

Thomas Theyer Foundation (TTF)

Charity Number 1161913

Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 2025

Introduction

This is the Annual report of the Thomas Theyer Foundation for the year ending 31st March 2025.

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Introduction

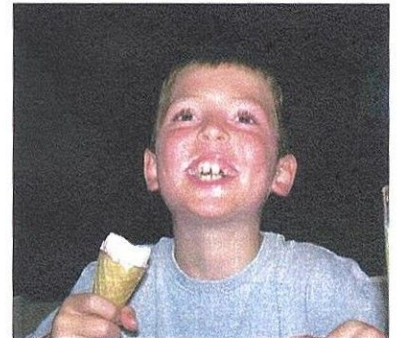
The Thomas Theyer Foundation (TTF) was set up following the death of Thomas Samuel Theyer. Thomas was 18 on June 7th, 2013; he died six weeks later Friday July 19th, 2013.

At primary school Thomas was diagnosed as having Dyspraxia and Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD). Dyspraxia affects fine and/or gross motor skills and general coordination additionally people with Dyspraxia may have difficulty with planning and organising, speech, general perception and thought process.

TTF was founded by Thomas's family following his death with the aim of supporting other children and young people like Thomas and their families.

"Thomas was a happy child; he had the most wonderful smile and big brown eyes. He loved to make others laugh and was intrinsically kind. He once said if he won the lottery, he would give it all away to charity and he probably would have. We want Thomas not to be forgotten and to do some good in his name."

Chris Theyer – Thomas's mum



Our Focus

We are dedicated to improving the **physical and mental health** of our beneficiaries, **Children and Young People (CYP)** with **Special Educational Needs (SEN)** and those experiencing **Difficult Life Circumstances (DLC)**, their **families/carers**.

Our Mission

- To support CYP with SEN and/or DLC, their families/carers so that they can develop and maximise their potential, future happiness, and wellbeing.

Our Vision

- CYP with SEN and/or DLC can access **outdoor activities** that promote physical and mental wellbeing.
- **Early intervention mental health support is available** for the CYP we support, with the aim of avoiding the escalation of mental health difficulties, which cause these CYP significant distress.
- Families can enjoy **respite breaks** that provide rest and renewal.
- Families have access to **mental health and wellbeing support**.
- Families receive **guidance and signposting** to appropriate services—helping them navigate education, secure support, and explore employment opportunities for their children.



Thomas pictured at the end of the Whaley Waltz Fell race in June 2013, just a few weeks before his death.

Public Benefit Statement

The trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. The Thomas Theyer Foundation will provide services to Children and Young People (CYP) with Special Educational Needs (SEN) and/or Difficult Life Circumstances (DLC), their families and/or carers, within the aims and objectives of the charity.

Public Need

Special Educational Needs (SEN)

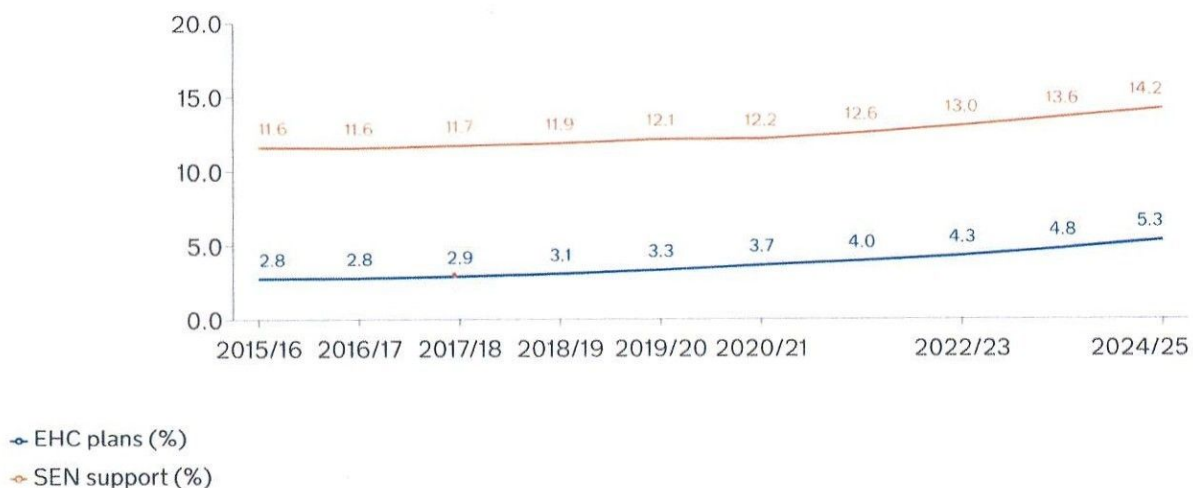
Over 1.7 million pupils in England have special educational needs (SEN)

