

Ambleside Parish Centre

(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

Year Ended 31 March 2025

Company Registration Number: 07640743
(England & Wales)

Registered Charity Number: 1145971

Ambleside Parish Centre

Contents

Page

Reference and Administrative Details

1

Trustees Report

2

Independent Auditor's Report on the Financial Statements

11

Statement of Financial Activities Incorporating Income & Expenditure Account

12

Balance Sheet

13

Notes to the Financial Statements

14



Ambleside Parish Centre

Company Limited by Guarantee

Trustees Annual Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2025



Reference and Administrative Details

The Trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the financial statements of the company for the period ended 31 March 2025.

Trustees	Role	Appointed	Resigned
Dr Rob Ashworth	[Chair]		
Mrs Alison Pickering	[Treasurer]		27/11/2024
Mrs Margaret Burford			21/05/2024
Mrs Jennifer Harrop			
Mrs Linda Kingdon			14/06/2025
Mrs Allison Peak			
Mrs Catherine Powloski			04/03/2025
Mrs Marion Riley	[Ambleside Art Society]		
Mr Michael Corin			
Mr David Howard Stothard			
Rev. Grace Cauldwell			
Rev. Andrew Smith			
Rev. Jane Natrass		24/04/2024	
Rev. Emily Bagg		21/05/2024	20/05/2025
Mrs Janice Griffiths		27/11/2024	
Mr Christopher Powell		27/11/2024	

Company Secretary

Mrs Linda Kingdon	14/06/2025
-------------------	------------

Principal and Registered Office

Ambleside Parish Centre
Vicarage Road
Ambleside, Cumbria
LA22 9DH

Company Registration Number 07640743

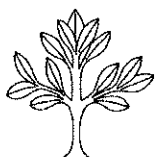
Registered Charity Number 1145971

Independent Examiner

Saint and Co
The Old Police Station
Church Street
Ambleside, Cumbria
LA22 0BT

Solicitors

Davenport and Scott
Lancaster House
Lake Road
Ambleside, Cumbria
LA22 0AD



Ambleside Parish Centre

Company Limited by Guarantee

Trustees Annual Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2025



1) Structure, Governance and Management

Ambleside Parish Centre was initially run by St Mary's Parish Centre [Ambleside] Trust, a registered charity [No 1093947]. Located on Vicarage Road, Ambleside LA22 9DH, the Centre is held on a 28-year lease from 1 January 2002 from the Carlisle Diocesan Board of Finance Limited as set out in a Declaration of Trust dated 10 October 2001, and a Lease and Trust Deed dated 29 January 2002 which set up the original Committee of Management.

These trusts were modified by further deeds of 2 April 2008 and 8 August 2008, which established the Sharing Agreement that incorporated the interests of Ambleside Methodist Church and that the Management Committee should include eight members, five elected and up to three co-opted, who could be drawn from the membership of the two named Churches.

A further trust, the Ambleside with Brathay Trust, was created on 25 October 2007 controlling the property of Ambleside Parish Centre, with its trustees drawn equally from the two Churches.

Ambleside Parish Centre was incorporated under the Companies Act 2006, limited by guarantee [No 7640743], and in this connection, has Articles of Association which closely mirror the governing deeds listed above. The company is a registered charity No 1145971 with its Articles establishing that the premises are available for the benefit of the wider community and not just for the two named Churches. The previous Management Committee was replaced by a Board of Directors.

On 1 April 2012 St Mary's Parish Centre [Ambleside] Trust gifted the whole of its assets and liabilities to the charitable company Ambleside Parish Centre and the charitable company carried on the activities of the former charitable trust as from that date.

On 1 April 2015 the Parish of St Mary's Church with Holy Trinity Brathay was dissolved and became the Parish of St Mary's Church Ambleside. This change is now reflected in our formal Constitution.

The members of the Board of Directors are as follows

- Five members from St Mary's Church to include the Vicar and a churchwarden [appointed at the Church's Annual General Meeting]
- Five members from Ambleside Methodist Church, including the Superintendent Minister [appointed by the Ambleside Methodist Church Council]
- The Head Teacher of Ambleside Primary School or his/her nominee
- Alternately, the Treasurer of St Mary's Church or the Treasurer of Ambleside Methodist Church or their nominee
- Up to five members elected from organisations using the Parish Centre
- Up to three co-opted members



Ambleside Parish Centre

Company Limited by Guarantee

Trustees Annual Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 *cont.*



2) Responsibilities of the Trustees

The trustees (who are also the directors of Ambleside Parish Centre for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law, the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and the income and expenditure of the charitable company for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.



Ambleside Parish Centre

Company Limited by Guarantee

Trustees Annual Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 *cont.*



3) Members of the Management Committee 2024-25

* Dr Rob Ashworth	[Chair]	
* Mrs Alison Pickering	[Treasurer]	- resigned November 2024
* Mrs Jennifer Harrop		
* Mrs Linda Kingdon	[Secretary]	
* Mrs Allison Peak		
* Mrs Marion Riley		
* Mr Michael Corin		
* Mr David Stothard		
* Rev. Grace Cauldwell		
* Rev. Andrew Smith		
* Rev. Jane Nattress	[Appointed Nov 2024]	
* Rev. Emily Bagg		
* Mrs Janice Griffiths	[Appointed Nov 2024]	
* Mr Christopher Powell	[Appointed Nov 2024]	

