



St. Margaret's Centre



Annual Report 2024-25

Registered Charity: 1160900

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ABOUT US

St. Margaret's Centre is a mental health service operating as an **activity and training hub** for adults in County Durham who need support with their mental wellbeing.

The main aim of the Centre is to **improve the health and wellbeing of the community** of County Durham.

We provide a **safe, therapeutic environment** for people to regain their confidence, motivation, and self-esteem while learning new skills and meeting new friends.



Our ethos is that **we accept people as they are, and help them to achieve their own goals**. We are a non-clinical environment that provides safety and understanding for people who are often going through a very hard time in their lives.

St. Margaret's Centre offers:

Health and Wellbeing Activities: woodwork, joinery, arts and crafts, music, and gardening. We also offer physical health activities such as accessible chair exercise classes, dance, and walking groups, and educational classes such as sign language. These activities help people to feel included and improve their social skills and self-esteem, which helps to prevent relapse into serious mental ill health.

Community Hub: a volunteer-led cafe aimed at improving the wellbeing of the people in County Durham by providing a safe and social place for people to meet, opportunities for training and volunteering, as well as a free meal token scheme, internet access and phone-charging points to support those who are impacted by the cost of living crisis.

Access to Mental Health Support Worker: offering support with a wide variety of issues that can contribute to social isolation and mental ill health, and ensuring that attendees are accessing what they are entitled to so they may live independently.

Self-Management programmes: short courses designed and delivered in-house, teaching practical ways to help overcome a variety of issues, managing symptoms of mental ill health, and interacting with others. In addition, external providers offer courses in areas such as budgeting, literacy, and numeracy.

Structured Volunteering: volunteering opportunities to learn new skills in a variety of areas across the Centre. This provides people not only with a chance to learn in a supportive environment, but encourages their independence and confidence.





Trustee Board

Chair

Peter Thompson

Vice Chairs

Felicity Mitchell

Christopher Ramsden

Treasurer

David Welsh

Lizzie Hare

Erica Jones

Elizabeth McCabe

Deborah Rowley-Conwy

Anna Stephenson

John Woods

Staff

Centre Manager

Rob Chatwin

Café Supervisor

Vikki Dale

Support Worker

Andrea Davison

Deputy Manager/Finance Officer

Lisa Harrison

Art Instructor

Olwyn Reece

Joinery Instructor

Tony Turfrey

Volunteer & Activity Coordinator

Nicola Webb

Volunteers

St Margaret's Centre wouldn't be the same without our amazing volunteers, who work hard throughout the year to help make the Centre such a fantastic and vibrant place to be. We are so grateful to everyone who has given their time and energy to help us with:

- Running arts and crafts classes, singing sessions, and social groups
- Mentoring people to build skills and self-confidence
- Baking cakes, making pizzas, and brewing delicious coffee for customers in our café
- Teaching people how to grow beautiful flowers and a wide variety of vegetables in our gardens
- Making and restoring furniture, crafty gifts, and artisan wooden products in our workshops
- Running stalls at craft fairs to help us raise money for the Centre



LOOKING BACK

2024-25: A Summary

It has been another busy year for St Margaret's Centre, as the cost of living and energy crisis continues to put a strain on many in County Durham. To meet the ongoing high demand for our services we have worked hard to deliver a diverse range of activities by partnering with external providers such as the Workers' Educational Association and volunteer tutors. Notably, some of these volunteers have been attendees who have built up the confidence to deliver their own sessions, which is a fantastic outcome for them and has encouraged others to start viewing this as a potential goal in their own recovery.

As a key partner within the Durham Mental Wellbeing Alliance, St Margaret's Centre has continued to play a role in shaping the provision of adult mental health services across the County. Statistics about referrals to our service are provided on page 8.

The Old School Woodcrafts

The Centre's trading arm was rebranded this year as The Old School Woodcrafts, selling a diverse assortment of artisan wooden gifts and homeware, as well as craft items and handmade cards all made by attendees and volunteers. The purchase of a laser cutter thanks to capital grant funding from the Percy Bilton Foundation has greatly expanded our capacity to create high quality products. Our marketing volunteer Elleah has created new social media content with branding such as the banner below, and we now have a dedicated team of volunteers running stalls at a growing number of craft fairs in County Durham, which provide a sustainable source of income as well as opportunities to promote St Margaret's Centre's work to support people with their mental health and wellbeing.



