

# RESTORE NORTHAMPTON

Bringing communities to life through love & compassion

## ANNUAL REVIEW 2025

### ANNUAL REVIEW & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended 31st March 2025

Restore Northampton (Charity Number: 1154625)

### Trustees Report

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

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# Structure, Governance & Management

## Governing Document

Restore Northampton is a registered charity, charity number 1154625, governed by a constitution, operating as a CIO. The charity was registered on 18th November 2013 and prepared its first set of accounts to 31st March 2015. The charity started operating with effect from 1st April 2014.

## Trustees

Nicola Smithers (Chair, appointed September 2024)  
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Samantha Rajagopal (resigned January 2025)  
Daniel Walter (resigned January 2025)

## Organisational Structure

The vision, direction and leadership of the charity is held by the Founding CEO, Anya Willis, and day-to-day management of projects and people by the Team Manager. Appropriate work is delegated to a paid team of staff (4 FTE) and over 50 volunteers.

## Appointment of Trustees

Trustees with relevant skills and experience are appointed by a resolution of the Trustees passed at a meeting of Trustees at which there is a majority of the Trustees present and such resolution shall be recorded in the minutes and signed by the new Trustee and by the chairman of the meeting and such records shall be conclusive evidence of his / her appointment.

During this financial year, Restore recruited new trustees, and in turn, other Trustees resigned, with an overlapping period for training and support. Potential Trustees were invited to submit an application, appropriate Trustees attended interview, and references sought. Then in line with the procedure above, successful candidates were invited to join the Restore Trustees in September 2024.

## Charitable Aims

Restore Northampton's main aim is to build community, strengthen families and reduce the impact of poverty. Central to this is partnership working, working with beneficiaries, equipping and supporting them, and engaging with the wider community and stakeholders to address emerging needs. The hope is to contribute to thriving communities, where people belong, interact and are empowered to make a positive impact.

## Focus

Restore has six defined areas in which it intends to have impact. Restore uses planning and measurement tools to ensure all projects stay focused on the charitable aims - in a community where there are constant competing demands, this prevents mission drift and maintains integrity. The tool has been developed to assess the impact on beneficiaries, the team, the organisation and the wider community within these six areas.

### 1. Reducing the impact of poverty

Restore provides much needed support in crisis, and works collaboratively to address the underlying causes of poverty. Through the emergency provision of Northampton Food Bank and Growbaby, the basic needs of families are met, and the hub sessions alongside both of these projects invite beneficiaries into a relationship where they can be partnered with peers and the equipped team, to move into more sustainable life situations.

### 2. Building Community

Connecting people and bringing life to communities is a key part of the work at Restore Northampton. Through creating welcoming, accessible community spaces that celebrate diversity and promote unity, people are brought together to build healthy relationships. These activities, including Family Nest and Growbaby Hub, enable natural support networks to form, which counteract the vicious circle of poverty and social isolation.

### 3. Improving Health & Wellbeing

All projects and activities at Restore have a holistic approach that enables us to focus on improving the health and wellbeing of families and individuals that engage with us at a universal level. The range of support on offer includes accessible open activities that encourage healthy lifestyles, to more targeted work to address issues that impact mental health, such as housing insecurity, debt and parenting concerns. Partnerships with Public Health and Action for Happiness have become well established leading to further collaborations and creative approaches in the next five years.

### 4. Strengthening Families

Connecting families through creative play environments has a positive impact on both children and parents/carers. Children are thriving as they engage with the wide range of activities on offer at Restore and parents report they feel less lonely and more supported. Targeted support is offered through Parenting, Positive Play and Wellbeing sessions. The holistic therapeutic approach to all services seeks to develop skills and confidence and build resilience in families.

### 5. Inspiring Change

Restore has an individualistic approach within a group-work or drop-in setting. The well equipped and supported team provide a range of services where beneficiaries can be empowered to make positive changes. Likewise, the invaluable volunteer teams in all projects are encouraged to identify areas for development so they reach their full potential. Many projects in Restore are focused on or provide an element of building practical life skills, such as the Parenting Course, the award winning community Allotment, or volunteering in many settings.

### 6. Working Together

The “lived experience” of beneficiaries, volunteers and team is a key part of Restore’s success in the community. Restore has developed positive and well established relationships across statutory, voluntary and commercial services across the town, and engages with people at every level to work collaboratively to provide better outcomes for all of the community.

## Action

### What Restore does in Northampton

Restore Northampton is a charity run and supported by local people, to serve those in need within the town. The projects range from crisis support, providing food and necessities to those suffering from unforeseen economic hardship, to longer-term support work in the form of sharing skills and giving emotional and practical support. We aim to give a 'hand-up' rather than just a 'hand-out' and seek to give individuals the opportunities to move forward into greater independence.

Whilst there are many different projects that make up Restore, they are all interlinked and most often the guests (clients) will have one or two points of entry, and then move onto other in-house services. In recent years there has been a greater emphasis on families, and less so on food poverty, but the journey from crisis support to building community still underpins the way in which Restore operates.

The IMPACT STORIES shared within the Annual Review highlight the personal effect on those engaging with the services at Restore. All are anonymous, and each given a pseudonym starting with "K" as this is the 11th Annual Review of Restore. Photos included are taken at Restore Northampton, and shared with permission. However the stories and photos are not to be shared outside of this report.



## Overview 2024-25

### April-24

Restore Allotment 10th Birthday celebration  
 Easter Family Fun Day led by Family Connector.  
 New Family Support joined Restore team.  
 CEO engagement with West Northants Council on Anti-Poverty Strategy.  
 Annual Leadership Gathering, for equipping of whole team.

### May-24

Application submitted to The National Lottery Community Fund Reaching Communities Grant for next 4 years family work.  
 Recruitment process for new charity Trustees. Funding portfolio expansion underway.

## June-24

Support Worker & Family Connector completed Kids Matter training course to be equipped for leading new parenting course.

Big Help Out Family Fun Day & Volunteer Recruitment

## July-24

Trustee recruitment: interviews and induction training.

Team Away day, using Strengths Finders team building activities.

Engagement of new HR provider.

## August-24

Nest adapted to opportunities for families to connect offsite in small groups/1:1.

Support Worker completed Level 2 CACHE training in Managing Challenging Behaviour.

Successfully awarded The National Lottery Community Fund Reaching Communities Grant for next 4 years family work.

## September-24

Successful appointment of 5 new Trustees.

Movement of finance system to new outsourced company with improved system.

