



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS

Company number	08794342 (England and Wales)
Charity number	1156511 (England and Wales)
Board of trustees (Directors)	CHAPMAN, Helen CHAMBERLAYNE, Edward (Treasurer) FAITIKIS, Darius Emmanouil (appointed 24 January 2025) HESELTINE, Felicity (appointed 14 January 2025) LESITER, Rachel (Chair) TOUHY, Matthew TUSTING, James
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2025 IMPACT REPORT

Transforming young lives through residential outdoor learning



1. Executive Summary

2025 has been a year of strong growth, increased reach and operational resilience for the Chellington Centre. The Centre welcomed high numbers of visiting groups, particularly during the summer term, while also launching new curriculum-linked educational programmes designed to enhance the residential learning experience.

Despite the loss of key founding figures, the Charity has continued to strengthen community relationships, expand its reach to disadvantaged groups through the Bursary Fund, and secure a healthy pipeline of bookings for 2026 and beyond.

Chellington is a place where young people can step away from the pressures of everyday life, connect with nature, develop independence and confidence, and experience the benefits of shared learning and adventure.

2. Our Mission and Objectives

The Chellington Centre Charity provides an inspirational rural environment where young people can develop their personal potential.

Our core objectives include:

Promoting Social Welfare: Offering facilities for recreation and residential experiences that enhance wellbeing.

Accessibility: Ensuring the Centre is accessible to all via the Chellington Bursary Fund, regardless of financial hardship or disability.

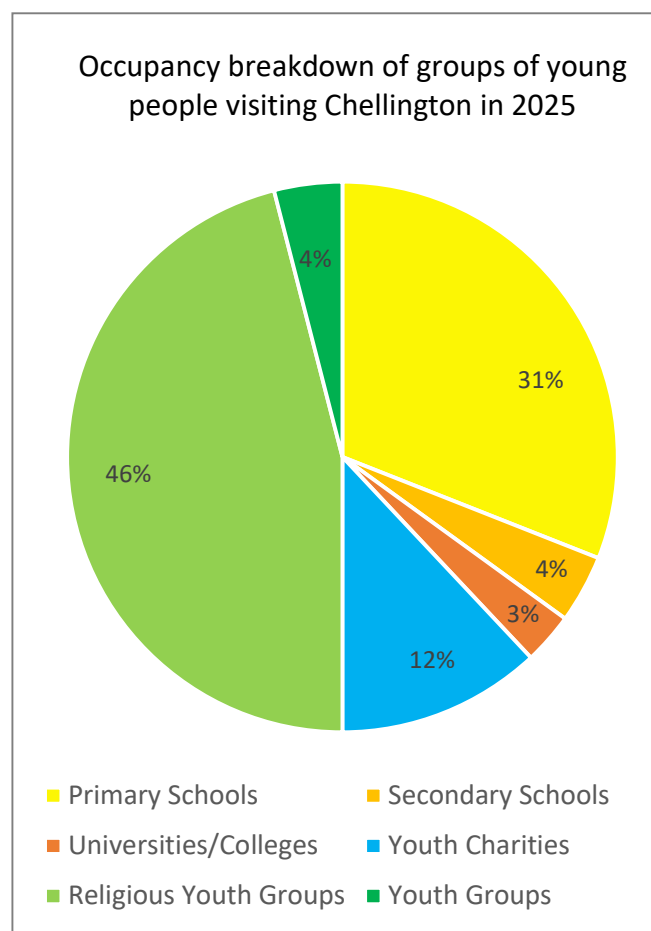
Advancing Education: Providing curriculum-linked activities that encourage engagement with the environment.

3. Our Impact

The Centre experienced high occupancy levels in 2025, particularly during the academic summer term.

Visiting groups included primary and secondary schools, youth charities and organisations, religious youth groups, and community organisations from across the region and beyond.

2025 at a glance



“When I visited Chellington for the first time I was awed by the location and views. Our children live in a deprived area of Luton; they don't see nature, and few have gardens. At Chellington they are able to see the vastness of the countryside and to know there is much more available to them than is found in their current world. They can climb trees, walk across a field of cows and horses, sit round a campfire. It sparks their imagination and widens their horizons and creates an invaluable aspirational experience.

