

**REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 08150065 (England and Wales)**  
**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1149688**

**Report of the Trustees and**  
**Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**  
**for**  
**Kingswood Trust**  
**(A Company Limited by Guarantee)**

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

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**Kingswood Trust (Registered number: 08150065)**

**Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, 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 (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015).

**Report of the Trustees  
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**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Our Purposes and Aims**

We believe that: every young person should experience the world beyond the classroom as an essential part of learning and personal development whatever their age, ability or circumstances. Our Mission at the Kingswood Trust is to provide high quality outdoor residential and environmental experiences that will support improved outcomes for the children, young people and community of Wolverhampton, Staffordshire, Shropshire, Telford, and the wider West Midlands Area. Our funded project activities prioritise the most disadvantaged people in our community supporting not only children but volunteers of all ages and older people. The Kingswood Trust is a residential and environmental centre 6 miles outside of the City of Wolverhampton offering access to woodland, green spaces, and purpose-built environmental resources. The buildings can accommodate over 100 people each day with capacity for 70 people to stay residentially.

Outdoor activities at The Kingswood Trust focus on learning outdoors, connecting people with nature, and appreciating the natural environment. Our work is particularly current in helping to combat the impact of sedentary lifestyles, obesity, and the increase in poor mental health. Our service meets the curriculum needs of schools and focuses on environmental learning. Children of all ages, their parents, and carers and those who support them can learn together, enjoying the benefits of hands-on activities in the fresh air. From the voluntary sector to corporate organisations, everyone can benefit from learning with nature. There are also plenty of varied opportunities to make a positive contribution to the work of our charitable trust through our extensive volunteer programme. Our outdoor activities enable learning about and through the environment and create lasting, happy memories. Over the last 12 months we have continued to focus on reconnecting people of all ages to the natural environment, especially older people and those suffering from loneliness and isolation and those who face financial hardship. In addition, this year we have prioritised carbon reduction by improving our own carbon literacy and have made a number of changes to reduce our own impact on the environment, whilst building this into the educational opportunities for all our beneficiaries and stakeholders.

Our charity is a place where history comes alive with old buildings, air-raid shelters, historical features, and artefacts. Outdoor learning takes place in our woodland and natural habitats, pond areas, bird hide, climbing trees, adventure ropes, forest school base camps and gardening areas. Opportunities to meet our sheep, ducks and chickens, rabbits, guinea pigs and tortoises are a favourite with all our visitors. Our team building programme offers essential skills activities for personal growth. Subsidised and fully funded projects enable some of the most disadvantaged children, young people, and families to benefit from the many positive impacts that our quality learning opportunities in the great outdoors brings. Our activities for older people, especially those with dementia and adults and children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities are having a positive impact on improving health and reducing isolation whilst accessing the benefits of being outdoors.

**Our Objects - How our activities deliver public benefits**

The trustees have given regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. Our activities deliver public benefit through our objects and our activities reflect local need. We adapt these opportunities and experiences to support the needs of people within our local community and work hard to enable everyone to access these and benefit accordingly.

Our charitable objects are as follows:

**Advancement of Education** - we promote education in, through and about the environment. We provide tailored learning outside the classroom opportunities, including day and residential visits for children and families in areas of social and economic deprivation. This includes curriculum enhancement, improving mental and physical health and helps to combat obesity. We engage with parents and family members and the wider community to place learning at the centre of what we do. We provide community skills days and learning opportunities for volunteers.

**Conservation of the Environment** - we promote the development and protection of the environment and improve the biodiversity of our site. We encourage children, young people, and the wider community to play an active part in the conservation, protection, and improvement of both the physical and natural environments.

We focus on improving the knowledge and skills of children, young people, and the community in relation to wildlife and nature. We aim to improve understanding and awareness of issues around climate change, now and in the future.

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**Sustainable Development** - our activities are about living today with tomorrow in mind. We promote education for sustainability, with children, young people and the community participating in developments and activities - creating and maintaining the habitats and environments on our site. We practice a sustainable ethos, educating children, young people and the community in growing food and local sourcing, reducing, reusing and recycling in relation to resources, energy and waste.

