and training of Trustees**

The initial trustees were appointed by the Articles of Association. Subsequent appointments are made by the Board of Trustees.

**e. Related party relationships**

During the year the charity received distributions of £519,380 (2024: £nil) from Balloon Ventures Limited, its wholly owned subsidiary.

The outstanding balance owed by Balloon Ventures Limited to the charity at the end of the year was £1,349,634 (2024: £343,810).

**Plans for future periods**

For the next financial year the group plans to focus on raising additional funding to continue growth, particularly in Uganda where we have built significant momentum.

The group will continue investing in technologies in order to create more efficiencies and reduce the cost of borrowing to clients in order to have more impact.

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**Trustees' report (continued)**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2025**

**Disclosure of information to auditors**

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable group's auditors are unaware, and
- that Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable group's auditors are aware of that information.

**Auditors**

The auditors, Kreston Reeves LLP, have indicated their willingness to continue in office. The designated Trustees will propose a motion reappointing the auditors at a meeting of the Trustees.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



**Mr W S G Smith**  
Trustee  
Date: 13 October 2025

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**Independent auditors' report to the Members of Balloon Ventures Foundation Ltd**

**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Balloon Ventures Foundation Ltd (the 'parent charitable company') and its subsidiaries (the 'group') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the consolidated statement of financial activities, the consolidated balance sheet, the charity balance sheet, the consolidated statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Group's and of the parent charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2025 and of the Group's incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.

**Basis for opinion**

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

**Conclusions relating to going concern**

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

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

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

**Independent auditors' report to the Members of Balloon Ventures Foundation Ltd (continued)**

**Other information**

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

**Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

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

- the information given in the Trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' report.

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

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

**Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the Group's and the parent charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the Group or the parent charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

**Independent auditors' report to the Members of Balloon Ventures Foundation Ltd (continued)**

**Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

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

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

*Capability of the audit in detecting irregularities, including fraud*

Based on our understanding of the charity and the sector as a whole, and through discussion with the Trustees, directors and other management (as required by auditing standards), we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to health and safety, anti-bribery and employment law. We considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements such as the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Companies Act 2006 and other relevant charity legislation. We communicated identified laws and regulations throughout our team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit. We evaluated Trustees' and management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls) and determined that the principal risks related to posting inappropriate journal entries to increase revenue or reduce expenditure, management bias in accounting estimates and judgemental areas of the financial statements such as the provisions against loan debtor balances. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- Discussions with management and assessment of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations (including health and safety) and fraud; and
- Assessment of identified fraud risk factors; and
- Challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in its significant accounting estimates including the loans provision by assessing adequacy of provision against overdue and high risk debtors; and
- Confirmation of related parties with management, and review of transactions throughout the period to identify any previously undisclosed transactions with related parties outside the normal course of business; and
- Review of significant and unusual transactions and evaluation of the underlying financial rationale supporting the transactions; and
- Reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance; and
- Using automated data analytics, identifying and testing journal entries, in particular any manual entries made at the year end for financial statement preparation.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance.

**Independent auditors' report to the Members of Balloon Ventures Foundation Ltd (continued)**

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion of the effectiveness of the charitable company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charitable company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the Group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006, and to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

*Kreston Reeves LLP*

**Stephen Moss BSc (Hons) (Senior Statutory Auditor)**

for and on behalf of

**Kreston Reeves Audit LLP**

Chartered Accountants

Statutory Auditor

London

Date: 13 October 2025

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**Consolidated Statement of financial activities (incorporating income and expenditure account)**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2025**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Restricted funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2024 £</b>
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	4	-	743,186	743,186	1,326,718
Other trading activities	5	-	1,525,023	1,525,023	802,072
Other investment income	6	-	20,180	20,180	11,195
Other income	7	-	1,070	1,070	9,272
<b>Total income</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>2,289,459</b>	<b>2,289,459</b>	<b>2,149,257</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Other trading activities		-	788,305	788,305	891,878
Charitable activities		196,144	58,493	254,637	177,953
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>196,144</b>	<b>846,798</b>	<b>1,042,942</b>	<b>1,069,831</b>
<b>Net (expenditure)/income before taxation</b>		<b>(196,144)</b>	<b>1,442,661</b>	<b>1,246,517</b>	<b>1,079,426</b>
Taxation	14	-	(238,571)	(238,571)	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(196,144)</b>	<b>1,204,090</b>	<b>1,007,946</b>	<b>1,079,426</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward		384,198	2,732,265	3,116,463	2,037,037
Net movement in funds		(196,144)	1,204,090	1,007,946	1,079,426
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>188,054</b>	<b>3,936,355</b>	<b>4,124,409</b>	<b>3,116,463</b>