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St Matthews Primary, Luton

4. Voices from the Field: Impact Stories

I. Beyond the City Limits

For the children of a primary school in Bedford - a school serving a community experiencing significant social and economic deprivation - their Chellington residential provided a powerful and transformative experience.

- Developing Independence**
 Many of the 28 students had never stayed away from home or cooked for themselves before this visit.
- Connecting with Nature**
 For all but one pupil, it was their first time seeing sheep in a natural environment.
- Lasting Impression**
 The visit concluded with 27 handwritten thank-you letters from the children, describing their excitement at exploring open spaces, flying kites and experiencing the countryside.



II. The "Only Holiday"

A primary school, located in Bletchley, serves a community where more than 60% of pupils are eligible for free school meals.

- A Rare Opportunity**
 For many of these Year 6 pupils, the residential visit to Chellington represents the "only holiday" they have experienced.
- Health and Wellbeing**
 School staff noted the children's "astounded gratitude" at simply having space to run freely, breathe fresh air, and enjoy the green surroundings.
- Financial Lifeline**
 The Headteacher emphasised that tightening school budgets mean that visits like this would not be possible without support from the Chellington Bursary Fund.

5. Educational Programme Highlights



With external funding support, the Centre launched the first phase of a three-year initiative to develop high-quality, low-cost, curriculum-linked activity programmes for visiting schools and youth organisations.

Claire Bassett, our part-time Programme Manager (two days per week), led the development of ready-to-use ("off-the-peg") programmes, created in consultation with teachers and designed to be delivered by visiting school staff during residential stays and day visits, supported by our team where required. Each programme includes fully resourced activity plans, risk assessments, guidance notes and equipment.

Programmes developed in 2025:

- **Anglo-Saxons vs. Vikings:** An immersive history re-enactment where children craft their own helmets, decorate shields, train as warriors and re-enact battle whilst learning through the exploration of archaeological and historical evidence, Old English poetry, Norse language and drama.
- **Geography Fieldwork:** For GCSE Geographers, practical fieldwork techniques to explore and measure the physical processes at work along the Great River Ouse, how people on the flood plain are affected by these processes (flooding), and how their activities impact upon the river (pollution and management). For A Level Geographers, practical fieldwork methodologies to explore and measure the local hydrological and carbon cycles as well as the factors affecting micro-climates and biodiversity in next-door Harrold Odell Country Park.
- **Map Explorers:** An interactive series of games and challenges to develop navigation skills where children become skilled in using OS maps, compasses and orienteering equipment. These activities use modelling with LEGO, as well as adventures in the local landscape.

This project has enabled the charity to move into more active engagement with visiting schools and youth groups. This represents a significant shift in our role—from primarily providing accommodation and space, to actively leading and supporting learning and development during residential visits.

Crucially, these experiences are delivered at low cost, ensuring they are accessible to children who might otherwise miss out on outdoor and residential learning opportunities. By providing structured, ready-to-use curriculum-linked programmes, the project has removed practical, financial and capacity barriers that previously prevented some schools and groups from accessing outdoor and residential experiences.

Disadvantaged young people are the primary beneficiaries. Those visiting Chellington now have access to engaging, curriculum-linked activities that encourage learning, teamwork and connection with nature within a supportive rural setting.

6. The Chellington Bursary Fund

The Bursary Fund remains central to the Charity's commitment to accessibility and social inclusion. Bursary Awards can cover up to 40% of accommodation costs, enabling schools and youth groups serving disadvantaged communities to visit the Centre.

Strategic Priority

Fundraising for the Bursary remains a key priority to ensure that financial barriers do not prevent young people from experiencing residential learning.

Legacy of Support

In 2025, the fund received a significant boost from Finlay Tusting's extraordinary cycle-around-the-world fundraising challenge in memory of his grandfather, John Tusting.

Direct Impact

In 2025, 12 organisations received bursary support, enabling over 650 children and young people to benefit from outdoor and residential experiences at Chellington.



“Many of our children come from large families, often with two or three generations sharing a house. They come from hugely disadvantaged homes and going away overnight is something they can only dream of! The bursary makes this an affordable trip; it makes this trip possible!”