**Prevention or Relief of Poverty** - we provide free, fully accessible activities and subsidised charges for service users in need. We actively seek funding to deliver projects that help to support the needs of the most disadvantaged children, families, and older people. Our outdoor opportunities aim to help improve the life chances for children and young people from socially and economically disadvantaged communities. Through access to our environment, activities, and resources we can make a positive impact on the health and well-being of our user groups.

**Promotion of Social Inclusion** - we deliver a wide range of activities that reinforce confidence, raise self-esteem, and offer opportunities for social interaction. We promote the social inclusion of children and their families with poor educational or skills attainment and financial hardship e.g. those who are members of marginalised or minority groups. We promote social inclusion for children and young people with special educational needs to ensure equal access to all outdoor, environmental and curriculum opportunities. We provide the environment and context for people within socially and poor areas of Wolverhampton and The West Midlands, Staffordshire and the local community, to develop the capacity and skills in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to participate more fully in society. We actively include volunteers with all abilities and run projects for those with a range of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and poor mental health.

**Ensuring our work delivers our aims.**

In April 2024 the Trust began its financial year in a positive position, having worked hard to deliver its aims through funded projects during the previous year. We have been very grateful for the ongoing financial support of repeat funders alongside new Trusts and Foundations recognising our work. This year we have been able to continue activities with our existing school and community partners as well as welcoming new beneficiaries and groups to our core projects and opportunities. As well as developing links with Trusts and Foundations, and other Grant Givers, we continue to generate our own income from schools and groups through charges for day visits, forest school programmes and residential stays. In addition, we generate income from our own inhouse fundraising activities, sales through our refreshment snack stop and souvenir gift shop, selling plants and our very own unique Kingswood Rose, and having a preowned book stand. We generate regular income from weekend and holiday lettings of our site and buildings.

April 2024 marked Kingswood Trusts' 10th anniversary as an independent charity. 'Kingswood' began as 'Wolverhampton Children's Holiday Camp'. It started in 1923 with the idea that 'poor' children could benefit from a holiday there. The original buildings were World War I Nissan huts with stretchers for beds and a pavilion was built in the 1930's. This became the hall that is still in use today. During World War II, brick-built dormitories (still in use) were erected, and Air raid shelters were built for emergency use. After World War II, the holiday camp was purchased by the Local Education Authority to house an Open-Air School for "delicate" children. Many suffered from breathing problems, were under nourished with poor development and their families were in social need. The open-air school had a significant impact for many years due to outdoor lessons and the medical and educational support at the school. The children made huge progress out of the city in this countryside environment. In 1958 it was decided to build new accommodation on land next door. From 1973, the site was used as an environmental centre to enable children and the wider community opportunities for residential and day visits, forest school activities and to learn about nature. The site was transferred in 2014 on a 125-year lease to the Kingswood Trust, a registered charity. We celebrated the year with a calendar of community events and a family and friends 10th birthday party and open day.

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In June 2024 we received a 3-year grant from The National Lottery Community fund. In year 1 this has supported some exciting capital developments to our community hall. This has included the installation of double glazing, a new boiler and heating system, new flooring and decoration and solar panels to the hall roof. This has greatly improved the comfort and quality of this widely used building, whilst helping to reduce energy by employing sustainable features. The funds have supported our work with people of all ages and is also enabling Kingswood Trust to significantly develop its project work with volunteers. In August 2024 we employed a volunteer coordinator, increasing the number of volunteers that we can work with and focussing on more support for volunteers with special educational needs and disabilities. Our volunteering programmes are now fully embedded into Kingswood Trusts work, and we are very grateful to our regular volunteers and volunteer team partners who continue to have a huge impact on our developing natural environments, site and project activities.

The skill set of the Trust board has continued to provide good governance of the charity - offering appropriate knowledge, skills, and experience in aspects such as finance, education, the environment, the community, and strategy. Regular monitoring of financial accounts and centre policies ensures due diligence and protection of the charity and the safety and wellbeing of all stakeholders. Timely committee and subcommittee meetings and Trustees actively participating in some of the day-to-day volunteering opportunities, projects and events has ensured that the Charity manager and staff receive appropriate challenge and support. Policy reviews and updates have remained on track.

