



**SPECIAL STARS
FOUNDATION**

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1156237

Annual Report and Accounts

1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

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Welcome

Hi, my name is Rebecca and welcome to this report.

I'd like to tell you what Special Stars means to me and why.

Here is my story written for me with help from my mum:



"When Rebecca was born, the Drs suspected that she may have a chromosome disorder. This was confirmed at 6 weeks old, with a diagnosis of Triple X Syndrome (a condition which can result in global learning delay, problems with gross motor and fine motor skills, difficulties with speech). She also had hyper-extensive joints and low muscle tone which affected her movement and mobility and at the age of 8 years old she was diagnosed with Scoliosis which involved regular visits to Leeds General Hospital for surgery up to the age of 14.

As parents we have always provided a happy and stimulating environment for Rebecca to grow and develop and have the opportunity to reach her full potential. We have all been extremely grateful for the support which has been provided to us over the years through the NHS and local services, such as physiotherapy, speech, and language therapy. However, from a young age we felt Rebecca needed some less formal groups she could attend which would provide the stimulation needed in a relaxed and fun way where she could feel included and make friends.

Despite a happy school life and good social circle, it was often difficult to find friends for her to play with at the weekend. This is where Special Stars came in.

Special Stars was originally set up as a Sunday Club for children with disabilities / additional needs. Rebecca was one of those who attended the very first session and loved it. There was a table with sensory toys, a table for crafts and colouring, a table with iPads, along with play mats and bubble tubes. Over time and with some fundraising, the resources and members grew, and Special Stars was eventually established as a registered charity. Rebecca continued to attend the weekend play sessions and the Sounding Special groups (singing and signing) being held at Special Stars.

Rebecca just loved the opportunity to socialize and interact with children of all ages and abilities. It has given her a great sense of empathy (this is definitely her superpower).

Special Stars has gone from strength to strength over the years, improving its location and facilities, extending its services to adults as well as children (which was needed) and increasing the range of services and activities available for families and service users.

In 2022 at the age of 18, Rebecca saw an advertisement on the Special Stars Facebook Page, asking for volunteers. We talked to her about it, and she decided it was something she felt she could do and would enjoy. We helped Rebecca write a letter and a CV and we sent it off to Special Stars. She was excited to be accepted as a volunteer.

At first, she helped at the Friday craft sessions or with the dance sessions or bowling. This fitted in well with continuing her education.

As a family we feel that Rebecca has a great deal to offer as an employee. She is so helpful, friendly and has such a caring nature, but we often worry that no one else will see that or realise its worth.

We could not have been more wrong. From the moment Rebecca began her volunteering journey with Special Stars it was clear to see how much they valued her qualities and the contribution that she made to the team. She loves helping with the craft sessions, putting out resources for the session, greeting service users, providing drinks and snacks, helping with the craft activity, and generally chatting to service users, then cleaning up at the end of the session. The dance sessions are also a favourite of Rebecca's, where she'll think nothing of joining in with the dance moves and sometimes singing.

After a year of volunteering Rebecca was offered a paid role with Special Stars.

Rebecca is starting to take part in a range of staff training and has even been given the opportunity to help in the shop. Rebecca feels very comfortable at work and very much supported by all the staff there and as a family we can see this too. For that we are eternally grateful.

I'm still not sure if she actually realized what the job offer meant straight away, but to us as a family, this was enormous. It's not about money, it's about acceptance and inclusion, the sense of purpose and pride and the

overall achievement (although Rebecca loves treating herself with her wages!). This is what makes Rebecca's story and her journey with Special Stars so special. To attend Special Stars as a service user and then become an employee is wonderful.

Rebecca has turned into a beautiful young lady of whom we are immensely proud."

I love working at Special Stars Foundation, I love volunteering still too and I love taking part in activities with other service users. I have made lots of new friends with staff and service users.

Thank you for reading my story and I hope you can see why Special Stars is such a special place for me and others.

Love Rebecca (and my family!)