* Denotes director of Ambleside Parish Centre

Members of Staff

Ali Hurst	Centre Manager [p/t] Appointed Mar 2025
Gale Chen	All Together Now and Stories Together Co-ordinator [p/t], Community Projects Co-ordinator [p/t] from Sept 2023 [Resigned Mar 25]
Mandy Dorman	Cleaner/caretaker [p/t]
Shan Porter	Events and Facilities Co-ordinator [p/t]
Einir Roberts	Finance Administrator [p/t]
Chris Shepherd	Food Project Support [p/t] from Aug 2023

Contracted Services

Ian Parr	YES (Youth Engagement Service) Lead Youth Worker [p/t]
----------	--

We are grateful for the service provided by our bankers:

NatWest Bank
699 Wilmslow Rd,
Didsbury
Manchester
M20 6NW

Charities Investment Fund [COIF]
CCLA
80 Cheap Street
London EC2 6DZ

We would also like to thank our :

Accountants:
Saint and Company
The Old Police Station
Church Street
Ambleside
Cumbria LA22 0BT

Solicitors:
Davenport and Scott
Lancaster House
Lake Road
Ambleside
Cumbria LA22 0AD



Ambleside Parish Centre

Company Limited by Guarantee

Trustees Annual Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 *cont.*



4) Governance

Throughout this year the following Governance groups met in person, with the minutes being taken and circulated ahead of the relevant quarterly Board of Directors meetings:

- Facilities group – oversees the maintenance of the building and its fabric. In this subgroup there is one trustee, two co-opted members with relevant expertise and the Centre Manager.
- Finance group – oversees the financial position and projections of the Centre. In this subgroup are the Treasurer, Chair, Finance Administrator, and the Centre Manager.
- Youth [Our Place Youth Project] governance group – which provides governance for the Centre's youth work. YES, who have been contracted to provide the youth services since September 2015, continue to work with both the junior and senior youth groups that make up "Our Place". This sub group consists of two trustees, the Centre Manager and two representatives from YES.

5) Progress in Achieving Targets Set for 2024-25

As part of the analysis of this year, and financial planning for 2024-25, we identified the following aims.

- i. To ensure staff and Trustees have a structure in place to ensure robust and appropriate governance, known to all with all processes being followed. This will lead to renewal of the lease in due course.**

To actively promote our community groups and recruit new volunteers, with specific role profiles and duties to increase capacity and sustainability of the groups, whilst equipping existing volunteers with skills and resources required to fulfil their potential. Two new Community Directors were recruited to the Board with skills, experience and attributes that can contribute to the Centre's development.

- ii. Introduce accounting software with support of the Treasurer, Finance Administrator and Accountant.**

The Finance Administrator to worked with the accountants to set up and continue to maximise the use of QuickBooks to simplify financial recording and monitoring to ensure up to date financial information is more readily accessible.

- iii. Work towards ensuring the building is watertight and fit for purpose.**

With advice from the Facilities Governance Group, ensuring the appropriate number of quotes are available for Trustees to make informed decisions about all urgent and necessary repairs to ensure the building is watertight and attractive to users. Trustees continue to work with staff to identify appropriate grants to support the planned repairs and maintenance plan and identified improvements to the building. Work has been done to replace the roof Velux windows in the Loughrigg Hall showing signs of water ingress. All outside Painting work completed.

- iv. Reduce energy consumption and costs.**

Through fundraising and grant applications we have worked towards reducing the building's carbon footprint and reducing energy consumption by a "phased" replacement of all lighting in the building to LEDs, installing light sensors in all toilets and having clear signage to remind people to turn off lights and heating when they leave. Ensuring that the most cost-effective energy providers are identified and staff and Trustees continually work together to identify any cost-effective materials and opportunities to reduce ongoing costs.

- v. Increase usability of Centre and income generation opportunities.**

To ensure that grant funding opportunities, and the considered use of donations made to the Centre, are allocated appropriately to Community Projects identified as being needed to support identified groups. To continue to look for ways to advertise and promote the Centre as a welcoming and attractive venue for hire for meetings, exhibitions, events and weddings. To continue and develop our work with regular users to maximize use of the building and increase room hire income year on year.



Ambleside Parish Centre

Company Limited by Guarantee

Trustees Annual Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 *cont.*



6) Centre Activity Report and other Achievements and Developments

Following the departure of Centre Manager Sophie Bryde, the Centre operated without a dedicated manager for much of this financial year. During this time, key responsibilities were shared among our dedicated staff and Trustees, whose commitment and teamwork have been invaluable. We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who stepped up to support the Centre during this transitional period.

After a successful recruitment campaign, we are delighted to have appointed two part-time Centre Development Managers. Ali Hirst joined us in March 2025, and Gen Drury will begin in April 2025. Their combined expertise and enthusiasm mark an exciting new chapter for the Centre.

Throughout the year, we continued to host popular events that bring our community together. The regular Craft Fair, organized by local artist Mandy Dorman, remains a highlight. It features a pop-up café run by our brilliant Hospitality Team, who contribute significantly to our fundraising efforts.

We have managed to secure grants that have supported the overall running of the Centre and our community groups—an essential lifeline for us as a Community Centre. We are very grateful to the funders who have made this possible, including those who have supported us year after year and those who are new to our journey. Their generosity has allowed us to maintain our facilities, deliver inclusive programming, and respond to the evolving needs of our community. We are deeply grateful for the ongoing support of local businesses; whose partnerships help us expand our impact and enrich our programming.