Head Teacher at Queen's Park Primary School, Bedford

7. Community & Volunteer Engagement



The Chellington Centre continues to benefit from the generosity, skills and enthusiasm of volunteers, whose contribution plays a vital role in supporting the charity's work and strengthening our connection with the local community. Volunteers bring a wealth of practical experience, creativity and local knowledge, helping to enhance both the facilities and the experience of visiting groups.

Campfire Design and Build

Volunteer Mike generously gave his time and expertise to redesign and oversee the upgrade of the Centre's campfire area.

Generous Donation of Oak Logs

We are extremely grateful to the Burleigh Estate for donating the stunning oak logs used to create seating around the campfire.

Strategic Visits

In September, the Centre was honoured to welcome Camilla King, High Sheriff of Bedfordshire, who visited to learn more about the Centre's work with disadvantaged schools.

8. Operations & Facilities Management

Debbie Holloway took up the role of Centre Manager during 2025, overseeing the Centre's day-to-day operations and a comprehensive programme of repairs and maintenance across the site.



The Centre made significant investment in maintaining and developing the facilities in 2025. This included improvements to the campfire area, repairs to the chancel roof, important plaster repairs, and the first phase of work to establish a new sensory garden. Alongside these physical improvements, several policies and operational procedures were reviewed and updated. This work supports the development of curriculum-linked activities and helps ensure that the Centre continues to provide safe, well-managed and high-quality experiences for visiting groups.

9. In Memoriam and Thanks

The Charity wishes to record its deep gratitude to John and Jane Tusting and the Venerable Malcolm Lesiter, all of whom passed away recently.

John's vision and dedication over 25 years, together with Jane and Malcolm's unwavering encouragement and support, helped create the foundation upon which this special place now stands. Their legacy lives on in every child who experiences Chellington.

We extend our sincere thanks to Joe Street, a long-time supporter of The Chellington Centre, whose generous legacy gift has made a significant and lasting contribution to our work. We are deeply grateful for both his years of encouragement and his decision to support the Charity in this meaningful way.

We are also extremely grateful to the Carlton Education Trust, the Edith Winifred Hall Trust, and The Wixamtree Trust, whose generous and sustained support has played a vital role in the Centre's development.

Our sincere thanks also go to our neighbours, the Mesney family and Rajinder Moni, for their longstanding goodwill and support of the Centre.

Finally, we extend heartfelt thanks to our volunteers, donors, visitors, staff, trustees, neighbours and friends. Through your commitment, encouragement and generosity, the Chellington Centre continues to thrive, providing life-changing opportunities for young people and their communities.



2026 KEY PRIORITIES

1. Strengthening Community Partnerships

Continue building community relationships that enable life changing experiences at Chellington for disadvantaged young people.

2. Expand Outdoor Learning Opportunities

Continue developing curriculum-linked activities that support experiential learning in the natural environment for outdoor learning experiences.

3. Growing the Chellington Bursary Fund

Increase awareness and fundraising to expand access for schools and youth organisations in need.

4. Accreditation and Quality Assurance

Achieve the Learning Outside the Classroom (LOtC) Quality Badge, recognising the Centre's commitment to high-quality educational provision.

5. Strengthening Organisational Resilience

Continue to strengthen the Centre's operational and financial resilience to ensure a sustainable future and maximise long-term impact.



“The time at Chellington allows children to forge new friendships, try new things, talk about things they wouldn't normally talk about at school. All these things help the children to develop their self-confidence and encourages them to experience different things. Many of our children do not leave Queens Park so experiencing being in the countryside is often a new concept!”

Head Teacher at Queen's Park Primary School, Bedford

TREASURER'S REPORT

Going Concern: Trading (unrestricted) account

Trading Activity

Over the year, the charity experienced a 7% increase in booking income compared to 2024 to a record level of £136,848. All this increase was achieved through growth in youth bookings, in accordance with the charity's strategy, with only a small offsetting decrease in non-youth income. When combined with bank interest and unrestricted donations, unrestricted income totalled £141,559.

