

Sustainable Community Enterprises North East Ltd
Company Limited by Guarantee
Unaudited Financial Statements
31 March 2025

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Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2025

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Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report)

Year ended 31 March 2025

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name Sustainable Community Enterprises North East Ltd

Charity registration number 1153556

Company registration number 08331632

Principal office and registered office 22 Beaconsfield Street
Blyth
Northumberland
NE24 2DP

The trustees

T.S. Bradley
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Independent examiner JFS Torbitt
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We are a Company Limited by Guarantee not having a Share Capital. The Company was formed on 14 December 2012. Our Bankers are Unity Trust Bank, Nine Brindley place, Birmingham. We will appoint solicitors as necessary.

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Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2025

Structure, governance and management

Recruitment and Appointment of Directors/Trustees

The Directors/Trustees meet to ensure that the users needs are reflected through diversity of the Board. To enhance the potential pool of Directors/Trustees, selected individuals who may wish to become Directors/Trustees are approached as necessary. Directors/Trustees are re-appointed annually.

Directors/Trustee Induction and Training

New Directors/Trustees are actively encouraged by the existing Directors/Trustees, having regard to any specialist skills required. New Directors/Trustees are briefed on their legal obligations under company and charity law, our Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Committee and the decision making process, future plans and recent performance. They are encouraged to attend appropriate training and made aware of Charity Commission publications. Feedback is encouraged.

Risk Management

We have assessed the major risks to which we are exposed, in particular those related to our operations and finances, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate our exposure. No major risks have been identified. A key element in our management of financial risk is the setting and regular review of our Reserves Policy.

Reserves Policy

Free reserves are those funds not tied up in Fixed Assets or Designated/Restricted funds. We forecast the level of reserves required to sustain operations, should income-generating activities be curtailed. SCENE have worked over the period to reduce our restricted reserves, significant work delivering Northumberland Log Bank support, and on developing Mediation Services and support, have reduced restricted reserves from £62,998 to £44,870 during the year. Free Reserves have also decreased over the period from £26,665 to £24,485. (£6,000 not included in free reserves, included in SFF. It remains our view that it is prudent to ensure that there are sufficient free reserves to provide financial flexibility over the course of the forthcoming challenges.

Objectives and activities

Our Object is the promotion of the Voluntary Sector in the North East of England.

Our policies are to meet our Object by working with Voluntary Sector organisations to improve their efficiency, outreach and impact within the community.

We refer to Charity Commission guidance on Public Benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and ensuring that future plans remain focused on their achievement. Funding limits our activities, but no beneficiaries appropriate to our aims are excluded. Equal access to our services is important to us, and we will promote local understanding of our work.

Achievements and performance

SCENE have continued to successfully deliver Mediation Services, Community food projects and the Cramlington Warm Space over the period, whilst supporting the Northumberland Log Bank throughout 2024/25.

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Financial review

Our assets continue to be adequate and available to meet our obligations.

Plans for future periods

As we emerge into a post-Covid world, we will re-establish our mediation service and work with local communities to develop food-based and renewable energy projects.

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

The trustees' annual report was approved on and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:


T.S. Bradley, 22, 2025 12:16:34 GMT)

T.S. Bradley
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Sustainable Community Enterprises North East Ltd

Year ended 31 March 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Sustainable Community Enterprises North East Ltd ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements 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 the charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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 charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements 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 financial statements 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.



Jane Freeman
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Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account)

Year ended 31 March 2025

		Unrestricted funds	2025 Restricted funds	Total funds	2024 Total funds
	Note	£	£	£	£
Income					
Donations and legacies	5	–	9,233	9,233	35,612
Other trading activities	6	4,410	305	4,715	2,000
Total income		<u>4,410</u>	<u>9,538</u>	<u>13,948</u>	<u>37,612</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on raising funds:					
Costs of charitable activities	7	8,666	25,891	34,557	27,342
Governance costs	8	696	–	696	656
Total expenditure		<u>9,362</u>	<u>25,891</u>	<u>35,253</u>	<u>27,998</u>
Net (expenditure)/income		<u>(4,952)</u>	<u>(16,353)</u>	<u>(21,305)</u>	<u>9,614</u>
Transfers between funds		2,772	(2,772)	–	–
Net movement in funds		<u>(2,180)</u>	<u>(19,125)</u>	<u>(21,305)</u>	<u>9,614</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		26,665	62,998	89,663	80,048
Total funds carried forward		<u>24,485</u>	<u>43,873</u>	<u>68,358</u>	<u>89,663</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 7 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

31 March 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		68,953	90,258
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>595</u>	<u>595</u>
Net current assets		<u>68,358</u>	<u>89,663</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>68,358</u>	<u>89,663</u>
Net assets		<u>68,358</u>	<u>89,663</u>
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds		43,873	62,998
Unrestricted funds		<u>24,485</u>	<u>26,665</u>
Total charity funds	13	<u>68,358</u>	<u>89,663</u>

For the year ending 31 March 2025 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

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

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on, and are signed on behalf of the board by:


TS Bradley (22, 2025 12:16:34 GMT)

T.S. Bradley
Trustee

The notes on pages 7 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2025

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales and a registered charity in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is 22 Beaconsfield Street, Blyth, Northumberland, NE24 2DP.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Disclosure exemptions

The entity satisfies the criteria of being a qualifying entity as defined in FRS 102. Its financial statements are consolidated into the financial statements of (enter name of group financial statements) which can be obtained from (enter detail). As such, advantage has been taken of the following disclosure exemptions available under paragraph 1.12 of FRS 102:

- (a) No cash flow statement has been presented for the company.
- (b) Disclosures in respect of financial instruments have not been presented.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2025

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Financial instruments *(continued)*

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

4. Limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee, and the liability of each member is limited to £10. There are three members of the company.

