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Report of the Trustees and
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025
for
Dudley Voices for Choice

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

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Reference and Administrative Details
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

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The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The objects of the charity are to promote social inclusion among individuals with disabilities and learning disabilities living in England in particular but not exclusively within Dudley Metropolitan Borough who are socially excluded from society, or parts of society by:

1. Providing a local network group that encourages and enables participation more effectively in the wider community.
2. Increasing, or co-ordinating, opportunities for people to engage with service providers; to enable those providers to adapt services to better meet their needs.
3. Raising public awareness of the issues affecting the needs of people with disabilities and learning disabilities.
4. Providing workshops, forums, advocacy and general support.

Nothing in the constitution shall authorise an application of the property of the charitable incorporated organisation for the purposes which are not charitable in accordance with section 7 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and section 2 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

Public benefit

In setting our objectives and planning our activities, the Trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit

The objects of the charity are to promote social inclusion among individuals with disabilities and learning disabilities.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Introduction

The period spanning April 2024 to March 2025 has been a remarkable year of transformation, growth, and dynamic action across our organisation. With each new initiative, campaign, and collaboration, we have continued our commitment to empowering people with learning disabilities and autism, promoting inclusion, and giving voice to lived experiences. This annual report details our milestones, key events, capacity-building activities, and the outstanding contributions of our self-advocates, staff, and partners.

Moving Into Our Own Offices

A defining moment for our organisation this year was the transition into our own dedicated offices. This new space has provided us with a sense of permanence, autonomy, and opportunity. It has enabled us to expand our services, host more events, and create a welcoming environment for everyone in our community. The move symbolises our growth and the increasing impact of our work.

Key Events and Conferences

- Positive Voices Conference 2024: This flagship event brought together self-advocates, professionals, families, and supporters to share insights, stories, and strategies for positive change. The conference was not only a platform for inspiration but also for practical learning and networking.
- Learning Disability Week 2024: Our organisation played a leading role in celebrating and raising awareness during Learning Disability Week. Activities included workshops, awareness campaigns, and creative projects highlighting the talents and achievements of individuals with learning disabilities.
- Autism Week 2024: We marked Autism Week with a series of inclusive events-sensory-friendly workshops, panel discussions, and creative showcases-that celebrated neurodiversity and promoted understanding within the wider community.
- Elephant in the Room 2024: This powerful event addressed often-overlooked issues facing people with learning disabilities and autism, encouraging open conversation and advocacy for better support systems.
- Respite Event: "Should We Really Call It Respite?": This thought-provoking gathering challenged traditional notions of respite care. Participants discussed what meaningful breaks and genuine support mean to them, leading to new ideas for future service provision.
- Visit to London: Laughing Boy Theatre Production: A group from the organisation travelled to London to experience the acclaimed theatre production of "Laughing Boy." The visit was not only culturally enriching but also fostered strong bonds among attendees.
- Hustings Prior to the Election: We organised a local hustings event, giving people an opportunity to hear from political candidates and ask questions before making informed voting decisions. This initiative emphasised the importance of civic engagement and accessible democracy.
- BBC News Visit: BBC News attended our hustings, interviewing attendees to capture their views on the elections and the issues that matter most to our community. This media spotlight helped amplify the voices of people with lived experience.
- Talent Shows by Vicky and Owen: Two joyous talent shows were organised by Vicky and Owen, shining a spotlight on the creativity and confidence of our members. These events were a testament to the power of self-expression.

Training and Professional Development

- Shout Out Academy Training Session: Our team participated in the Shout Out Academy, developing skills in advocacy, communication, and leadership.

- Bespoke Training Sessions: We delivered and received bespoke training tailored to the specific needs of our staff and self-advocates, covering a wide range of relevant topics.
- Oliver McGowan Training: Our commitment to the highest standards of care and understanding was reinforced through the Oliver McGowan mandatory training in learning disability and autism.
- Mental Capacity Training with Steve Hardy: All staff and self-advocates received in-depth mental capacity training, enhancing our ability to support informed decision-making.
- Gloriously Ordinary Lives Training: Staff attended sessions aimed at promoting authentic, meaningful lives for people with learning disabilities.
- Race Equality Training with Ramandeep Kaur: To foster diversity and inclusion, DVC welcomed Ramandeep Kaur to lead a vital training session on race equality.
- British Human Rights Training and Community Reporting: We have deepened our understanding of rights and reporting, equipping our team to better advocate and support others.

