

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025
FOR
FRIENDS OF RIDGEWOOD COMMUNITY HIGH
SCHOOL**

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The objective of the charity is to advance the education of pupils in Ridgewood Community High School, "the school", in particular by:

1. Developing effective relationships with staff, parents and others associated with the school
2. Engaging in activities or providing facilities or equipment which support the school and advance the education of pupils

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

We provide after school and holiday club activities for disabled children with complex medical conditions between the ages of 11 to 19. In the last 12 months parents and carers have had to face a new challenge regarding the cost-of-living crisis. Young disabled children in the Burnley area need us now more than ever. Due to the complexities of the children, there is a lack of specialist provisions in the area and our safeguarding concerns have rapidly increased since the previous year. Of these, mental health, family environment concerns have significantly increased, and we expect more as parents/carers become less able to feed, clothe and keep children warm as the financial landscape keeps changing.

Currently, 1 in 3 young people in Burnley already live in poverty with their basic needs (heating, clothing, food etc) not met. These are dire circumstances that need to be addressed quickly.

Disability is also strongly connected to poverty. Parents with disabilities often face multiple barriers to work, and additional costs arise for families caring for a disabled child. 36% of children in families where someone is disabled are in poverty, compared to 25% of children in families where no-one is disabled. In addition to this, most of our children are already on a Child in Need plan due to highly complex and significant disabilities.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

Attracting grant income (and donations) is a constant challenge, in the current economic environment, wage costs have increased to allow additional activities to be offered to our young people. The charity's total gross income of £77,201 for this financial year has increased from the prior year by £30,486 and is also reporting a surplus of £3,926 (2024: deficit of £13,447), which is to be transferred to reserves. The trustees will continue to seek ways to finance projects and services for our members and aim to develop a reserve fund sufficient to provide financial security for the charity going forward.

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FUTURE PLANS

Expansion of Club Days and Activities:

- The club has expanded its offerings from two days to three days per week, allowing us to better meet the needs of our community.
- New Activities on Mondays: We now provide guitar lessons and arts and crafts sessions, introducing creative skill-building opportunities for our members.
- Sports Sessions: We are trialling a new, targeted approach to sports by focusing on a different sport each term.
- Drama Club Expansion: To accommodate more participants, the drama club has been increased from once to twice a week, now running on Tuesdays and Thursdays, allowing a wider range of pupils to attend.

Collaborative Programs and New Opportunities:

- Forest School: In collaboration with NRG, we are offering a Forest School experience, providing outdoor learning and personal development opportunities.
- Rebound Therapy: A group of staff members has recently completed training in rebound therapy. We are planning to launch Saturday morning sessions, open to both club members and the broader community.
- We have also started a new collaboration with Commando Joes, who will be providing bespoke sessions linked to wellbeing and resilience.

Membership and Participation:

- Our club now serves over 25 young people across the three days, several of whom benefit from break-time hours.

This expansion reflects our commitment to providing diverse, inclusive, and accessible activities for our youth community, promoting holistic development through varied programs and partnerships.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Friends of Ridgewood Community High School was established and adopted its constitution on 25 January 2012 and was amended on 25 February 2020.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the trustees who are elected under the terms of the constitution. The charity must have at least three trustees at any time.

Organisational structure

The trustees meet regularly to manage the charity's affairs with the day-to-day operation and management being undertaken and overseen by all the trustees.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1147903

Principal address

Ridgewood Community High School
Eastern Avenue
Burnley
Lancashire
BB10 2AT

Trustees

Mr I J Carden
Ms C Woolley
Ms K Floyd (resigned 1.4.25)
Ms J Lea (resigned 1.9.25)
Ms E Walton (resigned 1.9.25)
Ms L Talbot (appointed 20.10.25)
Ms C Banks (appointed 20.10.25)
Ms A Campbell Astbury (appointed 7.01.26)
Mr M Siney (appointed 30.6.25)
Ms H Gibbons (appointed 30.6.25)
Ms S Booth (appointed 30.6.25) (resigned 31.12.25)
Ms G Robinson (appointed 5.9.24)

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Independent Examiner

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 29th January 2026 and signed on its behalf by:



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I J Carden - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
FRIENDS OF RIDGEWOOD COMMUNITY HIGH
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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Friends of Ridgewood Community High School

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Friends of Ridgewood Community High School (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.



