

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025
FOR
EDUCATION TRAINING CONSORTIUM SUSSEX**

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

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st 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 objects for which the charity is established are:

a) To advance education amongst the inhabitants of the county of Sussex and its neighbourhood ("the Area") without distinction of sex, race or political, religious or other opinions in such ways as the Charity shall from time to time determine.

b) To relieve poverty and distress amongst people in the area who are disadvantaged through ill health, unemployment, inadequate housing, low educational attainment or any other such circumstances, particularly by providing educational facilities for the purposes of improving the long-term employment prospects of said people.

Public benefit

The Trustees have considered their duty under Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission. In their opinion, this report demonstrates that they have fulfilled that duty.

Volunteers

Volunteers continue to play an integral role in our service delivery. While we remain open to supporting volunteers in working toward formal qualifications, this was not undertaken during the year ending 2025. We continue to provide valuable opportunities for skill development, personal growth, and practical experience.

We are sincerely grateful for their ongoing dedication and contribution to our work.

Staff

Our Chief Executive, Helen Barraclough, retired in June 2024. Helen played an essential role in the formation and growth of the organisation. She began as a volunteer running our computer clubs, which evolved into the b@sement project.

She later became an employee, taking on the role of manager. Helen oversaw the growth of the charity, including the development of ESOL provision, the Pantry, and the Day Service. Her role was later redesignated as Chief Executive in recognition of her expanded responsibilities.

Her dedication and enthusiasm will be greatly missed, and we wish her all the very best.

We were delighted to appoint a new Chief Executive, Amrat Khorana, who commenced in February 2025.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Our diverse programmes and areas of work showed a significant increase in activity, and we are grateful for the additional grants secured during the year which enabled us to meet this growing demand.

Digital Inclusion

We have continued to provide free computer access to disadvantaged groups via the b@sement project and on an outreach basis at various Sheltered Housing projects in the area funded by a grant from Sussex Housing Trust for the Elderly. Regular groups attending the b@sement included clients from Priory Partnership, Prader Willi Syndrome support services and people in recovery from mental ill health.

By providing free access, we continue to enable people to obtain benefits, employment, and health information, as well as to acquire basic computer skills. The number of referrals from Jobcentre Plus has remained consistent, and we delivered services to a growing number of clients with long-term health difficulties. We received a small grant from Hastings Advice and Representation Centre to support people claiming Universal Credit.

Working with BAME Communities

Demand for English lessons for non-English speakers continued to grow, with a steady influx of refugees and asylum seekers. Due to the number of referrals of Ukrainian refugees, we continued to provide tailored provision for this group.

We delivered 711 lessons with 4,381 student attendances. We received grants from Rother Voluntary Action and National Lottery.

In addition to face-to-face sessions, we continued to offer online lessons to support those living in rural areas, and to fit around other education and work-related activities.

Working with Older People

The Dementia Day Care Service continued to expand, contributing significantly to our increased turnover for the year. The service provided at Magdala House in Rye is popular with clients, but numbers have not increased as we would have hoped.

During the year, we supported 108 clients across 5,182 visits. We are pleased that our Day Service offers a positive experience for clients and much-needed respite for carers.

Our café at Marlborough House continued to provide meals for both Day Service users and tenants of Marlborough House.

The Pantry

We continued to support the local community by working with other organisations to address food poverty - a challenge affecting many of our clients. In partnership with Hastings Area Community Trust, we supported the Pantry Project, which provides food to local people struggling in the current economic climate in the form of a community supermarket.

Our staff and volunteers manage the Pantry, and we are grateful for the contributions and donations received. The number of members has increased significantly over the last year due to the ongoing economic difficulties.

In addition to food, Pantry members also have access to the b@sement, information on courses and activities from partners, and support with grant applications via Hastings Area Community Trust.

The Pantry received 3,277 visits and supported 243 families during the year.

We are grateful for financial support from Hastings Area Community Trust, Sussex Community Foundation, Magdalen and Lasher Charity, Household Support Grants, Sussex Housing Trust for the Elderly, Chalk Cliff, EFT, Soundwaves and individual donors.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

Income for the year increased to £593,042, as did expenditure to £594,160, resulting in a deficit of £1,118.

Unrestricted reserves stand at £293,434. This includes a Designated Fund of £18,360 created for future capital costs, particularly to maintain four vehicles for the Day Service and meet responsibilities for repairs at the new Rye Day Centre.

We will continue to explore diverse funding streams and project development to support the local community through increasingly challenging times.

Reserves

Unrestricted reserves of £293,434 represent approximately six months' operating costs, enabling us to maintain cash flow, particularly where contracts or grants are paid in arrears.