Community Hub

The Old School Café has gone from strength to strength over the last year. We continue to be impressed and grateful for the generosity of our local community, who have supported our Pay It Forward scheme throughout the year to ensure that people have been able to access free meal and hot drink tokens. The cafe attracted funding from Durham County Council's 'Welcome Space' scheme, which promotes the space as a community hub offering amenities and support to those in need.

The hub also offers meaningful work experience and vocational training opportunities, leading to fantastic outcomes for the confidence and skill development of volunteers. Believe Housing, who provided a grant from August 2023–July 2024 to support this volunteering scheme, found that the project exceeded all its monitoring objectives and achieved a social value of £296,107. We are exceptionally proud of the impact that the progress so far and plan to continue building on this initial success.



Investment in Accessibility

With over a quarter of registered attendees identifying as having a physical disability, one of our highest priorities is ensuring that the Centre is accessible for everyone who wishes to be able to attend. Over the years we have invested significantly in improving mobility access to the Centre, and in 2024 we replaced our passenger lift with the support of a generous capital grant of £30,000 from The Clothworkers' Foundation, with the remaining £11,000 being drawn from our own reserves. This allows our attendees with mobility needs to continue accessing arts and crafts groups, social days, self-management courses, educational classes, exercise sessions, and volunteering opportunities.