First Kids Matter parenting course launched.

## October-24

Harvest Festival visits to schools, generating support for Food Bank & Growbaby

Trustees Team Day led by Founding CEO and supported by Team Manager.

Restore's Founding CEO presented Rose of Northamptonshire Award

Recruitment of Wellbeing Coordinator.

## November-24

Launch of Growbaby Christmas, with giving campaign and preparations, and staff team increasing hours to improve capacity.

## December-24

Growbaby Christmas Grotto open, with large team of seasonal volunteers in addition to all core services.

Christmas Family Party including lunch and visit from Father Christmas, with professional photographer.

## January-25

Launch of The Well.

Recruitment of new Communications Administrator.

## February-25

Start of the second Parenting group using new programme.

## March-25

Growbaby reaching 20+ referrals per week.

Recruitment of Food Aid Alliance West Northamptonshire (FAAWN) Transition Coordinator.



## Projects - Crisis Provision

### NORTHAMPTON FOOD BANK

Northampton Food Bank has been providing emergency food parcels to families and adults across the town since 2009. Northampton Food Bank offers accessible food aid through a network of Food Bank Points across the town, over six days of the week. A referral is necessary, and almost 1,000 Referrers are registered to make the services accessible when needed, including schools, health visitors, doctors surgeries, mental health worker and many more.

Referral Agencies make their assessment based on the eligibility criteria, ensuring food and essentials are allocated only to those in greatest crisis. The referral process is essential to offer the best support at early stages to the individual and to create a dignified welcoming space when collecting the food parcel.



In total, Northampton Food Bank gave out 5,539 food parcels between 01/04/24 and 31/03/25. This represents 9,500 adults and over 4,200 children. At Restore Northampton's central location, 1,131 parcels were distributed in this time, feeding 1,446 adults and 633 children.

The cost of food and essentials given through Northampton Food Bank during 2024-25 is over £150,000, more than £10 a head including food, toiletries and household essentials such as toilet rolls and nappies.

#### IMPACT STORIES

Khurram is married and was living with his partner and 4 children (between 12 years to 19 years old). The family came to the Northampton Foodbank with a referral for a food parcel from Community Law, who were supporting with an immigration application. The family had run out of money from savings and were not entitled to public funds. They had arrived in the UK on a "work/business visa" having paid the prospective employer business partner £40,000. The "business opening" did not exist, and this family were vulnerable through fraud. Khurram and his family have a strong Christian faith and joined a local church who provided some practical support including financial support for accommodation, however when this expired, the family were made homeless and had to sleep in their car for over a week, and struggled to secure private rented accommodation. Khurram and his family had a pending application for permission to stay in the UK.

Having received just a couple of emergency food parcels, Khurram expressed a desire to help out at foodbank. He is not able to work for any payment but wanted to use his time productively for the community he lives in. He applied to volunteer and has given his time in most Foodbank sessions over the last 12 months. Khurram has become a valued and reliable member of the team, as well as retaining some self worth.

Khurram says helping at Restore gives him the opportunity to fulfil his responsibility as a Christian to serve others, which is otherwise denied because he is not allowed to work legally. Khurram would say that helping at Foodbank gives him a sense of purpose, and is helping him maintain self confidence during the lengthy wait for a determination on his family's immigration status.

## Projects - Crisis Provision

### STREETS

Every Thursday evening a team of volunteers provide hot drinks and light refreshments for any rough sleepers or others showing a need for food around Northampton town centre. We do not pretend that we meet the needs of all of the homeless in Northampton, but the teams regularly provide refreshments to between 8 and 15 people every Thursday.

When speaking with people the team try to signpost individuals to places that can provide support including the local council, homeless charities and Restore services.

#### IMPACT STORIES

Kate and Kevin were sleeping rough, close to Central Vineyard Church, the building which Restore operates from, with nowhere to live. Kevin was not long out of prison and back in a relationship with Kate who had multiple health issues, leaving her vulnerable without housing and good access to healthcare. Initially the contact began through Streets, where volunteers approached them on Thursday evening, and they gladly accepted food, drinks and conversation. The relationship was able to develop, as they responded positively to an invitation to attend the Hub and the cafe space at Central Vineyard. Volunteers in these settings helped with practical needs, such as clothing and food and supported their application for housing to avoid sleeping on the streets over winter. In late 2024, Kate and Kevin came into Restore to share their happy news that they had managed to secure a room in a shared house (temporary accommodation). As they had no furnishing or items to make the room habitable, Restore approached Central Vineyard where individuals offered essential items. Kate has stated that the support she received from Restore and the church helped mentally as well as practically in their time of need, and enabled a positive outcome in securing housing. They still visit the Hub to maintain a positive relationship at times.



## Projects - Crisis Provision

### GROWBABY

Growbaby was established in 2019 in connection with a national network of projects by the same name, led by Vineyard Churches across the UK. The project focuses on providing clothing and essentials for families with babies and children 0-5 years. The model relies on high quality preloved clothing, equipment, toys and essentials to be donated, sorted and then made available for families to collect.

The Growbaby Coordinator has the main responsibility for this project and is involved with the running of every session, as well as additional volunteer sessions. This role includes managing the boutique and stock through donations, appeals and purchases, leading a volunteer team who sort donations and stock the boutique weekly, and most importantly leading the beneficiary experience from referral through to connecting with Growbaby Hub or other relevant services.

In the past year, over £50,000 of essential items have been given to babies and children in crisis. Where possible Growbaby re-uses and repurposes clothes, shoes, toys and equipment, with an en-





environmental and ethical benefit of preventing these items being sent to landfill. Additionally handmade and crafted items like blankets, quilted play mats and tote bags line the Boutique, giving a personal touch to the gifts.

The demand is ever increasing, with the previous annual average of 200 referrals now being reached by Spring time. In the past year Restore has fulfilled referrals for over 450 children living in poverty.



Vulnerable families are referred in by one of the 300+ agencies, including midwives/health visitors, social workers and education services, or specialist support such as one of the two local women's refuges.

Alongside Growbaby, is Growbaby Hub, a warm welcoming modern cafe space upstairs from the boutique with an accessible lift between, (paid for by an anonymous patron of the charity). Growbaby Hub provides a high quality play environment led by volunteer children's practitioners (early years teacher and nursery nurse) within the cafe where families are supported for the session and invited back to build relationship.