Chief Executive and Chair's Introduction:

Welcome to Special Stars Foundation's annual report and accounts. It has been a busy but fulfilling year as we continue to provide much needed activities and support to children and adults with special educational needs and/or disabilities, plus their families, across Hull and East Riding.

The demand for our support is forever increasing. In the most recent local census of 2021, it was reported that over 28% of households in Hull had at least one person who was classified as disabled under the Equality Act.

This year we have seen membership numbers increase with 238 new membership applications accepted this year. With thousands of opportunities created through our activity and support programme we are reaching more families across the region than ever. A number of our activities are over-subscribed, and we are working hard to look at additional funding to increase our offering and meet local need.

During a difficult economic climate, where the cost of living has impacted many, we remain focussed on delivering activities that are accessible to all and rely heavily on the donations from our wonderful supporters to make sure we can continue and improve our provision.

As Trustees, during the first part of this financial year, we were looking to appoint a new Chief Executive with experience and understanding to take the charity forwards by meeting local demand and improving our services and to securing the charity's future financially. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff, Trustees and volunteers for their passion, hard work and dedication in supporting the continued delivery of our activity programme and running of the charity during this time.

In September 2024, we welcomed our new Chief Executive, Louise Miles, who has a background as a physiotherapist in the NHS and working with children and adults with disabilities in various educational settings and roles. More recently, she has over sixteen years of experience in the charity sector establishing and managing fundraising teams.

"I feel very honoured to take on the role of Chief Executive here at Special Stars Foundation and look forward to building on the wonderful

work that is already happening. Along with a fabulous team of staff, trustees, volunteers, supporters and service users, I intend to make sure it continues to be a happy, uplifting place where people of all ages with any ability can enjoy a range of activities and develop lasting relationships with others.

Ultimately, my vision is for Special Stars Foundation to be a well-recognised, trusted place providing opportunities, advice and signposting for people with any disability and/or special educational needs. I see us playing a key role in ensuring disability charities and service providers in the area are taking a collaborative approach to working, making sure those who access our services are very much at the heart and gain ultimate benefit in everything we all do.

We can't go on our journey forwards alone and look forward to establishing more connections across the region e.g. Local health care providers and other charities, to help enhance ways in which we can support people with disabilities and their families.

We are also developing our fundraising plans, reaching out to our local community and beyond as we review the financial support needed to continue the wonderful work and support Special Stars Foundation can offer in the futures"

Thank you for your interest and support,



L Miles

Louise Miles
(Chief Executive)



K Clark

Kirsty Clark
(Chair of Trustees)

The Trustees present their report with the independently examined financial statements of Special Stars Foundation, a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, for the financial period ending 31st March 2025.

Reference and Administration details of the Charity, its Trustees and Advisors

Name of charity: Special Stars Foundation
Charity Registration Number: 1156237
Organisation Type: Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Registered Address: Special Stars Foundation
Unit F24, 3rd Floor,
Princes Quay
Hull
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Trustees:

Names of Trustees who served during the year were as follows:

- Kirsty Clark: Trustee (Chair)* appointed 29th September 2022
- Lisa Watson: Trustee appointed 7th September 2023
- Sandra Welch: Trustee appointed 25th September 2023
- John Hooley: Trustee appointed 9th February 2024
- Samantha Thompson: Trustee (secretary) appointed 16th December 2024

Names of Trustees who resigned during the year were as follows:

- Jayne Barker: Trustee 1st July 2024

*Kirsty Clark was appointed Chair 23rd January 2025

Independent Examiner: Laura Jennifer Drew BA, FACA
Harris, Lacey and Swain
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Introduction to Special Stars Foundation

Governing Document

Special Stars Foundation is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered with the Charity Commission on 18th March 2014.

Objectives and activities

Special Stars Foundation aims to improve the quality of life for people with disabilities and/or special educational needs, and their families, across Hull and East Yorkshire. We aim to reduce social isolation, provide meaningful experiences, build confidence and develop new skills. We do this by providing a diverse calendar of inclusive and accessible social and creative activities in which children and adults with disabilities and/or special educational needs and all abilities can participate.