Looking ahead, we remain committed to fostering a welcoming space for all, strengthening our partnerships, and continuing to serve as a vibrant hub for our community.

7) Trust Run Projects and Groups

All Together

All Together is a weekly social group for people new to the UK along with local information and support with form filling and sign posting to services. We are a safe space to practice English conversation for those who need it and form a support system for people who are often a long way from friends and family. The group collectively decide the programme of activities and most sessions are led by members themselves drawing on their own cultural heritage and experience. Cooking and sharing food together remain one of their favourite things to do.

Stories Together

We have reached the end of the storytelling project funded by W&FC. We delivered a total of six stories focusing on the lives of refugees, four at the Centre and two in the park. We have enjoyed being part of the wider Cumbrian community supporting refugees and asylum seekers by providing books to the Penrith & Eden Refugee Network, sadly this has had to pause but we are looking to establish a similar system in Kendal and Barrow.

ESOL (English speakers of other languages)

We continue to attract new students who are making progress gaining confidence and building friendships within the group. Sadly, the grants we received last year will end with this year's academic year and we are not eligible to reapply to either fund, so we have a challenge ahead.

Evergreens

Evergreens is a popular social group for people over 60, with many of our regulars in their eighties and nineties. This year they have enjoyed quizzes, bingo and various presentations from outside speakers, as well as a chance to have a coffee and catch up with each other. In the new year they have done a gentle exercise class and made a trip to the Lakes Players Annual Pantomime of Cinderella.



Ambleside Parish Centre

Company Limited by Guarantee

Trustees Annual Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 *cont.*



7) Trust Run Projects and Groups (cont.)

Dementia Support

Dementia support monthly sessions continue to offer support both to people living with dementia and their families and carers as well as linking local organisations and information bodies. They continue to attract new people in need of their services.

Community Lunch

We have continued to host a community lunch on the last Thursday of every month. Volunteers prepare and serve a hot three course meal to a good number of diners seated at one communal table, offering both nourishment and companionship to anyone who wishes to join us. This project is delivered by three teams of skilled and dedicated volunteers and funded largely by the voluntary contributions of those who attend.

Community Café

The Community Café is held every Wednesday morning offering warm drinks, light refreshments and great conversation. Cakes and pastries are donated by local businesses as well as baked goods donated by our volunteers. While this is a valuable all year-round service the highlight of some people's week it becomes even more important through the colder months when this becomes a much-needed warm space for many residents.

Food Club

Our aim is to reduce food waste by redirecting surplus to members of our community struggling to meet the demands of the cost of living. Food Club is free to join and offers a bag of food each week to its members for a voluntary donation of £3. Bags are a mixture of surplus food from local businesses, packets and tins donated by members of the public and goods bought in and paid for by the Centre. In November we were given two of the largest donations we have ever received. One from Tesco and one from a food group in Sedbergh who had a surplus.

For the first time every food club member received a Christmas Hamper containing double the amount of their usual supplies topped up with some festive items. This was a huge undertaking, so I am grateful for all the help from staff and volunteers delivering these hampers. The new year followed an increase in demand for our help but also contact from various people who no longer need our help which is great.

Our Place Youth Club

The Junior Club is aimed at school Years 5 & 6. The club had 33 sessions in total. The club had 333 attendances. The average attendance was 11 with 18 members attending this year. The Senior Club is aimed at school Years 7 and above. The club had 33 sessions in total. The club had 365 attendances. The average attendance was 11 with 25 members attending this year. A qualified sports coach (Calvin) works with both groups for 45 minutes each session.

The usual activities are on offer each week, with each session following the same format with the group starting off with the baking. We've made honey shortbread, chocolate cake, and mostly choc chip cookies. We've decorated gingerbread chicks and pumpkins with icing, made sweet necklaces and decorated choc digestives to look like reindeers.

The other activities on offer each week include table tennis, table football, air hockey and pool.

There is a different craft activity each week. We have celebrated Chinese New Year, Mother's Day, Father's Day, made stress balls, sand art stars, made grass heads and friendship bracelets, to name a few. We make the most of playing on the park until the sports/ team games start at 5.30pm. Calvin usually starts off with dodge ball, followed by bucket ball and then finishes with football. Everyone joins in, with a small group choosing not to play football for the last 10 mins.



Ambleside Parish Centre

Company Limited by Guarantee

Trustees Annual Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 *cont.*



Our Place Youth Club (cont.)

The Senior Club is made up mostly of Year 7's and 8's. The group all get on well together. Football being the common interest. The group enjoy Calvin coming and engage well. After playing sports the members come back downstairs and enjoy a slice of pizza, play pool, table tennis, listen to music and have tuck shop. When they've got their breath back, they will go on the school playground to continue playing football. Cricket has been a big hit this summer term. The darker nights in the autumn allow the group to also play Manhunt.

The Senior Club members helped to make items for the Ambleside annual Christmas lights switch on. They made crackers filled with chocolates, filled festive mugs with teabags, and filled sweet cones. We sold sweets/ confectionery on the day and had a target game on offer. The day raised £124.00 which included a £5.00 donation by an elderly lady who lives locally.

We would like to thank everyone for their support this year. The donations and funding we have received has enabled these successful and popular clubs to remain open and benefit the young people of the Lakes Parish for another year.