We continue to manage our operating costs to minimise our cost base wherever possible whilst looking to renew equipment when necessary. The cost of charitable activities over the year was £150,710. Accounting standards require the trustees to include a charge for depreciation of its property assets within the reported cost of its charitable activities. However, since depreciation is not a cash cost and the trustees consider that the Herald Building is unlikely to depreciate in value, the trustees have decided to use the *Net Movement in Unrestricted Funds excluding Depreciation of the Herald Building* as the principal target for budgeting and performance measurement purposes. Excluding £11,252 of depreciation on the Herald Building, the cost of charitable activities was £139,458 resulting in a small surplus on the unrestricted account of £1,523.

Designated Funds

Given the substantial restricted reserves, no additional transfer of funds was made to the Designated Property Fund over the year.

Free Cash

At the end of 2025, available unrestricted and undesignated cash reserves amounted to £53,818 (2024: £50,381.) Free reserves are in line with our target of 3 to 6 months' operating expenditure at around 4 months' expenditure. The trustees remain confident that we are able to maintain operations as a going concern for the foreseeable future.

Capital (restricted) accounts

We received donations to the Bursary Fund of £13,225. £6,741 of this total was raised by Finlay Tusting in sponsorship of his remarkable cycle ride around the world in aid of the Fund. We also received a substantial donation in memory of Fin's grandmother, the late Jane Tusting, who contributed so much to Chellington over so many years. We were also fortunate to continue to receive support from the Carlton Education Trust, which has been a consistent and generous supporter of the Centre. We made awards from the fund of £7,593, continuing to enable disadvantaged children and young people to visit the centre.

We continued to develop our own educational resources programme for schools visiting the centre. We raised £22,472 towards this programme, largely thanks to a generous bequest from the late Robert Street and donations from Co-Op stores. The fund expended £11,810 during the year on the cost of employing the programme manager and developing the physical resources required to run the programme.

2026 Financial Outlook

As of 31 December 2025, we had confirmed bookings for 2026 and beyond to the value of £91,962 (2024: £93,429), against which we held deposits of £41,480 (2024: £36,900). We expect to be able to cover our operating costs without recourse to reserves in 2026.

Our fundraising efforts continue to be focused on raising funds for our bursary fund and the development of educational resources to broaden the range of courses that we are able to provide to schools.

Approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees on 20 May 2026 and signed on their behalf by:



Edward Chamberlayne – Treasurer

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The accommodation and location were perfect for our overnight stay with our pupils, many of whom were experiencing their first night away from home with anyone outside close family & friends.

Broughton Fields Primary

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GOVERNANCE REPORT

1. Structure

The Chellington Centre Charity was set up with the singular purpose of supporting and developing the work at the Chellington Centre.

The Charity was established as a registered charity on 2 April 2014 as the Chellington Centre, having been set up and incorporated as a company on 28 November 2013.

The governing document is the Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 21 November 2013, which were adopted by special resolution on the 13 March 2014.

In accordance with the Articles of Association, at least half the number of appointed directors reside within a 15-mile radius of the Chellington Centre.

2. Trustees

We welcomed Fizz Heseltine and Darius Faitakis our Board of Trustees during the year.

3. Mission and Charities Objectives

"Our mission is to provide an inspirational and rural setting for young people to develop their personal potential."

The Charity's Objects can be summarized as:

The provision, maintenance, organisation and management of The Chellington Centre to:

- 1) Advance education, particularly of the young, and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare with the objective of improving the conditions of life those using the Centre,
- 2) Develop the physical, mental and spiritual capacities of those in need by reason of youth or financial hardship or another disadvantage, by providing support and activities which develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals.

4. Bursary Fund

In furtherance of the Objects, but not for any other purpose, the Charity has established a bursary fund from which to provide bursaries to make the facilities of the Charity as accessible as possible to as wide a range of groups as possible.

5. Charity Governance Code for Smaller Charities

The Charity's Trustees have adopted the Charity Governance Code for smaller charities:

1. **Organisational purpose** - The board is clear about the charity's aims and ensure that these are being delivered effectively and sustainably.
2. **Leadership** - The board provides strategic leadership in line with the charity's aims and values. Full trustee meetings are held at least quarterly to review financial results, policies and procedures and any issues of governance.
3. **Integrity** - The board acts with integrity, adopting values and creating a culture which help achieve the organisation's charitable purposes. The board is aware of the importance of the public's confidence and trust in charities, and trustees undertake their duties accordingly.
4. **Decision-making, risk and control** - The board makes sure that its decision-making processes are informed, rigorous and timely and that effective delegation, control and risk assessment and management systems are set up and monitored.