We also offer a variety of learning opportunities, advice and support services for parent carers.

We have a large sensory room, which is fully wheelchair accessible with the provision of a mobile hoist, ensuring it is suitable for all ages and abilities. This fantastic facility is open to all residents across the Hull and East Yorkshire region and is situated in our shop on the third floor at Princes Quay Shopping Centre, Hull. The shop stocks a range of sensory toys, learning resources and disability specific equipment. It was designed with people with disabilities and special educational needs in mind but is also open to the public. The main aim of our shop is to provide people with disabilities easy access to good quality specialist products at affordable prices. The small profit made in our shop goes back into our charity to support the continuation of our inclusive activities and support services.

We have an on-line lending library with specialist equipment which is free to hire for any of our members and enables them to try out more expensive pieces of equipment before they purchase it themselves.

Achievement and Performance:

The year reported has been a period of change as the charity was without a Chief Executive for the first part of the year (1st April 2024 to 23rd September 2024). A Chief Executive was appointed 23rd September 2024 who the Trustees believe is the right person to successfully lead the charity in its next steps.

The Special Stars Foundation Board of Trustees is satisfied that in the financial year of 2024/2025:

- Our work reflected our aims
- Our resources were well managed
- Our work was of public benefit

Membership:

238 *new* members during the year demonstrating the continual need for our services. Membership is free and open to anyone with a disability and/or special educational needs and their families and carers living in the region of Hull and East Riding.

Review of Activities and Impact

During the year we have provided over 240 activities.

The activities are inclusive, accessible and engaging and often provide an opportunity that might not otherwise be possible for our service users.

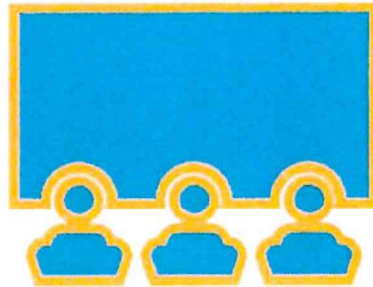


Below are some of the outcomes we aim for and examples of how we achieved them in 2024-25.

The activities

1. **Reduce Social Isolation and Loneliness:** we encourage social inclusion by offering experiences and opportunities for all ages to participate, connect, and thrive e.g. we provided two theatre trips, a cinema experience, monthly social and games club.... many meaningful relationships are built between service users and staff. Our staff are key to the success of the activities we deliver, and a number of staff have lived experience which they generously use to ensure a compassionate level of support.
2. **Improve health and well-being.** Physical activity in community settings is associated with better cardiovascular and musculoskeletal fitness, as well as improvements in mental health. We provided several physical activities for children and adults and their families/carers e.g. Monthly dance for children, monthly bowling for adults, monthly hydrotherapy for children and adults, outdoor activity days such as a trip to Pinewood Outdoor Activity Centre.
3. **Increase self-worth, social identity and a sense of belonging:** We held numerous group activities during the year where new skills could be learnt e.g. two weekly craft clubs for adults with disabilities and artwork is displayed on our social media.
4. **Empower individuals:** We support people to build confidence through trying new activities and learning new skills in a safe environment whilst encouraging individuals to exercise choice and control of their lives e.g. we held adult and children's cooking sessions and pottery sessions.
5. **Overcome barriers** which may otherwise prevent people from experiencing the activities.



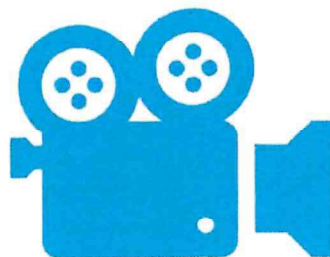


An example during the year where several barriers were present in an activity, but we worked to remove these to enable people to access the activity, was a cinema experience.