This is an increase of 93,700 (5.6%) pupils since 2024. This includes the number of pupils with an Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan and the number of pupils with SEN support, both of which continue the trend of increases since 2016.

- The percentage of pupils with an EHC plan has increased to 5.3%, from 4.8% in 2024.
- The percentage of pupils with SEN support (no EHC plan) has increased to 14.2%, from 13.6% in 2024.

The most common type of need for those with an EHC plan is autistic spectrum disorder and for those with SEN support is speech, language and communication needs. One in three pupils with an EHC are identified with a primary need of ASD.

Percentage of pupils with SEN, by SEN provision, 2015/16 to 2024/25



The percentage of pupils who have SEN support increases during primary school age, reaching a peak of 17.0% of pupils at age 9. This then steadily declines through secondary ages, to 13.7% at age 15. The proportion continues to decrease after compulsory school age.

The percentage of pupils with an EHC plan increases with age, from 3.6% at age 4, up to a later peak of 6.2% at age 11 before slowly declining to 5.7% at age 15. SEN continues to be more prevalent in boys than girls

Probable Mental Disorder

- In 2023, 20.3% of children aged 8 to 16 years had a probable mental disorder, 12.0% had a possible mental disorder
- In young people aged 17 to 19 years, 23.3% had a probable mental disorder, 15.3% had a possible mental disorder
- In children aged 8 to 10 years, the prevalence of a probable mental disorder was in boys (17.7%) and girls (13.6%). In children aged 11 – 16 years, rates of a probable mental disorder were in boys (22.3%) and girls (22.9%).
- In young people aged 17 to 19 years, the prevalence of a probable mental disorder was twice as high in women (31.6%) as in men (15.4%).
- In young people aged 20 to 25 years, rates were more than twice as high in young women (30.4%) than in young men (13.4%).

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAHMS) waitlists

- *78,577 young people referred to CAMHS waited over a year for treatment in 2023/24, an increase of over 52% on the previous year (51,866 in 2022/23).*
- *34,191 waited more than two years in 2023/24, up from 24,782 in 2022/23.*
- *44,386 waited between one and two years for mental health treatment in 2023/24, up from 27,084 in 2022/23, a 64% increase.*
- *The average wait after being referred to mental health services was 392 days in 2023/24. 171,134 had their referral closed before accessing support*
- *In total, 910,567 young people were referred to CAMHS in 2023/24 with 64% not receiving treatment within four weeks while 324,029 (36%) did access treatment within four weeks.*

Local picture

There is an acute lack of mental health support in our area for CYP. 2023-24 data for the High Peak area reports average waiting time, for an appointment with Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAHMS), is around 5 months. Parents tell us however that the wait time is much longer up to 2 years.

Parents also tell us of the difficulty they face in getting an assessment for SEN for their children, with waits of up to 2 years. Our charity not only meets the gap in mental health support but also, with earlier intervention, helps to minimise longer term escalation of problems.