Our People: Experts with Lived Experience

We are exceptionally proud to employ 13 expert trainers with lived experience. Their unique perspectives and depth of understanding have enriched every project, training session, and advocacy effort. By centring the voices of those with lived experience, we ensure our work remains grounded, relevant, and impactful.

Research and Project Innovation

- IncludeAge & DigiHealth: Our research capacity expanded significantly through two major projects. IncludeAge focuses on age-inclusive advocacy, while DigiHealth explores digital tools to improve health outcomes for people with learning disabilities and autism.
- Small Supports Co-Production: We worked alongside partners to co-produce the Small Supports project, developing models of personalised support.
- Change of Practice Using Co-Production Project: By embedding co-production at the heart of our operations, we have enhanced practice and improved service delivery.
- Pilot and Peer Reviews: We initiated peer review processes to ensure high-quality, person-centred support across our programmes.
- Health Inequalities Projects: We have tackled health inequalities through projects such as Out and Abouters, Let's First Ate, and the Crafty Club with Lunch on The Run-providing opportunities for social connection, practical support, and improved wellbeing.
- Part of LDE Experiences in Health Project: Our participation in national projects has brought new ideas and recognition to our local work.

Supporting and Empowering Our Community

- Expanded Community Groups: The number and diversity of our community groups have grown, fostering belonging and mutual support.
- Monthly Social Bowling at Merry Hill: Led by Katie, this new initiative has quickly become a highlight for many, providing a regular, inclusive, and fun social outlet.
- Foodbank Collections: We have collected and distributed resources to those in need, strengthening our community's resilience.

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- Supporting Patients in Care and Treatment Reviews: Our team has played an instrumental role in advocating for individuals' rights and best interests during care reviews.
- Co-Produced Easy Read Materials: We have developed accessible information for Black Country Women's Aid, the ICB, and other partners, ensuring everyone has access to crucial resources.
- Protesting at the Local LeDeR Event: Standing up for better health outcomes, we joined in protest at a local LeDeR event, championing the rights of people with learning disabilities.
- Supporting People to Vote: Our election support extended beyond information, helping people navigate voting processes and exercise their rights at the ballot box.
- Extra Support for Individuals: Whenever someone in our community needed additional help to have their voice heard, our staff and self-advocates have been there-whether for advocacy, practical support, or simply a listening ear.

Talent and Leadership

- Matty: Continues to co-chair the Black Country Learning Disability and Autism Board, bringing lived experience and strategic insight to key decisions.
- Cameron: Chairs the Learning Disability Partnership Board in Dudley, providing a strong voice for advocacy and action.
- Vince: Chairs the Autism Partnership Board in Dudley, championing the needs and aspirations of autistic individuals across the area.
- Keynote Speakers and Conferences: Our presence was felt at the LDE conference, Blackpool conference, BILD conference in Liverpool (where we delivered a keynote address), and Kate Mercer's advocacy conference.

Professional and Personal Development

- NVQ 3 Training: Three team members are currently working towards their NVQ Level 3 qualifications, enhancing their skills and future career prospects.
- Staff and Self-Advocate Growth: Ongoing internal and external training has ensured our team is always learning, growing, and adapting to new challenges.

Strategic Developments

- Learning Disability Strategy for Dudley: We have co-designed and co-written a new learning disability strategy, engaging citizens from across the borough to capture a rich diversity of voices and perspectives.
- Autism Strategy for Dudley: Work has begun on developing an autism strategy, using co-production to ensure that lived experience shapes every stage of its development.
- Restructure Following End of WMSAN Funding: The conclusion of West Midlands Self Advocacy Network funding has necessitated a restructure within our network. We remain committed to sustaining and evolving our self-advocacy work through creative solutions and new partnerships.