The Trustees have assessed the risks that the charity faces. The major risk relates to dependence on a number of key staff and volunteers. Financial risk resulting from a reduction in occupation of the Centre is controlled by close monitoring of advance bookings and adjustment of budgeted spend should this be necessary.

5. **Board effectiveness** - The board works as an effective team, using the appropriate balance of skills, experience, backgrounds and knowledge to make informed decisions.
6. **Diversity** - The board's approach to diversity supports its effectiveness, leadership and decision-making.
7. **Openness and accountability** - The board leads the organisation in being transparent and accountable.

6. Reserves Policy

The Trustees have determined that, given the seasonality of income, it is appropriate that unrestricted and undesignated free cash reserves at year end should be maintained to enable us to cover between three- and six-months' salaries and fixed operating expenditure.

Customer deposits and prepayments are held in a separate bank account until such time as occupancy takes place. Restricted reserves are managed to ensure that they are maintained in separate bank accounts and are only applied for the purposes set out in the grant applications and donations.

7. Trustees' Responsibilities to Prepare Financial Statements

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the affairs of the charity and of the deficit or surplus of the charity for that year.

In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP,
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent,

- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
- prepare the financial statements on the ongoing concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

8. Independent Examiner

A proposal to reappoint Tim Sullivan as the Independent Examiner will be proposed at our forthcoming AGM and he has expressed a willingness to accept.

9. Approval

Approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees on 20 May 2026 and signed on their behalf by:



Rachel Lesiter – Chair



INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE CHELLINGTON CENTRE LIMITED

I report to the charity trustees (who are also Directors for the purpose of company law) on my examination of the accounts of The Chellington Centre ('the charitable company') for the year ended 31 December 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes on pages 19 to 26.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the charity's trustees of The Chellington Centre 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 Chellington Centre 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.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the financial statements. The planning and conduct of an audit go beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently, I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair' view and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

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 Chellington Centre 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Sullivan'.

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Tim Sullivan FCA
ICAEW
9 Hare & Billet Road
Blackheath
SE3 ORB

Date 20 May 2026

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	Notes	Unrestricted 2025 £	Restricted 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Incoming resources from charitable activities:					
Voluntary income		4,712	40,838	45,549	141,390
Bookings income		136,848		136,848	127,940
Total incoming resources	2	141,559	40,838	182,397	269,330
Resources expended					
Fundraising		578	578	1,155	4,043
Charitable activities	3 & 5	150,710	22,764	173,475	163,088
Total resources expended		151,288	23,342	174,630	167,130
Transfers	10				
Net movement in funds	4	-9,729	17,496	7,767	102,200
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		350,109	127,064	477,173	374,973
Total funds carried forward		340,380	144,559	484,939	477,173

All income and expenditures are derived from continuing activities.

All recognised gains and losses are included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

The notes on pages 19 to 26 form part of these financial statements

BALANCE SHEET

	Notes	2025	2024
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	8	279,263	293,076
Current assets			
Cash in hand and in bank		251,418	218,215
Accounts Receivable		1,234	6,620
Prepayments		813	1,608
		253,464	226,442
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	-47,788	-42,346
Net current assets		205,676	184,097
Net assets		484,939	477,173
Funds			
Unrestricted funds		335,128	345,065
Designated funds		5,252	5,044
Restricted funds		144,559	127,064
Total funds		484,939	477,173

The notes on pages 19 to 26 form part of these financial statements.

For the financial year ended 31 December 2025 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 Companies Act 2006. No member of the charity has deposited a notice, pursuant to section 476, requiring an audit of these financial statements under the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of the financial year and of its profit or loss for the 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 accounts, so far as applicable to the charity.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Board and authorised for issue on 20 May 2026

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Accounting Policies

1.1. Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2019 – FRS 102 version), applicable accounting standards and the Companies Act 2006. The charity has taken advantage of the Small Entity provisions of FRS 102. The financial statements are presented in Sterling (£).