KEY STATISTICS

234

Referrals received

203

Staff-led sessions

244

**People currently
accessing services**

50

**Sessions by External
Organisations**

62

New volunteers recruited

295

Peer or volunteer-led groups

113

**Total number of volunteers
supporting us in 2024-25**

102

Social Days

7,493

Volunteer hours

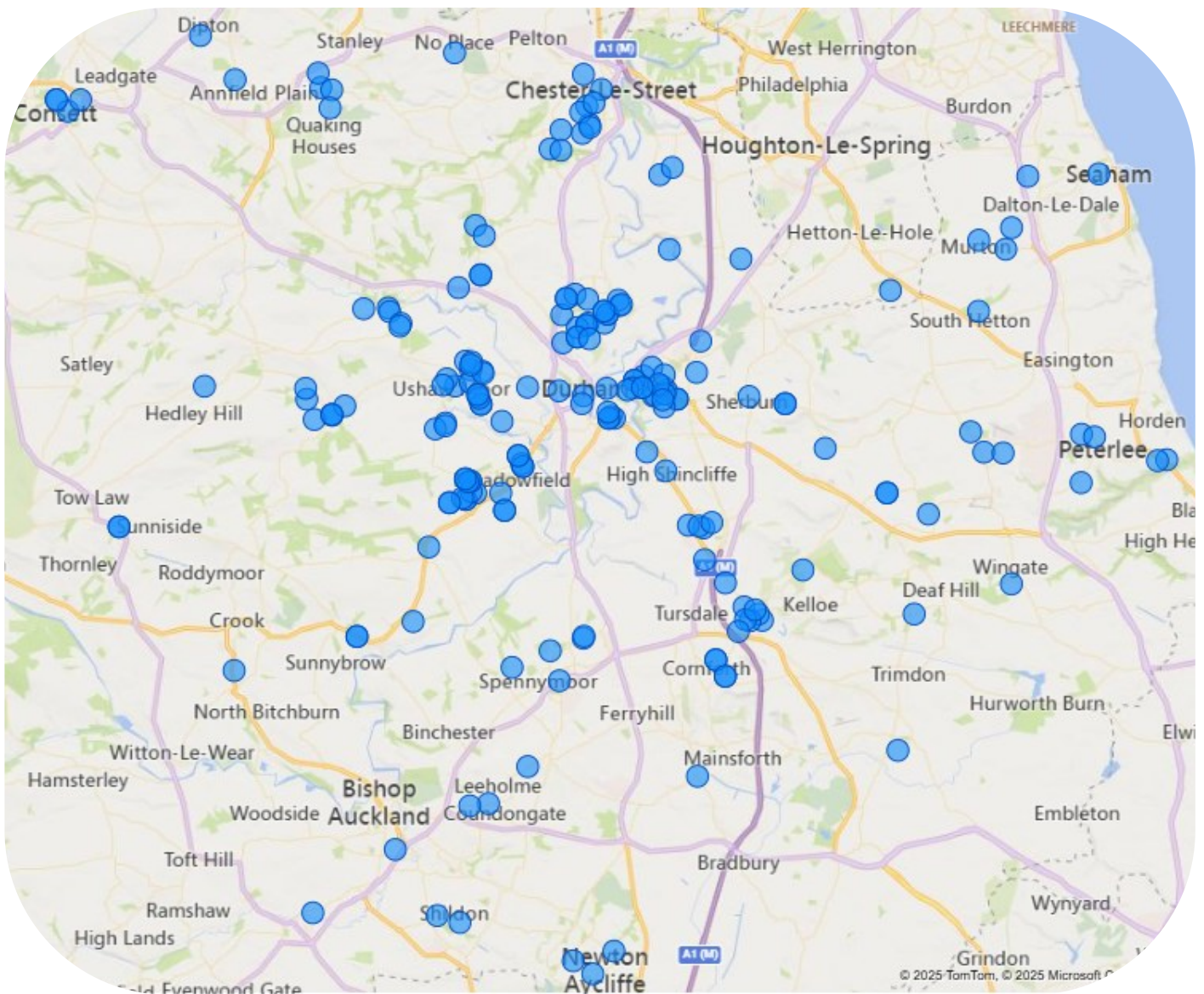
£85,719.92

Economic value of volunteering

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**Volunteer Emotional Support Dog
(Tango, pictured left!)**





People are referred to St Margaret's Centre from across County Durham as seen in the map above, and of those referred to us in 2024-25:

- 22% were self-referrals
- 24% have a physical disability
- 19% identified as autistic
- 19% have a learning disability
- 36% were aged 18-34
- 54% were aged 35-64
- 10% were aged 65+

LOOKING FORWARD

Rob Chatwin has been manager of St Margaret's Centre since 2009, and at the end of this financial year has decided to step down as manager. He will be staying at the Centre in his new role as Project Lead of its trading arm The Old School Woodcrafts, overseeing the development of this income-generating scheme and passing on his skills and enthusiasm to attendees.

Lisa Harrison will be stepping into the role of Manager in her tenth year of working at the Centre. The Activities and Volunteer Coordinator, Nicola Webb, will be taking on the role of Operations Lead. Lisa shares:

St Margaret's Centre is a special place to work and I am incredibly passionate about the positive impact we have on our community. Rob and I have worked closely together for many years and I am thrilled that he will continue to play an important role in the Centre's development. I am proud to take on this new challenge and excited to build on past successes with the support of our excellent team of staff and volunteers. My thanks go to the Centre's trustees for their confidence in my leadership.

Reflecting on his time as manager, Rob Chatwin writes:

For 15 years, I have had the great pleasure and privilege of being the manager of St Margaret's Centre. I have met many wonderful people along the way and my grateful thanks go to the trustees, staff, attendees and volunteers, who without their help and support I couldn't have done the role justice.

It was not an easy decision to step down as the manager but I felt the time was right for a new fresh approach to leadership and wholeheartedly support the new manager in her future developments of the Centre.

I am still fortunate to be involved with the Centre in a part-time capacity as Project Lead for the Trading Arm.

Once again I want to thank everyone for their support over the years and wish Lisa Harrison all the best in her new role. I look forward to seeing the Centre flourish and continue to be a leading advocate for mental health in County Durham.