7A) Working With Our Volunteers

All our community groups, and the community events that we deliver, are done thanks to the dedication and support of the Centre's volunteers. We are fortunate to have individuals who have been volunteering at the Centre for many years, and others who have only recently joined us. Thank you!

8) Management of Risk

We continue to be diligent in regularly assessing and monitoring our risk factors through the involvement of the trustees and the Centre Manager in each of the governance groups.

We continue to remain diligent in our governance and vigilant in our promotional work to offset our risks and strengthen our position.

Financial Scrutiny

We continue to work to a robust financial governance framework. Working with the relevant groups, our Finance Administrator works with the Treasurer to produce annual budgets for the office administration, maintenance, Our Place Youth Club and the community projects. Our Finance Administrator also prepares quarterly reports showing income and expenditure, which is scrutinized by the Finance governance group before being presented at the Board of Directors Management meetings. Trustees have a reserves policy which is attached as Appendix 1.

Maintaining Growth

An active and concerted effort is made to enhance and maximise use of the Centre as an attractive venue to hire. This includes commercially through room hire, aided by marketing and advertising, as well as engagement with our community groups and events.

Health and Safety of the Organisation

The Facilities group continues to monitor and plan for the Health & Safety requirements of the building. We continue to work within the Centre's Fire Safety and Safeguarding Policies and update all our policies regularly, including our Health and Safety Policy. The Maintenance Plan is used in the day to day running of the operation, this includes regular risk assessments being completed for the building and its fabric.

We continue to keep an incident book to record accidents and incidents, whilst the individual community groups carry out risk assessments for all their day and residential trips and activities.



9) Targets for 2025-26

As part of the analysis of this year, and financial planning for 2025-26, we identified the following aims.

i. Appoint a Treasurer with commensurate experience and at least two Community Directors.

In the absence of a Treasurer for the year 2025-26 there is an urgent need to find someone who [ideally] will be local and can offer time voluntarily to the Centre. Further advertisement is required for this.

We also need to recruit two new Community directors to the Board with skills, experience and attributes that can contribute to the Centre's development. These positions will need to fulfil the requirements set out in our Articles of Trust.

ii. Work towards a renewal of the Lease with updated Trust objectives.

To negotiate and secure the renewal of the Lease, ensuring that the terms and conditions align with the Trust's updated objectives, long-term vision, and evolving operational requirements. As a Board it is important that we try to bring about the renewal of the Lease as soon as possible and set a timetable to progress this during 2025-26.

iii. Explore new ways of updating our website and rebranding Ambleside Parish Centre.

Explore new and creative ways to update our website and refresh the branding of APC, ensuring our online presence effectively reflects our vision, activities and community values.

iv. Continue to work to ensure that the building is watertight and fit for purpose.

With advice from the Facilities Governance Group, ensuring the appropriate number of quotes are available for Trustees to make informed decisions about all urgent and necessary repairs to ensure the building is watertight and attractive to users. Trustees continue to work with staff to identify appropriate grants to support the planned repairs and maintenance plan and identified improvements to the building.

v. Reduce energy consumption and costs.

Through fundraising and grant applications continue to work towards reducing the building's carbon footprint and reducing energy consumption by a "phased" replacement of all lighting in the building to LEDs, ensuring that the most cost-effective energy providers are identified and staff and Trustees continually work together to identify any cost-effective materials and opportunities to reduce ongoing costs.

vi. Increase usability of Centre and income generation opportunities.

To ensure that grant funding opportunities, and the considered use of donations made to the Centre, are allocated appropriately to Community Projects identified as being needed to support identified groups. To continue to look for ways to advertise and promote the Centre as a welcoming and attractive venue for hire for meetings, exhibitions, events and weddings. To continue and develop our work with regular users to maximize use of the building and increase room hire income year on year.



Ambleside Parish Centre

Company Limited by Guarantee

Trustees Annual Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 *cont.*



10) Reserves Policy 2024-25

The Ambleside Parish Centre Board of Directors has an established Reserves Policy which helps to explain how Unrestricted Funds are managed and provide better clarity in the APC accounts for potential Grant Funders.

Any movement within the Designated Reserves needs to be agreed at a Board meeting of Directors and Trustees, and the decision minuted.

For clarity the agreed purposes of the Designated Reserves are as below:

Operation and Contingency Fund

APC can continue to operate its core activities (office and maintenance plus a contingency for any staffing issues) and to support key community projects, for a period of 6 months from its Unrestricted Funds. This approach is taken to mitigate any event that could result in lack of Grants and income being received, plus providing time for the APC Directors to review and amend the appropriate business strategies.

Community Projects Cash Flow Fund

This is for community projects to help with the timing of Grants received and associated cash flow problems.

Building Development Fund

This would enable future development of rooms and facilities to further the Charitable aims of the APC.

Major Repairs Fund

To help cover major structural repairs and (for example) replacement of the lift. Accessibility to all levels in the building by a reliable lift is a necessity within the Ambleside Parish Centre community setting.

Equipment Fund

Providing the ability to purchase or replace key equipment which helps to generate funds.

During the financial year 2024/25 there were no transfers between the Trustees Designated Reserves and the Unrestricted Centre Fund.

