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**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1160215**

**Report of the Trustees and  
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended  
31 March 2025  
for  
Wheels 2 Work County Durham**

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**Wheels 2 Work County Durham**

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Year Ended 31 March 2025**

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**Wheels 2 Work County Durham  
Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

The trustees 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 Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) are the relief of unemployment for the benefit of residents in County Durham or in such other geographical areas as trustees may decide, through the provision of modes of transport and connected services such as training that will enable individuals to take up new employment and skills.

## **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

### **Charitable activities**

This report of Wheels 2 Work County Durham covers the year ended 31 March 2025. The scheme provides non-electric pedal bicycles and loans scooters to people with job offers who would be unable to take them up without private transport. This may be due to shift timings or particular route issues that mean that public transport is not feasible.

The first rider joined the scheme in December 2016 and by the end of the first financial year seventeen riders had benefited from Wheels 2 Work. During 2017-18 41 riders participated in the scheme, with a further 45 people benefiting during 2018-19, another 73 during 2019-20 and a further 54, despite the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and subsequent job losses, in 2020-21. A continuation of the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, and longer-term loans, resulted in 42 people using the service in 2021-22 taking the total number to 282.

From 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023, the number of people supported into employment through scooter hire was 51 and 52 by bicycle. From 1st April 2023 to 31st April 2024, the number of people supported into employment through scooter hire was 43 and 82 by bicycle. From 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025, the number of people supported into employment through scooter hire was 52 and 91 by bicycle. This resulted in the overall number of people supported by bicycle or scooter into employment since commencement of the scheme being 653. Demand continues to grow annually.

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commissions' general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the CIO's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

### **Financial position**

The attached financial statements show the state of the finances and related transactions during the past year, which the trustees consider to be correct.

The year 2024-25 has seen the scheme receive a multi-year grant from the National Lottery and a resolution to the issues with electric scooters with compensation received. Incoming Resources have totalled £191,684 (2023-24 £179,623) whilst Resources Expended were £196,956 (2023-24 £202,531). That resulted in a deficit of £5,272 (2023-24 deficit of £22,908). Closing Net Assets at 31 March 2025 were £102,010 (2023-24 £107,282).

### **Investment policy and objectives**

Funds are maintained in an instant access bank account giving security and rapid access.

### **Reserves policy**

The target of the reserves policy is to maintain a level of reserves which will ensure a continuation of operations for at least six months without income. Reserves are defined as undesignated net current assets. At 31 March 2025 the level of reserves was £40,840.

The 2025 level of free reserves equates to operating costs for a period of 3.4 months without income at current expenditure levels. With multi-year grants in place protecting income this is not regarded as creating undue risk.

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**Going concern**

The trustees have assessed whether the use of the going concern assumption is appropriate in preparing these financial statements. The trustees have made this assessment in respect to a period of one year from the date of approval of these financial statements. The trustees of the charity have concluded that there are no material uncertainties related to the events or conditions that may cast doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern.

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

The organisation is a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) registered on 29 January 2015. The organisation was established under a constitution that established the objects powers and governance of the CIO.

**Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

The charity trustees are members of the CIO. They are responsible for investing and expending funds of the charity in such a manner as they shall consider most beneficial for the achievements of the objectives. They enter into contracts on behalf of the charity. They are responsible for the proper management and administration of the CIO in accordance with the constitution.

The trustees are subject to retirement after a maximum of 3 years unless they retire or are removed in accordance with the constitution. Retiring trustees may be reappointed for a further term. Appointments are made by members of the CIO at its Annual General Meeting or at other times by ordinary resolution. Trustees are recruited for their ability to manage the charity in accordance with the provisions of the constitution and in furtherance of its objects. There must be a minimum of 3 trustees.

The present trustees have a variety of backgrounds and skills and the board seeks to maintain an appropriate range of skills to match the tasks undertaken by the board. Trustees must be familiar with the activities of the charity and in sympathy with them. Potential trustees identified by the existing trustees are, discussed with the other trustees then approached to check their availability.

**Risk management**

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and where necessary have taken steps to minimise such risks.