CASE STUDY

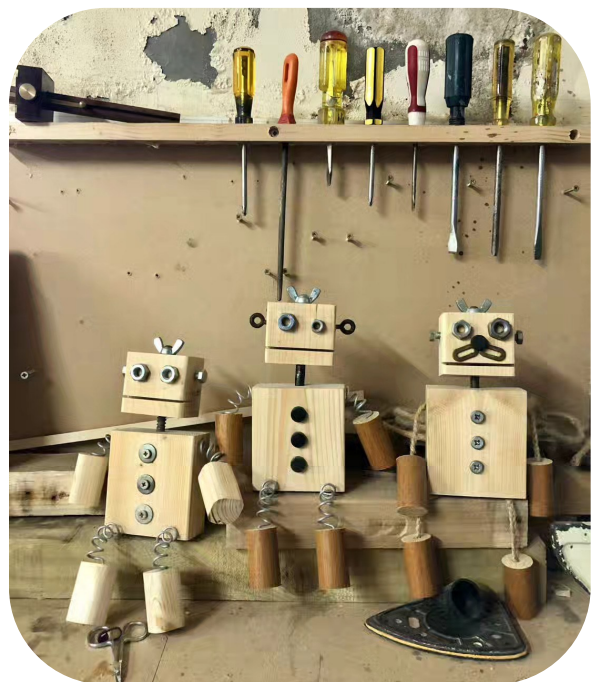
"I was instantly welcomed, encouraged, and supported, not only by the small but mighty team that run the centre, but by the people who attend it too. I was met with kindness, compassion, understanding, and the profound knowledge that we all struggle, but beneath it all we are human beings with a unique story.

No other centre has affected me like St Margaret's Centre. Its location, staff, people, and classes all create the perfect environment that, for the first time in my life, have helped me to truly begin my healing journey. Something genuinely unexpected has started to occur:

I'm beginning to thrive.

My goals and aspirations no longer feel unachievable. I feel inspired to push past my comfort zone and dream again. The words, 'You're doing so well!' are repeated with so much conviction that I've started to believe them. I went in with an open mind and heart, and was met with open arms. I have met some wonderful people and made lots of new friends. I have gained a lot of new skills and learned to be more patient and kinder to myself, letting go of the need for perfection. My self-care has improved and my confidence gets stronger every day.

*It is with great pleasure that I am now stable enough to be able to join the team as a volunteer to lead my own classes. **I no longer feel so alone, and purpose is slowly filling my life once more.***



OUR SUPPORTERS

St. Margaret's Centre would not be able to continue delivering such a vital service to the people of County Durham without the support of others. We would like to thank the following groups and individuals, in no particular order:

- Patron: Dr Arnab Basu MBE
- Durham County Council
- Durham Mental Wellbeing Alliance
- Workers' Education Association
- Garfield Weston Foundation
- Point North
- City of Durham Parish Council
- The Dunelm Foundation
- Shakespeare Temperance Trust
- Durham Local Network
- St Margaret's PCC
- Percy Bilton Foundation
- Clothworkers' Foundation
- The Barbour Foundation
- Sir James Knott Trust
- Banks Group
- Creative Support
- If U Care Share
- Briardene Residents' Association
- Natwest
- ARCH Recovery College
- Mental Health Matters
- Cllr Elizabeth Scott
- Cllr Liz Brown
- Angela Rutter
- Sanctuary 21
- Tees, Esk & Wear Valleys NHS Trust
- Durham Support & Recovery Service
- Home Group
- Richmond Fellowship
- Waddington Street Centre
- St Margaret's Allotment Association
- Kromek Group PLC
- Durham City Methodists
- Believe Housing
- Anne Black
- Sue Foulkes
- Cloe Sparrow
- Swinburne Maddison LLP
- North East Dance
- Stamp It Out
- Durham City Carers
- Northern Guild
- Rotary of Durham
- St Cuthbert's Catholic Church
- Merryoaks Community Hall
- Coxhoe Community Centre
- Pioneering Care Partnership
- Durham Action on Single Housing
- Durham Freemasons

WORDS FROM OUR CHAIR

This has been a year of change for St Margaret's Centre with the retirement of our Manager, Rob Chatwin on 1st April 2025 and the subsequent appointment of Lisa Harrison to his post. Rob has led significant development of services and facilities at the Centre since his appointment in 2009 for which Trustees are extremely grateful. I am delighted to report that Rob will continue with St Margaret's Centre in a part-time capacity working on product design and production. I wish Lisa every success in her new role and am confident that she will continue to drive the Centre forward.

Sadly, I announce the resignations for Trustees Felicity Mitchell and Chris Ramsden with effect from 12th May. I am very grateful to Felicity and Chris for their input and enthusiasm and wish them both every success in their future ventures.