For a number of children with disabilities or special educational needs it can be challenging to attend the cinema for a public performance because the darkness can be challenging, the loud surround sound can be upsetting, most cinema audiences would be expected to stay in their seats and it is an expensive trip, especially if your child becomes distressed and needs to be taken out after 20 minutes.

We worked with the cinema to overcome these barriers and funded a show where the lights were not fully turned down, the sound was turned down, children were able to move around (we put mats on the floor at the front) and we charged a minimal amount per child and provided popcorn and drinks.

We had over 100 children attend with their parents and enjoy an experience that otherwise may not be possible. Without community-based activities individuals with disabilities may face social isolation, limited opportunities and poorer health outcomes.



Our year in numbers (well some of it!)



Financial Review

Reserves policy

Special Stars has a policy for holding a minimum reserve, representing six months' worth of operating costs, in the unrestricted general fund to ensure a significant buffer to enable effective financial decision-making, rather than short term decisions. This will be reviewed in the 2025-26 financial year.

We also want to ensure that Special Stars can meet its liabilities in the event of an adverse effect on income generation.

Average expenditure for 6 months is £141,674 (2024: £152,348).

At the end of 2024-25, after a deficit of income over expenditure of £143,166, Special Stars had reserves held totalling £219,644, of which in full is free reserves (2024: £362,810).

A programme of ongoing fundraising and restructure is in place to ensure this position is maintained into the future.

This is under revision and regularly discussed at board meetings. We are aware that the ongoing deficits are depleting the reserves we hold, and we are continuously planning to ensure we maintain the sustainable financial position of the charity.

Principle Funding Sources

See the notes to the accounts for a detailed explanation of the charity's funds.

We have taken the decision to invest a proportion of reserves in 2025-26 to restructure and establish a team with a robust fundraising plan to secure the financial future of the charity. Whilst we will be forecasting a planned deficit of £70,000 in 2025-26, we aim to break even in 2026-27. Our reserves entering 2026-2027 will be in-line with our reserves policy.

Future Plans

The charity plans to continue to provide activities to engage the community across Hull & East Yorkshire along with the provision of learning opportunities, advice and support for parents and carers.

Main objectives for the following year 2025-26

In shaping our objectives for the following year and planning our activities, the Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on Public Benefit. The main objectives for 2025/26 are:

- To create and deliver over 200 activity sessions for children and adults with disabilities and/or special educational needs in Hull and East Riding and we will look to increasing this number in 2026/27 because currently we are fully booked with waiting lists for sessions.
- To create 4,800 individual opportunities for children and adults with disabilities and/or special educational needs to take part in.
- To conduct research into our current full range of activities for children and adults plus activities for parent carers. We will be using the research to ensure we produce an activity programme for 2026-27 and beyond that is what people with disabilities want and need.
- To establish ways to capture post activity feedback from service users about the activity programme which will feed into future activity selection making sure we provide what is wanted and needed.
- To expand our networking with other agencies, bodies, groups to understand gaps in services for people with disabilities which will feed into the activity timetable.

Structure and Governance

Charity constitution

The board of trustees are a group of volunteers who have a shared interest in supporting the charity. Each trustee brings their own set of skills.

Trustees can be voted in at any time and can serve on the board for as long as they wish. The roles of the trustees remain the same unless someone steps down.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Trustees are elected by a majority of the members entitled to vote. On election trustees have an induction process to ensure that they understand both the nature of the appointment and governance of the organisation.

Decision making

The board maintains an overview of the finances and are required to declare any conflicts of interest and to consider the risk register annually.

Day to day management of the charity is delegated to the CEO Louise Miles.

Public benefit

Special Stars Foundation objectives are to improve the quality of life for people with disabilities and/or special educational needs, and their families, throughout the Hull and East Yorkshire region by providing, and assisting in the provision of, inclusive recreational activities and by providing support, training and practical advice for parent carers.

Statement of disclosure of information to Independent Examiner

We, the Trustees of the Charity who held office at the date of approval of these financial statements, each confirm so far as we are aware that:

- There is no relevant information of which the Charity's Independent Examiner is unaware; and
- We have taken all the steps we ought to as Trustees to make ourselves aware of any relevant information and establish that the Charity Independent Examiners are aware of that information.