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Balance as at 31 Mar 2024</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>Balance as at 31 Mar 2025</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Operation and contingency	43,556.00	-	43,556.00
Community projects cash flow fund	1,522.00	-	1,522.00
Building development fund	6,000.00	-	6,000.00
Major repair fund	3,992.00	-	3,992.00
Equipment	4,365.00	-	4,365.00
Total	59,435.00	-	59,435.00

In line with the Reserves Policy it is the Board's intention to continue to use the contingency Fund to support urgent costs with the provision that the fund should be topped up over an unspecified number of years as and when funds allow.

The Centre's unrestricted general funds at the year-end were £10,426, a reduction from £25,120 the end of the previous year.

Signed by order of the Trustees:

18.11.25 Date

Rev Grace Cauldwell
Chair

Ambleside Parish Centre

Independent Examiner's Report on the Financial Statements to the Trustees of Ambleside Parish Centre

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements 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 the 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.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

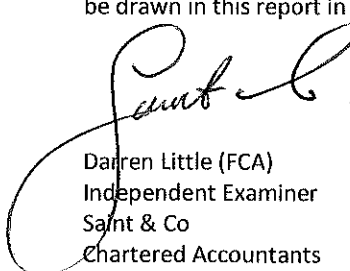
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view'.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements 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 financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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



Darren Little (FCA)
Independent Examiner
Saint & Co
Chartered Accountants
& Registered Auditors

The Old Police Station
Church Street
Ambleside
Cumbria
LA22 0BT

18/11/2025 Date

Ambleside Parish Centre

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

(Including Income and Expenditure Account)

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted General Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	Note	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:					
Donations	2	10,793	11,658	22,451	19,364
Grants	3	-	42,484	42,484	73,565
Charitable activities	4	43,070	3,857	46,927	45,407
Other trading activities	5	5,852	142	5,994	6,525
Investments	6	3,556	-	3,556	3,106
Total		<u>63,271</u>	<u>58,141</u>	<u>121,412</u>	<u>147,967</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	8	85,716	106,353	192,069	176,297
Other trading activities	7	681	600	1,281	1,143
Total		<u>86,397</u>	<u>106,953</u>	<u>193,350</u>	<u>177,440</u>
Net income / (expenditure)		(23,126)	(48,812)	(71,938)	(29,473)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>(23,126)</u>	<u>(48,812)</u>	<u>(71,938)</u>	<u>(29,473)</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	14	96,053	328,024	424,077	453,550
Total funds carried forward	14	<u>72,927</u>	<u>279,212</u>	<u>352,139</u>	<u>424,077</u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two financial periods.

Ambleside Parish Centre

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

Company Number 07640743

	Note	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £	2024 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	10		244,718		296,540
Current assets					
Debtors	11	5,949		3,076	
Cash at bank and in hand	12	<u>111,447</u>		<u>133,115</u>	
		117,396		136,191	
Liabilities					
Creditors: Amount falling due within one year	13	<u>(9,975)</u>		<u>(8,654)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>107,421</u>		<u>127,537</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			352,139		424,077
Total net assets			<u>352,139</u>		<u>424,077</u>
Funds of the charity:					
Restricted funds					
Restricted income funds	14	279,212		328,024	
Total restricted funds			279,212		328,024
Unrestricted income funds					
Unrestricted funds	14	10,426		25,120	
Designated funds	14	<u>62,501</u>		<u>70,933</u>	
Total unrestricted funds			72,927		96,053
Total funds			<u>352,139</u>		<u>424,077</u>

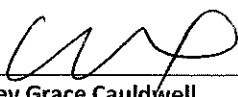
For the financial year ended 31 March 2025 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

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

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

The financial statements were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 18 November 2025 and signed on their behalf by:


 Rev Grace Cauldwell
 Chair

Ambleside Parish Centre

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

1. Statement of Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

These financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis in compliance with FRS102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland", the Charities SORP(FRS102) Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

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

Fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets gifted by St Mary's Parish Centre (Ambleside) Trust were added on 1 April 2012 at the net book value stated in the Trust's financial statements as at 31 March 2012. All other assets, which cost £200 or more or are gifted with a value of £200 or more, are capitalised as tangible fixed assets.

Where tangible fixed assets have been acquired with the aid of specific grants, either from the government or from the private sector, they are included in the Balance Sheet at cost and depreciated over their expected useful economic life. Where there are specific conditions attached to the funding requiring the continued use of the asset, the related grants are credited to a restricted fixed asset fund in the Statement of Financial Activities and carried forward in the Balance Sheet. Depreciation on the relevant assets is charged directly to the restricted fixed asset fund in the Statement of Financial Activities. Where tangible fixed assets have been acquired with unrestricted funds, depreciation on such assets is charged to the unrestricted fund.

A review for impairment of a fixed asset is carried out if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of any fixed asset may not be recoverable. Shortfalls between the carrying value of fixed assets and their recoverable amounts are recognised as impairments. Impairment losses are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the estimated useful life of that asset as follows:

Leasehold Property	- straight line over the remaining term of the lease ending 31 December 2029 (leasehold depreciation commenced on the date of practical completion of the building of the property by St Mary's Parish Centre (Ambleside) Trust on 8 June 2006)
Centre Fixtures Fittings & Equipment	- 25% reducing balance, commencing when the assets are brought into use
Youth Equipment	- 25% reducing balance

Income

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity, it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured.

Income given specifically to provide a fixed asset is initially allocated to the appropriate restricted fund. If the use of the asset then acquired is restricted there is no movement on the restricted fund; if the use of the asset is unrestricted the expenditure is reflected by a transfer from the restricted fund to the appropriate unrestricted fund.