## IMPACT STORIES

Kaashvi has been receiving support from Growbaby since the birth of her second child in 2023, when she and her husband were new to the country with no recourse to public funds and husband was awaiting start date for his new job. Most recently Kaashvi was referred for support with items for her newly born third child by her health visitor but has visited Growbaby 8 times over the past two years as the family are still struggling financially. Growbaby were able to provide Kaashvi with a brand new double buggy (purchased with Household Support Funding). She told the team how very grateful she was to receive this and how it would make such a difference to her daily life. Up until this point she has been struggling to get out and about as she had no means to transport two small children. Buggies (particularly double buggies) are expensive items and not everyone has the luxury to afford one. This really limits day-to-day life for a family and can have a detrimental effect on the family's quality of life so this will have a big impact for her going forward.

## Projects - Crisis Provision

### GROWBABY CHRISTMAS 2024

Growbaby Christmas has developed over the years to a become a very well run event that is eagerly anticipated by guests and team. The opportunity to bring joy to so many families, and engage with the public and funders to provide in this practical way is very rewarding.

Each year now around £4,000 is raised on the bespoke website for gifts, which are then purchased brand new in the age ranges suitable for those referred. Additional funds and support is also secured through partners such as Barclaycard teams, John Lewis Distribution, The Toy Store and Love Christmas. There is more scope to develop partnerships with local and national businesses.



Following the success of previous years, families that had attended Growbaby in the 4 month window prior to Christmas, or who had regular contact/support and were known to be in need, were invited to attend a time-slot to visit the Christmas Grotto, to select gifts. A large team of seasonal volunteers

provided 3 days of sessions, where each family was greeted, paired with a befriender, and after choosing gifts, welcomed to the cafe for Christmas treats whilst gifts were wrapped by another team of volunteers. This enabled positive contacts to be made and encouraged relationship building as the befrienders spent around an hour with each family, hearing their story or whatever the parents wished to share.

Due to availability of funds, gifts were purchased for older siblings and adults in the household, which were offered as an “extra”, and unexpected by the parents who were all appreciative of this token of recognition and support.

Overall, 25 volunteers over the two gift giveaway days (staff not included) made it possible for 218 children and teens referred to our Christmas gift giveaway to receive gifts, and these are families we’ve been supporting through the second half of 2024.

We had a 100% completion rate for the first time ever, meaning that everyone invited came along. We believe this is due to the relationship Restore has with these families, and the meaning they ascribed to being invited in person. A personal invitation, at a time that works for the guest, and then a tangible reminder meant that we were able to bless families at an important time of the year, and show them the love of Jesus in a tangible way.

The time slots meant we were able to manage the flow of guests, and therefore organise our teams of volunteers accordingly. Separate sessions were run at the very last moment in the 10 days before Christmas, and not on Growbaby days, meaning as a team we were able to focus solely on the Christmas experience. Gifts were organised in a series of stations, and by age, making it easier to avoid overwhelm and for parents and carers to select a toy, a book, colouring books and pencils or pens and a selection box. Each guest was accompanied by a befriending volunteer assigned to them on arrival at the front door. The volunteer stayed with the guest until the guest was ready to use the wrapping services on offer. Guests were also free to not use the cafe or wrapping station, as they wished. Most guests made good use of both the cafe and the wrapping services. As a team, we ensured that each day we closed the door for half an hour to enjoy lunch and refreshments together, respecting the time everyone had given so close to Christmas.



Volunteers and team members described the feel of the Christmas Giveaway as ‘really calm and enjoyable’, offered good opportunities for guests, volunteers and team members to grow in relationship with each other. Families were blown away at others’ kindness, and the gifts have not only blessed a child, but entire families, allowing parents and carers to experience the joy on the face of their child opening a gift on Christmas morning, something they would not have been able to provide without the kindness and generosity of our supporters.

## IMPACT STORIES

Kelsie had attended Growbaby in the Autumn of 2024, after fleeing domestic abuse and being relocated in Northampton with very little. She was in need of many essentials, and Growbaby had supported with items big and small, including clothing, toys, buggies, a cot and more. She had three active boys under 3 and an older son with Autism Spectrum Disorder who was struggling to adapt to a new school and environment, as well as the challenging circumstances in temporary accommodation.

Kelise was invited to Growbaby Christmas, and was so delighted when she was able to choose all the Christmas presents she “dreamt of” for her four boys. She found something her eldest son had specifically asked for but she knew she could not afford, and asked how she would explain the “Christmas magic” to him on Christmas Day. She told the volunteers how grateful she was for the gift of

chocolates and luxury toiletry sets we had also been able to offer the parents, saying she couldn't remember the last time she had been given something just for her.

Kelsie has continued to attend groups at Restore, and is now regularly part of Nest and has completed the parenting course. She has grown in confidence through relationship building, and is keen to be part of the co-production group, Voice, when she feels more settled.

## Projects - Support & Strengthen **SUPPORT**

We continue to offer support through advice, befriending, signposting and courses such as the Parenting Course and Money Course. For many, the crisis support services of Food Bank and Growbaby are the first point of contact, with the individual or family reaching out due to financial struggles or other difficult circumstances. From their first visit, guests are welcomed into cafe environments with a team of befrienders who are happy to listen to their story over a cup of tea and cake. This happens naturally in most cases, and makes it relatively simple to identify areas where support can be offered.



Our main area of support is focused on families, due to opportunities to build meaningful relationships and share their need for support. Parents are invited from Growbaby into Nest, and as needs are identified then invited into Parenting Courses and on to Positive Play. From here the Support Worker can assess needs further and offer 1:1 support, including home visits, supporting at appointments or help accessing services in the wider community. The focus is on building skills, confidence and a wider network of support through peers and the local community. It can take many years to walk this journey with those who need this support, and in all cases the complexity of needs creates diverse pathways.

### IMPACT STORIES

Kadija, a single mother of 4 children aged 3-12 years with English as a second language, has been attending Restore since 2016. The family were initially referred to the Food Bank and then supported to access Growbaby and Family Nest. When the new Support Worker began in 2024 she built a relationship with Kadija through Family Nest and learnt more about their financial hardship and complexity of needs.

Initially some practical support was offered around accessing a free bus pass for the eldest child attending secondary school and reviewing benefits, which increased the family's financial capability. As trust grew, Kadija shared about poor living conditions in a cramped flat with mould, and an inefficient landlord. The Support Worker connected with the Health Visitor and met in the family home, which then enabled them to invite the Fire Department to do a home safety check. This created an action plan that the landlord had to commit to, improving the home conditions for the family.