Funds are sufficient to cover all liabilities if income ceased and allow further development of our services, especially new Day Service centres.

The Trustees believe this reserve level is both prudent and necessary in the current climate.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is governed by its declaration of trust dated 10 May 2012.

The Trustees are giving due consideration to becoming an Incorporated Charitable Organisation.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The power of appointing new or additional Trustees is vested in the Trustees.

Risk management

The Trustees continue to monitor the major risks to which the Trust is exposed and are satisfied that adequate systems are in place to mitigate the exposure to those risks. These systems include a risk policy and risk register that is regularly reviewed by the Board of Trustees, a safeguarding policy to monitor safeguarding risks associated with clients, staff, volunteers and trustees. We have allocated a staff member to monitor Health and Safety and report regularly to the Trustees via the CEO.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

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Trustees

P R Carcas
Ms V Tate
D Keir
Mrs J T G Easton
J B Enefer

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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EVENTS SINCE THE END OF THE YEAR

Information relating to events since the end of the year is given in the notes to the financial statements.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 8th January 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

P R Carcas - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF EDUCATION TRAINING CONSORTIUM SUSSEX

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Education Training Consortium Sussex

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Education Training Consortium Sussex (the Trust) for the year ended 31st 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

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

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.

Clare Corke FCCA

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12th January 2026

EDUCATION TRAINING CONSORTIUM SUSSEX

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

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	<i>2024 Total funds £</i>
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	3	17	139,083	139,100	<i>138,142</i>
Charitable activities	6				
Charitable activities		417,736	-	417,736	<i>372,994</i>
Other trading activities	4	32,099	-	32,099	<i>26,523</i>
Investment income	5	4,107	-	4,107	<i>3,620</i>
Total		453,959	139,083	593,042	<i>541,279</i>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	7				
Charitable activities		448,907	145,083	593,990	<i>505,295</i>
Other		170	-	170	<i>625</i>
Total		449,077	145,083	594,160	<i>505,920</i>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		4,882	(6,000)	(1,118)	<i>35,359</i>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		288,552	6,000	294,552	<i>259,193</i>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		293,434	-	293,434	<i>294,552</i>

CONTINUING OPERATIONS

All income and expenditure has arisen from continuing activities.

The notes form part of these financial statements

EDUCATION TRAINING CONSORTIUM SUSSEX

BALANCE SHEET 31ST MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	<i>2024 Total funds £</i>
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	12	46,550	-	46,550	39,836
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	13	24,964	-	24,964	63,992
Cash at bank and in hand		233,641	-	233,641	201,202
		258,605	-	258,605	265,194
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	14	(11,721)	-	(11,721)	(10,478)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		246,884	-	246,884	254,716
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		293,434	-	293,434	294,552
NET ASSETS		293,434	-	293,434	294,552
FUNDS	15				
Unrestricted funds				293,434	288,552
Restricted funds				-	6,000
TOTAL FUNDS				293,434	294,552

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 8th January 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:

P R Carcas - Trustee

V Tate - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

EDUCATION TRAINING CONSORTIUM SUSSEX**CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	59,972	<i>(14,120)</i>
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities		59,972	<i>(14,120)</i>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(35,990)	-
Sale of tangible fixed assets		4,350	-
Interest received		4,107	<i>3,620</i>
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities		(27,533)	<i>3,620</i>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		32,439	<i>(10,500)</i>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		201,202	<i>211,702</i>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		233,641	<i>201,202</i>

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**NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2025	<i>2024</i>
	£	<i>£</i>
Net (expenditure)/income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	(1,118)	<i>35,359</i>
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	15,178	<i>12,855</i>
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	9,748	<i>-</i>
Interest received	(4,107)	<i>(3,620)</i>
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	39,028	<i>(63,992)</i>
Increase in creditors	1,243	<i>5,278</i>
Net cash provided by/(used in) operations	<u>59,972</u>	<i><u>(14,120)</u></i>

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1/4/24	Cash flow	At 31/3/25
	£	£	£
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>201,202</u>	<u>32,439</u>	<u>233,641</u>
	<u>201,202</u>	<u>32,439</u>	<u>233,641</u>
Total	<u>201,202</u>	<u>32,439</u>	<u>233,641</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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

1. STATUTORY INFORMATION

Education Training Consortium Sussex is an unincorporated charity, registered in England and Wales. The charity's registered number and principle address can be found in the Report of the Trustees.

2. 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.

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.