5. Donations and legacies

	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Donations				
Donations	1,233	1,233	200	200
Grants				
Northumberland County Council	—	—	5,000	5,000
Northumberland County Council	—	—	2,626	2,626
NLB	8,000	8,000	27,786	27,786
	<u>9,233</u>	<u>9,233</u>	<u>35,612</u>	<u>35,612</u>

6. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Mediation Services etc	<u>4,410</u>	<u>305</u>	<u>4,715</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Mediation Services etc	<u>2,000</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>2,000</u>

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7. Costs of charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Project costs	6,882	16,574	23,456
Mediation services	1,094	4,754	5,848
Office costs	390	190	580
Bank charges	71	–	71
Equipment	–	3,160	3,160
Miscellaneous	229	1,213	1,442
	<u>8,666</u>	<u>25,891</u>	<u>34,557</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Project costs	–	17,223	17,223
Mediation services	233	7,700	7,933
Office costs	74	277	351
Bank charges	72	–	72
Equipment	–	1,189	1,189
Miscellaneous	364	210	574
	<u>743</u>	<u>26,599</u>	<u>27,342</u>

8. Governance

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Accountancy fees	<u>696</u>	<u>696</u>	<u>655</u>	<u>655</u>

9. Independent examination fees

	2025 £	2024 £
Fees payable to the independent examiner for: Independent examination of the financial statements	<u>696</u>	<u>655</u>

10. Staff costs

The average head count of employees during the year was Nil (2024: Nil).

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2024: Nil).

11. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were received by the trustees

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12. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Accruals and deferred income	<u>595</u>	<u>595</u>

13. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer £	At 31 March 2025 £
General funds	<u>26,665</u>	<u>4,410</u>	<u>(9,495)</u>	<u>2,772</u>	<u>24,352</u>

	At 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer £	At 31 March 2024 £
General funds	<u>24,984</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>(1,398)</u>	<u>1,079</u>	<u>26,665</u>

Restricted funds

	At 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2025 £
The National Lottery – Awards for All	4,365	–	–	(3,300)	1,065
Northumberland County Council	27,553	–	(305)	3,300	30,548
Off the Grid	445	–	–	–	445
North Tyneside Council	559	–	–	(559)	–
Reach	950	–	(950)	–	–
Blyth Town Council	–	305	–	(305)	–
NLB	27,468	9,233	(22,978)	(1,908)	11,815
Northumberland County Council - Arc	1,658	–	(1,658)	–	–
	<u>62,998</u>	<u>9,538</u>	<u>(25,891)</u>	<u>(2,772)</u>	<u>43,873</u>

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13. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

Restricted funds

	At 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2024 £
The National Lottery – Awards for All	5,760	–	(1,395)	–	4,365
Northumberland County Council Off the Grid	29,097	–	(1,544)	–	27,553
Northumberland County Council – D Wood	1,170	–	(725)	–	445
North Tyneside Council	1,277	–	(532)	(745)	–
Reach	1,482	–	(923)	–	559
Blyth Town Council	6,100	200	(5,350)	–	950
NLB	10,178	5,000	(15,162)	(16)	–
Northumberland County Council - Arc	–	27,786	–	(318)	27,468
	–	2,626	(968)	–	1,658
	<u>55,064</u>	<u>35,612</u>	<u>(26,599)</u>	<u>(1,079)</u>	<u>62,998</u>

14. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Current assets	24,083	44,870	68,953
Creditors less than 1 year	(595)	–	(595)
Net assets	<u>23,488</u>	<u>44,870</u>	<u>68,358</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Current assets	27,260	62,998	90,258
Creditors less than 1 year	(595)	–	(595)
Net assets	<u>26,665</u>	<u>62,998</u>	<u>89,663</u>

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Management Information

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The following pages do not form part of the financial statements.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 March 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Income		
Grants and donations		
Donations	1,233	200
Blyth Town Council	—	5,000
Northumberland County Council - Arc	—	2,626
NLB	8,000	27,786
	<u>9,233</u>	<u>35,612</u>
Other trading activities		
Mediation Services etc	<u>4,715</u>	<u>2,000</u>
Total income	<u>13,948</u>	<u>37,612</u>
Expenditure		
Costs of charitable activities		
Project costs	23,456	17,223
Equipment	3,160	1,189
Office costs	580	351
Mediation services	5,848	7,933
Bank charges	71	72
Miscellaneous	1,442	574
	<u>34,557</u>	<u>27,342</u>
Governance		
Accountancy fees	<u>696</u>	<u>655</u>
Total expenditure	<u>35,253</u>	<u>27,997</u>
Net (expenditure)/income	<u>(21,305)</u>	<u>9,615</u>











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