

Thornton Lodge Action Group
Report and Accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2025



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Thornton Lodge Action Group Information Sheet

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Thornton Lodge Action Group Trustees Report

Trustees

The members of the Management Trustees during the year were:

Name	Position	Dates
Ibrar Hussain	Chair	Elected 8 January 2024
Shahana Ali	Secretary	Elected 8 January 2024
Naeem Jamil	Treasurer	Elected 8 January 2024
Waqas Bajwa	Member	Elected 8 January 2024

Method of appointment

Trustees members are elected by the members at the AGM.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) and was formed on 21st April 2015 and was entered on the Charity Commission register on 13th May 2015 (CIO No: 1161661). It is governed by a constitution of Charitable Incorporated Organisation. There is no liability of the trustee in the event of the charity being wound up.

Objects of the organisation

The charity's objects are:

- 1) to help young people, especially but not exclusively through leisure time activities, so as to develop their capabilities that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society;
- 2) To preserve and protect the environment;
- 3) To relieve sickness and to preserve and protect good health;
- 4) To advance education; and
- 5) To promote for the benefit of the inhabitants in Thornton Lodge and surrounding areas of Huddersfield without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions, by associating together the said inhabitants and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and other leisure time occupations with the objects of improving the conditions of life of the said inhabitants and in furtherance of this to establish or secure the establishment of a community centre (hereinafter called 'the centre') and to maintain and manage the same (whether alone or in co-operation with any local authority or person or body) in furtherance of these objects."

Change of structure

The Association changed its legal structure by resolution on 21st April 2015 from an association to a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO). On this date the Association assets comprising of laptops, sewing machines and sport equipment were transferred.

Financial review

The net receipts for the year were £289,498.00 including net receipts of £28,819.00 on unrestricted funds and net receipts of £260,679.00 on restricted funds.

Reserves policy

The charity's free cash reserves at the year end were £28,819.00

The trustees have adopted a formal reserves policy of 6 months running costs.

Reserves policy: Thornton Lodge Action Group board continues to review its reserves policy to reflect the growth in staff, contracts and services.

Reserves are now differentiated between the following types of reserves:

Reserves: £75,021.000

Contingency Reserves: £8,332.00

Continuity Reserves: £23,805.00

Dissolution Reserves: £31,740.00

Total Reserves: £138,898.00

It is the charity's policy that the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets should cover these reserves. TAG is above this desired level of reserves with free reserves at £188,157.00 at the year end.

The trustees have agreed that the remaining £49,259.00 will be used to offset the anticipated contraction of funding in the financial year 2024/2025.

Chairperson Report - 2024-2025

It is my privilege to present this year's Chairperson's Report for the Thornton Lodge Action Group. Over the past year, our organisation has continued to grow in strength, resilience, and impact, thanks to the dedication of our staff, volunteers, partners, and the community we proudly serve.

1. Overview of the Year.

This year has been marked by significant progress across our community initiatives, with a strong emphasis on inclusion, empowerment, and wellbeing. Thornton Lodge continues to be a vibrant and diverse neighbourhood, with a predominantly South Asian and Muslim population. We remain committed to ensuring that our services reflect the needs, values, and lived experiences of local residents.

We have successfully delivered community-led activities across our four key strands of work, providing educational workshops, family events, safety initiatives, and services that address poverty, isolation, and overall wellbeing.

Skills and Employment for Women (SEW) – Our Flagship Project.

Our flagship SEW project has been instrumental in helping us address the skills deficit within our community — particularly for women. Funding from the Big Lottery has enabled us to:

- Support inactive women to gain skills by attending short, community-based courses aligned with their career aspirations.
- Track clear outcomes, including attendance, skills development, confidence building, and progression into further training or employment.

2. Health and Wellbeing.

Health and wellbeing have also been a very busy and successful strand of our work this year. Collaboration with Third Sector Leaders and investment from training providers, resources, and health grants have allowed us to equip our Community Champions with the skills, knowledge, and confidence needed to reach those who are often disengaged or isolated.

Key health messages — including information on services with historically low uptake from GPs and NHS services — were shared through workshops, discussions, and community events.

Our Community Champions played a vital role over the winter months by helping to relieve some of the pressure on the NHS and GPs. They did this by providing preventative advice, signposting, and offering alternatives for non-emergency issues, ensuring residents accessed the right help at the right time.

3. Children and Young People

Children and young people continue to be a core part of our focus, especially since the reduction of youth services across Kirklees. Despite ongoing funding challenges, the charity has been able to offer a scaled-back but purposeful programme of provision.

This included holiday activities and diversionary sessions for young people. Over the past year, concerns around knife crime, drugs, and anti-social behaviour have increased. Through continued collaboration with wider agencies, we aim to strengthen our response and support young people toward safer and more positive choices.

