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Alvechurch Communities Together Ltd
Company Limited by Guarantee
Unaudited Financial Statements
31 July 2025

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Financial Statements

Year ended 31 July 2025

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

Year ended 31 July 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 July 2025.

Structure, governance and management

Alvechurch Communities Together is a charity registered with the Charities Commission number 1154840.

In addition to the trustees there is a management committee that meets on a monthly basis to review progress and plan activities. This committee has general delegated powers to operate on a day to day basis.

Objectives and activities

Introduction

Alvechurch Communities Together (ACT) was established in 2011 to offer local young people a safe, calm, and stable base to meet regularly, and offer activities, to help combat some low-level antisocial behaviour within the community. This was as well as offering friendly, relaxed space to support the wider community. It operates from 'The Lounge' a light and contemporary café and community space located in the centre of the village. ACT provide inclusive and supportive services in Alvechurch, recognising needs and maximising reach, our work is delivered collaboratively and creatively across the area. This means providing support to the most vulnerable groups, and a friendly space to help all local people come together to interact and build connections.

We use our premises, skills, support, and grants to strengthen the community. The Lounge Cafe is open six days a week. Five days it operates as a community café and one day a week it opens to run a grant-funded project; Friendship Matters, a seniors support group that delivers friendship, bespoke activities, seated exercises and hot food and drinks.

Two evenings a week The Lounge acts as a Youth Club venue to host activities for young people in the parish - Youth@The Lounge. Two youth sessions are run as 'youth-diner' sessions straight from school, followed by two open access 'youth-club' sessions - both providing a safe environment for young people to develop, try new things, have fun and socialise.

As a charity, running such a diverse and complex programme of activity in the community, we focus heavily on oversight and have strong financial management for informed decision-making and accountability.

We continue to be supported by the Alvechurch Parish Council, other organisations, charities, and businesses, for which we are very grateful. The café contributes to our running costs - and ensures that the level of support required to run community projects continues to reduce, and this helps mitigate increases in the fixed costs.

At all times the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when planning their activities.

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Objectives and activities *(continued)*

Key Strengths

The Four Key Strengths of ACT:

1. It builds **resilience** in young people of the village and gives them:
 - A *safe* venue they feel 'ownership' of
 - A *communication point* where they can be supported in different ways,
 - A way to be *accepted* within the village, and part of a group who can be responsible,
 - An *enabling* pathway - to become involved in village initiatives; and
 - A place where they can be *happy*, make friends have fun and be themselves.
2. It **prevents loneliness and isolation** in older people offering bespoke activities and support groups, such as 'Friendship Matters'.
3. It **offers local support** for everyone's mental wellbeing: offering workshops, training, events and activities for all.
4. It **creates a welcoming and comfortable place** with the Lounge café as our visible community hub and a friendly space.

Governance and Management

During the past year Trustees with the Management Group have attempted to:

- Develop The Lounge's work to encompass and reflect other diverse community organisations.
- Develop activities, especially around 'loneliness and isolation' including a weekly session for older people.
- Improve financial security and reserves - although we must note that ongoing economic inflation, government increases in wages, NI and an uncertain external environment remain significant financial risks to the organisation.
- Develop an organisation that is renowned for good practice in terms of supporting wellbeing, which people come to see and learn from.
- Encourage those who have benefited from the project to come back and volunteer to help others.

We employ a Community and Youth Co-ordinator which provides ACT with extra resources to plan, manage and deliver community work, as well as directly run our weekly community groups. They have considerable awareness of the nature and scope of community work and safeguarding frameworks.

Since the appointment they have delivered meaningful change for individuals in the community, including increasing our youth club provision and offering school holiday activity days at Blackwell Adventure. They have secured several successful charity bids including National Lottery Community Funding for 2 years of Friendship Matters and grants from Bromsgrove District Council, to organise fully funded trips for a group of up to 30 Parish seniors. As well as organising annual community events such as Easter trails, Youth picnic in the park stall, Halloween 'Spooktacular' family event and letters from Santa.