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**Consolidated balance sheet**  
**as at 31 March 2025**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2025 £</b>	<b>2024 £</b>
Tangible assets	15	64,376	76,196
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	17	6,650,983	3,602,550
Cash at bank and in hand		968,453	1,060,379
		<u>7,619,436</u>	<u>4,662,929</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	18	(1,423,974)	(32,103)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>6,195,462</u>	<u>4,630,826</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>6,259,838</u>	<u>4,707,022</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	19	(2,135,429)	(1,590,559)
<b>Total net assets</b>		<u><u>4,124,409</u></u>	<u><u>3,116,463</u></u>
<b>Charity funds</b>			
Restricted funds	20	3,936,355	2,732,265
Unrestricted funds	20	188,054	384,198
<b>Total funds</b>		<u><u>4,124,409</u></u>	<u><u>3,116,463</u></u>

The Charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the entity to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

However, an audit is required in accordance with section 151 of the Charities Act 2011.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

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

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



**Mr W S G Smith**  
Trustee  
Date: 13 October 2025

The notes on pages 14 to 32 form part of these financial statements.

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**Charity balance sheet**  
**as at 31 March 2025**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2025 £</b>	<b>2024 £</b>
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Investments	16	3,024,786	3,024,786
		<u>3,024,786</u>	<u>3,024,786</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	17	1,349,634	343,818
Cash at bank and in hand		40,757	32,252
		<u>1,390,391</u>	<u>376,070</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	18	(12,803)	(6,411)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>1,377,588</u>	<u>369,659</u>
<b>Total net assets</b>		<u><u>4,402,374</u></u>	<u><u>3,394,445</u></u>
<b>Charity funds</b>			
Restricted funds	20	2,932,860	2,248,167
Unrestricted funds	20	1,469,514	1,146,278
<b>Total funds</b>		<u><u>4,402,374</u></u>	<u><u>3,394,445</u></u>

The Charity's net movement in funds for the year was £1,007,929 (2024 - £1,148,765).

The Charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

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**Consolidated statement of cash flows**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2025**

	<b>2025</b> <b>£</b>	<b>2024</b> <b>£</b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Net cash used in operating activities	<b>(1,661,999)</b>	<b>(421,551)</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Proceeds from the sale of tangible fixed assets	<b>34,941</b>	<b>-</b>
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	<b>(41,184)</b>	<b>(54,749)</b>
Interest received	<b>20,180</b>	<b>11,195</b>
<b>Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities</b>	<b>13,937</b>	<b>(43,554)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
Cash inflows from new borrowing	<b>1,514,406</b>	<b>961,672</b>
Interest payable	<b>(116,119)</b>	<b>(50,512)</b>
<b>Net cash provided by financing activities</b>	<b>1,398,287</b>	<b>911,160</b>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year</b>	<b>(249,775)</b>	<b>446,055</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	<b>1,060,379</b>	<b>769,605</b>
Change in cash and cash equivalents due to exchange rate movements	<b>157,849</b>	<b>(155,281)</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>	<b>968,453</b>	<b>1,060,379</b>

The notes on pages 14 to 32 form part of these financial statements

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**Notes to the financial statements**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2025**

**1. General information**

Balloon Ventures Foundation Limited is a private company limited by guarantee and a registered charity. Registered company number 07596900, registered in England, and registered charity number 1141552. The principal aims of the charity are shown in the Trustee Report and the registered office is shown in the administrative details of the company page.

**2. Accounting policies**

**2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements**

The financial statements 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), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Balloon Ventures Foundation Ltd meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

The consolidated statement of financial activities (SOFA) and consolidated balance sheet consolidate the financial statements of the Charity and its subsidiary undertaking. The results of the subsidiary are consolidated on a line by line basis.

The Charity has taken advantage of the exemption allowed under section 408 of the Companies Act 2006 and has not presented its own statement of financial activities in these financial statements.

The Charity's functional and presentational currency is Pound Sterling.

**2.2 Company status**

The charity is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company are the trustees named on the administrative details page. In the event of the charity being wound up the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £10 per member of the charity.