Through this range of practical support, a relationship has developed where Kadija has opened up more to the Support Worker about family dynamics and behavioural issues with the children. Whilst Restore's main focus is on families with 0-5, the wide range of the children's ages has enabled the Support Worker to assist with all four children, including attending meetings at the eldest's school to support Kadija, especially with understanding the language and systems in education.

When the support worker first started spending time with Kadija's youngest child she noted that she presented with Autistic Spectrum Disorder, and they discussed this. It was not something Kadija was familiar with and she was so grateful for support in getting a diagnosis for behaviour that she had not



been able to understand or manage. They attended the GP together, and the doctor expressed sincere gratitude for Restore's Support Worker in supporting parents in ensuring their child gets the correct diagnosis, and the parents feel supported throughout what is a difficult time. The family, with the support of Restore are now identifying schools with SEN provision.

Without Restore, this family would have continued to be socially isolated and vulnerable but our Support Worker has improved confidence, knowledge, skills, access to services, financial capability, home environment and accessed an appropriate diagnosis and pathway for special needs. Kadija has expressed genuine appreciation for the relationship that has been built, often making traditional cakes for the home visits, and comes regularly now to activities at Restore, more empowered to be part of the community.

## Projects - Support & Strengthen **PARENTING & POSITIVE PLAY**

During this Financial Year two new staff trained and began to deliver a new style of parenting course from Kids Matter. This provider was identified as more appropriate than Care for the Family programme due to the cohort of families that Restore works with. Most families accessing the course have complex circumstances, which may include the impact of low income/hardship, history of trauma/abuse from domestic situations or refugee history, and many have children with additional needs. Kids Matter is far more interactive and responsive to the parents' situations and the children's needs. It is more personable and the Support Worker and Family Connector have found it to be easy to adapt whether one parent or a full room of parents are present, which is the reality of running a course in this setting.



The Family Support and Family Connector identify families needing more targeted support in this area and invite them into the bespoke groups that run alongside Family Nest and Growbaby Hub. This includes more informal parenting support, playing alongside parent and child, identifying the positive interactions and building emotional blocks for engagement. All activities can be replicated at home at very low cost, creatively using basic household items and ingredients, and this is shared in the group to encourage ongoing learning and positive play.

### IMPACT STORIES

When Kirsten first came to Restore she had fled domestic abuse, with physical injuries evident and lacking confidence to talk about her experience. They accessed Growbaby, due to leaving with no provisions for her and her daughter, and was invited to join us at Family Nest. Here she was able to build friendships with other parents in the group whilst receiving support from the Support Worker and Family Connector.

Over the coming months this core Support Team built a relationship of trust with Kirsten, who slowly opened up about her situation with domestic abuse and also her living conditions at home with her parents. She was invited to join the Kids Matter Parenting course in 2024, and attended every session. She said she really appreciated the course and being given the opportunity to learn how to parent better.

Her daughter had begun to attend nursery, so when Parenting led into Positive Play, instead of ending her engagement, Kirsten was invited to volunteer in the session, which would keep the relationship

with other parents and the support team, whilst building her confidence. She struggled to commit to the sessions, but the Support Worker kept in regular contact so that she did not feel any barriers to engaging with volunteering, and will continue to create opportunities to build Kirsten's confidence.

When Kirsten first came to us she was nervous, afraid and anxious. Over the last 18 months she has been able to rebuild her trust in people, she has made new friends and built a support network around herself with others that attend Restore.

## Projects - Support & Strengthen

### ALLOTMENT

The community allotment has been operating since 2013 and creates an opportunity for those in hardship to learn how to grow their own fruit and vegetables, reduce food bills and reduce isolation. It is increasingly recognised that there are many benefits to be gained for mental health and well-being from accessing outside space. The whole process of growing plants, nurturing them and harvesting the produce seems to be beneficial and many participants have commented on the peace and tranquillity of the Community Allotment.

In addition to learning skills to be self-sufficient and grow their own food, clients were supported with their mental, emotional and practical needs through the befriending role of mentors and signposting to relevant agencies.



Clients were first invited to attend a basic skills course where they learn how to plant, weed and tend to vegetables. Upon completion of the initial programme, some individuals have continued to participate in group sessions in line with their skillset. Particularly committed individuals have progressed to their own mini-plot. There are currently eight mini-plots allocated, with the potential for more.

Through Restore's extensive network of professional contacts, we received a number of external referrals to the project this year, demonstrating a recognition from these agencies of the benefits the project offers to their clients. Professional referrals have included the Probation Service, Community Mental Health Team, the Planned Care and Recovery Team and MIND.

We have a strong team of dedicated and passionate volunteers who contributed 800 hours of their time this year.

Each guest has their own unique circumstances so what they take from the project can differ. For some, the main impact of attending the allotment project is to come out with a newly found confidence, particularly those that have previously suffered with their mental health. The new skills developed can be used personally, but also encourage people that they can do whatever they choose to put their mind to.

For others, the main impact is community. Where many attendees suffer from isolation and lack of contact, the friendly project, run in the fresh air, provides a huge boost. Guests appreciate somewhere to be amongst friends in a welcoming environment. Often we are the only contact that they have during the week, so it is of crucial importance to their social development. This has been a year of deepening long term relationships, with some of the participants having attended for a substantial period of time. As a lot of these guests struggle with long term issues, these partnerships are invaluable.

At the end of this financial year The Allotment has been selected as part of a research project funded by Connect Northants, as an example of wellbeing services led by a faith based charity that reduces health inequalities and improves outcomes for people in the town.



## IMPACT STORIES

We were pleased to welcome Kerry to the Community Allotment last year. She is a keen gardener but was initially unsure about whether the group was right for her. She seemed to be enjoying the activities but a problematic situation arose with somebody she knew who was also attending which meant she stopped coming for a few weeks until the issue was resolved. At one point she asked if she could work on her own and were able to arrange this. Kerry gradually started to open up to one particular volunteer and formed a strong relationship with her. As she got to know the group she became more confident, engaged more with others and was clearly more relaxed. She is now leaving as she is moving to a different area of the country. We were delighted and also found it quite moving when she asked if she could take photos of us with her for a scrapbook she is making to document those who have helped her recovery.