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Objectives and activities *(continued)*

Strategy

The ACT Mission

"To serve as a focal point in the village of Alvechurch, providing a variety of activities and services to diverse social and generational groups: participating in community cohesion development and responsibility"

The Purpose

"Creating a happier, healthier and more connected community in Alvechurch."

The Vision

"To create a more positive village through inclusive community services".

Addressing loneliness and isolation is everybody's business, at ACT we seek to ensure no one is left behind. At the heart of our vision is the whole community - our 'eyes and ears' to identify people who might be lonely and who might be looking for meaningful connections. At a time when the country is facing cuts in local services, neglect, isolation, and loneliness, we want to ensure Alvechurch thrives and stays vibrant.

Internal Modifications

The café interior transformation took place in April - May 2021 which has been an enormous bonus for our operations. The refurbishment created a more welcoming, fresh, and relaxed space. There has been an increasing demand for all community services and more people making use of the café. This growth has sustained - and - the investment has proven to be the most important action we have taken for our café business and charity outcomes.

2023 saw us act on our plan to upgrade the kitchen, using the designated £4,000 of funding from Alvechurch Parish Council and matched by funding from ACT to complete the transformation to the highest standards and add functionality as well as value. The front of the café also received a fresh coat of paint and new tables and chairs to replace the old and well used previous furniture.

Going forward we are considering installation of an outdoor awning to allow further seating in all weathers.

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Objectives and activities *(continued)*

The Café

The cafe provides a community hub for the village, open five days a week and offering both:

- Individual residents and visitors of all ages a place to meet, eat and connect; they can purchase affordable food and drinks, made freshly on site. They can also use the cafe Wi-Fi.
- A venue for community groups to hold regular sessions, meetings and events.

The Café has coped with some challenges and opportunities during the past 12 months including:

- A growing level of new customers from the community using the café. Caring and welcoming staff are vital to this. Post pandemic many residents now trust and feel safe coming to the café - staying local - for their social interactions.
- The successful refurbishment of the kitchen and new furniture has had a positive impact on trade and is popular with the community, staff and volunteers. The coffee machine (allowing us to make barista made hot drinks) remains popular and is an essential part of our offer.
- Significant increases in costs of rent, utilities, food, wages and NI all have an impact on the charity finances.
- Exciting community events have taken place that both (i) use the café as a hub, and (ii) are led, sponsored by or in aid of ACT. The Lounge ran Christmas letters to Santa, Breakfast with Santa, Festive Acts of Kindness projects, an Easter Trail & Easter Egg Raffle event and a Family Halloween event. These are examples of some of the annual events we run helping to bring the community together.

As business has improved, the staffing of the café has evolved and we now employ eight members of staff and have approximately ten volunteers. Having a fresh new interior, a stable team, and robust leadership has allowed us to focus on the overall project, rather than the tactical issues associated with running the café business. We consider ourselves fortunate to have such a committed volunteer team as we attempt to further increase the operating performance and align the staffing resources to the workload.

There has been ongoing competition from food and drink traders locally. Despite this we continued to get good customer numbers and deliver quality, affordable and locally sourced food, and drink, for local people. Our menu prices have not increased since May 2021, making us accessible for all.

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Youth Activities

The Youth@The Lounge programme is run by our employed Lead Youth Worker, and focuses on a variety of different weekly activities, with expert planning and engagement with the young people. An additional employed youth work assistant supplements the volunteers team.

Our onsite youth provision run from The Lounge offers a varied and interesting programme of activities as well as providing advice, assistance, and opportunities for fun/activities and trying new things. These sessions have also included: offsite trips to take part in outdoor adventure activities, sports, crafts, cooking, as well as trips to the local park 'The Wiggin' for activities and games. Highlights of the year were Grass sledding, Pedal go- karts, trying new foods from our local Indian restaurant, and the multi activity holiday sessions at Blackwell Adventure - taking on 3G swing and giant zipwire.