Reflections and Looking Ahead

As we reflect on an extraordinary year, we are filled with pride for all that has been achieved. Our journey has been one of collaboration, courage, and relentless pursuit of justice and inclusion. Every project, event, and act of advocacy has contributed to a stronger, more connected community. The coming year presents new opportunities, and we are poised to continue this important work-amplifying voices, challenging injustices, and building a world where everyone is truly included.

With heartfelt thanks to all our staff, self-advocates, partners, and community members who made 2024-2025 a year of impact and hope.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2025 shows income for the year of £285,749 (2024 - £347,427) and expenditure for the year of £350,785 (2024 - £345,996). This gave a net deficit of income over expenditure for the year of £65,036 (2024 - surplus of £1,431).

The charity's total funds at the end of the year were £484,641 (2024 - £549,677). This included unrestricted funds of £457,438 (2024 - £473,867) and restricted funds of £27,203 (2024 - £75,810)

Reserves policy

The reserves policy is to retain sufficient funds to meet the ongoing liabilities of the charity together with funds for the development of the charities objectives.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (last amended 24 January 2014).

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

As set out in the charity's constitution, new trustees are appointed by the board of trustees.

Organisational structure

The charity is run by a board of trustees who are responsible for the overall strategic management of the organisation. The body of trustees consists of a minimum of three trustees.

Trustees Information

The names of the trustees are listed on page one within Reference and Administrative Details.

Induction and training of new trustees

New trustees receive a full copy of the constitution, a copy of the latest trustees report and accounts and any other information necessary for them to undertake their role within the charity.

Key management

The charity is mainly run by its Chief Officer Mrs S Offley., who is not a trustee of the charity.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on and signed on its behalf by:

.....
Mrs A Parkes - Trustee

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Dudley Voices for Choice ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts 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 your 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

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

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 Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts 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 accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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

Mr C A Beale
The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

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Date:

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.25 Total funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	-	-	-	59
Charitable activities	4				
Grants receivable		263,058	-	263,058	328,209
Other trading activities	3	22,691	-	22,691	19,159
Total		<u>285,749</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>285,749</u>	<u>347,427</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Direct costs		289,951	18,731	308,682	310,950
Support costs		41,628	475	42,103	35,046
Total		<u>331,579</u>	<u>19,206</u>	<u>350,785</u>	<u>345,996</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(45,830)	(19,206)	(65,036)	1,431
Transfers between funds	12	<u>29,401</u>	<u>(29,401)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		(16,429)	(48,607)	(65,036)	1,431
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		473,867	75,810	549,677	548,246
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>457,438</u></u>	<u><u>27,203</u></u>	<u><u>484,641</u></u>	<u><u>549,677</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet

31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.25 Total funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	9	4,849	-	4,849	5,039
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	10	1,265	-	1,265	1,619
Cash at bank and in hand		458,402	27,203	485,605	557,589
		<u>459,667</u>	<u>27,203</u>	<u>486,870</u>	<u>559,208</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(7,078)	-	(7,078)	(14,570)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>452,589</u>	<u>27,203</u>	<u>479,792</u>	<u>544,638</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>457,438</u>	<u>27,203</u>	<u>484,641</u>	<u>549,677</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>457,438</u>	<u>27,203</u>	<u>484,641</u>	<u>549,677</u>
FUNDS	12				
Unrestricted funds				457,438	473,867
Restricted funds				27,203	75,810
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>484,641</u>	<u>549,677</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet - continued

31 March 2025

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on
and were signed on its behalf by:

.....
Mrs A Parkes - Trustee

.....
Ms S A Richardson - Trustee

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Government grants are recognised at the point that they are receivable and there is reasonable assurance that the company will comply with the conditions attached to them. They are valued at the consideration received or to be received.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Office equipment - 33% on cost

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

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

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

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

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Donations	-	59
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Other income	22,691	19,159
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	Grants receivable	Total activities
	£	£
Grants	263,058	328,209
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Dudley MBC	65,468	38,081
NHS	150,112	272,646
Other	47,478	17,482
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	263,058	328,209
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

5. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	3,700	3,317
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

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

Trustees' expenses

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

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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7. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Wages and salaries	215,905	215,600
Social security costs	7,865	9,236
Other pension costs	3,573	2,775
	<u>227,343</u>	<u>227,611</u>

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

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	13	16
Number of employees	<u>13</u>	<u>16</u>

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

8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	59	-	59
Charitable activities			
Grants receivable	328,209	-	328,209
Other trading activities	19,159	-	19,159
Total	<u>347,427</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>347,427</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Direct costs	277,324	33,626	310,950
Support costs	32,836	2,210	35,046
Total	<u>310,160</u>	<u>35,836</u>	<u>345,996</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	37,267	(35,836)	1,431
Transfers between funds	39,513	(39,513)	-
Net movement in funds	<u>76,780</u>	<u>(75,349)</u>	<u>1,431</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	397,087	151,159	548,246
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>473,867</u>	<u>75,810</u>	<u>549,677</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Office equipment £
COST	
At 1 April 2024	12,997
Additions	3,510
Disposals	(3,810)
At 31 March 2025	12,697
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 April 2024	7,958
Charge for year	3,700
Eliminated on disposal	(3,810)
At 31 March 2025	7,848
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2025	4,849
At 31 March 2024	5,039

10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Prepayments	1,265	1,619

11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Social security and other taxes	3,560	4,921
Pension creditor	1,209	5,328
Accruals and deferred income	2,309	4,321
	7,078	14,570

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.24 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.25 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	473,867	(45,830)	29,401	457,438
Restricted funds				
National Lottery Community Fund	75,810	(19,206)	(29,401)	27,203
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>549,677</u>	<u>(65,036)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>484,641</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	285,749	(331,579)	(45,830)
Restricted funds			
National Lottery Community Fund	-	(19,206)	(19,206)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>285,749</u>	<u>(350,785)</u>	<u>(65,036)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	397,087	37,267	39,513	473,867
Restricted funds				
National Lottery Community Fund	151,159	(35,836)	(39,513)	75,810
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>548,246</u>	<u>1,431</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>549,677</u>

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	347,427	(310,160)	37,267
Restricted funds			
National Lottery Community Fund	-	(35,836)	(35,836)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>347,427</u>	<u>(345,996)</u>	<u>1,431</u>

Purpose of Funds

Unrestricted General Fund

This fund represents the free funds of the charity that are not designated for particular purposes.

Restricted Funds

National Lottery Community Fund

This money is to be used for West Midlands regional self advocacy work. The grant was paid half yearly until July 2022 and the charity is currently using the remaining surplus of the fund.

13. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

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

14. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The charity is controlled by the trustees as listed in the Report of the Trustees.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	-	59
Other trading activities		
Other income	22,691	19,159
Charitable activities		
Grants	263,058	328,209
Total incoming resources	285,749	347,427
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	215,905	215,600
Social security	7,865	9,236
Pensions	3,573	2,775
Rent	9,878	9,270
Autism Cafe	5,800	15,400
Training	34,381	35,455
Room hire and storage	3,433	1,966
App and website	1,597	2,347
Event costs and services	26,250	18,901
	308,682	310,950
Support costs		
Other		
Insurance	385	372
Telephone	2,879	2,372
Printing, postage, stationery and advertising	2,045	978
Sundry expenses	36	195
Resources, repairs & renewals	4,807	3,877
Travelling and expenses	11,803	9,939
Internet and IT costs	886	1,082
Meeting refreshments	3,056	3,735
Subscriptions	6,579	6,408
DBS checks	100	148
Legal fees	1,618	-
Accountancy	3,162	2,160
Gifts, cards and flowers	1,047	463
Carried forward	38,403	31,729

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
Other		
Brought forward	38,403	31,729
Depreciation of office equipment	3,700	3,317
	42,103	35,046
Total resources expended	350,785	345,996
Net (expenditure)/income	(65,036)	1,431

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