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

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Charity number:**  
1160215

**Principal address:**  
Bullion Hall, South Approach, Bullion Lane  
Chester-Le-Street, County Durham, DH2 2DW

**Bankers**  
CAF Bank Ltd

**Trustees**

Members who acted as trustees were as follows:

P J MacLellan  
G Mitchinson  
A J Allsop  
L Roughley  
M Purvis (resigned 12 Feb 25)

Independent examiner  
Mr P. Harnby FCA  
ICAEW  
Mitchell Grievson Ltd  
Kensington House, 3 Kensington  
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 17 December 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



P J MacLellan  
Trustee

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Wheels 2 Work County Durham**

### **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Wheels 2 Work County Durham**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Wheels 2 Work County Durham for the year ended 31 March 2025.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

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



Mr P. Hamby FCA  
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Date: 18 December 2025

## Wheels 2 Work County Durham

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

		Year Ended 31.03.25 Restricted funds	Year Ended 31.03.25 Unrestricted funds	Year Ended 31.03.25 Total funds	Year Ended 31.03.24 Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Wheels 2 Work County Durham scheme	2	36,000	155,684	191,684	179,623
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>36,000</b>	<b>155,684</b>	<b>191,684</b>	<b>179,623</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Costs of Generating Funds</b>					
Governance, application and monitoring of grants			3,429	3,429	1,137
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Wheels 2 Work County Durham scheme	3	41,214	152,313	193,527	201,394
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>41,214</b>	<b>155,742</b>	<b>196,956</b>	<b>202,531</b>
<b>NET INCOME AND NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<b>(5,214)</b>	<b>(58)</b>	<b>(5,272)</b>	<b>(22,908)</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
<b>Funds brought forward</b>		<b>5,214</b>	<b>102,068</b>	<b>107,282</b>	<b>130,190</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>102,010</b>	<b>102,010</b>	<b>107,282</b>

#### CONTINUING OPERATIONS

All income and expenditure has arisen from continuing activities.

## Wheels 2 Work County Durham

### Balance Sheet At 31 March 2025

		2025 Total funds	2024 Total funds
	Notes	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	7	61,170	48,124
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	8	22,450	27,129
Cash at bank and in hand		47,341	42,584
		<b>69,791</b>	<b>69,713</b>
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	9	28,951	10,555
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>40,840</b>	<b>59,158</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		102,010	107,282
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>102,010</b>	<b>107,282</b>
<b>FUNDS</b>	10 & 11		
Restricted funds		0	5,214
Unrestricted general funds		102,010	102,068
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<b>102,010</b>	<b>107,282</b>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 17 December 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



Peter J MacLellan  
Trustee

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 Charitable Incorporated Organisation (the principal address of which can be found at Page 3), 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.

The presentation currency of the financial statements is the Pound Sterling (£).

These financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis. In using this basis the trustees have taken account of the reserves of the charity at 31 March 2025 and its prospects for subsequent periods.

**Tangible Fixed Assets**

Tangible fixed assets are included at cost less depreciation and impairment.

All assets costing more than £500 are capitalised. Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of tangible fixed assets to their estimated residual value over their expected useful lives (a full year's charge is entered in the year of acquisition; no charge is entered in the year of disposal) as follows:

Motor Scooters and Bikes	- over 3 years
Plant & Equipment	- over 3 years
Computer Equipment	- over 3 years

**Financial Instruments**

Basic financial instruments are recognised at amortised cost.

**Income**

Income (including grants) is recognised in the period in which the charity has entitlement to the income, the amount of income can be reliably measured and it is probable that the income will be received.

Any rental income received in advance of the rental period is deferred until that period.

**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.

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from 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.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds that have been earmarked for a particular purpose by the trustees. They do not form part of the charities free reserves.

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

## Wheels 2 Work County Durham

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

#### 2. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

Activity – Wheels 2 Work County Durham	Year Ended 31.03.25 Restricted £	Year Ended 31.03.25 Unrestricted £	Year Ended 31.03.25 Total £	Year Ended 31.03.24 Total £
Scheme income		61,318	61,318	46,753
Grant Reallocation	17,395	(17,395)	0	0
Grant funding	18,605	111,761	130,366	132,870
<b>Total</b>	<b>36,000</b>	<b>155,684</b>	<b>191,684</b>	<b>179,623</b>

The charity acknowledges and is grateful for the following grants received during the period:

	2025 Total	2025 Capital Funding element	2024 Total	2024 Capital Funding element
Point North Community Foundation /HSF	22,810		56,350	
Durham County Council (DCC)	10,000			
DCC Sustainable Transport Fund	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Karbon Homes	1,000			
Garfield Weston Foundation			15,000	15,000
Livin Housing	1,000		1,000	
Amazon			1,000	
Coalfields Regeneration Trust	2,000		5,000	
The National Lottery	83,556	17,732	43,520	14,532
Tesco			1,000	
<b>Total Grant Funding</b>	<b>130,366</b>	<b>27,732</b>	<b>132,870</b>	<b>39,532</b>