The hub for youth work has trialled various locations to increase capacity, including the local Baptist church hall and the cricket club. Both alternative venues offered benefits but presented a variety of logistical challenges and did not significantly improve the youth experience. The charity has consulted with staff, volunteers and children and the decision has been taken that the Lounge café is the best place for youth work to continue to be based, with organised off - site trips and holiday sessions, as it operates most efficiently, effectively, and safely.

The greatest asset of our youth work is that it provides - within the village - a place where young people can socialise safely and have fun. Many participants make new friends share the challenges of their lives with our staff who listen, provide reassurance and signpost where necessary. Any young person living in the area from middle school age up until 18 is eligible to become a member. As well as opportunities for Duke of Edinburgh volunteering or gaining work experience.

We are experiencing the impact of the reducing level of funding from Alvechurch Parish Council towards our Youth provision, which continues to have high demand, and we hold waiting lists for sessions. Looking ahead, we continue to seek additional funding to build on our current offer with a focus on addressing mental health needs with some (i) targeted group work, (ii) involvement of specialist people or activities, and (iii) further support of our hard-to-reach groups.

Support for Older People

As a parish we have a higher-than-average number of older residents, many who live alone.

During this period, we have continued to deliver the 'Friendship Matters' senior support group for seniors/older people, on a weekly basis, as we see this as a vital community project. We have a qualified leader employed, delivering a range of bespoke activities to support the group, utilising The Lounge premises on a Monday morning. Regularly over 20 people attend, making the group at full capacity for the space. The project has received 2 years of funding from The National Lottery Community fund allowing us to run this provision up until Dec 2026.

Since Covid, the Friendship Matters group has doubled in attendance. It offers a varied programme of activities including seated exercises, musical sessions, crafts, games, seasonal activities and an annual Christmas party including musical bingo. We were also successful in gaining Funding from McCarthy and Stone to be able to offer a fully funded Christmas Dinner to 25 Seniors at The Lounge on 23rd Dec 2024 cooked by our chef in the small cafe kitchen.

Funding bids have also been made to Bromsgrove District Council; Small equality grant funding, to run an annual funded trip for seniors in the local Parish, which included a trip to Avoncroft Living History Museum on 9th October 2024. The trip had extremely positive feedback and a further funding request has been made to Bromsgrove District Council, so we can hopefully offer another day trip in 2025 as part of our offer for the older generation living in the parish of Alvechurch.

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Objectives and activities *(continued)*

We continue to bid for appropriate grants to continue running the project, as further delivery is subject to fundraising requirements.

Achievements and performance

In Summary

1. We are deeply connected to our community and immensely proud of the positive contribution our charity plays.
2. As custodians of ACT and as members of this community, we seek to safely navigate tough times ahead associated with the cost-of-living increases.
3. Our next steps are about maintaining a sustainable approach to growth and continuing to be an ever-present beacon of support and warmth for the community.

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Financial review

The year ended 31 July 2025 saw an increase in cafe income from £92,516 to £97,682. This total includes the income from Mondays, when the cafe is open exclusively for Friendship Matters activities, and from the Youth Diner. It excludes events where the activities are treated as specific fundraising events and the cafe is opened outside of normal hours for these. Costs of running the cafe increased from £109,466 to £111,888. Some of these costs are covered by donations and grants. Together with income from the charity's social lottery and donations and grants to help with café expenses and the youth and Friendship matters work this led to a deficit for the year of £15,657 (2024: deficit £15,911).

There was a surplus brought forward of £69,320 from which the current deficit has been deducted making a balance carried forward of £53,663.

Grants and donations totalling £26,699 were received in the year towards specific projects. £15,979 was spent in the year leaving a surplus of £10,720. This has been added to reserves brought forward of £6,865 leaving £17,585 to be spent in future years. £14,167 of this arises from a grant of £20,000 received from National Lottery and is to be spent over two years. A further £500 has been refunded to the grantor after the balance sheet date, as the conditions for the grant could no longer be met. All other monies are expected to be spent during the year ending 31 July 2026

Reserves Policy

The formulation of a robust reserves policy remains one of the key objectives. The trustees are conscious of the constraints of grant funders and in particular that despite an apparently strong position at the balance sheet date, the reserves may have to last for several months before the next round of grants may be received.