**2.3 Going concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis. In determining this the directors have reviewed the group's financial position and available resources, including the group's cash flow forecast. After considering this the directors believe the group has adequate resources to continue operating for at least 12 months from the date of signing these financial statements.

**2.4 Income**

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

The Charity receives all the profits generated during the year from Balloon Ventures Limited by way of a deed of covenant. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Income received for a specific purpose, or which has restrictions or conditions associated with it, is classified as restricted income and allocated to restricted funds. Income that can be spent at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the charity's aims and objectives is classified as unrestricted income and allocated to unrestricted funds.

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**2. Accounting policies (continued)**

**2.5 Expenditure**

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, 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 classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out at headquarters. Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Charitable activities and governance costs are costs incurred on the charity's educational operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Group's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

**2.6 Government grants**

Government grants are credited to the consolidated statement of financial activities as the related expenditure is incurred.

**2.7 Interest receivable**

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity. This is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

**2.8 Foreign currencies**

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at rates of exchange ruling at the reporting date.

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate ruling on the date of the transaction.

Exchange gains and losses are recognised in the consolidated statement of financial activities.

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**2. Accounting policies (continued)**

**2.9 Taxation**

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

**2.10 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

Tangible fixed assets costing £NIL or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, .

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Motor vehicles	-	20%
Office equipment	-	33%
Computer equipment	-	33%

The assets' residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted prospectively if appropriate, or if there is an indication of a significant change since the last reporting date.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount and are recognised in the consolidated statement of financial activities.

**2.11 Investments**

Investments in subsidiaries are valued at cost less provision for impairment.

**2.12 Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

**2.13 Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

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**2. Accounting policies (continued)**

**2.14 Liabilities and provisions**

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risk specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised within interest payable and similar charges.

**2.15 Financial instruments**

The Group only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

**2.16 Operating leases**

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the consolidated statement of financial activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

**2.17 Pensions**

The Group operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Group to the fund in respect of the year.

**2.18 Fund accounting**

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Group and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Group for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

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**3. Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgment**

In preparing the financial statements it is necessary to make certain judgments, assumptions and estimates that affect the amounts recognised in the financial statements. The trustees consider the key areas of estimate and judgement to be:

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

*Recoverability value of loans receivable from small businesses*

A loan loss provision is included on the balance sheet to account for the risk of potentially irrecoverable loans. This is offset against loans receivable to adjust the value of loans receivable to their estimated recoverable amount. The provision is an estimate based on judgment and assumptions. Increases and decreases in the value of the loan loss provision are reflected in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

When estimating this provision required, management assesses the probability of default ("PD %"), the exposure at default ("EAD") and the Loss Given Default ("LGD %") for each loan based on its risk categorisation.

The formula used is to determine the provision required is:  $EAD \times PD \% \times LGD \%$

**Risk categorisation**

Loans are risk categorised as follows:

Risk category	No. days in arrears	Arrears multiple
Low	< 30	< 1
Medium	30 - 89	1 - 3
High	90 - 179	3 - 6
Default	180 +	6 +

The arrears multiple refers to the number of installments that the loan is in arrears by. It is calculated by taking total arrears at the reporting period end and dividing this by the average loan installment. This combined approach, looking at days in arrears as well as value, gives a better indication of the probability of default than solely considering days in arrears, as loans with a higher arrears multiple are more likely to default.

**Probability of default**

Management assesses the likelihood of a default occurring over a particular time horizon or the likelihood that a borrower will be unable to meet their debt obligations as they fall due by assessing historic and up-to-date data for all loans in each risk category, to determine the percentage of loans that ultimately result in a default.

**Exposure at default**

This is the carrying amount of the loan outstanding at the reporting date.

**Loss given default**

LGD % reflects the portion of the loan that is not covered by the estimated recoverable value of collateral. In computing the estimated recoverable value of collateral, management adjusts the forced sale value of the collateral (which is obtained from accredited, independent valuation experts) using:

- A discount factor to reflect the assumed quality of the collateral, based on collateral type;
- A discount factor to account for the time value of money; and
- A discount factor to account for the uncertainty of court case outcomes.