Trustee Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees Annual Report.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees



Kirsty Clark

Trustee

**Thank you for reading this report...
we really appreciate your interest!**

**Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025
for
Special Stars Foundation**

Special Stars Foundation

**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number
1156237

Principal address

Unit F24, 3rd Floor
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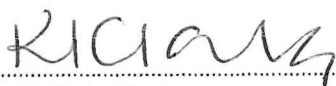
Trustees

Miss O Collier (resigned 18.6.24)
Mrs J Barker (resigned 1.7.24)
Miss K Clark
Mrs S Welch
Mrs L Watson
S Thompson (appointed 17.12.24)
L Shaw (appointed 19.6.24)
Mr J Hooley

Independent Examiner

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 22.12.2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Miss K Clark - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Special Stars Foundation**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Special Stars Foundation

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Special Stars Foundation (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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



Lucy Jessop FCCA BSc (Hons)
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Date: 15/01/2026

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

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	9,955	1,000	10,955	9,356
Charitable activities	5				
Charitable		29,663	5,252	34,915	55,805
Other trading activities	3	93,747	-	93,747	115,686
Bank Interest	4	<u>565</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>565</u>	<u>534</u>
Total		<u>133,930</u>	<u>6,252</u>	<u>140,182</u>	<u>181,381</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Charitable		268,169	10,372	278,541	304,695
Other		<u>4,807</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,807</u>	<u>-</u>
Total		<u>272,976</u>	<u>10,372</u>	<u>283,348</u>	<u>304,695</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(139,046)	(4,120)	(143,166)	(123,314)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		358,690	4,120	362,810	486,124
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>219,644</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>219,644</u>	<u>362,810</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**Balance Sheet
31 March 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	9	5,806	-	5,806	14,651
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	10	11,886	-	11,886	29,384
Debtors	11	1,400	-	1,400	8,892
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>235,084</u>	<u>(19,272)</u>	<u>215,812</u>	<u>316,394</u>
		248,370	(19,272)	229,098	354,670
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>(12,374)</u>	<u>(2,886)</u>	<u>(15,260)</u>	<u>(6,511)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		<u>235,996</u>	<u>(22,158)</u>	<u>213,838</u>	<u>348,159</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>241,802</u>	<u>(22,158)</u>	<u>219,644</u>	<u>362,810</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>241,802</u>	<u>(22,158)</u>	<u>219,644</u>	<u>362,810</u>
FUNDS	13				
Unrestricted funds				219,644	358,690
Restricted funds				-	<u>4,120</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>219,644</u>	<u>362,810</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 22.12.2025 and were signed on its behalf by:


Miss K Clark - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, 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 Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

Income received for services provided is accounted for on an accruals basis.

Cash donations, gifts and legacies are included in full in the income and expenditure account as they are received. Any significant non-cash donations are included in the income and expenditure account at the trustees' estimate of their market value when received. The value of voluntary help is not included in the accounts.

Grants and other funding of a revenue nature are deferred and released to the income and expenditure account over the period to which they relate.

Shop Income comprises the fair value of the consideration received or receivable for the sale of goods and services in the ordinary course of the company's activities. The income is shown net of value added tax, returns, rebates and discounts.

Fundraising income is included in full in the income and expenditure account as it is received.

Bank interest is included in the income and expenditure account on an accruals basis.

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.

Improvements to property	- 20% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 20% on cost
Motor vehicles	- 20% on reducing balance

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities. The charity registered for VAT in March 2021, the only costs subject to VAT are any costs relating to shop activities and events.

Fund accounting

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

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

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Fund accounting

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.

Financial instruments and estimates and judgements

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments, including trade and other debtors and creditors are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measure at their settlement value.