On a personal note, I announce my own retirement from the Trustee Board with effect from 7th July. It has been a pleasure and privilege to serve as a Trustee and for the past 9 years as Chair of the Board and I am very grateful to fellow Trustees and staff for their help and support. I will continue to serve St Margaret's Centre as part of the Volunteer Team.

I am very pleased to announce the appointment of Revd. Gavin Wort as a new Trustee. I wish him well and hope he finds the experience as rewarding and enjoyable as I have. At the time of writing, the Trustee recruitment process is ongoing and we have some excellent applications in progress.

We have continued to see strong growth in our volunteer support across all areas of the Centre and I am very grateful to them for their valued enthusiasm and commitment.

Financial pressures continue to be a challenge for us and we continue to seek new sources of funding from different providers. We also continue to diversify our income-generating activities to develop sustainable sources of funding in order to secure the charity's future.

Finally, my very grateful thanks go to our patron, Dr Arnab Basu MBE, staff, fellow trustees and generous donors without whose support we would not be able to operate.

I am confident that St. Margaret's Centre will continue to grow and develop and wish all involved every success

Peter Thompson
Chair of Trustee Board

Charity Registration Number: 1160900

**St Margaret's Centre
Financial Statements
For the Year Ending
31 March 2025**

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St Margaret's Centre

Financial Statements

Year Ended 31 March 2025

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Trustees' Annual Report

Year Ended 31 March 2025

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Chair's report

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On a personal note, I announce my own retirement as Chair of the Trustee Board with effect from 7th July. To aid continuity, I will remain a trustee until November when it is my intention to resign from the Board. It has been a pleasure and privilege to serve as a Trustee and for the past 9 years as Chair of the Board and I am very grateful to fellow Trustees and staff for their help and support. I will continue to serve St Margaret's Centre as part of the Volunteer Team.

Erica Jones has agreed to take on the role of Chair in an interim capacity and I wish her every success.

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Finally, my very grateful thanks go to our patron, Dr Arnab Basu, MBE, staff, fellow trustees and generous donors without whom we would not be able to operate.

I am confident that St. Margaret's Centre will continue to grow and develop and wish them every success.

Peter Thompson
Retiring Chair of Trustee Board



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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 March 2025

Objectives and Aims

The principal activity of the charity is the provision of day centre facilities to support people with mental health problems in Durham. The Centre is used by more than 100 different people every week and is becoming increasingly popular as a health care facility.

Public benefit

In setting plans and priorities for areas of work, the Trustees of St Margaret's Centre have had regard to the guidance from the Charity Commission on the provision of public benefit. In particular, the Trustees consider how planned activities contribute to meeting the objectives set. How St Margaret's Centre delivers its principal charitable activities, as set out in its governing document, is demonstrated in the 'objectives and aims' statement above.

The public benefit arising from St Margaret's Centre's work is, therefore, implicit services provided to people with mental health issues.

Achievements and Performance

See Chair's Report for more details

Financial Review

The Charity has made a surplus of £8,910 (2024 - £16,018) which leaves the Charity with reserves of £194,252 (2024 - £185,342).

Principal funding sources

The Charity relied substantially on the fees paid by Durham County Council via the Durham Mental Wellbeing Alliance under the service level agreement which is received quarterly.

Reserves policy

The management committee has established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the charity should be the equivalent to between six and twelve months of the resources expended. At this level, the Trustees feel that they would be able to continue the current activities in the event of a significant drop in funding.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 March 2025

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing document

Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) constitution, registered 16 March 2015.

Change of Status to CIO

St Margaret's Centre was registered with the Charity Commission on 26 September 1994 under the charity number 1041128. In February 2015, the trustees resolved that it would be beneficial to establish a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and to transfer the operations and assets of St Margaret's Centre thereto.

A constitution for the CIO was agreed by the existing trustees as applicants and the new St Margaret's Centre CIO was registered by the Charity Commission on 16 March 2015 under the name 'St Margaret's Centre' with the registered number 1160900.

The operations and assets of St Margaret's centre were transferred to St Margaret's centre (the new CIO) on 30 September 2015 and the old charity was removed from the Charity Commission's register via transfer of funds, recorded on 02 December 2015.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Up to two trustees can be appointed under the terms of the Trust Deed by Waddington Street United Reformed Church, St Margaret's Church, Durham and St John's Church, Durham.