We have a stable, experienced and committed staff team of 9. Staff Professional Development and learning for all continues to be a priority. The Trust uses an online training platform, available to all staff and volunteers. This year, staff have completed training in Health and Safety, Fire Prevention/Fire Warden Training, Equality and Diversity Training, Special Educational Needs, Safeguarding and Food Safety. First Aid training (face to face) has been completed in line with government guidance. All required personnel hold an enhanced DBS check.

We set high standards, and our trustees, staff and volunteers work very hard to maintain these. The quality of our service and safety and safeguarding compliances were re-assessed in Autumn 2024 and we received a new 2-year Quality Badge in September 24. The Learning Outside the Classroom Quality Badge is the only nationally recognised indicator of good quality educational provision and effective risk management. The Food Standards Agency inspected our food and hygiene practices on 19/9/24 and we received top marks and have been awarded a 5-star food hygiene rating again.

During this year we have continued to record data and monitor projects carefully, recording outcomes, taking photographs, completing questionnaires, and recording quotes from participants. In July 2024 we started working again with an evaluation consultant and receive training and 1to1 support. We have produced new case studies and project information leaflets along with physical displays of our activities to share with others. This is an effective way of communicating what we do, who can participate and what the impact has been for existing and potential partners. We share this with funders and distribute at the network and community events we are involved in. We have sought new opportunities this year to speak to local groups, both through formal presentations and informal stands in our community about our work and what we can offer and to find out what people need and would like to do. We are a South Staffordshire Council nominated "Key Community Group", supporting and disseminating information to other voluntary sector groups within our locality.

Our 9-acres of natural environments provide the outdoor spaces for wildlife and people to thrive, and this is central to the success of all our projects. We are grateful to our regular volunteers and volunteer groups for another year of hard work, looking after and developing these environments - boundless enthusiasm, commitment and energy continue to drive a whole host of grounds work activities: grass cutting, clearing back overgrown bramble, digging, stacking deadwood, building brash fences, and maintaining the new accessible garden and growing areas. Ongoing maintenance has been completed to bee nesters and bat and bird boxes. Our "Mindfulness Garden" has grown with the support of our volunteers throughout this period - this aims to provide an accessible calm space that offers a sensory experience and a place for reflection. Volunteers support indoor and outdoor activities, painting and repairing the building, supporting with applications for funding, publicity and marketing. We have flourishing gardens and raised beds and an orchard that bring flowers, fruit and vegetables to our community and provide a wealth of habitats and food for nature. Volunteers are an integral part of our planning and delivery of community events and weekly Saturday opening to the public. In addition, our volunteers spend a lot of time talking to our visitors and beneficiaries and help the Trust to capture feedback in a variety of formats and to shape our service. Many support our project delivery directly also.

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To support the delivery of our aims, we engage with local partners who have helped us in a variety of ways, for example fundraising for us or providing small grants or donations eg Rotary and Round Table, U3A, local church and choir groups and individuals within our local community. We have ongoing support from local companies/businesses that provide a range of free of charge services, resources, materials and volunteer time e.g. Heartwood Tree Care, Severn Trent, Collins Builders, Lloyds Bank, TELUS Communications, One Savings Bank, Paycare, South Staffordshire Council. Hindley's Construction, Brindley Asphalt Ltd, Collins Aerospace and Johnsons Farm,

In terms of reputation, the Kingswood Trust starts from a positive position. Feedback from schools, beneficiaries and current customers and their evaluations and testimonials demonstrate we continue to have an excellent reputation amongst those who know and use the service. Our service users have also commented regarding the range of improvements and developments that have taken place so far in 2024-2025.