Tangible fixed assets

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

Motor vehicles	- 25% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 20% on reducing balance

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable 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.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

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.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Donations	397	1,128
Grants	138,703	137,014
	<u>139,100</u>	<u>138,142</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Grants	<u>138,703</u>	<u>137,014</u>

4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Pantry / cafe	<u>32,099</u>	<u>26,523</u>

5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2025	2024
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>4,107</u>	<u>3,620</u>

6. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Dementia day service	413,103	362,084
Digital inclusion	4,633	10,910
	<u>417,736</u>	<u>372,994</u>

7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs	Support costs (see note 8)	Totals
	£	£	£
Charitable activities	<u>585,731</u>	<u>8,259</u>	<u>593,990</u>

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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8. SUPPORT COSTS

	Human resources £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Charitable activities	<u>2,235</u>	<u>6,024</u>	<u>8,259</u>

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

Human resources

	2025 Charitable activities £	2024 Total activities £
Payroll costs	562	533
Recruitment	<u>1,673</u>	<u>1,233</u>
	<u>2,235</u>	<u>1,766</u>

Governance costs

	2025 Charitable activities £	2024 Total activities £
Independent examiners' remuneration	384	360
Accountancy charges	<u>5,640</u>	<u>1,440</u>
	<u>6,024</u>	<u>1,800</u>

9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

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

Trustees' expenses

During the accounting year one Trustee was reimbursed with expenses totalling £4,115.

10. STAFF COSTS

	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	364,280	353,352
Social security costs	16,343	12,271
Other pension costs	<u>7,018</u>	<u>5,892</u>
	<u>387,641</u>	<u>371,515</u>

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

2025	2024
<u>24</u>	<u>26</u>

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	117,142	21,000	138,142
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	372,994	-	372,994
Other trading activities	26,523	-	26,523
Investment income	3,620	-	3,620
Total	<u>520,279</u>	<u>21,000</u>	<u>541,279</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	461,295	44,000	505,295
Other	625	-	625
Total	<u>461,920</u>	<u>44,000</u>	<u>505,920</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	58,359	(23,000)	35,359
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	230,193	29,000	259,193
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>288,552</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>294,552</u>

12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST			
At 1st April 2024	55,164	43,100	98,264
Additions	35,990	-	35,990
Disposals	(21,229)	-	(21,229)
At 31st March 2025	<u>69,925</u>	<u>43,100</u>	<u>113,025</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1st April 2024	20,418	38,010	58,428
Charge for year	14,160	1,018	15,178
Eliminated on disposal	(7,131)	-	(7,131)
At 31st March 2025	<u>27,447</u>	<u>39,028</u>	<u>66,475</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31st March 2025	<u>42,478</u>	<u>4,072</u>	<u>46,550</u>
At 31st March 2024	<u><u>34,746</u></u>	<u><u>5,090</u></u>	<u><u>39,836</u></u>

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	22,214	59,461
Prepayments	2,750	4,531
	<u>24,964</u>	<u>63,992</u>

14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025 £	2024 £
Taxation and social security	-	17
Other creditors	11,721	10,461
	<u>11,721</u>	<u>10,478</u>

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/24 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/3/25 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	238,552	4,882	31,640	275,074
Designated	50,000	-	(31,640)	18,360
	<u>288,552</u>	<u>4,882</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>293,434</u>
Restricted funds				
The Magdalen and Lasher Charity	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
Ernest Kleinwort Charitable Trust	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
	<u>6,000</u>	<u>(6,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>294,552</u>	<u>(1,118)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>293,434</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	453,959	(449,077)	4,882
Restricted funds			
The Magdalen and Lasher Charity	-	(1,000)	(1,000)
Ernest Kleinwort Charitable Trust	-	(5,000)	(5,000)
Digital inclusion	22,400	(22,400)	-
Pantry	80,683	(80,683)	-
Cafe	6,000	(6,000)	-
English for Speakers of Other Languages	30,000	(30,000)	-
	<u>139,083</u>	<u>(145,083)</u>	<u>(6,000)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>593,042</u>	<u>(594,160)</u>	<u>(1,118)</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/4/23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	180,193	58,359	238,552
Designated	50,000	-	50,000
	<u>230,193</u>	<u>58,359</u>	<u>288,552</u>
Restricted funds			
Pantry	3,500	(3,500)	-
Sussex Community Foundation - Ukraine	4,000	(4,000)	-
Foreshore Trust	3,000	(3,000)	-
Hastings Voluntary Action	3,000	(3,000)	-
Awards for All	7,500	(7,500)	-
Rausing Trust	8,000	(8,000)	-
The Magdalen and Lasher Charity	-	1,000	1,000
Ernest Kleinwort Charitable Trust	-	5,000	5,000
	<u>29,000</u>	<u>(23,000)</u>	<u>6,000</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>259,193</u>	<u>35,359</u>	<u>294,552</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	520,279	(461,920)	58,359
Restricted funds			
Pantry	-	(3,500)	(3,500)
Sussex Community Foundation - Ukraine	-	(4,000)	(4,000)
Foreshore Trust	-	(3,000)	(3,000)
Hastings Voluntary Action	-	(3,000)	(3,000)
Awards for All	-	(7,500)	(7,500)
Rausing Trust	-	(8,000)	(8,000)
Rother Voluntary Action	10,000	(10,000)	-
The Magdalen and Lasher Charity	1,000	-	1,000
Hastings Voluntary Action - Ukraine	5,000	(5,000)	-
Ernest Kleinwort Charitable Trust	5,000	-	5,000
	<u>21,000</u>	<u>(44,000)</u>	<u>(23,000)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>541,279</u>	<u>(505,920)</u>	<u>35,359</u>

