

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
From	Day	Month	Year	To	Day	Month	Year
	1	Apr	2024		31	Mar	2025

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name Derwentside Trust

Other names charity is known by N/A

Registered charity number (if any) 1160715

Charity's principal address Glenroyd House

Medomsley Road

Consett, County Durham

Postcode

DH8 5HL

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Mark Clelland	Chairperson	Whole Year	Trustees
2	Michael Trotter	Treasurer	Whole Year	Trustees
3	Jacqueline Rennoldson	Member	Whole Year	Trustees
4	Roy Hetherington	Member	Whole Year	Trustees
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
None	None

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Accountant	KL Accountants	Office 64, Viewpoint, Consett, DH8 6BN

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Mark Clelland

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Constitution

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

Trust, Registered Charity and Registered under Companies House – Company Number 09227225

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Elected by Trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Chair's Introduction

On behalf of the Trustees, I am pleased to present the Annual Report for Derwentside Trust for the year ending 31 March 2025. This year has been one of meaningful progress and growing community engagement. Despite continuing social and economic pressures affecting many local residents, our charity has remained resilient, self-sufficient, and committed to its core purpose – to support, strengthen, and serve the Derwentside community.

We are particularly proud of the developments achieved within our Community Kitchen and Café, the continued success of our Community Pantry and Clothes Bank, and our expanding network of partners and support services operating from Glenroyd House.

Governance and Structure

Derwentside Trust reviews all policies and procedures annually, with formal confirmation taking place at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) each May.

The charity is governed by four Trustees and supported by one Director of the limited company, registered with Companies House under registration number 09227225.

The Trustees maintain oversight of strategic direction, risk management, and the effective delivery of charitable objectives in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity Commission's guidance on good governance.

Partnership and Compliance

Derwentside Trust works in close collaboration with Durham County Council, who provide ongoing advice, guidance, and monitoring in relation to health and safety compliance and the continued suitability of our premises for public use.

We also utilise the services of Durham County Council for statutory compliance, including:

- Asbestos management
- Legionella testing
- Fire extinguisher servicing
- Electrical safety inspections

This partnership ensures our building remains safe, compliant, and welcoming to all members of the public.

Community Development and Activities

The financial year ending March 2025 has seen significant development and growth across several key projects.

Our Community Kitchen and Café has progressed substantially and is on track to open by July 2025. Extensive refurbishment work has been completed within the kitchen facilities at Glenroyd House, and planning is underway to introduce a community-focused menu and regular meal provision for local residents. The initiative will play an important role in supporting disadvantaged and vulnerable individuals, helping to reduce food insecurity and social isolation.

Our Community Pantry continues to experience increased demand, reflecting the growing needs of local families and individuals. We have seen a notable rise in requests for food parcels and essential supplies. Similarly, our Clothes Bank has expanded its reach, providing practical support, clothing, and assistance to those in financial hardship or experiencing homelessness.

The Trust remains dedicated to offering help, advice, guidance, and signposting to professional and specialist services, ensuring every individual who comes through our doors receives meaningful support and connection to further assistance.

Facilities, Operations and Partnerships

Derwentside Trust holds a full maintenance and repair lease on its premises, providing a strong foundation for growth and long-term community benefit. The 35-year lease gives the charity security of tenure and enables strategic investment in the development of new facilities and services.

Our premises at Glenroyd House are now home to:

- Partner charities and community organisations
- A range of local support services
- The local Member of Parliament's constituency surgery, which operates regularly with her support staff

We continue to deliver and expand our Fun and Food activities, enhance our Community Pantry and Clothes Bank, and strengthen relationships with partner agencies to widen the scope and impact of our charitable work.

Financial Overview and Risk Management

The Trustees have undertaken a full review of the charity's financial position and governance arrangements. It is not deemed that there are any significant risks currently affecting the charity.

Derwentside Trust remains financially self-sufficient, achieving a modest surplus during the financial year. All surplus funds are reinvested to support ongoing community projects, maintenance, and future service development.

The Trustees are satisfied that the charity is operating within its means, maintaining sound financial controls, and adhering to all relevant statutory and regulatory requirements.

