

THE RIDLEY FAMILY CHARITY

UNAUDITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

Trustees	The Viscount Ridley The Viscountess Ridley WM Wood
Charity registered number	1150706
Registered office	Blagdon Estate Office Seaton Burn Newcastle upon Tyne NE13 6DE
Accountants	Ryecroft Glenton Chartered Accountants 32 Portland Terrace Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 1QP
Solicitors	Womble Bond Dickinson Helix The Spark Drayman's Way Newcastle upon Tyne NE4 5DE

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable incorporated organisation for the year 6 April 2024 to 5 April 2025. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the charitable incorporated organisation comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable incorporated organisation's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 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 2019).

The CIO was established in 2013 on the endowment of property known as West Farm Court, Cramlington, Northumberland, from the Blagdon Estate.

The principal object of the CIO is to further such charitable purposes for the public benefit as the Trustees determine from time-to-time. These are likely to be in the form of grants to voluntary and community projects based and operating in South-East Northumberland.

Grants will be awarded for a minimum of £500 and a maximum of £10,000. These will favour projects that assist:

- Children and young people;
- Education;
- Health and wellbeing;
- Community activities;
- Education;
- Elderly and vulnerable people; and
- Wildlife conservation.

Objectives and activities

• Policies and objectives

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

The Trustees are satisfied that all the activities of the CIO for which the grants have been provided to beneficiaries are for the public benefit.

Achievements and performance

• Main achievements of the charitable incorporated organisation

Grants have been awarded to 18 organisations during the year on the strength of the applications received. These are intended to make a difference to the beneficiaries of the successful applicants, the diversity of which can be demonstrated by reference to the range of entities listed in note 6 to the attached financial statements.

• Review of activities

The CIO has incoming resources in the period of £89,759 (2024: £84,532). After making 18 grants amounting to £79,837 to various organisations and paying management and governance costs, it has a deficit of distributable funds in the year of £873, resulting in closing distributable reserves of £18,433 to carry forward for the benefit of grants to projects in future years.

**TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025**

Financial review

● **Going concern**

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charitable incorporated organisation has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

● **Reserves policy**

The Trustees are committed to providing grants on worthwhile applications within the financial constraints of the CIO. As income arises from its endowed properties on a regular and continuing basis, the Trustees are not committed to a specific level of reserves. Conditional grants are not in general awarded.

Surplus funds of £18,433 have been accumulated to date, which is carried forward for consideration of grant awards in future years.

● **Principal risks and uncertainties**

The trustees continually monitor the risks associated with the operational activities of the CIO listed below and manage these to mitigate loss to the CIO where necessary.

Regulatory - the risk that the CIO and its trustees do not observe their regulatory obligations. This is mitigated by using professional firms to assist and advise as necessary.

Financial - the risk that there are insufficient funds generated from endowed properties to award grants in accordance with the CIO's charitable objectives. This is mitigated by monitoring the covenant of leaseholders occupying the endowed properties.

Operational - the risk that ineffective awards are made to organisations applying for grants. This is mitigated by employing the services of the Community Foundation of Tyne & Wear and Northumberland to manage and advise the Trustees on the merits of the grant applications.

● **Principal funding**

The principal funding of the CIO continues to be rents arising from their endowed property. This is augmented from time to time by donations from a trustee and others.

Structure, governance and management

● **Constitution**

The CIO is registered with the Charity Commission and was set up by trust deed on 24 January 2013. It commenced operating as a CIO on transfer of properties known as West Farm Court, Cramlington, Northumberland on 1 March 2013.

● **Methods of appointment or election of Trustees**

The management of the CIO is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust deed.

**TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025**

Structure, governance and management (continued)

• **Organisational structure and decision-making policies**

The Trustees have contracted the services of the Community Foundation of Tyne & Wear and Northumberland to manage and advise them on the merits of grant applications for the public benefit. The Trustees meet twice a year with a representative of the Community Foundation to consider applications in hand.

• **Plans for future periods**

The Trustees propose to continue to assist charities and other not-for-profit organisations in the North East of England, and in particular South East Northumberland, that will assist the public benefit in general and the beneficiaries of the entities supported by the CIO in particular.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under charity law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable incorporated organisation and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, 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 of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) 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 incorporated organisation will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable incorporated organisation's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable incorporated organisation and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable incorporated organisation and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 22 September 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

The Viscount Ridley

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Ridley Family Charity ('the charitable incorporated organisation')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charitable incorporated organisation for the year ended 5 April 2025.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the Trustees of the charitable incorporated organisation you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charitable incorporated organisation's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2021 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

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 charitable incorporated organisation as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. 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.

This report is made solely to the charitable incorporated organisation's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charitable incorporated organisation's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable incorporated organisation and the charitable incorporated organisation's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed:

Dated: 24 September 2025

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025**

	Note	Endowment funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	3	-	146	146	2,624
Investments	4	-	89,613	89,613	81,908
Total income and endowments		-	89,759	89,759	84,532
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	5	-	3,600	3,600	3,600
Charitable activities	7	-	87,032	87,032	74,685
Total expenditure		-	90,632	90,632	78,285
Net (expenditure)/income before net gains on investments		-	(873)	(873)	6,247
Net gains on investments		-	-	-	200,000
Net movement in funds		-	(873)	(873)	206,247
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		800,000	19,306	819,306	613,059
Net movement in funds		-	(873)	(873)	206,247
Total funds carried forward		800,000	18,433	818,433	819,306

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 8 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

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REGISTERED NUMBER:

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 5 APRIL 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Investment property	10	800,000	800,000
		<u>800,000</u>	<u>800,000</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	11	10,908	7,654
Cash at bank and in hand		68,267	66,369
		<u>79,175</u>	<u>74,023</u>
Current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(60,742)	(54,717)
		<u>18,433</u>	<u>19,306</u>
Net current assets		<u>18,433</u>	<u>19,306</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>818,433</u></u>	<u><u>819,306</u></u>
Charity funds			
Endowment funds	13	800,000	800,000
Unrestricted funds	13	18,433	19,306
		<u>818,433</u>	<u>819,306</u>
Total funds		<u><u>818,433</u></u>	<u><u>819,306</u></u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 22 September 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

The Viscount Ridley

The notes on pages 8 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025**

1. General information

The Ridley Family Charity is a grant making Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The principal office of the CIO is Blagdon Estate Office, Seaton Burn, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE13 6DE. The CIO registered number is 1150706.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements 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), and the Charities Act 2011.

The Ridley Family Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 Going concern

The CIO has cash resources and no requirement for external funding. Almost all the CIO's expenditure is discretionary and will only be incurred if the CIO has adequate resources to do so. Therefore the Trustees have reasonable expectation that the CIO has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. They believe that the going concern basis of accounting continues to be appropriate in the preparation of these financial statements.

2.3 Income

All income is recognised once the charitable incorporated organisation has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

2.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, 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 on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the CIO to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the CIO's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Expenditure (continued)

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.5 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charitable incorporated organisation; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

2.6 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charitable incorporated organisation and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

3. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Donations	146	146
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	<i>Unrestricted funds 2024 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Donations	2,624	2,624
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4. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Rental income arising on endowed freehold property	89,249	89,249
Investment income	364	364
	<u>89,613</u>	<u>89,613</u>
	<i>Unrestricted funds 2024 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Rental income arising on endowed freehold property	81,737	81,737
Investment income	171	171
	<u>81,908</u>	<u>81,908</u>

5. Expenditure on raising funds

Costs of raising voluntary income

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Management fee for administration of the endowed freehold property	3,600	3,600

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5. Expenditure on raising funds (continued)

Costs of raising voluntary income (continued)

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2024 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Management fee for administration of the endowed freehold property	<u>3,600</u>	<u>3,600</u>

6. Analysis of grants

	Grants to Institutions 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Grants from unrestricted funds paid	<u>79,837</u>	<u>79,837</u>

	<i>Grants to Institutions 2024 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Grants from unrestricted funds paid	<u>67,042</u>	<u>67,042</u>

The charitable incorporated organisation has made the following material grants to institutions during the year (please see overleaf):

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6. Analysis of grants (continued)

	2025	2024
	£	£
Name of institution		
Cramlington Voluntary Youth Project	5,000	<i>5,000</i>
CVA Blyth	5,000	<i>5,000</i>
ESCAPE Family Support Limited	5,000	<i>5,000</i>
Mortal Fools	5,000	<i>5,000</i>
The County Trust	5,000	<i>5,000</i>
Blyth Resource and Initiative Centre	5,000	-
Isabella Community Association	5,000	-
Mind Active	5,000	-
Royal Voluntary Service	5,000	-
Woodhorn Charitable Trust	5,000	-
National Railway Museum	5,000	-
Pride Action North	5,000	-
Bede Academy	4,062	-
Lighthouse Project	4,000	-
People & Drugs (Six Teen Bar Youth Project)	4,000	-
Contact Morpeth Mental Health	3,000	-
Northumberland Army Cadet Force	2,775	-
Bedlington & District Red Squirrel Group	2,000	<i>2,000</i>
	79,837	<i>27,000</i>
Grants in prior year paid to other institutions	-	<i>40,042</i>
	79,837	<i>67,042</i>

7. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Grant funding of activities 2025 £	Support costs 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Grant funding of activities	79,837	7,195	87,032

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7. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

	<i>Grant funding of activities 2024 £</i>	<i>Support costs 2024 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Grant funding of activities	67,042	7,643	74,685

Analysis of support costs

	Activities 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Community Foundation	4,200	4,200
Governance - Sundry management expenses	1,027	1,027
Governance - Independent examination fees	1,968	1,968
	<u>7,195</u>	<u>7,195</u>

	<i>Activities 2024 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Community Foundation	4,200	4,200
Governance - Sundry management expenses	353	353
Governance - Legal and professional fees	1,218	1,218
Governance - Independent examination fees	1,872	1,872
	<u>7,643</u>	<u>7,643</u>

8. Independent examiner's remuneration

	2025 £	2024 £
Fees payable to the independent examiner for the preparation and examination of the charitable incorporated organisation's annual accounts (excluding VAT)	1,640	1,560

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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9. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2024 - £NIL).

During the year ended 5 April 2025, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2024 - £NIL).

10. Investment property

	Freehold investment property £
Valuation	
At 6 April 2024	800,000
At 5 April 2025	<u>800,000</u>

A valuation of the investment property was carried out in July 2024 by Galbraith LLP on an open market existing use basis subject to existing tenancies or licences. The trustees are of the opinion of no changes in valuation at 5 April 2025.

11. Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Due within one year		
Other debtors	10,908	7,654
	<u>10,908</u>	<u>7,654</u>

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12. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Other creditors	45,000	39,227
Accruals and deferred income	15,742	15,490
	<u>60,742</u>	<u>54,717</u>

13. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 6 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 5 April 2025 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Funds	<u>19,306</u>	<u>89,759</u>	<u>(90,632)</u>	<u>18,433</u>
Endowment funds				
Endowment Funds	<u>800,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>800,000</u>
Total of funds	<u>819,306</u>	<u>89,759</u>	<u>(90,632)</u>	<u>818,433</u>

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 5 April 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds	<u>13,059</u>	<u>84,532</u>	<u>(78,285)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,306</u>
Endowment funds					
Endowment Funds	<u>600,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>800,000</u>
Total of funds	<u>613,059</u>	<u>84,532</u>	<u>(78,285)</u>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>819,306</u>

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14. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 6 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 5 April 2025 £
General funds	19,306	89,759	(90,632)	18,433
Endowment funds	800,000	-	-	800,000
	<u>819,306</u>	<u>89,759</u>	<u>(90,632)</u>	<u>818,433</u>

Summary of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 5 April 2024 £
General funds	13,059	84,532	(78,285)	-	19,306
Endowment funds	600,000	-	-	200,000	800,000
	<u>613,059</u>	<u>84,532</u>	<u>(78,285)</u>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>819,306</u>

15. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Endowment funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Investment property	800,000	-	800,000
Current assets	-	79,175	79,175
Creditors due within one year	-	(60,742)	(60,742)
Total	<u>800,000</u>	<u>18,433</u>	<u>818,433</u>

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15. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	<i>Endowment funds 2024 £</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds 2024 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Investment property	800,000	-	800,000
Current assets	-	74,023	74,023
Creditors due within one year	-	(54,717)	(54,717)
Total	800,000	19,306	819,306

16. Related party transactions

The endowed freehold land known as West Farm Court, Cramlington, Northumberland, was donated by the Viscount Ridley, a Trustee. A management charge of £3,600 (2024: £3,600) was paid to Blagdon Estate for the management of West Farm Court. Lord Ridley has an interest in Blagdon Estate. No element of the management charge remains unpaid at 5 April 2025 (2004: £nil).