## Projects - Building Community

### FAMILY NEST

Family Nest is led by the Family Connector, but supported by a team of very well equipped and committed volunteers. The Family Support Worker is involved weekly to connect with families, identify need and begin some developmental work around parental wellbeing, building skills and confidence, or supporting with any concerns around child development/behaviour. Families have already responded positively to the changes and the level of support available, identifying this service as a rare thing in a local environment of expensive private sessions which they say are “cliquey” or an absolute lack of free or accessible services.



Restore has been a “lifeline” to parents and professionals referring into, and a safe space for some of those professional partners (social workers, health visitors etc) to meet with their vulnerable families and increase the care and support for the families with whom they are working.

Through Family Nest we have also been able to identify parents who would benefit from attending our parenting course. Parents have had more confidence to join the Kids Matter Parenting Course than they would have done without any relationship through attending the Family Nest sessions.

Several parents have met other parents within the session and gone on to form strong friendships where they are supporting each other outside of the group and meeting up regularly. Some of these parents were very isolated prior to these new friendships.

## IMPACT STORIES

Kayleigh has been attending Restore since 2021 and has enjoyed attending Baby Nest previously, and more recently Family Nest. Kayleigh has also used the Foodbank and Growbaby over the years for practical support.

Recently Kayleigh started coming to church. Kayleigh’s daughter has some undiagnosed behavioural needs of which Kayleigh is very sensitive about, and with the collaboration of our Family Support Worker at Restore and the Kids pastor for Central Vineyard we have been able to offer practical support to ensure that Kayleigh and her Daughter both have the most enjoyable time at church. This was possible due to the Family support worker having built up a relationship with the client to ensure that the offer of assessment and support was gratefully received.

The support from our Family Support Worker has enabled the mum to feel more confident regarding her parenting and enabled her to attend church knowing that there is support in place there for her too.

Kayleigh said "I am so grateful! You are such a such a blessing to me."

## Projects - Building Community

### FAMILY FUN

Families with pre-school children have reported that term-time activities that close in holidays can impact them negatively, increasing anxiety, isolation and financial pressure during longer breaks. Paired with the pressure to be doing expensive or creative activities at these time, heightened by social media, can create more of a burden and parents say they feel "a failure".

Restore has met this need with a co-produced approach to have as many services open throughout the whole year, including school holidays and in addition, offering high quality exciting opportunities to families experiencing financial hardship. In the past two years this has included family fun days with bouncy castles, soft play/inflatables, craft and creative sessions, an Easter Egg hunt and games and a petting-farm, all on site in our accessible central town location.



Alongside this, organised group buggy-walks were offered, including stops at local playgrounds to introduce new families to facilities in the area, build confidence in walking-routes and promote positive play and interaction outside the home. It enabled families to connect with peers, and relationships were encouraged beyond these opportunities with natural befriending leading to a reduction in isolation.

Family Fun has been led by the Family Connector, with the first session offered in April 2024, and off-site opportunities with smaller targeted groups have been led by the Family Support Worker. Larger events involve the whole team, as well as multiple volunteers.

In June 2024, Restore worked in partnership with Central Vineyard to host a Big Family Fun day for the wider community. All regular guests of Restore were invited, as well as publicity to referrers including local schools and family services. There were a huge range of fun fete stalls and activities, candy floss, popcorns and homemade cakes, bouncy castle and inflatable fun and soft play. The whole building was transformed and the weather was sunny, so we included water/messy activities outside too. The local Police supported the event and had a police car, with a "cell" for kids to explore, and finger print activities. The event attracted over 200 people, and we encouraged people to return for more regular activities at Restore. We had 100% positive feedback gathered on the day through the 'coin drop' feedback system. The event was such a success it is now an annual feature of the Restore calendar.

The Big Family Fun Day event was supported by 40 volunteers, offering around 7 hours each of their time, totalling approximately 210 volunteer hours on the day, plus additional hours for preparation, set-up and baking at a value of £3,000 in voluntary time. Of these 40 or so volunteers around 17 were new to volunteering with Restore, and are keen to continue their involvement in supporting such events.

Some quick feedback gathered on the day included statements like "I can't believe it's all free I'll tell everyone!", "My child feels so comfortable it's like a big party." And "This is the best day ever!"

## Projects - Building Community

### HUB CAFE

Whilst much of Restore's work has focused on families over the past year, Restore is a space that is available to all and has its roots in supporting those experiencing hardship. The Hub Cafe was one of the first projects to launch in Restore alongside Northampton Food Bank, and still opens every week.

The Hub runs alongside Northampton Food Bank, although guests are welcome without a referral and can return as often as they wish. The aim is to create a community space where people can connect with others as well as receive signposting, information and support. It attracts a diverse population, with mixed ages/life stages, socio-economic backgrounds, cultures and ethnicities.

The cafe has a modern, coffee shop feel, to encourage people to chat and to build a sense of community. We have a committed and competent team of volunteers. Some of the key roles such as reception and using the computerised referral system, have deputies who are able to fill in when the regular volunteer is absent. We have managed to keep the hub cafe open continuously through the year.

Partnership with Community Law has worked really well over these last months with regular attendance at our sessions.

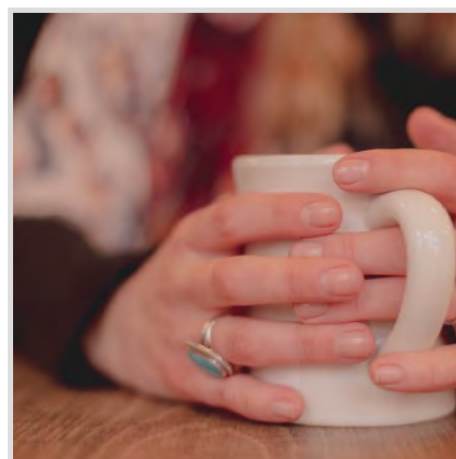


## Projects - Building Community

### THE WELL

The need for a wellbeing space had been identified by participants of multiple groups at Restore over the past years, and this has taken on various shapes and sizes through more targeted support to provisions within the Hub. When the Occupational Therapist moved on in February 2024, there was a gap in service provision and expertise to bring the wellbeing thread holistically into all services.

From April 2024, plans developed to create The Well and source funding. It was important to Restore that we would not be driven by 'hard' targets that measured mental health outcomes, in regards to needing to assess mental health in the same way as the NHS, as we would not be a specialist care centre. However, there was a keenness to compliment primary care services, and fill gaps in prevention and community support. Therefore, The Well was designed in co-production with health and social care leads, considering the Integrated Care System, and founded on the principles of a key partner, Action of Happiness.