Looking Ahead

As we move into the next financial year, the Trust is committed to:

- Completing and launching the Community Kitchen and Café by July 2025
- Expanding community engagement and outreach programmes
- Strengthening partnerships with local authorities, charities, and support agencies
- Enhancing sustainability through responsible financial management and social enterprise initiatives

The Trustees remain fully dedicated to ensuring Derwentside Trust continues to serve the people of Derwentside, providing a safe, supportive, and inclusive environment for all.

Section C

Objectives and activities

Community Services and Impact

Derwentside Trust plays a vital role in supporting the people of Consett, the Derwent Valley, and the surrounding communities including Dipton, Stanley, and Burnopfield. The Trust's mission is to strengthen community wellbeing, reduce social isolation, and create opportunities for individuals to thrive through access to education, training, and essential support services.

The Trust provides affordable room hire and accommodation at Glenroyd House, which serves as a central hub for community activity and engagement. These facilities are regularly used by a wide range of local organisations, community groups, and training providers for meetings, social gatherings, and personal and professional development programmes. Through this provision, the Trust enables local residents to connect, learn, and participate in activities that improve their quality of life and employment prospects.

A key part of the Trust's work focuses on helping people move closer to employment through training, guidance, and access to job search resources. The Trust actively signposts individuals to training and development opportunities, working in collaboration with education providers, local employers, and support agencies. The aim is to help people build confidence, gain skills, and re-engage with the workforce.

Glenroyd House also accommodates a variety of essential wellbeing and support services, including mental health and wellbeing activities, drug and alcohol recovery programmes, and a range of professional advice and intervention services. By hosting these services under one roof, the Trust provides a safe, welcoming, and easily accessible environment where individuals and families can receive help without stigma or barriers.

In response to growing local need, the Trust operates a Community Pantry and Clothes Bank, offering vital support to individuals and families experiencing financial hardship. These initiatives provide food, clothing, and essential items to those most in need, helping to reduce food poverty and promote dignity within the community.

The Trust also continues to deliver Fun and Food activities during school holidays and term breaks, supporting children and families across the local area, including those who receive free school meals. These sessions combine nutritious meals with engaging and inclusive activities designed to support children's wellbeing, confidence, and sense of belonging.

Over the past year, Derwentside Trust has seen a steady increase in demand for its services, reflecting the continued social and economic challenges faced by many in the community. In response, the Trust has strengthened its partnerships with local authorities, charities, and voluntary groups to ensure that no individual

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

or family in need goes unsupported.

Derwentside Trust remains deeply committed to growing its services, expanding community outreach, and creating new opportunities for learning, wellbeing, and social connection. As the Trust looks to the future, its priority is to continue building a strong, inclusive, and compassionate community where everyone can access the help and opportunities they deserve.

During the year ending 31 March 2025, Derwentside Trust continued to deliver a wide range of community-based services and initiatives for the benefit of residents in Consett, the wider Derwent Valley, and the surrounding areas of Dipton, Stanley, and Burnopfield.

The Trust's activities are directed towards improving social welfare, reducing hardship, and enhancing opportunities for individuals and families through education, training, wellbeing, and support services. The Trustees confirm that they have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when planning and delivering all activities and projects.

The Trust provides affordable community facilities at Glenroyd House, enabling local organisations, voluntary groups, and training providers to deliver a wide range of social, educational, and development programmes. These include training and skills sessions, employment support, and community engagement activities aimed at reducing isolation and improving employability.

In addition to providing premises for community use, the Trust delivers direct support to individuals through:

- Access to job search facilities and signposting to training and personal development opportunities.
- The operation of a Community Pantry and Clothes Bank, providing food, clothing, and essential items to people in financial hardship or crisis.
- Hosting a range of wellbeing, mental health, drug and alcohol recovery, and professional advice services under one roof, ensuring accessible and coordinated support for those in need.
- Delivering Fun and Food activities during school holidays and term breaks to support children and families, particularly those eligible for free school meals. These sessions provide nutritious meals and inclusive activities to promote health, wellbeing, and community cohesion.