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**3. Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgment (continued)**

The estimated recoverable value of collateral is then compared to the EAD to determine the portion of the EAD that is not covered by collateral. This portion, expressed as a percentage, equates to the LGD. Included within debtors is a provision of £120,163 (2024: £131,349). Of this amount, £Nil (2024: £Nil) is provided against debt due in more than one year, with £120,163 (2024: £131,349) provided against debt due within one year.

**4. Income from donations and legacies**

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Restricted funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2024 £</b>
Donations	-	-	-	28,255
Grants	-	743,186	<b>743,186</b>	1,298,463
<b>Total 2025</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>743,186</b>	<b>743,186</b>	<b>1,326,718</b>
<i>Total 2024</i>	<i>36</i>	<i>1,326,682</i>	<i>1,326,718</i>	

**5. Income from other trading activities**

**Income from non charitable trading activities**

	<b>Restricted funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2024 £</b>
Loan interest income	1,525,023	<b>1,525,023</b>	802,072
<i>Total 2024</i>	<i>802,072</i>	<i>802,072</i>	

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**6. Other investment income**

	<b>Restricted funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2024 £</b>
Other interest receivable	20,180	<b>20,180</b>	11,195
<i>Total 2024</i>	<i>11,195</i>	<i>11,195</i>	

**7. Other incoming resources**

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Restricted funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2024 £</b>
Other operating income	-	1,070	<b>1,070</b>	9,272
<i>Total 2024</i>	<i>4,805</i>	<i>4,467</i>	<i>9,272</i>	

**8. Analysis of charitable expenditure by activities**

	<b>Grant funding of activities 2025 £</b>	<b>Support costs 2025 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2024 £</b>
Kenyan and Ugandan project costs	-	254,637	<b>254,637</b>	177,953
<i>Total 2024</i>	<i>34,473</i>	<i>143,480</i>	<i>177,953</i>	

Of the above expenditure totalling £254,637 (2024: £177,953), £58,493 (2024: £132,238) related to restricted activities, and £196,144 (2024: £45,715) related to unrestricted activities.

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**9. Charitable and trading expenses**

	<b>Charitable activities - support costs 2025 £</b>	<b>Other trading expenses 2025 £</b>	<b>Total 2025 £</b>	<b>Total 2024 £</b>
In-country operating costs	-	907,136	<b>907,136</b>	484,868
Loan loss expense	-	95,901	<b>95,901</b>	77,538
Other project costs	-	-	-	39,321
Head office costs	175,306	50,457	<b>225,763</b>	254,978
Governance costs	20,838	10,240	<b>31,078</b>	23,664
Interest paid	-	116,119	<b>116,119</b>	50,512
Foreign exchange differences	-	(157,950)	<b>(157,950)</b>	155,281
Research and development	58,493	4,973	<b>63,466</b>	13,612
	<u>254,637</u>	<u>1,026,876</u>	<u><b>1,281,513</b></u>	<u>1,099,774</u>
<i>Total 2024</i>	<u><u>200,122</u></u>	<u><u>899,652</u></u>	<u><u>1,099,774</u></u>	

**10. Analysis of grants**

	<b>Grants to Institutions 2025 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2024 £</b>
Love For All Orphanage (Nakuru, Kenya)	-	-	34,473
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>34,473</u>
<i>Total 2024</i>	<u><u>34,473</u></u>	<u><u>34,473</u></u>	

**11. Auditors' remuneration**

	<b>2025 £</b>	<b>2024 £</b>
Fees payable to the Charity's auditor for the audit of the Charity's annual accounts	<b>11,700</b>	11,100
Fees payable to the Charity's auditor in respect of:		
All assurance services not included above	<b>8,400</b>	7,950
All non-audit services not included above	<b>1,100</b>	1,050
	<u><u>11,700</u></u>	<u><u>11,100</u></u>

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**12. Staff costs**

	<b>Group 2025 £</b>	<i>Group 2024 £</i>	<b>Charity 2025 £</b>	<i>Charity 2024 £</i>
Wages and salaries	<b>360,567</b>	376,490	<b>136,393</b>	94,535
Social security costs	<b>159,390</b>	7,285	<b>10,351</b>	7,285
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	<b>7,771</b>	8,495	<b>7,771</b>	8,315
	<b>527,728</b>	392,270	<b>154,515</b>	110,135

The average number of persons employed by the Charity during the year was as follows:

	<b>Group 2025 No.</b>	<i>Group 2024 No.</i>	<b>Charity 2025 No.</b>	<i>Charity 2024 No.</i>
UK management	<b>2</b>	2	-	2
Kenyan and Ugandan staff	<b>37</b>	27	-	-
	<b>39</b>	29		2

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) exceeded £60,000 was:

	<b>Group 2025 No.</b>	<i>Group 2024 No.</i>
In the band £60,001 - £70,000	<b>2</b>	2

The Trustees of the charity are considered to be the Key Management Personnel.