4. Partnerships and Collaboration.

Being recognised as a Local Anchor Organisation by TSL and the local authority has strengthened our relationships with community and voluntary organisations across our catchment area. This recognition reflects our commitment to supporting residents, building capacity, and delivering grassroots services.

Support from networking, community building, joint initiatives, and fundraising has enabled a collaborative approach to addressing local gaps in services and activities — particularly during a time when funding is increasingly competitive and limited.

Although the future of Anchor funding remains uncertain, we are committed to continuing this vital work for years to come.

5. Challenges.

Like many charity organisations, we faced several challenges this year, including, increased demand due to the cost-of-living crisis, funding constraints across the voluntary sector and rising mental health and safeguarding concerns within the community. Despite these pressures, our team responded with compassion, innovation, and determination.

Looking ahead, our priorities include expanding our Adult Community Learning provision and women's empowerment programmes, securing sustainable funding to grow our community services, enhancing youth engagement and supporting families facing hardship and continuing to celebrate and empower the culturally rich community of Thornton Lodge. 2026 also marks 20 years of service to the community by our Chairty, we plan to celebrate this milestone with our local community.

In conclusion, this year's report, I want to express my heartfelt thanks to our dedicated staff and volunteers, our community partners and funders and the local residents who continue to trust and support our work.

Your commitment ensures that Thornton Lodge Action Group remains a beacon of support, opportunity, and unity within the community.



Ibrar Hussain
on behalf of the Management Trustees

Thornton Lodge Action Group Independent Examiner's Report

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 4 to 9.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the CIO's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. 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

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 Charities Act;
- 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.



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12 December 2025

Thornton Lodge Action Group
Receipts and payments account
for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025 Unrestricted funds £	2025 Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
Receipts					
Grants and donations	2	28,819	260,679	289,498	291,325
Total Receipts		28,819	260,679	289,498	291,325
Payments					
Salaries & NI					
Salaries & NI - Internal		-	109,091	109,091	85,018
Salaries & NI - External		-	29,916	29,916	29,107
Freelance Facilitator-Champions		-	22,526	22,526	23,041
Freelance Tutors		-	28,513	28,513	28,193
Accommodation					
Venue Hire		-	26,333	26,333	16,426
Office Hire		-	7,200	7,200	5,400
Accommodation - Other		-	330	330	-
General Running Expenses					
Marketing-Producing Information		-	857	857	793
Postage & Photocopier		-	232	232	82
Stationery		-	1,778	1,778	726
Telephone and fax		-	1,886	1,886	1,771
Training					
Childcare Creche		-	3,945	3,945	2,950
Project Equipment & Resources		-	7,973	7,973	7,766
Food/Refreshments		-	3,615	3,615	2,947
Training for beneficiaries & other		-	955	955	256
Overheads					
Insurance		-	136	136	271
Payroll Cost		-	870	870	1,034
IT Hardware & Software		-	969	969	474
Professional Fees		-	8,904	8,904	7,914
Subscriptions & Fees		-	-	-	40
Utilities		-	-	-	1,650
Travel					
Travel for staff & volunteers		-	142	142	612
Travel and subsistence		-	42	42	92
Capital Expenses					
Other Capital Expenses		-	3,186	3,186	359
Volunteer Expenses					
Volunteer Expenses		-	352	352	165
Bank Charges					
Bank Charges		-	379	379	280
Total Payments		-	260,130	260,130	217,367
Net Receipts / (Payments)		28,819	549	29,368	73,958
Cash fund balances brought forward		159,338	321,118	480,456	406,498
Funds transfers		-	-	-	-
Cash fund balances carried forward		188,157	321,667	509,824	480,456

Thornton Lodge Action Group
Statement of assets and liabilities
as at 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025 Unrestricted £	2025 Restricted £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	4			587	734
				<hr/> 587	<hr/> 734
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand	3	188,157	321,667	509,824	480,456
		<hr/> 188,157	<hr/> 321,667	<hr/> 509,824	<hr/> 480,456
Liabilities: amounts falling due within one year	6			(29,667)	(25,798)
Net current assets				<hr/> 480,157	<hr/> 454,658
Total assets less current liabilities				<hr/> 480,744	<hr/> 455,392

I have prepared these accounts in accordance with the books, records, information and explanations supplied to me by Thornton Lodge Action Group. I have not carried out an audit or independent examination on these accounts.