Through these combined efforts, the Trust continues to act as a central hub for community engagement, promoting equality, inclusion, and opportunity for all residents regardless of background or circumstance. The Trustees are satisfied that all activities undertaken during the reporting period have directly advanced the Trust's charitable objectives and provided measurable public benefit to the communities of Derwentside and the surrounding areas.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

The Trust discusses with its Trustees, any amendments or changes as well as future planning at its AGM and meetings throughout the year.

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Derwentside Trust has continued to make strong progress throughout 2024/2025, building on its commitment to support the people of Consett, the Derwent Valley, and the wider surrounding areas including Dipton, Stanley, and Burnopfield. This has been a year of meaningful development, community engagement, and preparation for the launch of our much-anticipated Community Kitchen.

The Trust has remained focused on its central purpose – to serve the local community through the provision of facilities, training, and support aimed at improving wellbeing, reducing isolation, and helping individuals and families in need. We have continued to operate to a high standard, preparing and delivering food parcels for vulnerable people and those facing financial hardship through our Community Pantry. Alongside this, our Clothes Bank has provided vital support to families and individuals requiring essential clothing and everyday items.

We have worked closely with Durham County Council to deliver Fun and Food activities during school holidays, providing nutritious meals and engaging sessions for children and families, including those eligible for free school meals. These programmes have been very successful and continue to grow in popularity and community impact. We also work in partnership with the Derwent Valley Area Action Partnership to deliver a range of initiatives including employment support courses, Mini Medics first aid sessions, and personalised help with benefit applications, job searches, and other social support needs. These activities have made a real difference in helping local residents to build skills, access employment, and improve their overall quality of life.

The highlight of the coming year will be the completion and opening of the Community Kitchen and Café, which will enable the Trust to provide regular community meals and additional support services from Glenroyd House. This project represents a significant milestone and will strengthen our capacity to respond to local need, promote social inclusion, and reduce food poverty.

During the year, we have also made significant progress in promoting Glenroyd House and raising awareness of the services we provide. Plans are in place for a new website, improved social media presence, and a refreshed brand identity to increase visibility and engagement. Our goal is to firmly establish Glenroyd House as a recognised community hub at the heart of Derwentside, where people can access information, support, and opportunities.

The Trust continues to benefit from its long-term lease, which provides stability and allows us to apply for external grants and funding to further develop and improve our facilities. This will enable greater public access and help us to expand the range of services we can provide.

A particular highlight of the year was the Glenroyd Grotto, a much-loved community event that has now become a key part of our annual calendar. The Grotto is provided completely free of charge to low-income families and those most in need within our community. It offers children and their families a magical Christmas experience at a time of year that can be especially difficult for many. Through our Glenroyd Toy Appeal, we were able to provide gifts for local children who might otherwise go without. In addition, the Trust provided Christmas lunch food parcels for families, ensuring that everyone could enjoy a festive meal and spend precious time together during the holiday season. The Glenroyd Grotto has grown each year and now represents one of our most meaningful community initiatives, embodying the Trust's commitment to care, compassion, and togetherness.

While this has been another challenging year, it has also been one of great progress and community achievement. The Trustees are proud of the continued growth of the Trust and the impact of its services. The development of the Community Kitchen has faced unavoidable delays due to unforeseen circumstances, but we remain confident that it will soon be completed and will

provide lasting benefit to the local community.

We wish to express our sincere gratitude to all those who have supported Derwentside Trust over the past year – including local families, volunteers, partner organisations, Durham County Council, the Derwent Valley Area Action Partnership, local councillors, shops, and supermarkets. Their continued encouragement, donations, and collaboration have been essential in enabling us to carry out our charitable work and to make a meaningful difference in our community.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Any surplus is re-invested back into Derwentside Trust to support and grow the charity and support the local community as well as maintenance of the building. The reinvestment also improves activities as well as improve the building and services that we offer as a charity in the local area.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

No funds in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity.
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Derwentside Trust is a local charitable organisation primarily funded through the services it provides, including room hire to members of the public, accommodation for other charities and community interest companies (CICs), and support for groups and individuals with learning difficulties, disabilities, and those accessing drug and alcohol recovery or community learning services. The Trust also operates a community pantry and clothes bank, which provide vital support to local residents experiencing hardship. Plans are in place to expand and further develop these services to meet increasing community need.