Designated fund

The charity is holding £18,360 in a designated fund for future capital costs.

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Restricted Funds

Pantry - ETC Sussex provides a community supermarket (The Pantry), a subscription-based service that supports individuals and families experiencing food poverty. The Pantry offers access to essential food and hygiene items for a small or nominal fee. By reducing stigma and enabling choice, the Pantry empowers people to manage their food needs with dignity and reduces the stress associated with food insecurity. Funding from the Sussex Community Foundation, FSN, Sussex Housing Trust for the Elderly, Hastings Area Community Trust, Magdalen & Lasher, Chalk Cliff, EFT and Soundwaves enables ETC Sussex to stock a wide range of nutritious food and household essentials, meet rising demand, and ensure continued service delivery to vulnerable residents across the community.

Cafe - A grant was received from Sussex Housing Trust for the Elderly towards the costs relating to the provision of the Cafe.

ESOL - English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) - Funding from the National Lottery and Rother Voluntary Action enables ETC Sussex to deliver English for Speakers of Other Languages classes specifically for Ukrainian refugees who have been displaced due to the ongoing conflict. The classes support participants to develop their English language skills, build confidence, and integrate more fully into their local communities.

Digital inclusion - The b@sement project to provide free computer access to disadvantaged groups has been supported by funding received from Sussex Housing Trust for the Elderly and the Good Things Foundation.

Rother Voluntary Action: Providing English lessons, provide positive action for the benefit of people living in Rother within East Sussex.

Ernest Kleinwort Charitable Trust: Support older people through pantry project.

Transfers between funds

A transfer from the designated fund to the general fund of £31,640 was made for the net cost of the two new vehicles purchased during the year, after allowing for the part exchange allowance on a vehicle sold.

16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the accounting period Education Training Consortium Sussex received grants totalling £36,000 from Sussex Housing Trust for the Elderly; a charity which has three mutual Trustees. It also received grants totalling £10,000 from Hastings Area Community Trust; a charity which has one mutual trustee.

17. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

As reported last year, the charity is in the process of merging into another charitable organisation. This is still ongoing but it is hoped all processes will soon be completed with the merger now planned to take place in April 2026.

EDUCATION TRAINING CONSORTIUM SUSSEX**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

	2025 £	2024 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	397	1,128
Grants	138,703	137,014
	139,100	138,142
Other trading activities		
Pantry / cafe	32,099	26,523
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	4,107	3,620
Charitable activities		
Dementia day service	413,103	362,084
Digital inclusion	4,633	10,910
	417,736	372,994
Total incoming resources	593,042	541,279
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	364,280	353,352
Social security	16,343	12,271
Pensions	7,018	5,892
Rent, room hire and service charges	36,676	13,337
Rates and water	614	627
Insurance	2,498	1,975
Telephone	2,370	2,241
Postage and stationery	310	1,626
Sundries	2,739	794
Events and activities	102,163	89,948
Motor expenses	20,007	14,981
Repairs and renewals	-	88
Sub-contractors	5,214	3,159
Clothing	-	8
Subscriptions	10	10
Equipment	161	1,567
Travel	402	862
Depreciation of motor vehicles	14,160	11,582
Depreciation of computer equipment	1,018	1,273
Loss on disposal of motor vehicle	9,748	-
Exceptional items	-	(13,864)
	585,731	501,729
Other		
Staff entertainment	170	625

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	2025 £	2024 £
Support costs		
Human resources		
Payroll costs	562	533
Recruitment	1,673	1,233
	2,235	1,766
Governance costs		
Independent examiners' remuneration	384	360
Accountancy charges	5,640	1,440
	6,024	1,800
Total resources expended	594,160	505,920
Net (expenditure)/income	(1,118)	35,359

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