By September 2025 funding was secured through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and The National Lottery Awards for All. A Wellbeing Coordinator was recruited and began in late October 2024, and worked initially to connect with key partners and train as an Ambassador for Action for Happiness.

The Wellbeing Coordinator recruited a volunteer team with experience in community action and well-being support and provided relevant training through the Community Training Partnership, in befriending, signposting, support and safeguarding. In January 2025, the dedicated wellbeing cafe was launched, as The Well. Although in its infancy, this is already a well used space, with positive feedback, that has the potential for significant change in the town.

## IMPACT STORIES

Kyle first engaged with Restore through Northampton Food Bank after he was evicted from his flat due to an issue with late payments of council tax. He spent over a year in a tent which impacted his physical and mental health. However Kyle is known to always have a smile on his face and when asked “how are you” will respond “all the better for seeing you”. He is a regular attendee at the Hub, and is always eager to help others.

Throughout the 8 years we have known Kyle he has been self sufficient and working, often cycling up to an hour to a factory each day, but often in jobs which did not treat him fairly, on zero hour contracts that were unreliable, or in situations where he faced harassment. He would come off a night shift, to volunteer at Restore in the day, or just to have social interaction with the team and other guests. However at times this crisis-support space can be busy and we noticed Kyle could feel like he was not a priority in this space.

During this year Kyle was offered permanent accommodation, a room in a shared house where he didn't know others and was concerned they would be anti-social or substance users, due to the reputation of the facility. His mental health was affected, and he became more withdrawn and anxious. In January he was invited to The Well, as a safe space where he could meet others and receive more consistent support. He attends weekly, and welcomes in any new guests, putting them at ease with his charm.

One week the group were given sunflowers and planted them together to take home. In recent weeks he showed a photo of this growing, and over time has planted other seeds in the communal garden where he lives. He still faces challenges with his health and wellbeing, but has found a place to belong and be supported as he navigates that life-long journey, and his sunny disposition is a blessing to all around him.

## Community Engagement **VOICE**

Since 2021, Parents and Carers who were already engaged with Restore were invited to be part of a co-production group, that would work up the “Ladder of Co-production” from giving feedback, moving towards shaping and delivering services. There was wide enthusiasm for this, and over time we have naturally created a small but committed group. It is important that people are in the lead across our full range of projects - from crisis to community, however our experience is that at initial point of contact recipients of emergency aid are not always in a place to commit to a more formal community-voice programme. The nature of the families we work with can present some challenge, for example time-keeping, commitment and priority of a session. At times sessions have been rearranged or poorly attended due to young children (their health, education, sleep routines etc), new pregnancies, maternal mental health, and financial pressures (leading to short-term work opportunities or at times not having





money for the bus). Through this time we have been able to thrive due to open communication and positive relationships between VOICE and the team. Adaptations have been made such as contacting parents several times before we meet, meeting parents outside the building/in the community, subsidising transport and providing creche, meaning we have seen a positive curve of progress over time.

VOICE regularly evaluate and assess groups, with peer-led feedback and designing user-friendly surveys to ensure language is clear and relevant for our target audience. Through feedback gathered about one session, a project was remodelled and the group steered the initiation of a new project Family Nest, which launched in February 2024, and has now been running a whole year. Initial responses from beneficiaries has confirmed this new style of support, with more focus on identifying needs in a creative and playful environment, is enabling more supportive conversations compared to when running the sensory-child-focused play sessions. This has had a positive impact on parental mental health, making connections with others, building community and in turn will strengthen families and encourage more engagement in the sessions.

We recognise that involving the community cannot stop once an activity has been established. Co-production is a continuing process. We work with our families to assess our services to ensure they are responding to a current need, provide good value and are accessible. We gather feedback regularly to assess impact and make continual improvements. We know that people's stories of restoration are the biggest measure we could wish for.

## Community Engagement

# VOLUNTEERS

Restore could not impact the community and the individual lives it does without dedicated volunteers. Across all projects and including the Distribution Point Partners of Northampton Food Bank, Restore has over fifty regular volunteers that are committed to bringing communities to life through love and compassion. This ranges from stocking shelves, to listening to others' stories, to setting up groups and leading sessions. There are a diverse range of opportunities, that reflect the skills and experience of our teams.

Through the year, Restore offers key training that equips and supports the whole team, and there are opportunities for all to engage with this no matter the role. We believe each person should be supported in reaching their full potential, so if a guest comes in to access a service and is keen to volunteer, they may begin their journey behind the scenes sorting donations whilst they build confidence, but may want to work towards a hospitality or connecting role such as cafe or befriending. The training gives this opportunity to gain skills and knowledge that goes alongside safe opportunities to build experience.

Volunteers are able to access in-house and external training for free through Restore, with basic requirements in Safeguarding, Manual Handling and/or Food Hygiene depending on their role. This year the team have had the opportunity to access Conflict Management Training to support in dealing with difficult guests who access crisis support. Additional courses are available in First Aid (adult, paediatric and mental health), Personal & Professional and specialist areas such as substance misuse, domestic abuse and trafficking. Relevant staff have also completed the Parenting Course training and Baby Massage training.

The Community Training Partnership has been an invaluable resource for the wider team, in making a much greater range of courses available led by professionals in a variety of areas, such as finance,





law, counselling, support work, debt management, housing etc. This has helped the team connect to community partners or businesses as well as providing more understanding of situations and network for signposting or support.

Teams enjoy training opportunities, with good quality refreshment/lunches provided as part of the package and an opportunity to network between projects - again adding to the family feel of Restore.

Volunteers provide remarkable value for money to Restore, with an estimated 15,000 hours given each year, to the value of £190,000. Of course the social value is even higher, with lived experience, co-production and an incredible range of skills and experience that could not be represented in a few members of staff that would cover these hours in paid employment. Restore Northampton would genuinely not be the incredible family that loves and impacts the community without such an incredible volunteer workforce. Any issues with volunteers are few and far between, with the main impact being when volunteers have issues in their personal lives, when obviously these need to take priority. We support volunteers in these circumstances and stay in touch and provide flexibility about when they are able to return. Sometimes it can be hard to find new volunteers for specific roles or those who can make specific times, so we still are working hard to build relationships and advertise opportunities.