In 2023 we completed a review of mental health support in our area and our service, key findings included:

- *73% of respondents had tried to access other services before coming to TTF.*
- *53% of respondents had been in contact with CAMHS before accessing TTF.*
- *61% of respondents had been on the CAMHS waiting list.*
- *62% of respondents had been waiting over 1 year on the CAMHS waiting list.*

Comments from parents in this review, included:

'When I first tried to get help even the GP didn't know where to send me. They emailed me a list of organisations some of which were no longer running. I was sent from pillar to post.'

'The CAMHS waiting list is 2 years.'

'The waiting lists are chronic and painfully long. In that time, a young person's state can deteriorate.'

'Thomas Theyer Foundation has really helped us as a family at a very difficult time when there was no support.'

'We've felt so let down by CAMHS and yet we've felt supported by the Thomas Theyer Foundation.'

'The service was a lifeline when NHS waiting times were so long.'

'The waiting lists for an Autism assessment are painfully long, and people need support in the meantime. This is what your service provides.'

'The service has saved our child's life on two occasions, and we as a family will be forever grateful. It's invaluable and crucial to families like ours.'

The demand for mental health support continues to grow and it is our aim to seek funding to further develop our mental health support for our beneficiaries and their families.

Constitution and Charity Governing Document

The Thomas Theyer Foundation is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and was registered on 1st June 2015. The Governing Document prepared for registration has been reviewed in 2019. A copy of the Constitution can be requested from the trustees.

Charitable objects

- A) For the public benefit to relieve the needs of and to promote and protect the good health and well-being of:
 - Young people with additional needs such as Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD), Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and/or Autism Spectrum Disorders (ADD) and their families/carers.
 - Young people who have difficult life circumstances such as but not limited to 'young carers.'
- B) To relieve the needs of children and young people with additional needs and /or difficult life circumstances, in particular but not exclusively, by developing their self-awareness, confidence and improving their health and well-being through fitness and outdoor activities.
- C) To relieve those in need of assistance in particular by providing respite opportunities for families with children with additional needs or other family members who require adapted accommodation facilities.
- D) To promote the social inclusion of children and young people with additional needs and/or difficult life circumstances by such charitable means as the trustees see fit.
- E) To relieve those in need, in particular but not exclusively, by providing information and support for the families/carers of young people with additional needs.
- F) To advance the education of the public in relation to the needs of young people with additional needs particularly, but not exclusively, by providing training, practical advice, and information.
- G) To advance education for the public benefit, in particular but not exclusively, by encouraging and promoting opportunities for young people with additional needs to access employment and training.

REVIEW OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

COIUNSELLING

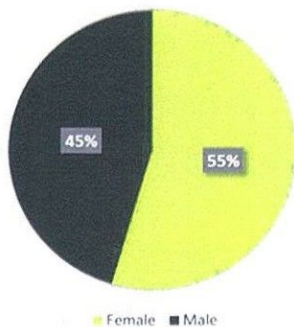
In the reporting period our focus was on mental health support for our beneficiaries.

736 counselling sessions were delivered supporting 88 clients in the year 2024-25. Receiving an average of 8.3 sessions each. **An increase in sessions from 2023-24 of 17% and increase in clients supported of 63%.**

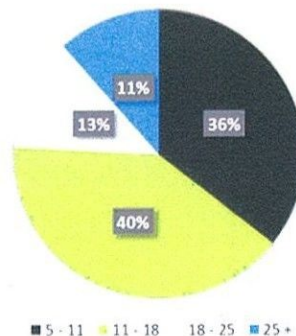
21 of the 88 clients were seen by our student counsellors. The recruitment and development of student counsellors was an aspect of strategic planning 2023-24 and was possible due to grants received to cover their recruitment, development and management.