The Trust continues to grow the range of activities and opportunities available at Glenroyd House, with all surpluses reinvested directly into the charity. Our aim is to establish Glenroyd House as a central community hub operating on a 'one-stop shop' principle for the Consett area, offering access to a variety of essential services, community groups, training, and social initiatives. The building is also intended to serve as a focal point for meetings, events, and gatherings that bring people together and strengthen community connections.

Derwentside Trust remains fully committed to reinvesting all surplus income into the ongoing maintenance, improvement, and effective operation of Glenroyd House, ensuring that it remains a safe, welcoming, and sustainable space for the benefit of the entire community.

Section F

Other optional information

N/A

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Mark Clelland

Michael Trotter

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chairperson

Treasurer

Date

16th October 2025

Registration number: 09227225

Derwentside Trust

Annual Report and Unaudited Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

Derwentside Trust

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Derwentside Trust

Company Information

Director	Mr Mark Clelland
Registered office	Glenroyd House Medomsly Road Consett DH8 5HL
Accountants	KL Accountants Limited Chartered Accountant Office 64 Viewpoint Derwentside Business Centre Consett County Durham DH8 6BN

Derwentside Trust

Director's Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

The director presents his report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the micro-entity provisions of the Companies Act 2006 and in accordance with FRS 105 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the Micro-entities Regime.

Director of the company


The director who held office during the year was as follows:

Mr Mark Clelland

Small companies provision statement

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved and authorised by the director on 24 July 2025



Mark Clelland (Jul 25, 2025 13:50:37 GMT+1)
Mr Mark Clelland
Director

**Chartered Accountants' Report to the Director on the Preparation of the Unaudited
Statutory Accounts of
Derwentside Trust
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

In order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Companies Act 2006, we have prepared for your approval the accounts of Derwentside Trust for the year ended 31 March 2025 as set out on pages 4 to 6 from the company's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given us.

As a practising member firm of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at <http://www.icaew.com/regulation>.

This report is made solely to the Board of Directors of Derwentside Trust, as a body, in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the accounts of Derwentside Trust and state those matters that we have agreed to state to the Board of Directors of Derwentside Trust, as a body, in this report in accordance with ICAEW Technical Release 07/16 AAF. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Derwentside Trust and its Board of Directors as a body for our work or for this report.

It is your duty to ensure that Derwentside Trust has kept adequate accounting records and to prepare statutory accounts that give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit of Derwentside Trust. You consider that Derwentside Trust is exempt from the statutory audit requirement for the year.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit or a review of the accounts of Derwentside Trust. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the statutory accounts.

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KL Accountants Limited
Chartered Accountant
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County Durham
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24 July 2025

Derwentside Trust

Profit and Loss Account for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Turnover	103,209	85,707
Cost of raw materials and consumables	(16,907)	(9,250)
Staff costs	(17,845)	(21,421)
Depreciation and other amounts written off assets	(7,116)	(7,115)
Other charges	<u>(60,227)</u>	<u>(46,610)</u>
Profit for the year	<u><u>1,114</u></u>	<u><u>1,311</u></u>

Derwentside Trust

(Registration number: 09227225) Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets	26,910	34,024
Current assets	8,562	20,091
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(8,116)	(13,176)
Net current assets	446	6,915
Total assets less current liabilities	27,356	40,939
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	(6,726)	(18,423)
Accruals and deferred income	1,589	4,589
	22,219	27,105
Capital and reserves	22,219	27,105

1 General information

The company is a private company limited by share capital, incorporated in England.

The address of its registered office is:

Glenroyd House
Medomsly Road
Consett
DH8 5HL

These financial statements were authorised for issue by the director on 24 July 2025.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with FRS 105 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the Micro-entities Regime'.

2 Staff numbers

The average number of persons employed by the company (including the director) during the year, was 2 (2024 - 2).

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

Director's responsibilities:



- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The director acknowledges his responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

Derwentside Trust

(Registration number: 09227225)
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the micro-entity provisions of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved and authorised by the director on 24 July 2025

 
Mark Clelland (Jul 25, 2025 13:50:37 GMT+1)
Mr Mark Clelland
Director