



TravellerSpace

Annual Report

April 2024 - April 2025

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Our Aims and Objectives

OBJECTS

The Charity's objects ("Objects") are specifically restricted to the following:

To promote health, advance education and relieve the needs of Gypsy, Traveller, Roma & travelling groups regardless of ethnicity, culture or background, primarily in the South West of England, in particular but not exclusively by:

a) Providing information, advocacy, advice and support to Gypsies, Travellers, Roma and travelling groups;

(b) Working with statutory and non-statutory agencies or bodies to help provide better services that are needed by Gypsies, Travellers, Roma and travelling groups.

The promotion of equality of treatment and diversity particularly in relation to Gypsies, Travellers, Roma & travelling communities for the public benefit by:

(a) informing and educating the public about the traveller way of life and the needs of Gypsies, Travellers, Roma & travelling groups; and

(b) promoting activities that foster good relations between Gypsies, Travellers, Roma & travelling groups and the communities in which they live.

Ensuring our work delivers our aims

We review our aims, objectives and activities each year. This review looks at what we achieved and the outcomes of our work in the previous 12 months. The review looks at the success of each key activity and the benefits they have brought to Gypsy & Traveller communities.

The review also helps us to ensure our aim, objectives and activities remained focused on our stated purposes. We refer to the Charity Commissions general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aim and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

TravellerSpace Committee

Chair Zoe Fox

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Playbus Support Worker Rachel Sherlock

Volunteers

Angel Lee, Lucky Lee, Beth Skuse, George Dunscombe, Becky Johnson, Rob Cloudsley
Daughton, Molly Alexander

TravellerSpace is committed to a trauma informed approach to working with project users, volunteers and staff.

Reserves Policy

The trustees continuously review their policy on free reserves, taking advice from the auditor and consulting Charity Commission guidance, and the Company continues to aim to build up its free reserves to three months' normal operating costs, circa £110,000

Funders

TravellerSpace's activities were funded by Big Lottery Community Fund, Children In Need, Cornwall Community Foundation, Lloyds Bank Foundation, Garfield Weston Foundation, the People's Health Trust and Cornwall Housing

Financial Review

Note 2 provides a breakdown of the expenditure on charitable activities from all sources. It will be noted that 73% of the funding is on staff costs.

All of the funding detailed in Notes 2 and 3 supports delivery of TravellerSpace's priorities.

The principal financial management policies in force during the year include:
Financial records are kept so that TravellerSpace can:

Meet its legal and other obligations, e.g. Charities Act 2011, Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs and common law.

Enable the trustees to fulfil responsibilities and governance role
Enable TravellerSpace to meet the contractual obligations and requirements of funders.

The financial year will end on the 31st March each year.

Accounts will be drawn up within 3 months of the end of each financial year.

Prior to the start of each financial year, the trustees will approve a budgeted income and expenditure account for the following year.

A report comparing actual income and expenditure with the budget is presented to the trustees at each board meeting (at least 4 times a year).

The AGM will appoint an appropriately qualified auditor/examiner to audit/examine the accounts for presentation to the next AGM.

The trustees will identify a treasurer in line with Charity Commission guidance.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025, which also comprises the Directors' Report [Trustees report] required by the Companies Act 2006
Reference and administrative information set out on page 2 forms part of this report.

The charity is also constituted as a company limited by guarantee, registered under the Companies Act and its governing document is a Memorandum and Articles of Association under company legislation.

By operation of law all trustees are directors under the Companies Act 2006 and all directors are trustees under Charities legislation and have responsibilities, as such, under both company and charity legislation. All trustee appointments are confirmed by a majority vote of the Board.

Public Benefit Statement

In shaping the objectives for the year and planning activities, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance 'public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'

To meet the legal requirement of 'benefit'

- a charity's purpose must be beneficial
- any detriment or harm that results from the purpose must not outweigh the benefit

To satisfy the 'public' aspect of 'public benefit' the charity's purpose must:

benefit the public in general, or a sufficient section of the public, and must not give rise to more than incidental personal benefit

Based on the activities and details of TravellerSpace's achievements in 2024 – 2025 that follow, the Trustees consider that both requirements have been fully met.

TravellerSpace are also greatly assisted by a number of volunteers and students on placements and by the involvement of the Trustees in the day to day activities of the charity; their support is invaluable to us.

This report is for the year from April 2024 to March 2025

Community representation at TravellerSpace

TravellerSpace are committed to employ staff, Trustees and volunteers from Gypsy, Traveller communities. 80% our Board of Trustees and 50% of our staff & volunteer team are community members.

Chair's Report

TravellerSpace continues to work in an inclusive, collaborative and innovative way. We work with the communities we serve, partners and organisations and the wider community with genuine fact based consideration, to further the aims of the charity.

This year has seen both unprecedented demand and increasing challenges for the organisation. However, we continue to do trailblazing and outstanding work, delivering projects which are well considered, practical and serve to meet the needs of some of the most marginalised people living in precarious circumstances.

As this report sets out, the charity has developed new projects, worked with partners and undertaken education and support work, all based on participative and up-to date research undertaken. The new Devon office has blossomed and developed. Whilst The Cornwall office has continued the established core activities that remain highly valued, whilst diversifying to meet new identified needs. Funding is an ongoing challenge in a straitened financial landscape and this has led to a reduction in hours for some staff in Cornwall, who themselves are affected by the 'cost of living crisis'.

Sadly the resources needed to tackle deprivation, need and social challenge are increasingly thinly spread. It is a testament to the dedication of TravellerSpace staff that they have continued in their work, despite the economic constraints. Many thanks to our team and congratulations for all that you have achieved.

Zoe Fox Chair



TravellerSpace in Devon

We have moved our Totnes office to the Mansion. The Mansion houses other community groups and describes itself as 'a hub for community interaction and involvement'. Alongside our office we have access to meeting rooms and other facilities and a lovely cafe. We will be taking part in the Mansion's Open Day, which will give an opportunity to showcase the work of TravellerSpace to a wider public.

The **playbus** now has a regular circuit of visits to Traveller sites and also a Dartington community centre. We hope to establish a women's group at the centre in the next year.

We collaborate with **Devon Education Service's** *Gypsy, Roma, Traveller & Showmen Advisory Teacher* and currently 8 children are directly supported jointly with this agency.

TravellerSpace has worked closely with residents living on the **Haldon Hill site** and with the landlord Teign Housing to address the concerns of both the tenants and *Teign Housing*.

We support a weekly **mental health drop in** at the site, co-designed by the site's residents, *Real Life Psychology* - reallifepsychology.org - and TravellerSpace. We were also able to support Devon based support service *Pete's Dragon* – petesdragons.org.uk - to run a very well attended suicide awareness workshop on the site.

TravellerSpace continue to refer and support clients to access *FLOW Independent Mental Health Service*, a **Traveller led specialist psychiatric service** for individuals in crisis.

In partnership with *Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service* we have distributed free fire alarms fire-retardant bedding and CO2 detectors across sites in Devon.

We intend to re establish the **South Hams Gypsy and Traveller forum**, following the well attended forum last year, with guest speaker planning consultant Dr Simon Ruston.

Over the past year, as our reputation has grown and our presence has become more established, we have experienced a significant increase in Gypsies and Travellers accessing our services in Devon.

As of April 2025 there are 225 project users registered with TravellerSpace in Devon. Of these 80% have accessed support over the last year and 28% of those registered are under 18 (more children may be supported through the project but not registered on system). 10% of project users currently receive regular/ongoing support which includes weekly visits, regular communication, attendance at TAFS/CIN meetings, but this figure varies according to need. 30% of users make regular use of the Playbus across various locations in Devon.

This growth highlights an increasing need for our support, and we see great potential to further expand TravellerSpace's reach and impact in the county, dependent on available funding.

Playbus



TravellerSpace has continued to deliver dedicated play and creative sessions for young children from Gypsy and Traveller communities with our playbus. Many of these children feel unable to access mainstream playgroups or early years settings due to fear of prejudice or past experiences of discrimination. As a result, they often miss out on vital opportunities for social development, learning through play, and building confidence in a safe and welcoming environment.

Over the last year we have delivered thirty seven playbus sessions on five Traveller sites, hired venues, or at other events. Travellers now living in bricks and mortar housing are supported to attend sessions, helping the children and parents to remain in touch with their community and culture.

Our playbus sessions provide a nurturing space where children can explore, create, and connect with others in a culturally sensitivesetting. Activities are designed to support early learning and emotional wellbeing while also empowering parents and carers through positive engagement. These sessions help lay the foundations for smoother transitions into education and wider community participation.



Cornwall

The Teyluva Centre

The Teyluva Centre continues to act as the de facto community centre for the nearby **Wheal Jewel** residential site and has had another busy year. Although some of the families have moved away from site into bricks and mortar accommodation, they have continued to attend regularly, travelling some distance to do so. Others, who are now living on the road, have stayed in contact and have also introduced new people to our charity.

The Teyluva Centre is host to a variety of groups, meetings, health initiatives and activities. We continue to run sessions for individual families, a monthly women's group, a youth group, baby sessions, zumba and keep fit, health drop in sessions, craft club, numeracy and literacy support and provide a space for the Teyluva midwives.



The centre is widely recognised by the Gypsy and Traveller communities as a safe and welcoming space. As a result, we regularly host meetings with partner agencies, including social services, to ensure collaborative and accessible support.

In December we were delighted to be awarded a grant from *Cornish Lithium Fund* to buy new toys for the centre.



The Health Drop-In is an informal session held once a month, designed to make healthcare advice and support more accessible to Gypsy and Traveller communities in a safe and trusted environment. These drop in sessions offer a space where individuals can speak with health professionals without needing an appointment or facing barriers that may be found in mainstream services.

A range of professional bodies and services attend the drop-ins, including: *health visitors, the school nurse, Teyluva Midwives, Drug and Alcohol Support Workers, oral health and dental health promotions team and Healthy Cornwall*

By bringing these services directly into a familiar and supportive space, the drop-ins help improve access to health care, build trust, and support better outcomes for the community.

Literacy and numeracy - Between September and Christmas numeracy sessions were delivered by an Adult Education teacher as part of the Multiply initiative organised by Seetec Plluss

The Teyluva Steering Group - The Teyluva Steering Group is made up Gypsies and Travellers who use the Centre. The group meet monthly to share ideas, make decisions about which activities we run and how they're delivered, and raise any issues that need attention.

Community volunteers play a key role, regularly checking in with project users to ensure everyone's voice is heard when it comes to how the Centre is run. The group also discusses funding opportunities, visits from funders, fundraising ideas, and helps choose any new equipment needed for the Centre.



Being part of the Steering Group gives members the chance to build skills and confidence - not just in running the Centre, but in engaging with the wider world and taking part in community life beyond Teyluva.

Wheal Jewel Refurbishment

Cornwall Housing have secured funds from central government to refurbish the Wheal Jewel site. Already much delayed, it is hoped that work will commence this year.

Over time the site has become run down and is in a state of disrepair. The refurbishment will give an opportunity to redesign the site, with the potential for safer access, bigger pitches, a children's play area, replacement of gravel with hard standing and a community space.



TravellerSpace's role is to ensure the residents' voices are heard at all stages of this process and their needs and wishes are accounted for. The work is likely to cause a lot of disruption for the families on site and there is still a possibility that they will be decanted elsewhere while the work takes place.

Dental Screenings

TravellerSpace were asked by *SMILE Dental CIC* and *Cornwall Council* for help reaching Cornwall's Gypsy and Traveller communities. We knew from our experience the difficulties encountered accessing dental care for all communities in Cornwall and recognised the additional barriers that may be faced by Gypsies and Travellers.

With *SMILE* we organised two screening days to assess the dental needs of Gypsies and Travellers. Alongside brief dental examinations, *SMILE* provided a dental nurse offering oral health education and advice and a training session for TravellerSpace staff and volunteers. Urgent dental care appointments were made where necessary.

11 Adults and 25 children were seen over the two days. Everyone seen needed some form of dental treatment and ten urgent appointments were made

Further screening days are planned for summer 2025



TravellerSpace worked with national Gypsy and Traveller charity *Friends, Families and Travellers* (FFT) for three separate pieces of work this year.

Transit Site Project Community Members Survey

This project aimed to hear from Gypsies and Travellers about what local authorities and councils should do to make travelling better. The survey wanted to find out about current living and travelling situations, as well as experiences of transit provision in the last 12 months. The information helped to create a landmark report with the voices of Gypsy and Traveller families living on roadside camps or without a pitch of their own, providing evidence to support better accommodation provision for Gypsies and Travellers.

TravellerSpace arranged and conducted interviews with Gypsies and Travellers at the transit site near Liskeard and with other Travellers. The transit site is well used and provides Gypsies and Travellers a safe place to stay for up to three months while in Cornwall. Cornwall Council has stated their intention to develop a second transit in mid-Cornwall, although this has been much delayed and it is currently unclear when work will start.

gypsy-traveller.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/FFT_TransitProvisionFOIReportNov2024_FINAL-1.pdf

Focus group as part of The Electoral Commission Voter Project

TravellerSpace organised a focus group to elicit feedback on voting, registration, and voter ID requirements on behalf of FFT and the Roma Support Group in partnership with the Electoral Commission. Six people attended and the discussions fed into the creation of a range of resources designed to help break down each stage of the voting process and ensure it is suitably accessible for Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities.

electoralcommission.org.uk/resources/democratic-engagement-resources/resources-support-specific-groups

Work in Prisons

Addressing the Impact of the Criminal Justice System on Gypsy, Roma, and Traveller Communities

TravellerSpace has been working in partnership with FFT on a two-year project focused on understanding the impact of the Criminal Justice System (CJS) on young adults from Romany Gypsy, Roma, Irish Traveller, and New Traveller communities, as well as their families. As part of the project, TravellerSpace and FFT staff visited HMP Exeter and HMP Channings Wood, engaging with individuals to hear their personal experiences within the CJS. Additionally, conversations were held with family members outside of the prison system.

Supported by the *Transition to Adulthood Alliance* (T2A) and the *Barrow Cadbury Trust*, the project aimed to elevate the voices of young adults from these communities, ensuring their experiences were heard by policy makers, commissioners, and service leaders. The goal was to advocate for meaningful, practical changes that would improve rehabilitation efforts and support desistance from crime.

FFT's findings were compiled in their report, *Trapped in the Turnstile: Understanding the Impacts of the Criminal Justice System on Gypsy, Roma, and Traveller Young Adults and their Families*

Key Findings:

- A significant lack of support throughout the custodial journey for Gypsy, Roma, and Traveller individuals and their families.
- Inadequate access to culturally appropriate education, practical courses, and workshops, as well as insufficient mental health support.
- A general lack of awareness and understanding of the specific needs of Gypsy, Roma, and Traveller communities.

<https://www.gypsy-traveller.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Executive-Summary-Trapped-in-the-Turnstile-Report-final.pdf>

TravellerSpace was invited by the Equality and Diversity Officer at HMP Channings Wood to support the relaunch of the prison's Gypsy and Traveller Forum, which had been inactive since the COVID-19 pandemic. The forum provides a vital space for Gypsy and Traveller prisoners to come together, share their experiences, and have their voices heard within the prison environment.

Working in partnership with the Equality and Diversity team, TravellerSpace is now actively supporting prison staff in running the forum. To date, we have facilitated the first session, bringing culturally appropriate resources and helping to encourage open and respectful dialogue between Gypsy and Traveller prisoners and staff.

There is strong enthusiasm from all involved to ensure the forum continues regularly. Plans are already underway to mark Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month in June with a celebration inside the prison.



Through our ongoing prison outreach and partnership with FFT, TravellerSpace is currently supporting an individual facing complex challenges related to sentencing and mental health. Our team has visited him in prison and is maintaining regular contact with his family to offer practical and emotional support.

FFT has raised this case with the *Minister of State for Prisons, Parole and Probation*, Lord Timpson, highlighting both our broader work in prisons and the specific circumstances of this individual. As a result of this intervention, arrangements have been made for his transfer to a facility that can provide a more appropriate programme to support his rehabilitation and work towards release.

We have been asked into Guy Marsh Prison and are currently discussing the potential to work in partnership on this with Dorset based Gypsy and Traveller organisation *Kushti Bok*.

Support With Planning Applications

A lack of safe appropriate places to live has always been a defining factor in Gypsy and Traveller lives and there is still a shortfall of available pitches in Devon and Cornwall.

TravellerSpace regularly provide support to Gypsies and Travellers putting in planning applications, usually on land they have purchased. We are able to sign post to planning agents and give general advice and guidance about the planning process.

Planning applications for Gypsy and Traveller sites almost always attract objections and can be a very stressful process for the applicants. They may face organised campaigns against their applications, which can sometimes considerably escalate tensions.

In the past year TravellerSpace has assisted a number of Gypsy and Traveller individuals and groups with planning applications. Although we are not able to give detailed advice on individual applications, we are able to signpost to trusted planning experts and provide general advice and guidance about the application process. We have also supported applicants to get offensive comments removed left by objectors on various planning authority websites and to make complaints about the conduct of some Parish Councillors.

TravellerSpace has for some time supported a group of young Travellers in Devon, most who have been born and brought up on unauthorised sites and roadside park-ups and had been subjected to repeated evictions which had contributed to some serious welfare issues. The group includes two teenagers.

We linked them in with a range of external agencies including *Traveller Education*, and therapy providers. On two occasions where social services have made enquiries we have supported families by ensuring that mainstream

services understand their welfare and living circumstances and cultural preferences, as well as providing a supportive presence at formal meetings with schools or social workers.

Supported by TravellerSpace and planning consultant *Dr Simon Ruston*, this group put in a planning application to make their current site, (a disused council car park in a rural location), a legal home for 5 pitches initially for 3 years. With their consent TravellerSpace coordinated a detailed welfare report for councillors, detailing the personal circumstances of the applicants. The group has appealed two council refusals, but the process has extended their time in one place and enabled them to more easily sustain their existing employment, access education, training and health services and removed some of their fear of being vulnerable on the side of the road.

We are continuing to support a further application. The security has improved their mental and physical health and their sense of wellbeing and opened their eyes to the potential opportunities they could have in future.



Van Dwellers

Cornwall has long had a population of people living in vans & caravans who are not from recognised travelling backgrounds. We were asked by *Cornwall Council* to include a sample of van dwellers in the interviews we undertook for the *Gypsy & Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment* & to do a rough 'snapshot' count of vans. This revealed a previously mostly hidden group of people living roadside, on industrial estates, in car parks & sometimes campsites. Since the pandemic TravellerSpace has been increasingly approached by van dwellers needing support, particularly with accessing foodbanks & our crisis support fund.

We recognised that in order to tailor any support we were able to give we needed to understand more about this group, so we undertook a survey of Cornwall's van dwellers. The survey was carried out in person, with TravellerSpace staff & volunteers visiting spots we knew to be used by van dwellers & online via social media. We were gratified to see our survey being shared multiple times amongst van dweller groups on Facebook & WhatsApp.

We had fifty five detailed responses. The respondents were aged between 21 & 72, with the time spent on the road ranging from two weeks to thirty five years. The survey highlighted the difficulties of keeping clean, maintaining a healthy diet – often people have no cooking facilities in their van - accessing drinking water, finding places to stop, with many of the respondents reporting moving every few days in order to avoid attracting attention & feeling isolated. A clear majority of respondents said they did not feel safe.

Reasons for choosing to live in a van varied, but of one the major drivers is the current housing crisis. Living on the road brings significant challenges. Since the Police Act 2022 those living roadside face potential fines, home confiscation & even imprisonment. They also endure deep societal hostility & discrimination, impacting their daily lives. However, many of the respondents talked of the positive aspects of living in a van & did not necessarily want to return to conventional housing were it available.

Based on the results of our survey & further consultation we applied for funding to support opening up the Teyluva Centre for van dwellers. We aim to provide a shower & clothes washing facilities, access to our kitchen & to hot food, access to water & electricity for charging devices & weekly drop in group. The drop in group aims to bring people together to reduce isolation, share experiences & to be able to easily access our information, advice & guidance support.

To support this we are setting up a steering group of van dwellers to guide the project. TravellerSpace is prepared to support this group's development into a fully constituted body capable of advocating effectively on behalf of van dwellers.

TravellerSpace will continue to make links with existing homeless services, to enable effective sign posting, to share best practice, ensuring van dwellers get comprehensive support & are included in homelessness strategies.

New drop in for van dwellers in St Day

TravellerSpace is excited to expand our support services to van dwellers across Cornwall.



Weekly drop at the Teyluva Centre in St Day Tuesdays 4 - 7pm.

This is a chance to connect with others on the road & meet our team. You can fill your water, charge devices, enjoy a meal & find out what help we can offer. We are currently having a shower installed for your use.

With over 20 years' experience for working alongside people living roadside, we understand the challenges you might face. We're here to offer guidance on housing, benefits, legal matters & more. Further details from Caroline 07939210014

Venue: The Teyluva Centre, Burnwithian, St Day



**Redruth TR16 5LG
opposite the school**



Cultural Awareness Training

TravellerSpace's cultural awareness training aims to foster a deeper understanding of Gypsy and Traveller communities. This year, we have focused on enhancing our training to reflect the lived experiences of young Gypsies and Travellers. Our aim is to provide organisations with the knowledge and tools they need to break down barriers and deliver truly inclusive services.

Our updated training program offers insights into the challenges faced by these communities, including disparities in access to healthcare, education, and housing. We take an evidence-based approach, dispelling myths and misconceptions while highlighting practical strategies to improve service delivery. We aim to empower organisations to create a more equitable and welcoming environment for Gypsies and Travellers, ensuring their voices are heard, respected, and valued.



Organisations we have provided training for this year include *Trainee teachers (Marjon University)*, *Mental Health nursing students (Truro College)* and *The National Trust*

Social Media

TravellerSpace use social media to extend our outreach to Gypsies, Travellers, and van dwellers across the region. While our primary focus is Cornwall and Devon, we sometimes receive enquiries from individuals beyond these areas. Where possible, we refer them to appropriate local services; when such support is unavailable, we provide assistance remotely to ensure no one is left without help.

Our digital presence includes accounts on Facebook, X (formerly Twitter), and Bluesky. We also manage the Gypsy and Traveller News Stories Facebook group, a nationally recognised platform that tracks and shares daily media coverage relating to Gypsy and Traveller communities across the UK and Ireland. This group has become a valuable tool for advocacy and awareness, widely used by community activists and organisations such as Travellers' Times.

Through these online platforms, TravellerSpace not only delivers direct support but also plays a role in amplifying Gypsy and Traveller voices and highlighting issues affecting these communities.



facebook.com/groups/106466052265/



x.com/MattTspace



travellerspace.bsky.social

Support for People Who are Struggling

The harsh economic climate has seen an increasing number of people turn to TravellerSpace for help. We have been able to provide small emergency payments through *Devon Community Foundation's Food, Fuel and More* programme which administers grant money from the government's *Household Support Fund*. In addition to this we have referred successfully to local food banks, furniture outlets, *Children In Need* white goods distribution and Early Help funding.

The targeted small grants are to support essential needs, such as the purchase of gas bottles. This support has been particularly vital for Gypsies, Travellers, and other individuals living roadside or off-grid, who were excluded from the government's energy grants in response to the rising cost of energy. As a result, they have been especially vulnerable and in need of our help.

During the last financial year we have distributed £25590 of crisis funding.



Our understanding of the specific challenges faced by the communities we support enables us to identify needs that may be overlooked by other organisations. An example of this was our intervention to assist a Traveller in replacing a tyre on their vehicle, which is also their home. The individual had been stranded in a car park and was at risk of enforcement action, which could have led to their home being impounded. Through our emergency crisis grant, we were able to contribute to the cost of a new tyre, allowing them to relocate to a safer and more suitable location.

Travellers living on the road often face significant barriers in accessing essential digital services. Mobile phone contracts typically require proof of address and a credit check, which many Travellers cannot provide. Consequently, they often rely on expensive pay-as-you-go SIM cards as their main means of internet access. TravellerSpace successfully applied to *Vodafone's Charities.Connected* initiative. This programme offers charities free SIM cards preloaded with 40GB of data per month, unlimited calls, and texts, valid for six months.



Funding

TravellerSpace is almost entirely reliant on grant funding, with limited opportunities to raise funds beyond this. In common with many charities, we have struggled to secure funding in the past year, which has led to making the difficult decision to reduce staff hours in Cornwall. Despite this, our commitment to the communities we serve remains unwavering.

We are very grateful to the Big Lottery Community Fund, Children In Need, Cornwall Community Foundation, Lloyds Bank Foundation, Garfield Weston Foundation and the People's Health Trust. Their contributions have been vital in helping us deliver services to Gypsy, Roma, and Traveller communities.

TravellerSpace will continue to seek grant funding and explore ways to diversify our income.

Representation on Forums and Committees

TravellerSpace continues to play an active role in a wide range of forums and committees to ensure the voices of Gypsy and Traveller communities are heard at local and regional levels. Over the past year, we have been represented at:

- Cornwall Gypsy & Traveller Keyworker Meeting
- Cornwall Gypsy & Traveller Forum
- Gypsy & Traveller Health Forum
- Cornwall Housing 'Thinking Differently' Group
- Children's and Families Alliance Meeting
- Teyluva Centre Steering Group
- Devon Peninsula Gypsy & Traveller Forum
- The Oak Project

CORNWALL HOUSING

Cornwall Housing

TravellerSpace has a service level agreement with Cornwall Housing to support residents on the three sites managed by Cornwall Housing. This is reviewed on a six monthly basis.

Collaborating Organisations and Agencies

TravellerSpace has continued to build strong, effective partnerships across Devon and Cornwall. Over the past year, our collaborations with a wide range of local, regional, and national organisations have been crucial in addressing the diverse needs of the communities we serve.

Key Areas of Collaboration:

Education:

We have partnered with various schools, colleges, and universities, including *Exeter University*, *South Devon University College*, and local primary and secondary schools like *Stoke Hill* and *South Dartmoor Community College*. Through our work with education services such as *Devon SEND* and the *Devon County Council Ethnically Diverse Education Achievement Service*, we are helping to ensure that children and young people have access to quality education and support.

Gypsy and Traveller Support:

Our collaboration with Traveller-focused organisations such as *Kushti Bok* and *Friends Families and Travelers* has helped to create a support network for individuals facing challenges related to housing, health, and social inclusion.

Housing:

Working with housing associations like *LiveWest*, *Teign Housing*, and *Cornwall Housing*, TravellerSpace has been able to help individuals access stable and secure housing, reducing the risk of homelessness within the community.

Health and Wellbeing:

Our partnerships with health and social care providers, including *Cornwall Health Visiting Team*, *Devon Carers*, *Public Health England*, *SMILE Dental CIC* and the *Teyluva Midwives*, have facilitated improved access to healthcare services for those in need. We have also worked with drugs and alcohol services, such as *Together Drug and Alcohol Services*, to support individuals facing additional challenges.

Food and Community Support:

We have maintained strong connections with local food banks like *Exeter Food Bank (Trussell Trust)* and *Torbay Food Alliance*, ensuring that community members in need can access essential food supplies. Our partnerships with organisations like *Turntable Furniture* and *Refurnish Newton Abbot* have helped provide material and practical support to families in need.

Legal and Advocacy Services:

Working with law firms such as *Cartriges Solicitors* and legal advocacy groups, including the *Community Law Partnership*, we have been able to offer guidance and representation to individuals facing legal challenges, particularly in housing and family matters.

Local Authorities and Government:

TravellerSpace continues to engage with multiple local government bodies. These partnerships ensure that the needs of the Traveller community are acknowledged within local policies and that we have access to necessary resources.

Prison and Criminal Justice Support:

We have worked closely with Channings Wood Prison, Exeter Prison, and Devon and Cornwall Police to provide support for individuals involved with the criminal justice system, ensuring they have access to the services they need for successful reintegration into the community.

Through these ongoing partnerships, TravellerSpace has been able to extend our reach and enhance the services we provide, ensuring that individuals and families within the Gypsy, Traveller, and van-dwelling communities have access to the resources and support they need to thrive.

Trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of TravellerSpace for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 (FRS 102);

make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

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

In so far as the trustees are aware:

there is no relevant information of which the charitable company's independent examiner is unaware; and

the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the independent examiner is aware of that information.

Zoe Fox

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of TravellerSpace

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31st March 2025 which are set out on pages 19 to 26.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity 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 company'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 the company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants 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 that in any material respect:

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.

Dick Maule FCA
The Cross House, South Woodchester GL5 5EL

Date

17.10.25

Dick Maule FCA

**Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31st. March 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	
		2025	2025	2025	2024
		£	£	£	£
Income from					
Donations		-	-	-	67
Investment income		-	-	-	-
<i>Charitable activities</i>					
Grants and contracts		34,459	277,546	312,005	454,489
Training and other earned income		-	-	-	-
Total		34,459	277,546	312,005	454,556
Expenditure on:	[2]				
Charitable activities		36,163	360,880	397,043	390,564
Net income / [expenditure]		(1,704)	(83,334)	(85,038)	63,992
Total funds brought forward		112,714	134,078	246,792	182,800
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Total funds carried forward		111,010	50,744	161,754	246,792

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Balance Sheet as at 31st. March 2025

	Notes	£	2025	£	2024
Tangible assets	(3)			7,171	<u>9,561</u>
Current assets					
Debtors and prepayments	(4)		6,197		34,541
Cash at bank and in hand			<u>149,261</u>		<u>203,565</u>
Total current assets			155,458		238,106
Current liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within 12 months	(5)		<u>(875)</u>		<u>(875)</u>
Net Current assets				<u>154,583</u>	<u>237,231</u>
Net Assets				<u>161,754</u>	<u>246,792</u>
The funds of the charity					
Unrestricted funds				111,010	77,714
Designated funds				-	35,000
Restricted funds				<u>50,744</u>	<u>134,078</u>
Total charity funds				<u>161,754</u>	<u>246,792</u>

For the year ended 31st March 2025:

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

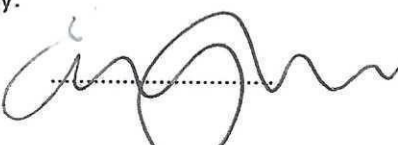
The members have not requested the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of the accounts.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the trustees on dated:-

and signed on their behalf by:

On behalf of the Trustees


Emma Jyke 12.8.25.

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st. March 2025

(1) Principal Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below and have remained unchanged from the previous year.

(a) Basis of preparation

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) 2nd edition the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

(b) Fund accounting

[i] Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

[ii] Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Management Committee for particular purposes.

[iii] Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

(c) Income

Income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income.

[i] Income 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.

[ii] Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified.

[iii] The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these accounts.

[iv] Investment income is included when receivable.

[v] Income from charitable trading activity are accounted for when earned.

[vi] Income from grants, where related to performance and specific deliverables, are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

(d) Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered

[i] Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income and the costs of trading for fundraising purposes.

[ii] Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them

[iii] All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SoFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st. March 2025

(1) Principal Accounting Policies

(e) Fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are written off over the expected useful life of the asset, at 25% per annum on a reducing balance basis.

(2) Expenditure

	Charitable Activities	Total
	2025	2024
	£	£
Crisis payments	25,606	10,369
Play equipment	701	181
Travel and vehicle costs	21,057	43,538
Insurance and other office costs	12,368	10,439
Rent	13,874	13,470
Telephone	3,470	4,511
Wages	289,221	276,888
Independent examiner's fees	875	875
Depreciation	2,391	3,187
Projects	13,041	14,593
Volunteer expenses	4,000	6,733
Non-capitalised equipment	-	390
Bank charges	259	443
Training	2,373	1,752
Professional fees	5,821	450
Repairs and maintenance	<u>1,987</u>	<u>2,746</u>
	<u>397,044</u>	<u>390,564</u>

(3) Fixed Assets

	Motor Vehicles
	£
Cost : balance brought forward	72,554
Additions	
Disposals	<u>-</u>
	<u>72,554</u>
Depreciation: balance brought forward	62,992
charge for the year	<u>2,391</u>
Disposals	<u>-</u>
	<u>65,383</u>
Net book value 31st. March 2025	<u>7,171</u>
Net book value 31st. March 2024	<u>9,561</u>

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st. March 2025

(4) Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Grants and contracts receivable	-	34,416
Other debtors and prepayments	6,197	125
	<u>6,197</u>	<u>34,541</u>

(5) Creditors: amounts falling due within 12 months

Sundry creditors	875	875
	<u>875</u>	<u>875</u>

(6) Movements in funds

	Balance at 1.4.2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers in year	Balance at 31.3. 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds					
Garfield Weston	-	25,000	(16,665)	-	8,335
Police	4,799	5,000	(4,799)	-	5,000
Big Lottery	34,973	99,737	(124,794)	-	9,916
Children In Need	4,000	30,750	(32,000)	-	2,750
Crisis Devon and Cornwall	10,164	30,091	(25,590)	-	14,665
Devon Community Toys	-	1,098	(56)	-	1,042
Cornwall Council: GTAA	19,931	-	(19,931)	-	-
Devon Lottery	24,112	52,858	(76,970)	-	-
Cornwall Housing	22,500	-	(22,500)	-	-
Peoples Health Trust	2,088	7,772	(9,860)	-	-
Lloyds	4,000	-	(4,000)	-	-
Awards for All	-	19,740	(10,704)	-	9,036
ESF Building Futures	5,511	-	(5,511)	-	-
FFT	2,000	5,500	(7,500)	-	-
	<u>134,078</u>	<u>277,546</u>	<u>(360,880)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,744</u>
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds					
Shortfall Reserve	35,000	-	-	(35,000)	-
	<u>35,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(35,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
General funds	<u>77,714</u>	<u>34,459</u>	<u>(36,163)</u>	<u>35,000</u>	<u>111,010</u>
	<u>112,714</u>	<u>34,459</u>	<u>(36,163)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>111,010</u>

Designated funds. The trustees have designated a fund to fund a future shortfall in funding.

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st. March 2025

Movements in funds [prior year]

	Balance at 1.4.2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in year £	Balance at 31.3. 2024 £
Restricted funds					
Growing Communities	-	3,218	(3,218)	-	-
Police	-	4,799	-	-	4,799
Big Lottery	56,984	92,111	(114,122)	-	34,973
Children In Need	-	24,000	(20,000)	-	4,000
Crisis Devon and Cornwall	1,489	18,145	(9,470)	-	10,164
Time To Move	400	-	(400)	-	-
Cornwall Council: GTAA	8,750	24,916	(13,735)	-	19,931
Devon Lottery	-	96,452	(72,340)	-	24,112
Cornwall Housing	-	22,500	-	-	22,500
Peoples Health Trust	2,088	19,430	(19,430)	-	2,088
Lloyds	4,000	25,000	(25,000)	-	4,000
Lush	5,000	-	-	(5,000)	-
ESF Building Futures	-	111,361	(105,850)	-	5,511
FFT	-	2,000	-	-	2,000
	<u>78,711</u>	<u>443,932</u>	<u>(383,565)</u>	<u>(5,000)</u>	<u>134,078</u>
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds					
Shortfall Reserve	40,081	-	-	(5,081)	35,000
	<u>40,081</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,081)</u>	<u>35,000</u>
General funds	64,008	10,624	(6,999)	10,081	77,714
	<u>104,089</u>	<u>10,624</u>	<u>(6,999)</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>112,714</u>

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st. March 2025

(7) Employee information

	2025	2024
Number of employees	9	9
Average monthly head count		
No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000.		
	£	£
Salaries and wages	272,825	253,984
Pension	7,769	7,312
Social security costs	8,627	15,592
	<u>289,221</u>	<u>276,888</u>

(8) Trustees information

Trustees remuneration and expenses	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
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The trustees received no remuneration in the year.

(9) Analysis of net assets between funds

	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Tangible fixed assets	7,171	-	-	7,171
Current assets	104,714	-	50,744	155,458
Current liabilities	<u>(875)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(875)</u>
Net assets at 31st March 2025	<u>111,010</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,744</u>	<u>161,754</u>

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st. March 2025

(10) Analysis of prior year funds to comply with FRS 102 requirements

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st. March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	
		2024	2024	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£
Income from					
Donations		67	-	67	50
Investment income		-	-	-	-
Charitable activities					
Grants and contracts		10,557	443,932	454,489	314,391
Training and other earned income		-	-	-	-
Total		<u>10,624</u>	<u>443,932</u>	<u>454,556</u>	<u>314,441</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities		<u>6,999</u>	<u>383,565</u>	<u>390,564</u>	<u>333,530</u>
Net income / [expenditure]		3,625	60,367	63,992	(19,089)
Total funds brought forward		104,089	78,711	182,800	201,889
Transfers between funds		<u>5,000</u>	<u>(5,000)</u>	-	-
Total funds carried forward		<u><u>112,714</u></u>	<u><u>134,078</u></u>	<u><u>246,792</u></u>	<u><u>182,800</u></u>



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