Overview of Clients:

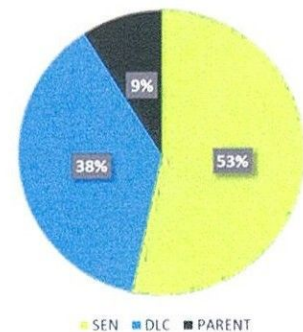
Proportion of Clients by Gender 2024 - 2025



Proportion of Clients by Age 2024 - 2025



Proportion of Clients by Beneficiary Type 2024 - 2025



Presenting issues included anxiety, trauma, anger and aggression, bereavement, bullying, low mood and self-esteem, relationship and communication difficulties, isolation, obsessive compulsive disorder, self-harm, coping with social situations.

FEEDBACK

As part of monitoring and evaluation, Clinical Outcomes in Routine Evaluation questionnaires are completed at the beginning and conclusion of counselling, to measure changes during the counselling with respect to:

1. Psychological Distress – including feelings linked to anxiety, low mood, worry and trauma-related distress.
2. Functioning – how well the young person is coping day-to-day, including: concentration, social interactions, ability to manage activities such as schoolwork and general daily functioning.
3. Risk - assesses any risk to self, such as thoughts of self-harm and feeling unsafe.
4. Overall Wellbeing

CORE annual improvement – 94.3%

Improvement rates for clients completing counselling each quarter remained consistently strong, ranging from 90% to 100% with an estimated annual improvement rate of **94.3%**. This data highlights the effectiveness and reliability of the counselling service demonstrating a high proportion of clients who experienced measurable improvements in wellbeing.

Outdoor Activities

A total of 74 days of outdoor activities were delivered during the reporting period, supporting 34 CYP beneficiaries. 24 CYP attended 1-day outdoor activities and, in February and March 2025 a new six-week (1 day per week) programme was delivered benefiting a further 12 CYP.

Activity Days

Two dedicated outdoor activity days for CYP identified as having SEN/DLC were delivered. Activities were designed to meet individual needs and aimed to:

- Build confidence and self-esteem
- Encourage social interaction and friendship-building
- Promote mental health and wellbeing
- Introduce students to new challenges in a safe environment

All the children took part in:

- Outdoor team challenges and problem-solving activities
- Adventure-based exercises promoting resilience and confidence
- Nature-focused exploration and creative tasks
- Group cooperation and communication exercises

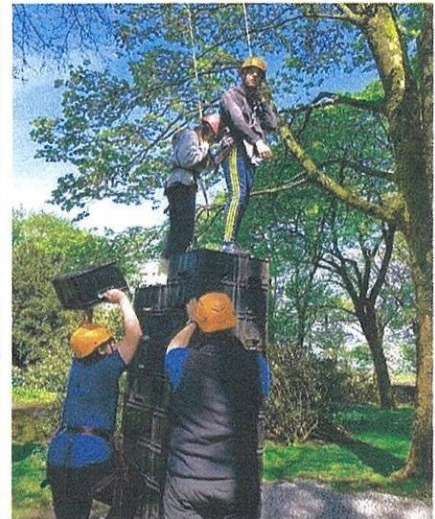
Observations throughout the activities showed:

- Improvements in self-esteem through the positive achievement of challenges.
- Positive engagement with peers building new friendships
- Increased emotional resilience

Staff Feedback

"The day gave students opportunities they rarely get in school. We saw them challenge themselves, support each other, and return to school with a renewed confidence."

"Students who were initially very hesitant ended the day smiling, chatting, and trying things they didn't think they could do. The impact has been visible in lessons and playground interactions."



Six Week Programme

The six-week programme was a pilot to explore the impact of a sustained programme compared to single-day activities.