Statement on going concern

After reviewing the charity's forecasts and projections, the directors have reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

1.2 Company status

The charity is a company limited by guarantee. The directors of the company are the trustees named on page 1. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity.

1.3. Incoming resources

Incoming resources represents the total income receivable during the year comprising of donated income and income from events and bookings. All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable certainty.

1.4. Expenditure

All expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is inclusive of all VAT, which cannot be reclaimed, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates:

- 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.
- Fundraising expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity for professional services in relation to the identification of potential funders and the preparation of grant applications in compliance with the Code of Fundraising Practice issued by the independent regulator of charitable fundraising in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.
- Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the Independent Examiner's fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.
- All costs are allocated directly, as such there are no support costs to apportion.

1.5. Funds

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objects of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds are funds set aside for specific purposes. The aim and use of the designated funds are set out in the notes to the Financial Statements.

Restricted funds are funds, which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor. The aim and use of the restricted funds are set out in the notes of the financial statements.

1.6. Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Capital expenditure on items costing £2,000 or higher are recorded as tangible fixed assets. Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost valuation less depreciation.

Depreciation of equipment is provided on a straight-line basis at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation less estimated residual of each asset over its expected useful life. Kitchen equipment is depreciated over a three-year useful life; Alarm systems are depreciated over a ten-year useful life; Media equipment is depreciated over a five-year useful life; Camping equipment and Games equipment valued at less than £5,000 is fully depreciated in the year of acquisition. The Herald Building is depreciated on a reducing balance basis at a rate of 4% per annum.

1.7. Pensions

The Charity operates a defined contribution plan for its employees. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the Charity pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. Once the contributions have been paid the Charity has no further payment obligations.

The contributions are recognised as an expense in the Income and Expenditure Account when they fall due. Amounts not paid are shown in accruals as a liability in the Balance Sheet. The assets of the plan are held separately from the Company in independently administered funds.

1.8. Taxation

The Chellington Centre is a registered charity and is not liable to Corporation Tax.

2. Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities

Incoming resources from charitable activities:	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	2025	2025	2025	2024
Voluntary Income	£	£	£	£
Donations - Bursary Fund	-	13,225	13,225	9,589
Donations - Educational Programme	-	22,472	22,472	22,943
Donation - Edith Winifred Hall Trust	-	-	-	100,000
Donation - Site Development	-	-	-	4,188
Donations - General	729	-	729	75
Bank Interest	3,983	5,141	9,124	4,595
	<u>4,712</u>	<u>40,838</u>	<u>45,549</u>	<u>141,390</u>
Bookings income				
Youth bookings	73,929	-	73,929	63,074
Non-youth bookings	62,919	-	62,919	64,866
	<u>136,848</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>136,848</u>	<u>127,940</u>
Total incoming resources	<u>141,559</u>	<u>40,838</u>	<u>182,397</u>	<u>269,330</u>

Donations include associated Gift Aid of £45 (2024 £4,576) received from HMRC during the year.

3. Charitable Activities (including Governance Costs)

Resources expended	Unrestricted/ Designated 2025	Restricted 2025	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Fundraising costs				
Professional services	578	578	1,155	4,043
Charitable activities				
Direct costs of bookings	2,042	-	2,042	1,797
Staff & volunteer costs	79,102	-	79,102	72,150
Utilities, rent & rates	21,400	-	21,400	19,071
Insurance & alarms	6,448	-	6,448	5,787
Repairs, maintenance & renewals	20,147	-	20,147	23,117
Administration & marketing	10,320	-	10,320	7,542
Herald Building Depreciation	11,252	-	11,252	11,720
Bursaries	-	7,593	7,593	5,644
Site Development	-	3,361	3,361	10,753
Educational Programme	-	11,810	11,810	5,507
Total cost of charitable activities	150,710	22,764	173,475	163,088
Total cost of resources expended	151,288	23,342	174,630	167,131

4. Net movement in unrestricted funds

Net movement in unrestricted funds:	Unrestricted 2025 £	Unrestricted 2024 £
Total incoming resources	141,559	131,583
Total resources expended excluding depreciation on the Herald Building	140,036	132,736
Net movement in unrestricted funds excluding depreciation on the Herald Building	1,523	-1,153
Depreciation on the Herald Building	11,252	11,720
Net movement in unrestricted funds:	-9,729	-12,873

The Trustees set their annual budget based on the expected *Net Movement in Unrestricted Funds excluding Depreciation on the Herald Building*. This reflects the fact that although the trustees are required to depreciate the Herald Building, there is no associated cash cost and they do not expect the value of the building to fall over time.