Reference and Administrative Details

Registered charity name St Margaret's Centre

Charity registration number 1160900

The Trustees

Mr J Woods
Miss E McCabe
Mr D Welsh
Mr P Thompson
Mrs D Rowley-Conwy
Ms A Stephenson
Ms E Hare
Ms E Jones
The Revd Canon G Wort (Appointed 3 March 2025)

Independent Examiner Jane Ascroft FCA MA (Cantab)
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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 March 2025

The trustees' annual report was approved on 7.7.25 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:


Mr P Thompson
Trustee

St Margaret's Centre

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of St Margaret's Centre

Year Ended 31 March 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of St Margaret's Centre ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements 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 Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), which is one of the listed bodies.

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 charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements 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.

Jane Ascroft

Jane Ascroft FCA MA (Cantab)
Independent Examiner

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Statement of Financial Position

31 March 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible fixed assets	16	6,240	1,440
Current Assets			
Debtors	17	17,945	18,662
Cash at bank and in hand		172,365	169,138
		190,310	187,800
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	18	2,298	3,898
Net Current Assets		188,012	183,902
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		194,252	185,342
Net Assets		194,252	185,342
Funds of the Charity			
Unrestricted funds		194,252	185,342
Total charity funds	20	194,252	185,342

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 7.7.25, and are signed on behalf of the board by:



Mr P Thompson
Trustee

The notes on pages 8 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Activities

Year Ended 31 March 2025

		Unrestricted funds £	2025 Restricted funds £	Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
	Note				
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	4	6,361	–	6,361	6,194
Charitable activities	5	205,322	101,812	307,134	256,565
Other trading activities	6	6,930	–	6,930	10,951
Investment income	7	2,496	–	2,496	1,518
Other income	8	5,000	–	5,000	5,000
Total income		<u>226,109</u>	<u>101,812</u>	<u>327,921</u>	<u>280,228</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities	9,10	<u>222,296</u>	<u>96,715</u>	<u>319,011</u>	<u>264,210</u>
Total expenditure		<u>222,296</u>	<u>96,715</u>	<u>319,011</u>	<u>264,210</u>
Net income		<u>3,813</u>	<u>5,097</u>	<u>8,910</u>	<u>16,018</u>
Transfers between funds		5,097	(5,097)	–	–
Net movement in funds		<u>8,910</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>8,910</u>	<u>16,018</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		185,342	–	185,342	169,324
Total funds carried forward		<u>194,252</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>194,252</u>	<u>185,342</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 8 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

St Margaret's Centre

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year Ended 31 March 2025

1. General Information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is The Old School, Margery Lane, Durham, County Durham, DH1 4QJ.

2. Statement of Compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

3. Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going Concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and Key Sources of Estimation Uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The trustees consider that there are no significant judgements or estimates affecting these financial statements.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 March 2025

3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Income

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity, it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Tangible Assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 March 2025

3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Buildings	- 20% straight line
Plant and machinery	- 20% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	- 15% straight line
Computer Equipment	- 100% straight line
Kitchen Equipment	- 20% straight line

Impairment of Fixed Assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

Financial Instruments

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Defined Contribution Plans

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render the related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as an expense in the period in which it arises.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Accrued income and tax recoverable is included at the best estimate of the amounts receivable at the balance sheet date.

Cash at Bank and in Hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 March 2025

3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Taxation

The company is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the company is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

4. Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Donations				
Donations	6,361	6,361	6,194	6,194

5. Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Grants	–	101,812	101,812
Durham Mental Wellbeing Alliance SLA funding	163,812	–	163,812
Income from therapeutic work	12,373	–	12,373
Courses held	3,510	–	3,510
Community Cafe	25,627	–	25,627
	<u>205,322</u>	<u>101,812</u>	<u>307,134</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Grants	–	62,905	62,905
Durham Mental Wellbeing Alliance SLA funding	163,812	–	163,812
Income from therapeutic work	13,261	–	13,261
Courses held	3,508	–	3,508
Community Cafe	13,079	–	13,079
	<u>193,660</u>	<u>62,905</u>	<u>256,565</u>