**Funders and Fundraising**

Over the last 12 months, the Trust has continued to work hard to raise funds to support the delivery of projects, develop our site and grounds and update resources for the delivery of our charitable aims and for those who need support most. We have continued to build our relationship with existing funders and forge links with new ones. This has enabled us to continue with some existing projects and to provide new opportunities for a broader range of beneficiaries based on the needs of our community. Thank you to the following funders:

Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation	Souter Charitable Trust
Beatrice Laing Trust	DMF Ellis Charitable Foundation
Verina Black Charitable Trust	Lord Austin Trust
Ray Williams Charitable Trust	Evelyn May Trust
A L A Green Charitable Trust	Emma Doris Bussey
Brian Shaw Memorial Trust	Ashworth Charitable Trust
29th May 1961 Charity	Baron Davenports Charity
Archer Trust	Leigh Trust
OVO Foundation	CB and HH Taylor Charitable Trust
FDR Trust	Goodman Foundation
Iron Bridge Trust	Culra Charitable Trust
Wallace Bell Charitable Trust	Grimmitt Trust
Sackler Trust	WRA Charitable Trust
Millichope Foundation	Grantham Yorke Trust
William Dean Trust	Schroder Charitable Trust
Pedmore Sporting Club Trust Fund	Oliver Ford Foundation
Richardson Brothers Charitable Trust	Kenneth and Barbara Boardman-Weston Charitable Trust
De Brye Charitable Trust	Noel Sweeney Charitable Trust
James Beattie Charitable Trust	Aylesford Family Charitable Trust
HDH Wills ( Martin Wills)	William Howarth Charitable Trust
Patrick Trust	RS Brownless Charitable Trust
William A Cadbury Trust	Lillie Johnson Trust
P B Dumbell Charitable Trust	Bilston Rotary Club
Geoff Hill Charitable Trust	James Frederick and Ethel Anne Measures Charity
Seccombe Trust	Tettenhall Rotary Club
Gowling WLG	Arnold Clark Charitable Foundation
Oldhurst Trust	Twinkle Trust
Michael Marsh Charitable Trust	Hearth Foundation
Joseph Hopkins and Henry James Sayer	Anthony and Elizabeth Mellows Charitable Trust
Percy Lea Charitable Trust	Garfield Weston Foundation
Richard Cadbury Charitable Trust	WED Trust
Hedley Foundation	Four Winds Trust
Goodenough Charitable Trust	Ratcliff Foundation

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**Core Activities and Project Delivery**

**The five activities below are a summary of our core business and outputs.**

1. **Residential stays** - children stay away from home for one or two nights, often for the very first time. They share a bedroom with their peers, enjoy family-style mealtimes, make their own beds, and take responsibility for themselves. Throughout their stay, the children engage in a variety of curriculum-based and team and wellbeing activities around the environmental site. They go on walks to local villages, farms and common land and experience learning and life in a rural environment.

**- In 2024/25 we delivered 49 residential opportunities, supporting 1920 children.**

2. **Day visits** - these involve carefully planned learning opportunities in our world outside the classroom. Themed and bespoke days encourage a focus on learning and personal development and include wellbeing days, team days, story-themed days and environmental, history and Forest School activities.

**- In 2024/25 we delivered 75 Day Visits supporting 2280 children**

3. **Forest School Programmes** - Children from aged two, visit one day per week for six weeks or more for a child-centred woodland programme, aimed at developing confidence, independence, and self-esteem. Activities include woodland investigation, sensory activities and observing wildlife. They use tools and work creatively with natural materials.

**- In 2024/25 we delivered 14x 5-6 week programmes supporting 168 children**

4. **Calendar of community events and activities** - 2024/25 included Quiz nights, a Treasure Hunt, Family Olympics, Big Garden Bird Watch, Bird Ringing and Fungi walks, Room on the Broom, Pumpkin Parade, Easter Eggstravaganza, Santa Sleigh and Breakfast with Santa, Holiday Clubs, a Music Festival and Family Camping. We are open for 'Saturday Forest Fun' and 'Nature Connections' and each week we run stay and play 'Owlets' and 'Winter Warmers' for older people.