Estimates and judgements

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Although these estimates are based on the Trustees' best knowledge of the amount, events or actions, actual results ultimately differ from these estimates. The Trustees do not consider there to be any material estimates and judgements.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Donations	<u>10,955</u>	<u>9,356</u>

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Shop income	<u>93,747</u>	<u>115,686</u>

4. BANK INTEREST

	2025	2024
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>565</u>	<u>534</u>

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

5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

		2025	2024
	Activity	£	£
Fundraising	Charitable	14,529	21,178
Events	Charitable	14,133	6,586
Grants	Charitable	<u>6,253</u>	<u>28,041</u>
		<u>34,915</u>	<u>55,805</u>

Grants received above £1,500, are as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Hays Travel Foundation	-	3,550
HSBC	-	3,298
Hull City Council	3,661	6,447
Hull & East Riding Charitable Trust	-	1,500
J Marr	-	<u>10,000</u>
	<u>3,661</u>	<u>24,795</u>

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

Charity Manager received £21,038 (gross) within the year (2024 - £0).

The CEO position has been vacant since 2023 with the replacement being recruited in September 2024.

Trustees' expenses

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

7. STAFF COSTS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Gross Wages	125,585	143,036
Employers NI	3,592	9,573
Employers Pension	<u>1,916</u>	<u>1,988</u>
	<u>131,093</u>	<u>154,597</u>

Other costs included within staff costs is £249, for clothing.

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

	2025	2024
	<u>12</u>	<u>12</u>
Staff		

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

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

8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	9,356	-	9,356
Charitable activities			
Charitable	43,164	12,641	55,805
Other trading activities	115,686	-	115,686
Bank Interest	<u>534</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>534</u>
Total	<u>168,740</u>	<u>12,641</u>	<u>181,381</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Charitable	<u>176,088</u>	<u>128,607</u>	<u>304,695</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)			
Transfers between funds	<u>(7,348)</u> <u>(2,140)</u>	<u>(115,966)</u> <u>2,140</u>	<u>(123,314)</u> <u>-</u>
Net movement in funds	<u>(9,488)</u>	<u>(113,826)</u>	<u>(123,314)</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	<u>368,178</u>	<u>117,946</u>	<u>486,124</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>358,690</u>	<u>4,120</u>	<u>362,810</u>

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Improvements to property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 April 2024	8,297	12,096	9,960	30,353
Disposals	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(9,960)</u>	<u>(9,960)</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>8,297</u>	<u>12,096</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,393</u>
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 April 2024	3,839	7,002	4,861	15,702
Charge for year	1,375	2,371	-	3,746
Eliminated on disposal	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,861)</u>	<u>(4,861)</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>5,214</u>	<u>9,373</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,587</u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 March 2025	<u>3,083</u>	<u>2,723</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,806</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>4,458</u>	<u>5,094</u>	<u>5,099</u>	<u>14,651</u>

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10. STOCKS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Stocks	<u>11,886</u>	<u>29,384</u>

11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other debtors	-	1,318
Prepayments	<u>1,400</u>	<u>7,574</u>
	<u>1,400</u>	<u>8,892</u>

12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Taxation and social security	4,797	2,938
Other creditors	<u>10,463</u>	<u>3,573</u>
	<u>15,260</u>	<u>6,511</u>

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.24	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.25
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	353,440	(135,411)	218,029
Social and Crafts Group	5,250	(5,250)	-
Lending Library	<u>-</u>	<u>1,615</u>	<u>1,615</u>
	358,690	(139,046)	219,644
Restricted funds			
Premises + Staff	63	(63)	-
Hydrotherapy	486	(486)	-
Day Trips	523	(523)	-
Lending Library	1,560	(1,560)	-
Holiday activity Fund	<u>1,488</u>	<u>(1,488)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>4,120</u>	<u>(4,120)</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>362,810</u>	<u>(143,166)</u>	<u>219,644</u>