**13. Trustees' remuneration and expenses**

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2024 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 March 2025, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2024 - £NIL).

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**14. Taxation**

	<b>2025</b> £	2024 £
<b>Corporation tax</b>		
Current tax on net (expenditure)/income for the year	<b>238,571</b>	-
<b>Taxation on net (expenditure)/income</b>	<b>238,571</b>	-

The tax assessed for the year is lower than (2024 - *lower than*) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 25% (2024 - 25%). The differences are explained below:

	<b>2025</b> £	2024 £
Net (expenditure)/income before tax	<b>1,246,517</b>	1,079,426
Net (expenditure)/income multiplied by the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 25 (2024 - 25%).	<b>311,629</b>	269,857
<b>Effects of:</b>		
Non-taxable income less expenses not deductible for tax purposes	<b>(311,629)</b>	(269,857)
Overseas tax charge	<b>238,571</b>	-
<b>Total tax charge for the year</b>	<b>238,571</b>	-

There are no factors considered likely to affect future tax charges.

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**15. Tangible fixed assets**

**Group**

	<b>Motor vehicles £</b>	<b>Office equipment £</b>	<b>Computer equipment £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
<b>Cost or valuation</b>				
At 1 April 2024	<b>54,392</b>	<b>5,985</b>	<b>31,886</b>	<b>92,263</b>
Additions	<b>21,852</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>18,988</b>	<b>41,184</b>
Disposals	<b>(10,265)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(28,960)</b>	<b>(39,225)</b>
At 31 March 2025	<b>65,979</b>	<b>6,329</b>	<b>21,914</b>	<b>94,222</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 1 April 2024	<b>9,882</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,185</b>	<b>16,067</b>
Charge for the year	<b>9,443</b>	<b>2,110</b>	<b>6,510</b>	<b>18,063</b>
On disposals	<b>(387)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(3,897)</b>	<b>(4,284)</b>
At 31 March 2025	<b>18,938</b>	<b>2,110</b>	<b>8,798</b>	<b>29,846</b>
<b>Net book value</b>				
At 31 March 2025	<b>47,041</b>	<b>4,219</b>	<b>13,116</b>	<b>64,376</b>
At 31 March 2024	<b>44,510</b>	<b>5,985</b>	<b>25,701</b>	<b>76,196</b>

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**16. Fixed asset investments**

	<b>Investments in subsidiary companies £</b>
<b>Charity</b>	
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 April 2024	<b>3,024,786</b>
At 31 March 2025	<b>3,024,786</b>
<b>Net book value</b>	
At 31 March 2025	<b>3,024,786</b>
At 31 March 2024	<b>3,024,786</b>

**17. Debtors**

	<b>Group 2025 £</b>	<b>Group 2024 £</b>	<b>Charity 2025 £</b>	<b>Charity 2024 £</b>
<b>Due after more than one year</b>				
Other debtors	<b>2,175,699</b>	<b>1,141,907</b>	-	-
	<b>2,175,699</b>	<b>1,141,907</b>	-	-
<b>Due within one year</b>				
Amounts owed by group undertakings	-	-	<b>1,349,634</b>	<b>343,810</b>
Other debtors	<b>4,447,665</b>	<b>2,415,839</b>	-	<b>8</b>
Prepayments and accrued income	<b>27,619</b>	<b>44,804</b>	-	-
	<b>6,650,983</b>	<b>3,602,550</b>	<b>1,349,634</b>	<b>343,818</b>

All amounts owed by group undertakings are non-interest bearing, unsecured and are due on demand.

Where loans within Other debtors are given for the purpose of purchasing an asset, no asset held as security in the name of Balloon Ventures Ltd are included in the consolidated accounts of Balloon Ventures Foundation Ltd, as the charity does not have a beneficial interest in the asset unless the borrower defaults on the loan.

Included within Other debtors are loans receivable of £6,605,544 (2024: £3,450,902). Of this amount, £2,175,699 (2024: £1,141,907) is due in over one year, with £4,429,845 (2024: £2,413,944) due within one year.