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Plans for future periods

Our six priority areas for the future are:

1. Responding to the cost-of-living crisis which requires our charity to provide:
 - Food, drink and community activity at a price that is affordable for all.
 - Ongoing tight systems of control on budgeting, reserves and cash flow forecasting to mitigate the inflationary environment (energy, food, wages and NI) of cost increases going forward.
2. Exploring fundraising opportunities - importantly long-term continuation of both our 'Friendship Matters' project supporting those within our community that suffer with loneliness and isolation and our Youth Provision. Supporting those that are vulnerable in our community, to the increasing societal pressures.
3. Focusing on the ongoing financial sustainability of the café by ongoing fundraising to deliver improvements, which keep up the offer in terms of food and drink to generate good income levels.
4. Focusing on delivering a substantial and diverse volume of work - requiring additional volunteers/skills from within the community to bolster our team and ensure the sustainability of our human resources.
5. Continuing to develop a programme of projects for younger people, older people and other general wellbeing projects that could be implemented safely long term. Current items in consideration include dealing with Dementia and Alzheimer's.
6. Focusing on the development and recognition of our people. Our amazing team of staff and volunteers have been hugely resilient during a very busy year and we seek to provide them with appropriate salaries, training, and development to enhance their skills and enhance the charity's capabilities.

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Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name Alvechurch Communities Together Ltd
Charity registration number 1154840
Company registration number 07308396
Principal office and registered office 22 The Square
Alvechurch
B48 7LA

The trustees

R Bestwick
L Evans
M Newberry

Trustees at date of signing the Report

The trustees in place at the date of signing the report were:

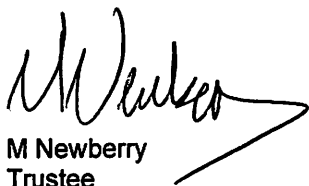
- R Bestwick
- L Evans
- M Newberry

Independent examiner David Seeley FCA
Accuo Accounting Limited
Chartered Accountants
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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 27 April 2026 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



M Newberry
Trustee

Alvechurch Communities Together Ltd

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Alvechurch Communities Together Ltd

Year ended 31 July 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Alvechurch Communities Together Ltd ('the charity') for the year ended 31 July 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').

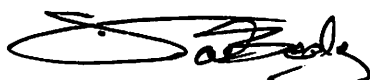
Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). 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.



David Seeley FCA
Independent Examiner

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27 APRIL 2026

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Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account)

Year ended 31 July 2025

			2025		2024
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	5	4,763	26,699	31,462	28,401
Charitable activities	6	92,681	—	92,681	90,883
Other trading activities	7	21,315	—	21,315	13,757
Investment income	8	181	—	181	192
Total income		<u>118,940</u>	<u>26,699</u>	<u>145,639</u>	<u>133,233</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on raising funds:					
Costs of raising donations and legacies	9	101	—	101	400
Costs of other trading activities	10	110,192	4,000	114,192	111,497
Expenditure on charitable activities	11,12	24,304	11,979	36,283	37,283
Total expenditure		<u>134,597</u>	<u>15,979</u>	<u>150,576</u>	<u>149,180</u>
Net expenditure and net movement in funds		<u>(15,657)</u>	<u>10,720</u>	<u>(4,937)</u>	<u>(15,947)</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		69,320	6,865	76,185	92,132
Total funds carried forward		<u>53,663</u>	<u>17,585</u>	<u>71,248</u>	<u>76,185</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 13 to 21 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

31 July 2025

	Note	2025 £	£	2024 £
Current assets				
Debtors	18	2,285		1,925
Cash at bank and in hand		71,549		77,957
		<u>73,834</u>		<u>79,882</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	19	<u>2,586</u>		<u>3,697</u>
Net current assets			<u>71,248</u>	<u>76,185</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>71,248</u>	<u>76,185</u>
Net assets			<u>71,248</u>	<u>76,185</u>
Funds of the charity				
Restricted funds			17,585	6,865
Unrestricted funds			53,663	69,320
Total charity funds	21		<u>71,248</u>	<u>76,185</u>

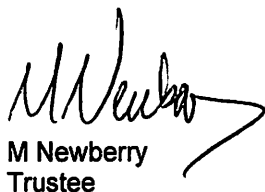
For the year ending 31 July 2025 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

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 27 April 2026, and are signed on behalf of the board by:



M Newberry
Trustee

The notes on pages 13 to 21 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 July 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 The Square, Alvechurch, B48 7LA.