Expenditure

This is included in the statements on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Governance costs are allocated entirely to the Unrestricted Centre General Reserve.

Ambleside Parish Centre

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

1. Statement of Accounting Policies (Continued)

Community Projects

Details of Community Projects are shown in the notes to the accounts. Any restricted Community Project income and expenditure is allocated to the relevant Restricted Fund.

Deferred Income

Grants and other funding received for the charities activities for a period spanning the year end are deferred pro-rata to the relevant periods in order to match the funding to the period in which the costs of charitable activities are incurred.

Liabilities

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 academy trust 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.

Financial Instruments

The charity only holds basic financial instruments as defined in FRS 102. The financial assets and financial liabilities of the charity and their measurement basis are as follows:

Financial assets – trade and other debtors are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost as detailed in the notes. Prepayments are not financial instruments.

Cash at bank – is classified as a basic financial instrument and is measured at face value.

Financial liabilities – trade creditors, accruals and other creditors are financial instruments, and are measured at amortised cost as detailed in the notes. Taxation and social security are not included in the financial instruments disclosure definition. Deferred income is not deemed to be a financial liability, as the cash settlement has already taken place and there is an obligation to deliver services rather than cash or another financial instrument. Amounts due to charity's wholly owned subsidiary are held at face value less any impairment.

Defined contribution plans

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render the related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as a finance cost in profit or loss in the period in which it arises.

Ambleside Parish Centre

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

2. Donations

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Ambleside Players	-	-	-	150
Ambleside Athletics	-	100	100	-
Co-op Members	-	1,449	1,449	2,702
Cumbria Local Arts	-	-	-	200
Epic Kidz	-	500	500	-
Friends Aloud	-	-	-	476
Friends of Ambleside Parish Centre	1,840	-	1,840	1,605
Gift Aid tax	749	770	1,519	579
Grasmere Parochial Church Council	-	-	-	500
Impact Aid	-	100	100	-
Love Ambleside	1,461	-	1,461	-
South Lakes Circuit	1,500	1,000	2,500	1,500
St Mary's Church	1,700	200	1,900	1,500
St Oswald's Church	-	-	-	399
The Inn Collection Group	-	-	-	1,000
Zeffirellis	-	-	-	100
Miscellaneous donations	3,543	7,540	11,083	8,653
	<u>10,793</u>	<u>11,658</u>	<u>22,451</u>	<u>19,364</u>
2024 total	<u>7,711</u>	<u>11,653</u>	<u>19,364</u>	

3. Grants

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Agnes Backhouse Annuity Fund	-	4,000	4,000	2,000
Ambleside Welfare Charity	-	1,000	1,000	-
Benefact Trust	-	1,750	1,750	-
Bryan Lancaster Trust	-	-	-	700
Cumbria Community Foundation	-	6,460	6,460	4,500
Cumbria Development Education Centre	-	1,000	1,000	500
Frieda Scott Charitable Trust	-	4,000	4,000	4,000
Grasmere Parochial Church Council	-	220	220	-
Kelsick Trust	-	650	650	500
Lakes Parish Council	-	2,250	2,250	500
National Lottery Community	-	-	-	41,510
South Lakes Methodist Circuit	-	-	-	1,000
The Hadfield Charitable Trust	-	-	-	1,875
The Roselands Trust	-	1,600	1,600	500
Ambleside Kirkstone Rotary Club	-	-	-	500
Westmorland and Furness Council	-	19,554	19,554	14,980
Windermere and Ambleside Lions	-	-	-	500
Other grants	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>42,484</u>	<u>42,484</u>	<u>73,565</u>
2024 total	<u>7,500</u>	<u>66,065</u>	<u>73,565</u>	

Ambleside Parish Centre

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

4. Income from Charitable Activities	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Room hire	43,070	-	43,070	42,099
Subs and entry fees	-	1,000	1,000	1,467
Door admissions	-	1,300	1,300	923
Trips and residentials	-	1,557	1,557	918
	43,070	3,857	46,927	45,407
2024 total	42,099	3,308	45,407	
5. Other Trading Activities	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Toilet and photocopying receipts	202	-	202	247
Fairs and entertainment	5,224	142	5,366	4,968
Book sales	-	-	-	6
Annual general meeting	-	-	-	-
Coffee machine	426	-	426	1,304
	5,852	142	5,994	6,525
2024 total	6,519	6	6,525	
6. Investment Income	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Bank interest receivable	3,556	-	3,556	3,106
Other interest receivable	-	-	-	-
	3,556	-	3,556	3,106
2024 total	3,106	-	3,106	
7. Cost of Other Trading activities	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Fairs and entertainment	483	600	1,083	799
Annual general meeting	-	-	-	-
Coffee machine expenses	155	-	155	286
Coffee machine depreciation	43	-	43	58
	681	600	1,281	1,143
2024 total	1,143	-	1,143	