**- Our 2024/25 Eventbrite numbers plus walk ins show that 4893 people attended our community events and activities**

5. **Volunteering4All** - Our current regular volunteers attend up to 3 sessions per week, undertaking grounds and site maintenance, environmental project development eg gardening and conservation, site maintenance and animal care and support with our community events and weekly Saturday Forest Fun. We also have some volunteers who support our children and family projects and Nature Connections for older people. As well as promoting and publicising our activities and helping with the delivery and evaluation of projects, we also provide both group and corporate volunteering.

Group partners included: Shropshire Wild Teams (Mental Health Adult Group), Afro Caribbean Community Initiative (Gentlemen with poor mental health), The Wolverhampton Reparation Service and Highflyers (Adults with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities).

**- In 2024/25, Our volunteers completed more than 8041 hours of volunteering, worth a monetary value of £112,574 (@£14ph)**

**- 195 volunteers have been supported over the last 12 months. This includes 41 regular volunteers and 21 other groups**

**- We supported 8 College/School work experience students**

**- The Kingswood Trust was open for volunteering for 48 weeks**



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**The following provide an outline of 5 key projects which we sought funding to deliver in 2024/25**

**Free Residential Places** - This new project aims at supporting the children from families who were excluded from engaging in a school residential stay due to financial hardship. Children qualified if families were receiving pupil premium and found themselves in disadvantaged circumstances and were referred by their schools. The schools are situated in areas of social and economic deprivation in towns and cities that have been identified as amongst some of the poorest in and around Wolverhampton and the West Midlands. The one-night residential stay, includes all food, bedding and accommodation and activities. Children have accessed a range of opportunities outdoors in the natural environment and have been able to develop their confidence, social skills and independence away from school and home. This will be the first time sleeping away from home for many and an opportunity for all to make lasting memories. This project has been particularly welcomed, as many families report finding it hard to make ends meet. We received support from a major funder OVO Foundation who supported 280 children during this period with a free residential place.

**- In 2024/25 835 children benefited from a free, one-night residential stay at the Kingswood Trust**

**Learn and Grow Project** - This project began in January 2025. It helps address barriers to participation for those with a disability and mental health challenge, providing a positive and healthy working environment, where all people are valued, focusing on their strengths and abilities. People aged 16+, working in a small team of up to 12 are supported by an experienced Volunteer Co-ordinator. They undertake a range of activities including gardening, planting and harvesting vegetables, maintaining the woodland, orchard, pond areas and habitats for wildlife, carrying out wildlife surveys, maintaining outdoor furniture and resources and managing the resident pets (which include ducks, chickens, rabbits, sheep, tortoises and guinea pigs). 'Learn and Grow' is very much user-led, with beneficiaries encouraged to make decisions about what needs to be done and the activities they undertake. Beneficiaries gain important new work-related skills, enhanced confidence and self-esteem, experience of contributing to a team and new leadership skills. The project provides a valuable stepping stone moving forward, with some taking up other volunteering opportunities and for others helping them move closer to the world of work.

**- In 2024/25 we have worked with 5 partner organisations**

**- 110 beneficiaries have taken part in the short volunteering programmes so far this year**

**Days in the Woods Project**-The project specifically targets the most deprived and disadvantaged children aged 3-11, including children with special educational needs and disabilities; for example, those with autism, sensory impairments, medical conditions, and children with mental health challenges. They explore and work creatively with a range of natural materials and make a base camp and shelters for their activities. They build and cook on a campfire, learn about camp craft, climb trees, build dens and have fun. Transport and lunch was included. Through these activities we have been able to provide activities for many children who live in areas of social and economic deprivation and who rarely travel away from their immediate home environment.

**- In 2024/25 we delivered 22 Days in the Woods, supporting 660 children.**

**Nature Connections Project**-The project focuses on supporting older people (and their carers/family members), many of whom have been diagnosed with dementia and other progressive neurological disorders, conditions that profoundly change the practicalities of their everyday lives. We have also identified a need to support other disadvantaged adult groups e.g. those with SEND's, poor mental health, brain injury and older members from ethnic minority backgrounds who may not engage with other services (these groups are not captured in any of our other projects and experience exclusion, loneliness and isolation). 'Nature Connections' activities include woodland walks, pond dipping, bird watching, sensory activities, meet the pets and nature-based craft and creative activities. In addition, beneficiaries will visit our WW2 air raid shelters-used to stimulate memories and communication (refreshments included). This project has been a lifeline for those older people on their own but also for carers who have little respite.