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13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	133,929	(269,340)	(135,411)
Social and Crafts Group	-	(5,250)	(5,250)
Lending Library	-	<u>1,615</u>	<u>1,615</u>
	133,929	(272,975)	(139,046)
Restricted funds			
Theatre	1,050	(1,050)	-
Premises + Staff	-	(63)	(63)
Hydrotherapy	-	(486)	(486)
Day Trips	751	(1,274)	(523)
Lending Library	-	(1,560)	(1,560)
Holiday activity Fund	2,724	(4,212)	(1,488)
Winter Warmth Pannel	728	(728)	-
Science Workshops	<u>1,000</u>	<u>(1,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>6,253</u>	<u>(10,373)</u>	<u>(4,120)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>140,182</u>	<u>(283,348)</u>	<u>(143,166)</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	362,928	(7,348)	(2,140)	353,440
Social and Crafts Group	<u>5,250</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,250</u>
	368,178	(7,348)	(2,140)	358,690
Restricted funds				
Makaton	2,398	(2,398)	-	-
Theatre	-	(1)	1	-
Premises + Staff	90,794	(114,276)	23,545	63
Hydrotherapy	1,536	(1,050)	-	486
Physiotherapy	-	(1)	1	-
Social and Crafts Group	22,158	-	(22,158)	-
Day Trips	-	(228)	751	523
Sensory Equipment	1,060	-	(1,060)	-
Lending Library	-	500	1,060	1,560
Holiday activity Fund	<u>-</u>	<u>1,488</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,488</u>
	<u>117,946</u>	<u>(115,966)</u>	<u>2,140</u>	<u>4,120</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>486,124</u>	<u>(123,314)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>362,810</u>

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13. 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	168,740	(176,088)	(7,348)
Restricted funds			
Makaton	-	(2,398)	(2,398)
Theatre	999	(1,000)	(1)
Premises + Staff	2	(114,278)	(114,276)
Hydrotherapy	-	(1,050)	(1,050)
Physiotherapy	(1)	-	(1)
Day Trips	1,395	(1,623)	(228)
Lending Library	500	-	500
Holiday activity Fund	6,448	(4,960)	1,488
Event Space	<u>3,298</u>	<u>(3,298)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>12,641</u>	<u>(128,607)</u>	<u>(115,966)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>181,381</u>	<u>(304,695)</u>	<u>(123,314)</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.25 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	362,928	(142,759)	(2,140)	218,029
Social and Crafts Group	5,250	(5,250)	-	-
Lending Library	<u>-</u>	<u>1,615</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,615</u>
	368,178	(146,394)	(2,140)	219,644
Restricted funds				
Makaton	2,398	(2,398)	-	-
Theatre	-	(1)	1	-
Premises + Staff	90,794	(114,339)	23,545	-
Hydrotherapy	1,536	(1,536)	-	-
Physiotherapy	-	(1)	1	-
Social and Crafts Group	22,158	-	(22,158)	-
Day Trips	-	(751)	751	-
Sensory Equipment	1,060	-	(1,060)	-
Lending Library	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,060)</u>	<u>1,060</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>117,946</u>	<u>(120,086)</u>	<u>2,140</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>486,124</u>	<u>(266,480)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>219,644</u>

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13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	302,669	(445,428)	(142,759)
Social and Crafts Group	-	(5,250)	(5,250)
Lending Library	-	1,615	1,615
	<u>302,669</u>	<u>(449,063)</u>	<u>(146,394)</u>
Restricted funds			
Makaton	-	(2,398)	(2,398)
Theatre	2,049	(2,050)	(1)
Premises + Staff	2	(114,341)	(114,339)
Hydrotherapy	-	(1,536)	(1,536)
Physiotherapy	(1)	-	(1)
Day Trips	2,146	(2,897)	(751)
Lending Library	500	(1,560)	(1,060)
Holiday activity Fund	9,172	(9,172)	-
Winter Warmth Pannel	728	(728)	-
Event Space	3,298	(3,298)	-
Science Workshops	1,000	(1,000)	-
	<u>18,894</u>	<u>(138,980)</u>	<u>(120,086)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>321,563</u>	<u>(588,043)</u>	<u>(266,480)</u>

14. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

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