## Community Engagement

### COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

The Anti-Poverty Strategy led by West Northants Council (WNC) was a significant landmark in the poverty/community sector in recent years. Restore's Director has served in an instrumental role, representing the Voluntary Community Faith and Social Enterprise (VCFSE) Sector as a community partner with extensive understanding of poverty in the county. Restore has been invited into further boards and committees over the past year in connection with this opportunity. This includes the Northamptonshire Health and Wellbeing Board and the Health and Wellbeing Forum, as well as two VCFSE Assemblies on Advice and Families.



Restore has been at the forefront of pioneering Food Aid Alliance West Northants (FAAWN), with the aim of working sustainably to provide food and other crisis support to individuals experiencing hardship. Relationships are strengthened, ideas and resources are shared to help all parties succeed in this nationally recognised approach. Restore's Director was elected Chair in March 2023 and has strived for excellence in this role, bringing together a wide range of charities and groups who are all passionate about food aid via many different approaches. In this role, our Director has brought unity, continuity and accountability and has overseen the distribution of over £600,000 between these partners in this financial year. The role has included liaising regularly with West Northants Council and Public Health, strengthening this relationship further.

Restore represents the VCFSE for children and families on the Strategic Board for Family Hubs, in partnership with the Integrated Care System. This gives the charity a seat at the table in local governance and also places Restore ahead of the curve with local knowledge.

The strong connections within the VCFSE, WNC and Public Health has also opened opportunities for greater community engagement, and hearing the voice of the wider public through consultations and events outside of the charity. Restore places people at the centre of all we do, and is adaptable to the current climate to meet emerging needs.

## Financial Review

### FUNDING

In Year End March 2025, Restore was financially supported by local and national grants, local churches/community groups, businesses and individuals through annual commitments, regular giving and one-off donations. Premises are provided free of charge through the support of Central Vineyard Church. In addition to space to run all projects, office space has been secured. There are also resources and equipment made available to Restore including PA systems, projection, specialist lighting and a fully fitted kitchen.

Restore has successfully secured another major grant with The National Lottery Community Fund, the third in succession, that has funded the work with families and poverty since 2014. Additional funding has been granted through the Northamptonshire Community Foundation (Queens Institute Fund and Constance Travis funds), Northampton Borough Council Partnership Fund, West Northamptonshire Council and Benefact Trust. We have also gratefully received donations from local councillors, businesses, groups and individual donors.

Before Christmas we were successfully awarded grants by Love Your Neighbour, receiving feedback from them about our intentionality with those who come along, and the particular dignity we afford guests, especially at Christmas. As mentioned elsewhere our Christmas funding was also well supported by Barclays, the Toy Store and members of the Central Vineyard Church Family.



## Financial Review

### FUNDRAISING & DONATIONS

Restore is supported by many businesses, churches and individuals through donations of physical items and food, and through financial contributions. Restore receives eighty percent of its public support between October-December each year. Harvest and Christmas appeals are instrumental in gathering this support and attract the general public inclination towards generosity at these times of year. Businesses and public figures look for opportunities to give at Christmas, and manage to gather larger donations which they want to be advertised.

Local organisations and faith groups including churches, WI's and Rotary Clubs have faithfully supported Restore through fundraising and general giving. The consistent gifts enable the crisis support projects to keep running throughout the year.

Fundraisers have been arranged by individuals, community groups and sports groups, and well as community champions, including a young person who has been fundraising for us for several years.



## Financial Review

# FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

Income for Year End March 2025 was the sum total of £301,557

Outgoings for the same year were £264,955.

At the beginning of the financial year £219,781 was carried forward.

A balance of £256,383 was recorded at the end of the financial year.

This will be used to support further activities in 2025-26 and the minimum retained in line with the reserves policy.

### Independent Examiner

Anthony Williams, on behalf of A J Carter & Co. of Witney, Oxfordshire have agreed to offer themselves as Independent Examiners of Restore Northampton.

### Approval of Accounts

The accounts were approved on behalf of the Trustees on: 8th January 2026



Thomas Joyner, Interim Chair

08/01/2026

Date

## **RESTORE NORTHAMPTON**

**Accounts – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Restore Northampton for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

**Responsibilities and Basis of Report**

As the charity's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent Examiner's Statement**

Since the charity'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 Association of Chartered Certified Accountants 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 charity 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.

A P Williams FCCA CTA  
A J Carter & Co Limited  
Chartered Certified Accountants

22b High Street  
Witney  
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OX28 6RB

8th January 2026



# RESTORE NORTHAMPTON

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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (including an income and expenditure account) for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
		£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income from:</b>						
Donations and legacies	3	60,110	-	239,517	299,627	200,986
Investments	3	1,930	-	-	1,930	1,722
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<u>62,040</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>239,517</u>	<u>301,557</u>	<u>202,708</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
Charitable activities	4	<u>4,959</u>	<u>8,922</u>	<u>251,074</u>	<u>264,955</u>	<u>199,196</u>
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>4,959</u>	<u>8,922</u>	<u>251,074</u>	<u>264,955</u>	<u>199,196</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds for the year</b>		57,081	(8,922)	(11,557)	36,602	3,512
<b>Transfer between funds</b>		<u>131</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(131)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		57,212	(8,922)	(11,688)	36,602	3,512
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>						
Total funds brought forward		<u>149,406</u>	<u>10,347</u>	<u>60,028</u>	<u>219,781</u>	<u>216,269</u>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>£206,618</u>	<u>£1,425</u>	<u>£48,340</u>	<u>£256,383</u>	<u>£219,781</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

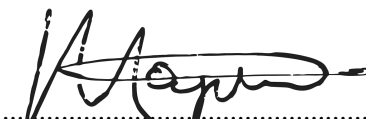
All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 9 to 13 form part of these financial statements

**BALANCE SHEET**  
as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	7	672	6,703
Cash at bank and in hand	9	<u>269,541</u>	<u>218,011</u>
<b>Total current assets</b>		270,213	224,714
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Creditors falling due within one year	8	<u>13,830</u>	<u>4,933</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>256,383</u>	<u>219,781</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>256,383</u>	<u>219,781</u>
<b>Total net assets</b>	10	<u>£256,383</u>	<u>£219,781</u>
<b>The funds of the Charity</b>			
Restricted income funds	11	<u>48,340</u>	<u>60,028</u>
Unrestricted income funds	11	<u>206,618</u>	<u>149,406</u>
Designated income funds	11	<u>1,425</u>	<u>10,347</u>
Total unrestricted funds		<u>208,043</u>	<u>159,753</u>
<b>Total charity funds</b>		<u>£256,383</u>	<u>£219,781</u>

These accounts were approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on: ..... 2025 and are signed on their behalf by:

  
 .....  
 Thomas Joyner – Interim Chair

The notes on pages 9 to 13 form part of these financial statements

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

**1. Accounting Policies**

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgments and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

**a) Basis of Preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

**b) Public Benefit Entity**

Restore Northampton meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102.