**- We have been able to work with 16 partner organisations.**

**- In 2024/25 we delivered 35 Nature Connections opportunities, supporting 625 older or isolated people.**

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**Access2Nature Project**-These are day visits for families in some of the most deprived parts of Wolverhampton and the West Midlands and South Staffordshire, some with multiple disadvantages. Beneficiary children might include those with SENDs, families facing trauma and those with poor mental health. Many of whom have no gardens or green spaces to play in and enjoy. Family engagement activities include woodland trails, animal encounters, practical nature crafts, games, campfires, and other nature-based activities. The provision of transport and a hot meal has been very well received by families this year with many struggling to provide for their children and themselves. Access was highlighted as a barrier for many families with all saying that they would not be able to afford an entry fee to activities. Most parents said that they had no car, many with no garden and lacked the funds and confidence to attempt public transport. Many parents said that they had really enjoyed being outdoors with their children, away from the internet and devices and the pressures of family life at home.

**- In 2024/25 we delivered 39 Access2Nature Days supporting 546 families- 1560 beneficiaries**

**TOTAL Beneficiaries during the financial period 2024-2025 is 12,411 people**

**This year's financial position**

We have been pleased to report a small surplus this year. The team has worked hard to maintain a high-quality offer and support the people that need it most with a backdrop of ever-increasing costs. During this reporting period, our energy costs have remained high, along with further increases in costs for food supplies and laundry, transport bills and consumables. We have a plan to continue with improving the fabric and add further sustainability features over the next 5 years that will reduce energy usage and immediate and future costs. We revisit all our service level agreements annually to see if we can reduce or maintain our operation costs and seek alternatives to provide best value. We are continually reviewing our suppliers' costs and request discounts or buy from those who offer charity rates. We run a 'Just Giving' page and encourage eligible individuals to donate this way. We also encourage people to donate as they shop through the 'easyfundraising app' This year we have been able to give all staff a small salary increase, the first in several years. This has been particularly important for our team who have also been impacted as the cost-of-living increases.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

We have been pleased to report a small surplus this year. The team has worked hard to maintain a high-quality offer and support the people that need it most with a backdrop of ever-increasing costs. During this reporting period, our

This has been the eleventh period of account representing the year to March 2025. The principal funding source, aside from income generated from its charitable charges, activities and services, is grant income from Trusts and Foundations.

The attached accounts for Kingswood Trust show a surplus of £10,733 (2024 deficit of £29,804).

The reserves policy is to ensure that sufficient reserves are available to meet the working capital requirements of the charity.

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

The Kingswood Trust is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 19 July 2012 and registered as a charity on 7 November 2012. The company was established by a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company. It is governed under its Articles of Association. As the charity is limited by guarantee there is no share capital.

**Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

The Directors of the company are also Charity Trustees for the purposes of charity law. The method adopted for appointment of trustees is election to the post for a period of 2 years. Kingswood Trust is governed by the appointed trustees. The Trustees Board Membership representatives are elected and appointed by the 4 membership groups.

Most of the trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity. The only trustees receiving any financial benefit are detailed in Note 5 to the accounts.

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

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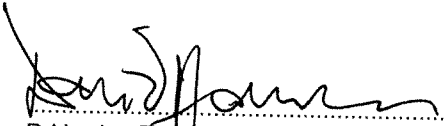
**Trustees**

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 24-10-25 and signed on its behalf by:

  
.....  
D Harris - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
Kingswood Trust**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Kingswood Trust ('the Company')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2025.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent 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 Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (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.

*G. T. Hopwood*

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Date: ..... **28 OCT 2025** .....