#### 3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Year Ended 31.03.25 Restricted £	Year Ended 31.03.25 Unrestricted £	Year Ended 31.03.25 Total £	Year Ended 31.03.24 Total £
Governance		3,429	3,429	1,137
CIO Administration, Grant finding and Monitoring		6,807	6,807	5,624
Depreciation		62,924	62,924	42,577
(Profit)/losses on disposal		(53,796)	(53,796)	850
Net scheme operation costs (see note 4)	41,214	136,378	177,592	152,343
<b>Total</b>	<b>41,214</b>	<b>155,742</b>	<b>196,956</b>	<b>202,531</b>

Included in CIO Administration, Grant finding and Monitoring above are Independent Examination fees of £504 (2024 £504).

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## Wheels 2 Work County Durham

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

#### 4. BREAKDOWN OF NET SCHEME OPERATION COSTS

	Year Ended 31.03.25 Restricted £	Year Ended 31.03.25 Unrestricted £	Year Ended 31.03.25 Total £	Year Ended 31.03.24 Total £
Direct Scooter & Rider Costs		77,649	77,649	58,647
Bicycle Scheme	36,000		36,000	38,036
Salaries and Staff Costs	3,502	46,875	50,377	46,345
Office Costs		6,353	6,353	4,807
Marketing	1,712	5,501	7,213	4,508
Total (included as part of Note 3)	41,214	136,378	177,592	152,343

#### 5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

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

##### Trustees' expenses

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

#### 6. STAFF COSTS

	Year Ended 31.03.25 £	Year Ended 31.03.24 £
Wages	50,700	47,190
Pensions	1,147	1,041
Total (included as part of Note 3)	51,847	48,231

The average number of employees for the year ended 31 March 2025 was 2 (y/e 31 March 2024 was 2).

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**7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Motor Scooters	Plant & Equipment	Totals
	£	£	£
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 April 2024	125,936		125,936
Additions	80,740		80,740
Disposals	94,604		94,604
At 31 March 2025	112,072	0	112,072
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 April 2024	77,812		77,812
Charge for year	62,924		62,924
Eliminated on disposal	89,834		89,834
At 31 March 2025	50,902	0	50,902
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 March 2025	61,170	-	61,170
At 31 March 2024	48,124	-	48,124

**8. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade Debtors	0	184
Prepayments	22,450	26,945
Total	24,450	27,129

**9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Grants to pay Client Loan Fees	26,400	8,128
Trade Creditors	0	32
Accrued charges	540	540
HMRC	2,011	1,855
Total	28,951	10,555

## Wheels 2 Work County Durham

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

#### 10. DESIGNATED FUNDS

There were no designated funds during the period of this report.

#### 11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 31.03.24 £	Net Movement in Funds £	At 31.03.25 £
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>			
Designated Funds (see note 10)	0	0	0
General Fund – Tangible Assets	48,124	13,046	61,170
General Fund – Current Assets	53,944	(13,104)	40,840
<b>Restricted Funds</b>			
Restricted Fund – Current Assets	5,214	(5,214)	0
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>107,282</u>	<u>(5,272)</u>	<u>102,010</u>

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

	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Movement in Funds
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>				
Designated Funds (see note 10)	0	0	0	0
General Fund – Tangible Assets	27,732	(14,686)	0	13,046
General Fund – Current Assets	127,952	(141,056)	0	(13,104)
<b>Restricted Funds</b>				
Restricted Fund – Current Assets	36,000	(41,214)	0	(5,214)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>191,684</u>	<u>(196,956)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(5,272)</u>

#### Comparatives

	At 31.03.23 £	Net Movement in Funds £	At 31.03.24 £
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>			
Designated Funds (see note 10)	20,000	(20,000)	0
General Fund – Tangible Assets	53,564	(5,440)	48,124
General Fund – Current Assets	56,626	(2,682)	53,944
<b>Restricted Funds</b>			
Restricted Fund – Current Assets		5,214	5,214
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>130,190</u>	<u>(22,908)</u>	<u>107,282</u>

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

	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Movement in Funds
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>				
Designated Funds (see note 10)	0	(20,000)	0	(20,000)
General Fund – Tangible Assets	39,532	(44,972)	0	(5,440)
General Fund – Current Assets	96,841	(99,523)	0	(2,682)
<b>Restricted Funds</b>				
Restricted Fund – Current Assets	43,250	(38,036)	0	5,214
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>179,623</u>	<u>(202,531)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(22,908)</u>