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**Schedule of loans receivable**

	<b>Group 2025 £</b>	<i>Group 2024 £</i>
Loans receivable at 1 April	<b>3,450,902</b>	1,878,650
Loan additions in the year	<b>6,885,793</b>	3,863,676
Loan repayments in the year	<b>(3,778,363)</b>	(2,081,573)
Loans written off in the year	<b>(94,496)</b>	(34,911)
(Increase)/ decrease in loan loss provision	<b>2,840</b>	(44,635)
FX revaluation adjustments	<b>138,868</b>	(130,305)
	<b><u>6,605,544</u></b>	<u>3,450,902</u>

As at 31 March 2025 the loan loss provision stands at £120,163 (2024: £131,349).

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**18. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>Group 2025 £</b>	<i>Group 2024 £</i>	<b>Charity 2025 £</b>	<i>Charity 2024 £</i>
Bank overdrafts	<b>2</b>	-	-	-
Bank loans	<b>979,536</b>	<i>10,000</i>	-	-
Trade creditors	-	<i>692</i>	-	-
Corporation tax	<b>157,819</b>	-	-	-
Other taxation and social security	<b>12,425</b>	-	-	-
Other creditors	<b>251,798</b>	<i>951</i>	<b>1,103</b>	<i>951</i>
Accruals and deferred income	<b>22,394</b>	<i>20,460</i>	<b>11,700</b>	<i>5,460</i>
	<b>1,423,974</b>	<i>32,103</i>	<b>12,803</b>	<i>6,411</i>

Of this balance, £10,000 (2024: £10,000) is guaranteed by the UK Government under the Bounce Back Loan Scheme. Other creditors represent the pending balance to be disbursed to loans that were approved at the year end.

**19. Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year**

	<b>Group 2025 £</b>	<i>Group 2024 £</i>
Bank loans	<b>2,135,429</b>	<i>1,590,559</i>

Of this balance, £2,450 (2024: £12,450) is guaranteed by the UK Government under the Bounce Back Loan Scheme.

Included within the above are amounts falling due as follows:

	<b>Group 2025 £</b>	<i>Group 2024 £</i>
<b>Between one and two years</b>		
Bank loans	<b>1,747,615</b>	<i>10,000</i>
<b>Between two and five years</b>		
Bank loans	<b>387,814</b>	<i>1,580,559</i>

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**20. Statement of funds**

**Statement of funds - current year**

	<b>Balance at 1 April 2024</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Balance at 31 March 2025</b>
	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	<b>384,198</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(196,144)</b>	<b>188,054</b>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Balloon Ventures East Africa Fund	<b>2,248,167</b>	<b>743,186</b>	<b>(58,493)</b>	<b>2,932,860</b>
Balloon Ventures Limited	<b>484,098</b>	<b>1,546,273</b>	<b>(1,026,876)</b>	<b>1,003,495</b>
	<b>2,732,265</b>	<b>2,289,459</b>	<b>(1,085,369)</b>	<b>3,936,355</b>
<b>Total of funds</b>	<b>3,116,463</b>	<b>2,289,459</b>	<b>(1,281,513)</b>	<b>4,124,409</b>

**Statement of funds - prior year**

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2023</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>Balance at 31 March 2024</i>
	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	<i>425,072</i>	<i>4,841</i>	<i>(45,715)</i>	<i>384,198</i>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Balloon Ventures East Africa Fund	<i>1,053,723</i>	<i>1,326,682</i>	<i>(132,238)</i>	<i>2,248,167</i>
Balloon Ventures Limited	<i>558,242</i>	<i>817,734</i>	<i>(891,878)</i>	<i>484,098</i>
	<i>1,611,965</i>	<i>2,144,416</i>	<i>(1,024,116)</i>	<i>2,732,265</i>
<b>Total of funds</b>	<i>2,037,037</i>	<i>2,149,257</i>	<i>(1,069,831)</i>	<i>3,116,463</i>

The Balloon Ventures East Africa Fund is dedicated to supporting small businesses and creating jobs in East Africa.

Balloon Ventures Limited is the trading subsidiary of Balloon Ventures Foundation Limited.