Ambleside Parish Centre

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

8. Charitable Activities	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Direct Costs				
Staff costs	-	-	-	-
Contracted staff costs	-	7,560	7,560	8,916
Staff expenses	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	956	50,822	51,778	52,236
Project expenses	-	23,591	23,591	14,516
Rates and water	-	-	-	-
Repairs and renewals	-	-	-	-
Heat and light	-	12	12	16,207
Office expenses	-	-	-	-
Telephone and internet	-	-	-	-
Training expenses	-	-	-	823
Sundry expenses	-	-	-	-
Room hire - internal recharge from central fund	-	8,223	8,223	6,886
	<u>956</u>	<u>90,208</u>	<u>91,164</u>	<u>99,584</u>
Support Costs				
Staff costs	28,107	11,142	39,249	54,106
Rates and water	2,366	-	2,366	2,530
Heat and light	12,103	-	12,103	52
Insurance	2,124	-	2,124	2,039
Repairs and renewals	37,127	4,448	41,575	11,409
Lift insurance	536	-	536	327
Office expenses	2,395	-	2,395	2,595
Telephone and internet	993	-	993	1,168
Cleaning expenses	2,427	-	2,427	2,619
Sundry expenses	558	276	834	1,481
Volunteer expenses	-	-	-	-
Travel and subsistence	-	-	-	-
Advertising	492	59	551	373
Room hire - internally charged to projects	(8,223)	-	(8,223)	(6,886)
	<u>81,005</u>	<u>15,925</u>	<u>96,930</u>	<u>71,813</u>
Support Costs - governance				
Accountancy and assurance fees	3,307	220	3,527	4,528
Bank charges	142	-	142	36
Regulatory fees	306	-	306	336
	<u>3,755</u>	<u>220</u>	<u>3,975</u>	<u>4,900</u>
Total direct and support costs	<u>85,716</u>	<u>106,353</u>	<u>192,069</u>	<u>176,297</u>
2024 total	<u>38,093</u>	<u>138,204</u>	<u>176,297</u>	
			2025	2024
Fees paid to the Independent Examiner			£	£
Payroll services			599	312
Accountancy and Independent Examination			2,928	4,216
			<u>3,527</u>	<u>4,528</u>

Ambleside Parish Centre

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

9. Staff

Staff costs	Charitable Activities 2025 £	Raising Funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Payroll:				
Salaries & Wages	38,857	-	38,857	53,531
National insurance costs (net of employer's allowance)	-	-	-	-
Employer's pension defined contributions	392	-	392	575
	<u>39,249</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,249</u>	<u>54,106</u>
Contract:				
Youth Engagement Service	7,560	-	7,560	8,916
	<u>46,809</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,809</u>	<u>63,022</u>

No employee received remuneration of £60,000 or more during the year.
The average number of employees during the year was 6 (2024: 7).

10. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Short Leasehold Land & Buildings £	Centre Furniture Fittings & Equipment £	Our Place Furniture Fittings & Equipment £	Total £
Cost				
As at 1 April 2024	902,826	30,700	4,165	937,691
Additions	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
As at 31 March 2025	<u>902,826</u>	<u>30,700</u>	<u>4,165</u>	<u>937,691</u>
Depreciation				
As at 1 April 2024	610,284	26,948	3,919	641,151
Charge in year	50,822	938	62	51,822
Disposals	-	-	-	-
As at 31 March 2025	<u>661,106</u>	<u>27,886</u>	<u>3,981</u>	<u>692,973</u>
Net book values				
As at 31 March 2025	<u>241,720</u>	<u>2,814</u>	<u>184</u>	<u>244,718</u>
As at 1 April 2024	<u>292,542</u>	<u>3,752</u>	<u>246</u>	<u>296,540</u>

Ambleside Parish Centre

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

11. Debtors	2025	2024
	£	£
Grants receivable	-	-
Donations receivable	-	-
Room hire	433	-
Gift aid tax	662	599
PAYE	4,043	2,032
Prepayments	811	445
	<u>5,949</u>	<u>3,076</u>

12. Cash in hand and in bank	2025	2024
	£	£
COIF investment account	75,339	71,783
Bank community accounts	35,841	61,075
Building society accounts	-	-
Cash	267	257
	<u>111,447</u>	<u>133,115</u>

13. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	-	823
PAYE	-	-
Pensions	69	-
Accruals	4,914	6,528
Deferred income	4,992	1,303
	<u>9,975</u>	<u>8,654</u>

Deferred Income	2025	2024
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income includes:		
Deferred income at 1 April 2024	1,303	2,415
Resources deferred in the year	4,992	1,303
Amounts released from previous years	(1,303)	(2,415)
Deferred income at 31 March 2025	<u>4,992</u>	<u>1,303</u>

Deferred income comprises:

Room hire

4,992
<u>4,992</u>

Ambleside Parish Centre

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

14. Funds	Balance at 01 Apr 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains, Losses and Transfers £	Balance at 31 Mar 2025 £
Restricted General Funds					
Leasehold property	292,541	-	(50,822)	-	241,719
Centre grants and donations	2,775	7,698	(5,086)	(2,702)	2,685
Community projects					
All Together Now	6,380	10,216	(11,604)	1,919	6,911
Evergreen	1,662	5,797	(3,900)	1,353	4,912
Food Club	13,291	12,678	(17,840)	644	8,773
Games For Men	-	-	-	-	-
Hospital and Medical Transport	3,534	2,950	(3,170)	-	3,314
Hot Meals and Holiday Food	-	-	-	-	-
Our Place Youth	3,779	17,802	(14,114)	300	7,767
Packed Lunches	-	-	-	-	-
Recovery and Resilience	2,124	-	-	-	2,124
Dementia Group	1,938	1,000	(417)	(1,514)	1,007
The Village	-	-	-	-	-
Total Restricted Funds	328,024	58,141	(106,953)	-	279,212
Unrestricted Funds					
Unrestricted general funds	25,120	63,271	(77,965)	-	10,426
Centre grants and donations	7,500	-	(7,432)	-	68
Designated community projects					
All Together Now	-	-	-	-	-
Evergreen	-	-	-	-	-
Food Club	-	-	-	-	-
Games For Men	-	-	-	-	-
Our Place Youth	-	-	-	-	-
Dementia Group	-	-	-	-	-
The Village	-	-	-	-	-
Youth equipment	246	-	(62)	-	184
Centre fixtures, fittings and equipment	3,752	-	(938)	-	2,814
Trustees designated reserves policy					
Operation and contingency	43,556	-	-	-	43,556
Community projects cash flow fund	1,522	-	-	-	1,522
Building development fund	6,000	-	-	-	6,000
Major repairs fund	3,992	-	-	-	3,992
Equipment fund	4,365	-	-	-	4,365
Total Unrestricted Funds	96,053	63,271	(86,397)	-	72,927
Total Funds	424,077	121,412	(193,350)	-	352,139

Details of transfers are shown below

- The transfers in the year relate to the reallocation of funds by the trustees, where the amounts relate to restricted funds the relevant funder was contacted for approval which was subsequently granted.

Ambleside Parish Centre

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

Fund Details

Leasehold property - Restricted

This represents the lease for the premise taken on by the trust from St Mary's Parish Centre (Ambleside).

Trustees designated reserves policy

This is a group of designated funds by the trustees for specific purposes which includes a provision to cover the on going expenses of the trust for 9 months and repairs and upgrades to the premise.

Other funds

The remaining funds either relate to designated fixtures, fittings and equipment or the various services and projects the trust provide to the local community.

Funds in Deficit

None

Ambleside Parish Centre

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

Comparative information in respect of the preceding period is as follows:

	Balance at 01 Apr 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains, Losses and Transfers £	Balance at 31 Mar 2024 £
Restricted General Funds					
Leasehold property	343,503	-	(50,962)	-	292,541
Centre grants and donations	9,217	44,712	(51,154)	-	2,775
Community projects					
All Together Now	4,188	7,711	(5,812)	293	6,380
Evergreen	757	3,722	(3,553)	736	1,662
Food Club	7,145	10,035	(10,230)	6,341	13,291
Games For Men	200	886	(1,175)	89	-
Hospital and Medical Transport	5,490	-	(1,956)	-	3,534
Hot Meals and Holiday Food	582	-	(965)	383	-
Our Place Youth	1,580	13,036	(11,956)	1,119	3,779
Packed Lunches	383	-	-	(383)	-
Recovery and Resilience	1,232	892	-	-	2,124
Dementia Group	2,130	38	(237)	7	1,938
The Village	150	-	(204)	54	-
Total Restricted Funds	376,557	81,032	(138,204)	8,639	328,024
Unrestricted Funds					
Unrestricted general funds	(8,153)	59,435	(37,903)	11,741	25,120
Centre grants and donations	-	7,500	-	-	7,500
Designated community projects					
All Together Now	293	-	-	(293) *	-
Evergreen	736	-	-	(736) *	-
Food Club	6,675	-	-	(6,675) *	-
Games For Men	89	-	-	(89) *	-
Our Place Youth	1,119	-	-	(1,119) *	-
Dementia Group	7	-	-	(7) *	-
The Village	54	-	-	(54) *	-
Youth equipment	328	-	(82)	-	246
Centre fixtures, fittings and equipment	4,669	-	(1,251)	334	3,752
Trustees designated reserves policy					
Operation and contingency	51,709	-	-	(8,153)	43,556
Community projects cash flow fund	1,864	-	-	(342)	1,522
Building development fund	6,000	-	-	-	6,000
Major repairs fund	7,238	-	-	(3,246)	3,992
Equipment fund	4,365	-	-	-	4,365
Total Unrestricted Funds	76,993	66,935	(39,236)	(8,639)	96,053
Total Funds	453,550	147,967	(177,440)	-	424,077

Details of transfers are shown below

- £8,153 was transferred from the Trustees designated reserve operation and contingency fund to the unrestricted general funds to cover the brought forward fund deficit.
- £3,246 was transferred from the Trustees designated reserve major repairs fund to the unrestricted general funds in respect of repairs to the bay window woodwork.
- Due to a change in policy the designated community projects from the 1 April 2023 are recognised as restricted funds. Any brought forward balances have been transferred to the respective restricted funds. These are denoted with an asterisk.

Ambleside Parish Centre

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

15. Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

Fund balances at 31 March 2025 are represented by:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted General Funds £	Total Funds £
Tangible fixed assets	3,000	241,718	244,718
Current assets	79,902	37,494	117,396
Current liabilities	(9,975)	-	(9,975)
Non-current liabilities	-	-	-
Total Net Assets	72,927	279,212	352,139

Comparative information in respect of the preceding period is as follows:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted General Funds £	Total Funds £
Tangible fixed assets	3,999	292,541	296,540
Current assets	100,708	35,483	136,191
Current liabilities	(8,654)	-	(8,654)
Non-current liabilities	-	-	-
Total Net Assets	96,053	328,024	424,077

16. Members' Liability

Ambleside Parish Centre is a company limited by guarantee, each member's contribution not exceeding £10 on dissolution.