**Kingswood Trust**

**Statement of Financial Activities  
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	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies		39,789	-	39,789	32,004
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Grants		50,279	190,891	241,170	157,325
Other trading activities	2	182,181	-	182,181	198,140
Investment income	3	937	-	937	598
<b>Total</b>		<u>273,186</u>	<u>190,891</u>	<u>464,077</u>	<u>388,067</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Operating costs		239,511	191,162	430,673	388,084
Other		3,160	-	3,160	3,059
<b>Total</b>		<u>242,671</u>	<u>191,162</u>	<u>433,833</u>	<u>391,143</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) BEFORE DEPRECIATION</b>		30,515	(271)	30,244	(3,076)
Depreciation expense		(7,155)	(12,356)	(19,511)	(26,728)
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		23,360	(12,627)	10,733	(29,804)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		(223)	76,086	75,863	105,667
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>23,137</u>	<u>63,459</u>	<u>86,596</u>	<u>75,863</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**Balance Sheet  
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	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	8	44,054	101,343	145,397	79,680
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	9	5,934	13,823	19,757	22,495
Cash at bank and in hand		29,432	65,825	95,257	73,855
		35,366	79,648	115,014	96,350
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(56,283)	(117,532)	(173,815)	(100,167)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		(20,917)	(37,884)	(58,801)	(3,817)
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		23,137	63,459	86,596	75,863
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		23,137	63,459	86,596	75,863
<b>FUNDS</b>	11				
Unrestricted funds				23,137	(223)
Restricted funds				63,459	76,086
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				86,596	75,863

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

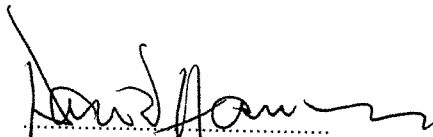
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**Kingswood Trust (Registered number: 08150065)**

**Balance Sheet - continued**  
**31 March 2025**

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 24/10/25 and were signed on its behalf by:

  
D Harris - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

**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 charitable company, 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 Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The Trustees have reviewed and considered relevant information, including the annual budget and future cash flows in making their assessment. Based on these assessments, given the measures that could be undertaken to mitigate the current adverse conditions, and the current resources available, the Trustees have concluded that they can continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and accounts.

**Incoming resources**

All incoming resources are included within the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to, and virtually certain to receive, the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following policies are applied to particular categories of income:

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

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

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

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

Government grants that becomes receivable as compensation for expenses or losses already incurred, or for the purpose of giving immediate financial support to the entity with no future related costs, shall be recognised in income in the period in which it becomes receivable.

**Resources expended**

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**

Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life, which in the case of fixtures, fittings and equipment is estimated at 10 year, giving an annual depreciation charge at 10% straight line.

**Taxation**

As a registered charity Kingswood Trust is exempt from taxation on income and gains to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No taxation charges have arisen in respect of the charity during the period.



## Kingswood Trust

### Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

##### 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.

#### 2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2025 £	2024 £
Charged activity services	182,181	198,140
	<u>182,181</u>	<u>198,140</u>

#### 3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2025 £	2024 £
Interest receivable - trading	937	598
	<u>937</u>	<u>598</u>

#### 4. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net resources are stated after charging:

	2025 £	2024 £
Depreciation	11,888	26,728
Independent Examiner's fee	2,100	2,040
	<u>11,888</u>	<u>26,728</u>

#### 5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

One Trustees received £4,047 (2024 - £3,549) remuneration during the period for the provision of professional services.

There was no balance outstanding at 31 March 2025 (or 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.

# Kingswood Trust

## Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

### 6. STAFF COSTS

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

	2025	2024
Teaching staff	1	1
Administration and support	8	7
	<u>9</u>	<u>8</u>

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

	2025	2024
£60,001 - £70,000	1	-

One employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year to 31 March 2025.

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all staff. The Charity's contribution is between 28.6% and 18.9% of salary with staff also making contributions to the scheme. 8 staff employees are members of the pension scheme (2024: 7).