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**21. Summary of funds**

**Summary of funds - current year**

	<b>Balance at 1 April 2024 £</b>	<b>Income £</b>	<b>Expenditure £</b>	<b>Balance at 31 March 2025 £</b>
General funds	384,198	-	(196,144)	188,054
Restricted funds	2,732,265	2,289,459	(1,085,369)	3,936,355
	<u>3,116,463</u>	<u>2,289,459</u>	<u>(1,281,513)</u>	<u>4,124,409</u>

**Summary of funds - prior year**

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2023 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 March 2024 £</i>
General funds	425,072	4,841	(45,715)	384,198
Restricted funds	1,611,965	2,144,416	(1,024,116)	2,732,265
	<u>2,037,037</u>	<u>2,149,257</u>	<u>(1,069,831)</u>	<u>3,116,463</u>

**22. Analysis of net assets between funds**

**Analysis of net assets between funds - current year**

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Restricted funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2025 £</b>
Tangible fixed assets	-	64,376	64,376
Debtors due after more than one year	-	2,175,699	2,175,699
Current assets	200,857	5,242,880	5,443,737
Creditors due within one year	(12,803)	(1,411,171)	(1,423,974)
Creditors due in more than one year	-	(2,135,429)	(2,135,429)
<b>Total</b>	<u>188,054</u>	<u>3,936,355</u>	<u>4,124,409</u>

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**23. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities**

	<b>Group 2025 £</b>	<i>Group 2024 £</i>
Net income for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	1,007,946	1,079,426
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Depreciation charges	<b>18,063</b>	11,501
Increase in debtors	<b>(3,048,433)</b>	(1,695,086)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	<b>264,516</b>	(11,990)
Foreign exchange differences	<b>(157,849)</b>	155,281
Interest receivable	<b>(20,180)</b>	(11,195)
Interest payable	<b>116,119</b>	50,512
Taxation charge	<b>238,571</b>	-
Corporation tax received/(paid)	<b>(80,752)</b>	-
<b>Net cash used in operating activities</b>	<b>(1,661,999)</b>	(421,551)

**24. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents**

	<b>Group 2025 £</b>	<i>Group 2024 £</i>
Cash in hand	<b>968,453</b>	1,060,379
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>968,453</b>	1,060,379

**25. Analysis of changes in net debt**

	<b>At 1 April 2024 £</b>	<b>Cash flows £</b>	<b>At 31 March 2025 £</b>
Cash at bank and in hand	1,060,379	(91,926)	968,453
Bank overdrafts repayable on demand	-	(2)	(2)
Debt due within 1 year	(10,000)	(969,536)	(979,536)
Debt due after 1 year	(1,590,559)	(544,870)	(2,135,429)
	<b>(540,180)</b>	<b>(1,606,334)</b>	<b>(2,146,514)</b>

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**26. Pension commitments**

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the company to the fund and amounted to £7,771 (2024: £8,316). Contributions totalling £1,103 (2024: £951) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date and are included in creditors.

**27. Operating lease commitments**

At 31 March 2025 the Group and the Charity had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	<b>Group 2025 £</b>	<b>Group 2024 £</b>
Not later than 1 year	<b>14,789</b>	6,165
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	<b>32,096</b>	16,537
Later than 5 years	<b>1,296</b>	-
	<b>48,181</b>	22,702

**28. Members' liability**

The charity is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company are the trustees named on page 1 of the accounts. In the event of the charity being wound up the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £10 per member of the charity.

**29. Related party transactions**

The charity has a wholly owned subsidiary, Balloov Ventures Limited ('the company'). During the year, the company made distributions of £519,380 (2024: £Nil) to the charity. During the year the charity recharged UK head office costs of £Nil (2024: £Nil) to its subsidiary, Balloon Ventures Limited. The outstanding balance owed to the charity at the end of the year was £1,349,634 (2024: £343,810).

**30. Controlling party**

The charity is under the control of the trustees.

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**31. Principal subsidiaries**

The following was a subsidiary undertaking of the Charity:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Company number</b>	<b>Registered office or principal place of business</b>	<b>Principal activity</b>
Balloon Ventures Ltd	07940726	73 Mount View Road, London, N4 4SR	Investing in small businesses in Kenya and Uganda

<b>Class of shares</b>	<b>Holding</b>
Ordinary	100%

The financial results of the subsidiary for the year were:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Income £</b>	<b>Expenditure £</b>	<b>Profit/(Loss) for the year £</b>	<b>Net assets £</b>
Balloon Ventures Ltd	1,525,023	628,629	519,380	2,746,821