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6. Other Trading Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Schoolhouse	74	74	214	214
Printing and craft sales	651	651	415	415
Fundraising income	6,205	6,205	10,322	10,322
	<u>6,930</u>	<u>6,930</u>	<u>10,951</u>	<u>10,951</u>

7. Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Bank interest receivable	2,496	2,496	1,518	1,518

8. Other Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Employment allowance	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000

9. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Fund Type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Care provision	118,733	96,715	215,448
Support costs	103,563	—	103,563
	<u>222,296</u>	<u>96,715</u>	<u>319,011</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Care provision	104,543	62,905	167,448
Support costs	96,762	—	96,762
	<u>201,305</u>	<u>62,905</u>	<u>264,210</u>

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10. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Activity Type

	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs	Total funds 2025	Total fund 2024
	£	£	£	£
Care provision	215,448	–	215,448	167,448
Management	–	61,144	61,144	61,469
Finance	–	41,639	41,639	34,537
Governance costs	–	780	780	756
	<u>215,448</u>	<u>103,563</u>	<u>319,011</u>	<u>264,210</u>

11. Net Income

Net income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2025	2024
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>1,800</u>	<u>480</u>

12. Independent Examination Fees

	2025	2024
	£	£
Fees payable to the independent examiner for: Independent examination of the financial statements	<u>780</u>	<u>756</u>

13. Staff Costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	171,260	163,488
Social security costs	14,016	14,087
Employer contributions to pension plans	12,485	12,572
	<u>197,761</u>	<u>190,147</u>

The average head count of employees during the year was 8 (2024: 7). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2025	2024
	No.	No.
Number of staff	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2024: Nil).

14. Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

There was no trustees' remuneration nor other benefits for the current or previous year.

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the current or previous year.

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15. Transfers Between Funds

During the year £5,097 was transferred from restricted to unrestricted funds. This represented the cost of capital equipment purchased with restricted funds.

16. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Buildings £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer Equipment £	Kitchen Equipment £	Total £
Cost						
At 1 Apr 2024	29,006	65,775	13,655	17,632	11,883	137,951
Additions	—	6,600	—	—	—	6,600
At 31 Mar 2025	<u>29,006</u>	<u>72,375</u>	<u>13,655</u>	<u>17,632</u>	<u>11,883</u>	<u>144,551</u>
Depreciation						
At 1 Apr 2024	29,006	64,335	13,655	17,632	11,883	136,511
Charge for the year	—	1,800	—	—	—	1,800
At 31 Mar 2025	<u>29,006</u>	<u>66,135</u>	<u>13,655</u>	<u>17,632</u>	<u>11,883</u>	<u>138,311</u>
Carrying amount						
At 31 Mar 2025	<u>—</u>	<u>6,240</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>6,240</u>
At 31 Mar 2024	<u>—</u>	<u>1,440</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>1,440</u>

17. Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	167	3
Prepayments and accrued income	17,778	17,683
Other debtors	—	976
	<u>17,945</u>	<u>18,662</u>

18. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	474	678
Accruals and deferred income	1,824	2,110
Pension creditor	—	1,110
	<u>2,298</u>	<u>3,898</u>

19. Pensions and Other Post Retirement Benefits

Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £12,485 (2024: £12,572).

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20. Analysis of Charitable Funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 April 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	185,342	226,109	(222,296)	5,097	194,252

	At 1 April 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	169,324	217,323	(201,305)	—	185,342

Restricted funds

	At 1 April 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Garfield Weston Foundation	—	30,000	(30,000)	—	—
Point North (was County Durham Community Foundation)	—	2,932	(2,932)	—	—
Barbour Foundation	—	10,000	(10,000)	—	—
Shakespeare Temperance Trust	—	3,000	(3,000)	—	—
Believe Housing	—	2,483	(2,483)	—	—
Clothmakers Foundation	—	30,000	(30,000)	—	—
Percy Bilton Foundation	—	5,097	—	(5,097)	—
Banks Property Grassroots Fund (Point North)	—	2,000	(2,000)	—	—
Neighbourhood Budget	—	2,300	(2,300)	—	—
Durham Freemasons	—	1,000	(1,000)	—	—
Sir James Knott Trust	—	10,000	(10,000)	—	—
Point North - Welcome Spaces	—	3,000	(3,000)	—	—
	—	101,812	(96,715)	(5,097)	—