### 7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	32,004	-	32,004
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Grants	4,250	153,075	157,325
Other trading activities	198,140	-	198,140
Investment income	598	-	598
<b>Total</b>	<u>234,992</u>	<u>153,075</u>	<u>388,067</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
Operating costs	265,408	149,404	414,812
Other	3,059	-	3,059
<b>Total</b>	<u>268,467</u>	<u>149,404</u>	<u>417,871</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>			
Transfers between funds	(33,475)	3,671	(29,804)
	31,227	(31,227)	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<u>(2,248)</u>	<u>(27,556)</u>	<u>(29,804)</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	2,025	103,642	105,667

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

7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>(223)</u>	<u>76,086</u>	<u>75,863</u>

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £
<b>COST</b>	
At 1 April 2024	
Additions	279,993
	<u>85,228</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>365,221</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>	
At 1 April 2024	
Charge for year	200,313
	<u>19,511</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>219,824</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31 March 2025	<u>145,397</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>79,680</u>

The Land & Buildings are owned by Wolverhampton City Council and are leased to Kingswood Trust for a period of 125 years from April 2014 at an annual rent charge of £1.

9. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	4,611	5,343
Other debtors	7,423	12,084
Prepayments and accrued income	1,323	2,068
Accrued income	6,400	3,000
	<u>19,757</u>	<u>22,495</u>

**Kingswood Trust**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

**10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2025 £	2024 £
Other creditors	49,700	58,264
Deferred income	124,115	41,903
	<u>173,815</u>	<u>100,167</u>

**11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.4.24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.25 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	(223)	(5,940)	(6,163)
Designated fund	-	29,300	29,300
	<u>(223)</u>	<u>23,360</u>	<u>23,137</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted fund	76,086	(12,627)	63,459
	<u>75,863</u>	<u>10,733</u>	<u>86,596</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	233,230	(239,170)	(5,940)
Designated fund	39,956	(10,656)	29,300
	<u>273,186</u>	<u>(249,826)</u>	<u>23,360</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted fund	190,891	(203,518)	(12,627)
	<u>464,077</u>	<u>(453,344)</u>	<u>10,733</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
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## 11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

## Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	(21,590)	(16,761)	38,128	(223)
Designated fund	23,615	(16,714)	(6,901)	-
	<u>2,025</u>	<u>(33,475)</u>	<u>31,227</u>	<u>(223)</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Restricted fund	103,642	3,671	(31,227)	76,086
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>105,667</u>	<u>(29,804)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>75,863</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	234,992	(251,753)	(16,761)
Designated fund	-	(16,714)	(16,714)
	<u>234,992</u>	<u>(268,467)</u>	<u>(33,475)</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted fund	153,075	(149,404)	3,671
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>388,067</u>	<u>(417,871)</u>	<u>(29,804)</u>

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

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.25 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	(21,590)	(22,701)	38,128	(6,163)
Designated fund	23,615	12,586	(6,901)	29,300
	<u>2,025</u>	<u>(10,115)</u>	<u>31,227</u>	<u>23,137</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Restricted fund	103,642	(8,956)	(31,227)	63,459
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>105,667</u>	<u>(19,071)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>86,596</u>

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
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**11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

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 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	468,222	(490,923)	(22,701)
Designated fund	39,956	(27,370)	12,586
	<u>508,178</u>	<u>(518,293)</u>	<u>(10,115)</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted fund	343,966	(352,922)	(8,956)
	<u>343,966</u>	<u>(352,922)</u>	<u>(8,956)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>852,144</u>	<u>(871,215)</u>	<u>(19,071)</u>

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

Designated funds are unrestricted funds normally earmarked for a particular purpose. This fund represents the Fixtures, fittings and equipment donated to the charity and is reduced annually by the depreciation charge for the period by a transfer to the General funds.

The trustees have reviewed the treatment of the various income streams of the charity. Free resident places which had previously been treated as restricted income are now treated as designated income. These were redesignated from 1 April 2024.

Included in restricted deferred income in 2024 were grants totalling £32,178. During 2025 these have been reclassified as designated income.

Restricted funds relate to the purchase of the refreshments cabin and various grants received this year for other fixed asset additions.

**12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

A relative of a member of the senior management team provided services to the charity at a cost of £6,600 (2024 - £5,746) for the year. This expenditure was for the benefit of the charity and was authorised by the Trustees.