**c) Going Concern**

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

**d) Income Recognition Policies**

Items of income are recognised and included in the accounts when all of the following criteria are met:

- The charity has entitlement to the funds;
- any performance conditions attached to the items of income have been met or are fully within the control of the charity;
- there is sufficient certainty that receipt of the income is considered probable; and
- the amount can be measured reliably.

Income received in advance of a specific performance or provision of other specified service is deferred until the criteria for income recognition are met.

**e) Donated Services and Facilities**

Donated services or facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with a donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the Charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. On receipt, donated services and facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the Charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

**f) Interest Receivable**

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
for the year ended 30th April 2025 (continued)

g) **Fund Accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the Charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the Charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for the particular areas of the Charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the Charity.

h) **Expenditure and Irrecoverable VAT**

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

i) **Cash at Bank and in Hand**

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

j) **Creditors and Provisions**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the Charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

2. **Legal Status of the Charity**

Restore Northampton is a registered charity, charity number 1154625, governed by a consultation, operating as a CIO.

3. **Analysis of Income**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<b>Donations &amp; legacies:</b>					
Donations and gifts	60,110	-	4,276	64,386	55,729
Grants	-	-	235,241	235,241	145,257
	<u>£60,110</u>	<u>£-</u>	<u>£239,517</u>	<u>£299,627</u>	<u>£200,986</u>
<b>Income from investments:</b>					
Interest received	1,930	-	-	1,930	1,722
	<u>£1,930</u>	<u>£-</u>	<u>£-</u>	<u>£1,930</u>	<u>£1,722</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>£62,040</u>	<u>£-</u>	<u>£239,517</u>	<u>£301,557</u>	<u>£202,708</u>

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 (continued)

**4. Analysis of Expenditure**

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities:</b>					
Operational costs	1,946	5,468	72,929	80,343	81,737
Management & administration	2,153	1,598	28,921	32,672	74,916
Operational staff costs	860	1,856	149,224	151,940	42,543
	<u>£4,959</u>	<u>£8,922</u>	<u>£251,074</u>	<u>£264,955</u>	<u>£199,196</u>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<u>£4,959</u>	<u>£8,922</u>	<u>£251,074</u>	<u>£264,955</u>	<u>£199,196</u>

**5. Net Income/(Expenditure) for the Year**

	2025	2024
This is stated after charging:	£	£
Independent examiner's fees	<u>1,920</u>	<u>570</u>
	<u>£1,920</u>	<u>£570</u>

**6. Staff Costs**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Gross salaries	<u>126,542</u>	<u>117,458</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>£126,542</u>	<u>£117,458</u>

No employees had emoluments in excess of £60,000 (2024: Nil). There is currently a pension scheme in place for Charity employees.

None of the trustees received any fees for their services as trustees during the year (2024: Nil)

**7. Debtors**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>672</u>	<u>6,703</u>
	<u>£672</u>	<u>£6,703</u>

**8. Creditors**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	13,830	711
Taxation and social security	<u>-</u>	<u>4,222</u>
	<u>£13,830</u>	<u>£4,933</u>



**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 (continued)

**9. Cash at Bank and in Hand**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	269,541	218,011
	<u>£269,541</u>	<u>£218,011</u>

**10. Analysis of net assets between funds**

	Unrestricted funds			
	General Fund £	Designated Fund £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	219,776	1,425	48,340	269,541
Other net current assets/(liabilities)	(13,158)	-	-	(13,158)
<b>Total</b>	<u>£206,618</u>	<u>£1,425</u>	<u>£48,340</u>	<u>£256,383</u>

**11. Analysis of Charitable Funds**

**Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds**

	Balance 01.04.2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Funds 31.03.2025 £
General fund	149,406	62,040	(4,959)	131	206,618
<b>Total</b>	<u>£149,406</u>	<u>£62,040</u>	<u>£(4,959)</u>	<u>£131</u>	<u>£206,618</u>

**Analysis of movements in designated funds**

	Balance 01.04.2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Funds 31.03.2025 £
Christmas 2023	9,274	-	(7,071)	(2,203)	-
Christmas 2024	-	-	(778)	2,203	1,425
WNC (CONVOTSAP)	1,073	-	(1,073)	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<u>£10,347</u>	<u>£-</u>	<u>£(8,922)</u>	<u>£-</u>	<u>£1,425</u>

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 (continued)

**11. Analysis of Charitable Funds**

**Analysis of movements in restricted funds**

	Balance 01.04.2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Funds 31.03.2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Community Fund	41,377	-	(41,246)	(131)	-
Food Bank	10,414	2,483	-	-	12,897
General Growbaby	6,609	1,793	-	-	8,402
Allotment	128	-	-	-	128
National Grid Warm Spaces	1,000	-	(1,000)	-	-
NCF Queens Inst Fund 2024	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
NCF Travis Constance	500	-	(500)	-	-
Benefact Fund 2024	-	9,900	(9,900)	-	-
NCF Anchor 2024	-	3,000	(3,000)	-	-
NCF Constant Travis 2024	-	2,000	(2,000)	-	-
NTC Community Grant Fund 2023	-	4,724	(4,724)	-	-
NCF Constant Travis 2025	-	9,965	(7,579)	-	2,386
National Lottery Awards for All 2024	-	19,922	(15,762)	-	4,160
National Lottery Reaching Communities	-	58,228	(58,228)	-	-
Voluntary Impact Northampton Connect	-	5,000	(1,306)	-	3,694
WNC Household Support Fund 2025	-	28,722	(28,722)	-	-
WNC Warm Spaces 2023	-	1,500	(1,500)	-	-
NTC Community Grant Fund 2024	-	2,800	(2,800)	-	-
WNC Warm Spaces 2024	-	1,500	(1,500)	-	-
WNC Discretionary Community Fund 2024	-	7,875	(4,439)	-	3,436
WNC Household Support Fund	-	50,965	(37,728)	-	13,237
WNC UK Shared Prosp Fund 2024	-	24,140	(24,140)	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>£60,028</b>	<b>£239,517</b>	<b>£(251,074)</b>	<b>£(131)</b>	<b>£48,340</b>