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.

Going concern

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

Disclosure exemptions

The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined in FRS 102.

The entity satisfies the criteria of being a qualifying entity as defined in FRS 102 by reason of being small. As such, advantage has been taken of the following disclosure exemptions available under the Charities SORP (FRS 102):

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

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Significant judgements

The judgements (apart from those involving estimations) that management has made in the process of applying the entity's accounting policies and that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements are as follows:

- Sufficient resources will continue to be found to fund the operation of both café and youth work, and
- There will continue to be a need for the services offered by the charity.

Key sources of estimation uncertainty

Accounting estimates and assumptions are made concerning the future and, by their nature, will rarely equal the related actual outcome. The trustees however do not believe there are any key assumptions or other sources of estimation uncertainty that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the purposes of the charity.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor.

Incoming resources

Income

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income, any performance related conditions attached have been met or are fully within the control of the charity, the income is considered probable and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Donations and legacy income is received by way of donations, legacies, grants and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.
- Income from charitable trading activity is accounted for when earned.
- Income from grants, where related to performance and specific deliverables, are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Resources expended

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes VAT as this cannot be recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates:

- Costs of raising funds comprise the costs associated with attracting donations, grants and legacies and the costs of trading for fundraising purposes.
- Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.
- 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 between the expenditure categories of the SOFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis, as estimated by the directors.

Operating leases

Lease payments are recognised as an expense over the lease term on a straight-line basis. The aggregate benefit of lease incentives is recognised as a reduction to expense over the lease term, on a straight-line basis.

4. Limited by guarantee

The charitable company is limited by guarantee and consequently has no share capital. In the event of the charity being wound up the liability of each member or a member who ceased within one year of the winding up is limited to £1.

5. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Donations			
Other donations	4,763	2,221	6,984
Grants			
Grants	—	24,478	24,478
	<u>4,763</u>	<u>26,699</u>	<u>31,462</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Donations			
Other donations	4,948	2,500	7,448

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5. Donations and legacies *(continued)*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Grants			
Grants	—	20,953	20,953
	<u>4,948</u>	<u>23,453</u>	<u>28,401</u>

6. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Cafe income	<u>92,681</u>	<u>92,681</u>	<u>90,883</u>	<u>90,883</u>

7. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Fundraising events	5,010	5,010	1,549	1,549
Friendship Matters income	5,001	5,001	1,633	1,633
Youth income	6,579	6,579	6,090	6,090
Social lotteries	4,725	4,725	4,485	4,485
	<u>21,315</u>	<u>21,315</u>	<u>13,757</u>	<u>13,757</u>

8. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Bank interest receivable	<u>181</u>	<u>181</u>	<u>192</u>	<u>192</u>

9. Costs of raising donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Costs of generating other fundraising income	<u>101</u>	<u>101</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>400</u>

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10. Costs of other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Fundraising trading - Cafe costs	107,888	4,000	111,888
Costs of other trading activities - Membership schemes and social lotteries	2,304	—	2,304
	<u>110,192</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>114,192</u>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Fundraising trading - Cafe costs	109,466	—	109,466
Costs of other trading activities - Membership schemes and social lotteries	2,031	—	2,031
	<u>111,497</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>111,497</u>

11. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Youth Work	14,527	4,671	19,198
Friendship Matters	8,489	7,308	15,797
Support costs	1,288	—	1,288
	<u>24,304</u>	<u>11,979</u>	<u>36,283</u>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Youth Work	14,052	7,028	21,080
Friendship Matters	1,652	13,561	15,213
Support costs	990	—	990
	<u>16,694</u>	<u>20,589</u>	<u>37,283</u>

12. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	Total funds 2025 £	Total fund 2024 £
Youth Work	19,198	—	19,198	21,080
Friendship Matters	15,797	—	15,797	15,213
Governance costs	—	1,288	1,288	990
	<u>34,995</u>	<u>1,288</u>	<u>36,283</u>	<u>37,283</u>

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13. Analysis of support costs

	Support costs Community Work £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Governance costs	1,288	<u>1,288</u>	<u>990</u>

14. Net expenditure

Net expenditure is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2025 £	2024 £
Operating lease rentals	<u>10,330</u>	<u>9,000</u>

15. Independent examination fees

	2025 £	2024 £
Fees payable to the independent examiner for:		
Independent examination of the financial statements	530	305
Other financial services	<u>730</u>	<u>535</u>
	<u>1,260</u>	<u>840</u>

16. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	84,482	67,727
Employer contributions to pension plans	<u>1,102</u>	<u>967</u>
	<u>85,584</u>	<u>68,694</u>

The average head count of employees during the year was 8 (2024: 8). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2025 No.	2024 No.
Management	1	1
Community work	2	2
Cafe staff	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>

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

Key Management Personnel

The key management personnel, other than the trustees, are the café manager and senior community workers. Their combined remuneration in the year was £40,790 (2024: £41,082).

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17. Trustee remuneration and expenses

- no remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were received by the trustees
- no expenses were paid to or disclaimed by the trustees.

18. Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>2,285</u>	<u>1,925</u>

19. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	<u>1,526</u>	<u>1,697</u>
Accruals and deferred income	<u>1,060</u>	<u>2,000</u>
	<u>2,586</u>	<u>3,697</u>

20. Pensions and other post retirement benefits

Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £1,102 (2024: £967).

21. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 August 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 July 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
General Funds	<u>69,320</u>	<u>118,940</u>	<u>(134,597)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>53,663</u>

	At 1 August 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 July 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
General Funds	<u>85,231</u>	<u>109,780</u>	<u>(128,591)</u>	<u>2,900</u>	<u>69,320</u>

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21. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

Restricted funds

	At 1 August 202 4	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 July 2025 £
Alvechurch Parish Council	3,000	2,000	(3,000)	—	2,000
Bromsgrove District Council	—	—	—	—	—
Bernard Piggott Trust	2,500	1,500	(4,000)	—	—
Lottery Community Fund	—	20,000	(5,833)	—	14,167
Coop Community Fund	—	1,671	(1,671)	—	—
Alvechurch Parish Council-Men in Sheds	500	—	—	—	500
Bromsgrove DC-Equalities	865	978	(925)	—	918
McCarthy Stone	—	550	(550)	—	—
	<u>6,865</u>	<u>26,699</u>	<u>(15,979)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>17,585</u>

	At 1 August 202 3	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 July 2024 £
Alvechurch Parish Council	4,000	3,000	(4,000)	—	3,000
Bromsgrove District Council	901	5,800	(3,801)	(2,900)	—
Bernard Piggott Trust	2,000	2,500	(2,000)	—	2,500
Lottery Community Fund	—	9,760	(9,760)	—	—
Coop Community Fund	—	1,028	(1,028)	—	—
Alvechurch Parish Council-Men in Sheds	—	500	—	—	500
Bromsgrove DC-Equalities	—	865	—	—	865
McCarthy Stone	—	—	—	—	—
	<u>6,901</u>	<u>23,453</u>	<u>(20,589)</u>	<u>(2,900)</u>	<u>6,865</u>

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22. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025
	£	£	£
Current assets	56,249	17,585	73,834
Creditors less than 1 year	(2,586)	—	(2,586)
Net assets	53,663	17,585	71,248
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£
Current assets	73,017	6,865	79,882
Creditors less than 1 year	(3,697)	—	(3,697)
Net assets	69,320	6,865	76,185

23. Operating lease commitments

The total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Not later than 1 year	—	2,250
Later than 5 years	95,000	—
	95,000	2,250