Syed Fahad Hashmi
Accountant

Approval of the accounts

The annual report and accounts were approved at a meeting of the Management Committee held on:

Date: 12-Dec-25



Ibrar Hussain
on behalf of the Management Trustees

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Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2025

1 Accounting policies

a Basis of preparation

The Management Trustees have opted to prepare these accounts on a receipt and payments basis.

b Funds accounting

Funds held by the organisation are either:

Unrestricted general funds

These are funds which can be used in accordance with the organisation's objects at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted funds

These are funds that can only be used for a particular restricted purpose within the objects of the organisation. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Reserve Funds

These are funds set aside by the Management Committee out of unrestricted general funds for specific future purposes or projects.

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

Depreciation

Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets over their estimated useful lives.

Plant and machinery 20% straight line

2 Grants and donations

	2025 Unrestricted funds £	2025 Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
KMC	-	13,963	13,963	30,533
Big Lottery	-	106,752	106,752	99,831
One Community Foundation	-	-	-	18,852
Third Sector Leaders (TSL)	-	75,213	75,213	74,503
KMC -School Out	-	-	-	13,200
WYCA- Mayors Fund	-	8,094	8,094	7,995
WYCA-Groundworks	-	49,988	49,988	-
The Branch	-	-	-	545
Local Services to You (LS2Y)	-	-	-	5,000
ICAFS	-	1,000	1,000	990
Crossland Moor Community Learning	-	5,669	5,669	3,724
People Health Trust	-	-	-	17,069
Swimming Session Fees	329	-	329	490
Venue Income	28,490	-	28,490	18,593
	<u>28,819</u>	<u>260,679</u>	<u>289,498</u>	<u>291,325</u>

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3 Restricted funds summary

	Balance b/f	Incoming	Outgoing	Balance c/f
	£	£	£	£
KMC	85,009	13,963	28,112	70,860
Big Lottery	26,744	106,752	112,348	21,148
One Community Foundation	12,022	-	7,669	4,353
Third Sector Leaders (TSL)	68,059	75,213	19,982	123,290
KMC -School Out	18,516	-	6,919	11,597
WYCA- Mayors Fund	7,995	8,094	12,721	3,368
WYCA-Groundworks	-	49,988	49,988	-
INGEUS UK	6,285	-	525	5,760
Ur Weekend Ur Choice	10,524	-	1,649	8,875
Local Services to You (LS2Y)	9,447	-	2,560	6,887
ICAFS	-	1,000	100	900
Paddock Community Trust	22,431	-	7,957	14,474
Grants - Others	2,011	-	2,011	-
Locorum Ltd	3,136	-	3,136	-
Community Foundation -E-Click	5,535	-	752	4,783
Crossland Moor Community Learning	3,630	5,669	2,179	7,120
Halifax Opp Trust	19,531	-	1,522	18,009
	<u>300,875</u>	<u>260,679</u>	<u>260,130</u>	<u>301,424</u>

Purpose of restricted funds

Big Lottery	A 4 year partnership project to support women closer to the labour market.
One Community Foundation	Household support fund.
Third Sector Leaders (TSL)	Community Champions, Anchor Support, Energy Saving.
KMC -School Out	Holiday Programme for children.
WYCA- Mayors Fund	Anti Knife Crime Project offer young people diversionary activity.
WYCA-Groundworks	Support unemployed residents into employment training or further education.
Local Services to You (LS2Y)	Anchor support funds.
Paddock Community Trust	Support towards community Learning.
Crossland Moor Community Learning	Computer courses for local community.

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4 Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment and machinery etc £
Cost	
At 1 April 2024	30,744
At 31 March 2025	<u>30,744</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 April 2024	30,010
Charge for the year	147
At 31 March 2025	<u>30,157</u>
Net book value	
At 31 March 2025	<u>587</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>734</u>

5 Liabilities: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Marketing	821	714
Sessional Workers	5,171	4,497
Venue Hire	1,825	1,587
Accountancy	2,281	1,984
Professional Fees	1,217	1,058
Training	1,369	1,190
Salaries	11,597	10,084
Office Rent	1,977	1,719
Payroll	329	286
Tax & NI	2,129	1,852
Sundry expenses	951	827
	<u>29,667</u>	<u>25,798</u>

6 Reserve Funds

	£	£
Reserves based on 6 months running costs.		
Wages	46,334	39,266
Sessional Tutors/Workers	13,637	11,557
Office Rent	4,699	3,982
Community Centre Hire	6,736	5,709
Mobile	1,150	975
Professional Fees	2,465	2,089
	<u>75,021</u>	<u>63,578</u>
Contingency Reserves	8,332	7,245
Continuity Fund	23,805	20,700
Dissolution Reserves	31,740	27,600
	<u>138,898</u>	<u>119,123</u>

7 Management Committee remuneration and expenses

No management committee member received any remuneration but did receive expenses during the year.