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Date: 29th January 2026

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	Notes	2025 Unrestricted fund £	2024 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies		42,098	28,227
Charitable activities			
General		<u>35,103</u>	<u>18,488</u>
Total		<u>77,201</u>	<u>46,715</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
General		<u>73,275</u>	<u>60,162</u>
 NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		3,926	(13,447)
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		<u>21,297</u>	<u>34,744</u>
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>25,223</u>	<u>21,297</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
31 MARCH 2025**

		2025 Unrestricted fund £	2024 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS	Notes		
Tangible assets	5	2,915	3,644
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	6	2,452	1,410
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>27,461</u>	<u>18,431</u>
		29,913	19,841
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(7,605)	(2,188)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>22,308</u>	<u>17,653</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>25,223</u>	<u>21,297</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>25,223</u>	<u>21,297</u>
FUNDS	8		
Unrestricted funds		<u>25,223</u>	<u>21,297</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>25,223</u>	<u>21,297</u>

We have acted on behalf of the client for a number of years. The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 29th January 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:



.....
I J Carden - Trustee

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

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

Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, are recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are receivable, except for those grants which are for a future specific period, in which case the relevant amount is deferred to that period.

Expenditure

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

Allocation and apportionment of costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly relate to charitable activities. Support costs include management fees in the year which support the charity activities.

Tangible fixed assets

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

Sports equipment	- 20% on reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	- 20% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 20% on reducing balance

Taxation

As a registered charity, the charity is generally exempt from Income tax and Capital Gains Tax.

Value Added Tax is not generally recoverable by the Charity and as such is included in the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Fund accounting

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

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

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

Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid deposits.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Impairment of assets

At each reporting date assets are reviewed to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If there is an indication of possible impairment, the recoverable amount of any affected asset is estimated and compared to its carrying amount. If the recoverable amount is lower, the carrying amount of the asset is reduced to its recoverable amount and an impairment loss is recognised immediately in the profit or loss.

If an impairment loss is subsequently reversed, the carrying amount of the asset is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but not to exceed the amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior periods. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised immediately in the profit or loss.

2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

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

Trustees' expenses

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

3. STAFF COSTS

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

	2025	2024
Employees	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>

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

4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Donations and legacies	28,227
Charitable activities	
General	<u>18,488</u>
Total	<u>46,715</u>
EXPENDITURE ON	
Charitable activities	
General	<u>60,162</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(13,447)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	34,744

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted fund £
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>21,297</u></u>

5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Sports equipment £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025	<u>3,837</u>	<u>114</u>	<u>2,173</u>	<u>6,124</u>
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 April 2024	1,603	67	810	2,480
Charge for year	<u>447</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>273</u>	<u>729</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>2,050</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>1,083</u>	<u>3,209</u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 March 2025	<u>1,787</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>1,090</u>	<u>2,915</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>2,234</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>1,363</u>	<u>3,644</u>

6. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	2,406	-
Other debtors	<u>46</u>	<u>1,410</u>
	<u>2,452</u>	<u>1,410</u>

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	3,298	646
Taxation and social security	947	1,367
Other creditors	<u>3,360</u>	<u>175</u>
	<u>7,605</u>	<u>2,188</u>

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8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	21,297	3,926	25,223
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>21,297</u>	<u>3,926</u>	<u>25,223</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	77,201	(73,275)	3,926
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>77,201</u>	<u>(73,275)</u>	<u>3,926</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/4/23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	34,744	(13,447)	21,297
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>34,744</u>	<u>(13,447)</u>	<u>21,297</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	46,715	(60,162)	(13,447)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>46,715</u>	<u>(60,162)</u>	<u>(13,447)</u>

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8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	At 1/4/23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	34,744	(9,521)	25,223
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>34,744</u>	<u>(9,521)</u>	<u>25,223</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	123,916	(133,437)	(9,521)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>123,916</u>	<u>(133,437)</u>	<u>(9,521)</u>

9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

An amount of £2.385 (2024: £Nil) was owed to Ridgewood Community High School, an associated undertaking, as at 31 March 2025.

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	2025 £	2024 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Grants	42,098	28,227
Charitable activities		
School clubs income	<u>35,103</u>	<u>18,488</u>
Total incoming resources	77,201	46,715
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	17,048	38,342
Pensions	111	2,359
Travelling	6,340	500
Subscriptions	660	739
School project support	33,761	6,074
Sundries	693	1,240
Entertainment	630	564
Outdoor trips	1,056	1,763
Training costs	3,517	3,000
School holiday club resources	195	747
Education programmes	2,400	-
Dance sessions	260	-
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>729</u>	<u>805</u>
	67,400	56,133
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Professional fees	3,875	2,829
Accountancy	<u>2,000</u>	<u>1,200</u>
	<u>5,875</u>	<u>4,029</u>
Total resources expended	<u>73,275</u>	<u>60,162</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	<u><u>3,926</u></u>	<u><u>(13,447)</u></u>

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements