

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025
FOR
PARENTS OPENING DOORS (PODS)

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES **for the Year Ended 31st March 2025**

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

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The charity is registered with the Charity Commission and is run in accordance with the constitution adopted on 9 July 2012 and as amended on the following dates 11 January 2013, 2 November 2015 and 17 June 2016.

Trustee selection methods

The Trustees are appointed by the Committee. The Committee actively seek out Trustees from suitably experienced members of the wider community. They serve a period of one year and are either allowed to stand down or be voted back on board as trustees for another year.

Objectives and Activities

The objectives of the Charity are to relieve the needs of children and young people, including their parents, carers and wider family, who have disabilities and/or special educational needs in the Telford and Wrekin area, to improve their quality of life, promote their inclusion in their local communities and to help and support them to reach their full potential.

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

The Charity carries out these objectives by running family groups, offering opportunities for participation and involvement, training and development, information and communication, the Befriending emotional support service and Inclusive events and sessions and ongoing support in numerous other ways, including social media, telephone and emails.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Our outcomes for this past year have all been met with support from our Trustees, steering group, partners, volunteers and of course our wider parent carer network across Telford & Wrekin:

- o Families will be given opportunities to access emotional, practical and social support.
- o Families will feel less isolated and increase their sense of wellbeing.
- o Befriender, Parent Rep and Fundraising recruitment to support the charity.
- o Families given opportunity to participate in joint decision making.
- o Participation of families and involvement in strategic planning across all SEND work.
- o Delivery of training/workshops to families and wider organisations.
- o Increased knowledge, empowerment and understanding of SEND legislation.
- o Harder to reach and working families will increase knowledge and access our charity.
- o Children/young people given the opportunity to engage with their peers.
- o Sessions to enable children/young people to access appropriate activities.
- o Holiday activities to enable year-round support.
- o A safe and accessible one stop shop for information and advice.
- o Introduction of Perinatal and PFA roles to ensure all ages 0-25 are supported.

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Update

As a grassroots, peer led charity our staff and volunteers have 'real life' experience, which gives great insight to the challenges faced by the families we support. This enables us to provide vital and appropriate support to families who have a child with a disability or additional need (aged 0 - 25 years) when they need it the most. We do this in a variety of ways, through our forum and parent voice, befriending scheme, family groups and support sessions, children's clubs and sessions, inclusive events and activities, key worker support, sleep support sessions, sign posting and weekly information ebulletins, coffee mornings with schools, workshops, and a training offer to other organisations on disability and inclusion.

Our charity has grown and evolved from the Parent Carer Forum it once was, into an award-winning charity with an array of services and support options. However, parent/carer participation remains at its heart, it is vitally important to us that parent carers voices are heard at the highest level possible. This in turn enables professionals to improve how services are delivered, ensuring they better meet the needs of families. The parent carer voice is fed in via our steering group which is made up of a range of volunteer parent representatives (Reps) covering knowledge and experience on a wide range of additional needs and disabilities. The Reps all undergo an inhouse specialised training program to develop their confidence and ability to both share experiences and challenge services in a professional and appropriate manner during strategic meetings.

We also host a befriending scheme which has grown and developed over the years into a critical lifeline, providing 1-1 peer-led support. This service is particularly important to families who have a newly diagnosed child and/or in times of crisis and transition. The service is headed up by our own qualified counsellor and delivered by trained volunteers, who have both the empathy and knowledge to support the family as a whole, preventing them from putting a strain on already stretched services and providing vital support at a time of crisis or uncertainty.

Over the last year we have seen the growth of our new Perinatal & Infant disability support service, which has far exceeded all expectations, the aim of the service is to support parents who are expecting a disabled baby or families with children aged 2 or under with a disability. This growth has resulted in us introducing a new SEND stay and play session (Blossom & Bloom) for preschoolers which is proving to be extremely popular.

Our ever-popular Preparing for Adulthood (PFA Navigator) service continued to make strides and saw Matt support more young adults and their families than ever before. He has also successfully trialled mental health support groups and a youth club. Whilst the funding for this service has unfortunately come to an end we are actively looking for ways in which to maintain its delivery.

Throughout the year we have a fun packed schedule of inclusive events for the whole family, be it a local activity session or day trip. Our inclusive events are a fantastic way of bringing the community together and reducing the social isolation many of our members feel. It offers the opportunity for families to make memories in a non-judgemental and supportive environment.

Our family groups provide a lifeline to many of our members giving them the opportunity to meet families who face the same daily challenges and reduce the isolation they feel. It allows them to develop lasting friendships and support networks with their peers whilst gathering useful tips and information in a relaxed welcoming setting.

We believe that our children deserve the same opportunities and access to activities as their peers, for this reason we run a selection of clubs/sessions, ranging from Lego therapy through to coding and crafts. Enabling those children that struggle to access mainstream clubs/activities the opportunity to take part in appropriate sessions designed around their needs.

We have continued delivering our holiday scheme throughout the main school holidays, enabling many families to enjoy day trips and events and providing the children with a meal, whilst making lasting memories in a supported environment. We have now bolstered this with mini sessions and activities during all school breaks, ensuring that as many children as possible benefit from appropriate and inclusive activities during school holidays.

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We are continuing to see a massive increase in demand for our services and are continuing to take steps to ensure we can support each and every family. We are progressing well with our sustainability strategy, which takes us away from relying on large funding grants to give us greater security and ensure we are here for many years to come.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the organisations that have supported and worked with us over the last 12 months and especially to those that have provided the financial backing to enable us to support more families than ever.

Some highlights and achievements from the past 12 months

- Supported 100's of families to access days out.
- Introduction of a Stay & Play group for 0-5-year-olds with SEND.
- Coach trips to Rhyl, Crich Tramway, Lower Drayton Farm and Crocky Trail.
- Our first overnight stay with a mini break to Calvert Lakes
- Our biggest ever Picnic in the Park, the event that just keeps growing!
- Delivered the Happy Healthy Holiday scheme, giving children the same opportunities as their peers.
- Themed Christmas, Halloween and Easter activity sessions.
- Supported families through our Befriending scheme and counselling sessions.
- Delivered Sleep support and toileting workshops to families.
- Carried out Disability Awareness training to local organisations.
- Continued to give a voice to families within the NHS, Social Care and Local Authority.
- Delivered the PINS project, through the Parent Carer Forum, involving 20 primary schools.

PODS Parent Carer Forum

As an introduction to the Parent Carer Forum and Strategic Lead role. The role of the forum is to ensure that the wider parent carer voice is heard across services - that's education, health, social care and our voluntary partners. We recognise that a parent carer and wider family takes on many forms and it's important to us to reach out to as many as possible.

As an introduction to parent carer participation: "Parent carers can often pinpoint problems frequently experienced by families with disabled children. This knowledge is useful to professionals as they plan services to meet disabled children's needs. Parent carer participation is when parents and professionals work together, recognising each other's expert knowledge, to design, develop and improve services for disabled children in the local area" Extract from Contact, National Charity.

We work across the whole range of services including health, education, social care, and alongside our voluntary sector partners - at a local, regional and national level. We are also members of the National Network of Parent Carer Forum.

The Strategic Lead's role is to involve and support parent carers and families who have a child and young person aged 0-25years to have their voice heard in service development. PODS is a representative body that attends strategic meetings, meetings with commissioners, operational leads, Directors and service leads, providers of services etc.

They are supported in this work with a team of parent reps who each have an area of work they are interested in and support me with, albeit this is not exclusive, and anyone can feed into any area of work at any time.

Participation and Co-Production at the heart of the Parent Carer Forum

Influence and change

We champion your parent carer voices and experiences to ensure that you are heard where it matters most and your voices inform and influence service changes across health, education, social care and wider teams.

Information provision

It is important to us that you receive timely and trustworthy information from reputable sources. We aim to empower our parent carer and family carers with the right information at the right time.

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Support Offer

It's important that we deliver support offers that meet the needs of our families, and we only do this through regular feedback. Our workshops, Challenges at Home, Preparing for Adulthood, PINS, Annual Conference, etc

More information about these key work areas can be found on the Parent Carer Forum section of our website or contact our Strategic Lead - Jayne@podstelford.org

Befriender Scheme

I would like to begin this update on the Befriending Scheme by extending our heartfelt thanks to the incredible volunteers who make the Befriending Scheme possible - our wonderful PODS Befrienders. Their commitment and dedication to help and support fellow parent carers is what makes the Befriending a success. The support they offer really makes a difference to the lives of our families. Thank you for all that you do!

Each of our Befrienders is a parent carer themselves, this means they have the valuable lived experience that allows them to truly understand and empathise with the challenges faced by families caring for a child with a disability or additional need.

Our Befrienders can offer the support via telephone, in person, or at our Social Support Groups.

The parent carer and Befriender decide between them how often they will have contact. Sometimes one conversation can be enough, other times a Befriender may support parent carers over several months. Every Befriender receives training and on-going support to make sure they are comfortable and confident in their important role.

We come together as a team every month to discuss new ways we can support our families. In a world that often feels like it's moving faster than ever, their compassion and commitment provides a much-needed source of support and understanding.

I would also like to thank the parent carers who have so generously opened their hearts to us, we know how difficult this can be. We hope that the connections made through the Befriending Scheme bring you the comfort, support and strength that everyone deserves. Your resilience continues to inspire us all.

If you would like to become a PODS Befriender or would like to find out more about having support from a Befriender, we would love to hear from you. You can email: kerrie@podstelford.org or call: 07309 753044.

Social Support Groups

PODS remains dedicated to supporting families with children and young people who have disabilities and/or additional needs. Our Social Support Groups are designed to offer support and advice in a non-judgmental, friendly environment, helping members better understand their child's or young person's needs, learn about the various services available to them and feel less isolated.

Our Social Support Group at Blists Hill continues to be particularly popular, especially among new families. This group provides an opportunity for parents and carers to enjoy the outdoors and connect with other parent carers over coffee while their children are at school.

Another popular group was the Tile Decoration session, during which the parent carers enjoyed exploring their creative sides. These sessions reminded us of the importance of taking time for ourselves, something we often forget as parent carers.

To celebrate Carers Day, we hosted an Afternoon Tea for parent carers. The event was lively and provided a much-needed opportunity for relaxation and enjoyment. Additionally, our quarterly Mental Health drop-in sessions offer a non-judgmental space for parents and carers to chat. During these sessions, many have found mindfulness colouring to be a calming and relaxing activity.

In our final group session of 2024, we had a wonderful time decorating cakes with Christmas themes. The session was messy but thoroughly enjoyable, with some Home School families joining in with their children.

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Our Social Support Groups continue to provide valuable opportunities for members to connect, discuss the challenges their children face and learn about the support and advice available, all within a friendly and relaxed environment.

Funding

We would like to start by saying a huge thank you to each one of PODS Volunteers, for their continued loyalty, dedication, and support, without them the wonderful work we do simply couldn't go ahead. Also, I'd like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to our fabulous donators who have continued to support us over the last year, your support really does allow the show to go on.

Without support and crucial income via grants, donations, fundraising, and volunteering our charity simply cannot continue to fulfil the purpose it was intended and reach out and support every one of our members.

We are very proud of all the events and activities that we manage to put on for our families, however, it takes a lot of hard work to get these off the ground, and behind the scenes we have an army of dedicated volunteers and staff who work tirelessly, spending numerous hours filling in forms, attending meetings with potential funders, researching venues and events, networking and organizing all our activities and events, and liaising with our dedicated supporters who are very generous with their donations.

Fundraising is a vital component of supporting Charity organisations like PODS, and the success of these often relies on the dedication of both organisers and donors. PODS, in its commitment to making a positive impact, has embraced various fundraising strategies, including fun events, online raffles, in-person raffles at events, fundraising stalls, tabletop Sales, even staff and PODS members taking part in charity runs and a mountain climb.

The PODS community's collective efforts, along with the generosity of numerous donors, have allowed the Charity to flourish and drive meaningful change. As we progress, our ongoing success will depend on blending innovative fundraising strategies with the steadfast dedication of our donors

Some other ways that money has been raised this year has been through our members kindly donating gifts and their valuable time to us, our annual fun-packed Picnic in the Park, a dazzling and very entertaining Bingo and Quiz night. Our energetic PODS Staff and supporters took part in the Kick Ass Endurance Run at Weston Park, well done to all involved in that.

All money raised from events and fundraising is used to help with further events, trips, activities, and support for our PODS families. Thank you to all who have supported us and or took part.

There will be further fundraising events throughout 2025-2026 so please keep a look out. Remember If you have any ideas for fundraising, activities, and events or want to get involved, please get in touch: events@podstelford.org

Engagement - As of 31st March 2025

2,712 On our database
3,400 Facebook likes
1,638 Have attended our inclusive events
214 Families have attended our Family groups
36 Individuals have volunteered to help support us
195 Have attended our workshops
1,096 Children's sessions attendees

General

We would like to thank all parent carers first and foremost for your continued support alongside our Steering group members, Trustees, Befrienders, Volunteers, our supporters and key partners across Health, Social Care, Education and the voluntary sector.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Fundraising activities

Our main source of funding continues to be the Big Lottery (Reaching Communities Grant) alongside our Department of Education Participation grant.

We have continue to try and access grants from other providers in order to become less reliant on one main source of income.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

The Trustees aim to maintain free reserves at a level sufficient to supplement the day to day running of the Charity for a minimum of 2 months.

The restricted funds are made up of grants and are spent according to the grant requirements which assist the Charity in meeting its objectives. Any money left over at the year-end is kept in reserves to be spent in the following year.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is registered with the Charity Commission and is run in accordance with the constitution adopted on 9 July 2012 and as amended on the following dates 11 January 2013, 2 November 2015 and 17 June 2016.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The Trustees are appointed by the Committee (Steering Group). The Committee actively seek out Trustees from suitably experienced members of the wider community. They serve a period of one year and are either allowed to stand down or be voted back on board as trustees for another year.

Risk management

Consideration of funding requirements to ensure sustainability of the forum continues to be discussed. As part of the outcomes and indicators an Organisational Strengths Review has been carried out to support the charity.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1150871

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Trustees

J Mills Chair
P Guillum
N Jones
S Hall
K Agyemang
S A Moran
A R Wakeman
A Nelson (appointed 8.4.25)

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Independent Examiner

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 20th January 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

P Guillum - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
PARENTS OPENING DOORS (PODS)**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Parents Opening Doors (PODS)

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Parents Opening Doors (PODS) (the Trust) for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Russell Ball FCA

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20th January 2026

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the Year Ended 31st March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.25 Total funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		308,009	17,499	325,508	221,099
Other trading activities	2	4,910	-	4,910	14,309
Investment income	3	1	-	1	-
Total		<u>312,920</u>	<u>17,499</u>	<u>330,419</u>	<u>235,408</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		808	-	808	31
Charitable activities					
Involving and supporting families who have a child or young person with a disability or additional needs		302,020	17,500	319,520	254,056
Total		<u>302,828</u>	<u>17,500</u>	<u>320,328</u>	<u>254,087</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		10,092	(1)	10,091	(18,679)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		126,697	1	126,698	145,377
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>136,789</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>136,789</u></u>	<u><u>126,698</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET
31st March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.25 Total funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	7	5,468	-	5,468	3,314
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	8	16,716	-	16,716	9,792
Cash at bank and in hand		118,564	-	118,564	117,030
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		135,280	-	135,280	126,822
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(3,959)	-	(3,959)	(3,438)
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NET CURRENT ASSETS		131,321	-	131,321	123,384
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TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		136,789	-	136,789	126,698
		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
NET ASSETS		136,789	-	136,789	126,698
		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
FUNDS	10				
Unrestricted funds				136,789	126,697
Restricted funds				-	1
				<hr/>	<hr/>
TOTAL FUNDS				136,789	126,698
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The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 20th January 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:

P Guillum - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Basis of preparing the financial statements

Income

Expenditure

Tangible fixed assets

Fixtures and fittings - 20% on reducing balance

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

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

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

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

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Fundraising events	4,910	14,309

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3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Deposit account interest	1	-
	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

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

Trustees' expenses

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

5. STAFF COSTS

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

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	8	8
Charitable Activity	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>

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

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	148,056	73,043	221,099
Other trading activities	<u>14,309</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,309</u>
Total	<u>162,365</u>	<u>73,043</u>	<u>235,408</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	31	-	31
 Charitable activities			
Involving and supporting families who have a child or young person with a disability or additional needs	<u>175,537</u>	<u>78,519</u>	<u>254,056</u>
Total	<u>175,568</u>	<u>78,519</u>	<u>254,087</u>
 NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(13,203)	(5,476)	(18,679)
Transfers between funds	<u>18,967</u>	<u>(18,967)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds	5,764	(24,443)	(18,679)
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	120,933	24,444	145,377

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6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>126,697</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>126,698</u>

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £
COST	
At 1st April 2024	5,258
Additions	<u>3,333</u>
At 31st March 2025	<u>8,591</u>
DEPRECIATION	
At 1st April 2024	1,944
Charge for year	<u>1,179</u>
At 31st March 2025	<u>3,123</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31st March 2025	<u>5,468</u>
At 31st March 2024	<u>3,314</u>

8. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Trade debtors	6,880	-
Prepayments	<u>9,836</u>	<u>9,792</u>
	<u>16,716</u>	<u>9,792</u>

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9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Other creditors	3,959	3,438
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10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.24	Net movement in funds	At
	£	£	31.3.25
			£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	126,697	10,092	136,789
Restricted funds			
Dept for Education	1	(1)	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>126,698</u>	<u>10,091</u>	<u>136,789</u>

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

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	312,920	(302,828)	10,092
Restricted funds			
Dept for Education	17,499	(17,500)	(1)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>330,419</u>	<u>(320,328)</u>	<u>10,091</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.23	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At
	£	£	£	31.3.24
				£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	120,933	(13,203)	18,967	126,697
Restricted funds				
Dept for Education	-	1	-	1
Big Lottery - Reaching Communities Grant	3,442	(3,442)	-	-
Smaller Grants	21,002	(2,035)	(18,967)	-
	<u>24,444</u>	<u>(5,476)</u>	<u>(18,967)</u>	<u>1</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>145,377</u>	<u>(18,679)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>126,698</u>

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10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	162,365	(175,568)	(13,203)
Restricted funds			
Dept for Education	18,529	(18,528)	1
Big Lottery - Reaching Communities Grant	25,000	(28,442)	(3,442)
Smaller Grants	29,514	(31,549)	(2,035)
	<u>73,043</u>	<u>(78,519)</u>	<u>(5,476)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>235,408</u></u>	<u><u>(254,087)</u></u>	<u><u>(18,679)</u></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 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	120,933	(3,111)	18,967	136,789
Restricted funds				
Big Lottery - Reaching Communities Grant	3,442	(3,442)	-	-
Smaller Grants	21,002	(2,035)	(18,967)	-
	<u>24,444</u>	<u>(5,477)</u>	<u>(18,967)</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>145,377</u></u>	<u><u>(8,588)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>136,789</u></u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	475,285	(478,396)	(3,111)
Restricted funds			
Dept for Education	36,028	(36,028)	-
Big Lottery - Reaching Communities Grant	25,000	(28,442)	(3,442)
Smaller Grants	29,514	(31,549)	(2,035)
	<u>90,542</u>	<u>(96,019)</u>	<u>(5,477)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>565,827</u></u>	<u><u>(574,415)</u></u>	<u><u>(8,588)</u></u>

PARENTS OPENING DOORS (PODS)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
for the Year Ended 31st March 2025

11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st March 2025.

12. FUNDS

The main funds are:

- Dept of Education, is "contract" based funding provided to give financial support to parent care forums.
- Big Lottery, is from the Reaching Communities team and its purpose is to support disadvantaged people who are facing challenges and to help reduce isolation and integration into the wider community.
- Smaller Grants, the charity benefits from a number of smaller grants whose funds are for a specific use. The individuals grants do not warrant specific reference but are ring fenced in this fund to identify the amounts that are being carried forward to the following year.
- General Fund, is maintained in line with the reserves policy in the Trustees Report.

PARENTS OPENING DOORS (PODS)

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the Year Ended 31st March 2025

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.25 Total funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS				
Donations and legacies				
Donations	16,427	-	16,427	11,184
Grants	291,346	17,499	308,845	209,781
Sale of cards	236	-	236	134
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	308,009	17,499	325,508	221,099
Other trading activities				
Fundraising events	4,910	-	4,910	14,309
Investment income				
Deposit account interest	1	-	1	-
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Total incoming resources	312,920	17,499	330,419	235,408
EXPENDITURE				
Other trading activities				
Fundraising costs	808	-	808	31
Charitable activities				
Wages and pension contribution	197,562	7,643	205,205	156,518
Sundries	10,694	1,796	12,490	7,990
Training	2,077	363	2,440	909
Travel and meetings	4,907	-	4,907	2,290
Activities	34,418	2,823	37,241	33,527
Independent examiners fee	1,700	-	1,700	1,600
Utilities	47,575	4,875	52,450	48,703
Running costs	1,908	-	1,908	1,960
Depreciation of computers	1,179	-	1,179	559
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	302,020	17,500	319,520	254,056
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Total resources expended	302,828	17,500	320,328	254,087
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Net (expenditure)/income	10,092	(1)	10,091	(18,679)
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