5. Governance Costs

	2025 £	2024 £
Independent examiner's remuneration (included in Note 3)	1,180	800
Trustees' expenses	0	0
Total governance costs	1,180	800

6. Trustees' remuneration

The trustees received no remuneration (£2025: £nil) and received no reimbursements (£2024: £nil).

7. Staff Remuneration and numbers

	2025	2024
	£	£
Staff remuneration		
Wages and salaries	79,018	75,049
Pension costs	1,400	2,051
National Insurance	736	-
Total staff remuneration	81,154	77,100

The average number of full and part-time employees during the year were as follows:

	2025	2024
Full time – Centre Manager	1.0	1.0
Part time – Assistant Managers (two)	0.8	1.2
Part time - Programme Manager	0.4	0.2
	2.2	2.4

No employees received emoluments of more than £60,000 per annum.

8. Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets	Herald Building	Alarm Systems	Camping Equipment	Other Equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost or valuation					
At 1 January 2025	313,583	11,365	3,076	10,438	338,463
Disposals					
Acquisitions					
At 31 December 2025	313,583	11,365	3,076	10,438	338,463
Depreciation					
At 1 January 2025	32,292	3,599	3,076	6,420	45,387
Disposals					
Charge for year	11,252	1,137		1,425	13,813
At 31 December 2025	43,543	4,736	3,076	7,844	59,200
Net book value					
At 31 December 2024	281,292	7,766		4,018	293,076
At 31 December 2025	270,040	6,630		2,593	279,263

9. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	£	£
Deferred booking income	41,480	38,521
Accruals	3,922	1,651
Pension payable	659	1,271
Accounts payable	1,021	836
Barclaycard	706	736
Total creditors	47,788	42,347

Deferred income relates to pre-payments for future bookings.

10. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	279,263	0	279,263
Current assets	108,905	144,559	253,464
Current liabilities	-47,788	0	-47,788
Net assets at 31 December 2025	340,380	144,559	484,939
Tangible fixed assets	293,076	0	293,076
Current assets	99,378	127,064	226,442
Current liabilities	-42,346	0	-42,346
Net assets at 31 December 2024	350,109	127,064	477,173

11. Movement in funds

	At 1-Jan- 2025 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfers £	At 31-Dec- 2025 £
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	345,065	141,351	151,288	-	335,128
Designated funds	5,044	208		-	5,252
Total Unrestricted funds	350,108	141,559	151,288	-	340,380
Restricted funds					
Bursary	6,360	13,572	7,593	-	12,339
Site Development	104,038	4,748	3,361	-	105,425
Educational Programme	16,666	22,518	12,388	-	26,795
Total restricted funds	127,064	40,838	23,342	-	144,559
Total Funds	477,172	182,397	174,630	-	484,939

Designated fund - The trustees have established a reserve to finance any future major spending that may be required on either of the properties at the Centre.

Bursary fund - The aim of the Chellington Bursary Fund is to make The Chellington Centre as accessible as possible, particularly for young people in areas of deprivation where funding is not easily available for residential activity. In 2025 twelve Bursaries were awarded to a value of £3,700 (2024; ten awards to a value of £3,640). Eight further awards were approved in 2025 to a value of £4,393 for events in 2026. (2024; four awards to a value of £2,004.)

Site Development fund - Restricted funding was raised to upgrade the facilities at The Centre, and this work has been completed. Further restricted funds were donated for expenditure on the Centre's land or buildings or on bursaries.

Educational Programme - Funding has been raised to finance the production and delivery of educational resources to enable more schools to access The Chellington Centre's facilities.