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20. Analysis of Charitable Funds *(continued)*

	At 1 April 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Hadrian Trust	—	1,000	(1,000)	—	—
Hospital of God	—	1,000	(1,000)	—	—
Barbour Foundation	—	10,000	(10,000)	—	—
Durham City AAP	—	16,888	(16,888)	—	—
County Durham Community Foundation - Poverty Hurts fund	—	10,000	(10,000)	—	—
Shakespeare Temperance Trust	—	2,000	(2,000)	—	—
Natwest	—	2,000	(2,000)	—	—
Believe Housing	—	8,517	(8,517)	—	—
Dunelm Foundation	—	1,500	(1,500)	—	—
Edward Gostling Foundation	—	10,000	(10,000)	—	—
	<u>—</u>	<u>62,905</u>	<u>(62,905)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>

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20. Analysis of Charitable Funds *(continued)*

The purpose of the restricted funds is as follows:

Believe Housing - Costs related to the Community Hub
Clothmakers Foundation - Lift replacement
Percy Bilton Foundation - Laser cutter purchase
Banks Property Grassroots Fund (Point North) - Art groups
Neighbourhood Budget - Fridge purchase and Community Hub costs
Durham Freemasons - Cost of raw materials
Shakespeare Temperance Trust - Workshop costs
Garfield Weston Foundation - Core costs
Point North - Chair replacement
Point North - Welcome Spaces - Community Hub costs
Sir James Knott Trust - Core costs
Barbour Foundation - Core costs

21. Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Tangible fixed assets	6,240	6,240
Current assets	190,310	190,310
Creditors less than 1 year	(2,298)	(2,298)
Net assets	<u>194,252</u>	<u>194,252</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,440	1,440
Current assets	187,800	187,800
Creditors less than 1 year	(3,898)	(3,898)
Net assets	<u>185,342</u>	<u>185,342</u>

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Management Information

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The Following Pages Do Not Form Part of the Financial Statements.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year Ended 31 March 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	<u>6,361</u>	<u>6,194</u>
Charitable activities		
Grants	101,812	62,905
Durham Mental Wellbeing Alliance SLA funding	163,812	163,812
Income from therapeutic work	12,373	13,261
Courses held	3,510	3,508
Community Cafe	<u>25,627</u>	<u>13,079</u>
	<u>307,134</u>	<u>256,565</u>
Other trading activities		
Schoolhouse	74	214
Printing and craft sales	651	415
Fundraising income	<u>6,205</u>	<u>10,322</u>
	<u>6,930</u>	<u>10,951</u>
Investment income		
Bank interest receivable	<u>2,496</u>	<u>1,518</u>
Other income		
Employment allowance	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
Total income	<u>327,921</u>	<u>280,228</u>

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 March 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Expenditure		
Care provision		
Wages	96,399	95,062
Employer's NIC	7,027	7,155
Pension costs	6,706	5,626
Rent	12,038	11,420
Light, heat and water	11,924	11,486
Repairs & maintenance	3,808	7,087
Insurance	5,570	4,929
Travelling	733	629
Equipment maintenance and purchases	8,083	5,976
Lift replacement	41,210	—
Materials	6,687	7,581
Food purchases	13,769	9,255
Cleaning	1,494	1,242
	<u>215,448</u>	<u>167,448</u>
Management		
Wages	39,109	39,424
Employer's NIC	4,142	4,185
Pension costs	2,739	4,158
Telephone	2,053	2,476
Postage & stationery	910	1,204
Depreciation	1,800	480
Marketing & promotion	237	240
Sundries	335	321
DMWA Central Management Costs	8,276	7,179
IT software and maintenance	1,543	1,802
	<u>61,144</u>	<u>61,469</u>
Finance		
Wages	35,752	29,002
Employer's NIC	2,847	2,747
Pension costs	3,040	2,788
	<u>41,639</u>	<u>34,537</u>
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	<u>780</u>	<u>756</u>
Total expenditure	<u>319,011</u>	<u>264,210</u>
Net income	<u>8,910</u>	<u>16,018</u>