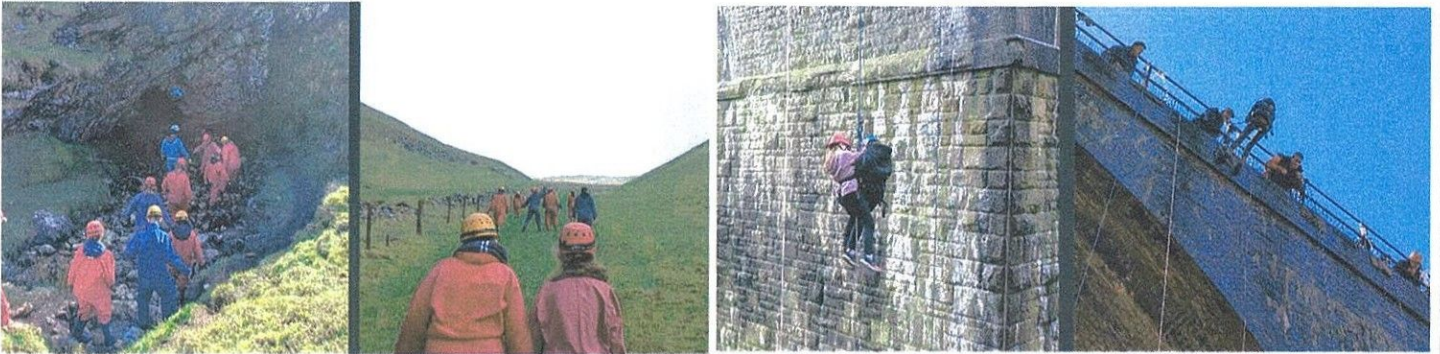


Key objectives of the programme were to:

- Build confidence and self-belief
- Foster resilience and problem-solving skills
- Support emotional well-being and regulation
- Encourage connection with nature

In addition to a range of outdoor activities the programme included conservation, the planting of trees and re seeding. A visit to Sunart Fields, a 125-acre upland farm in the High Peak, historically used for coal mining and dairy farming now being transformed into an area of woodland, scrub, and open glades, was included.





The CYP who attended the programme had diagnosis of SEN or DLC with some having experienced trauma and living with hardship and family challenges. Common challenges observed included low self-esteem, difficulty forming relationships, anxiety, and limited access to enrichment opportunities outside school.

Key Outcomes

Outcome Area	Evidence of Progress
Confidence & Self-Belief	Students began initiating tasks independently and expressed pride in their achievements.
Emotional Regulation	Several students applied breathing techniques and movement strategies learned during sessions.
Social Skills & Peer Relationships	New friendships formed; students encouraged and supported each other during challenges.
Resilience & Problem-Solving	Participants increasingly persisted with tasks rather than giving up at first difficulty.
Connection to Nature	Students showed curiosity, care, and a sense of calm when engaging with outdoor environments.

Feedback:

School staff reported the skills developed during the programme transferred into school life. With children:

- Returning to school feeling calmer and more positive
- Demonstrating increased trust and confidence
- Showing greater motivation and engagement in learning
- Showing improved peer relationships and willingness to try new challenges

The programme provided an opportunity and environment, for the children to safely complete challenges they wouldn't normally be able to:

- Developing coping strategies and build resilience
- Strengthening friendships and improving social skills
- Experiencing achievement and personal growth through hands-on activities

Feedback from Families

On the final day, a Celebration of Achievements was held, where children presented their experiences to parents and carers alongside their instructors. Families expressed heartfelt appreciation, noting:

- Visible improvements in their children's confidence and wellbeing
- Gratitude for access to a programme that is rarely available to their children
- A strong desire for continued opportunities like this in the future

Events and Fundraising

The Goyt Valley Striders (GVS) donated

In 2024 the GVS donated funds from their annual Whaley Waltz fell race. Thomas ran this race in June 2013 shortly before his death in July 2013.



Buxton Athletics Club (BAC) donated

The Buxton Carnival 4 road race, organised by Buxton Athletics Club, is now run annually in Thomas's memory. Thomas ran this race in July 2013, 6 days before his death.



The trustees would like to thank both the GVS and BAC for their on-going support.

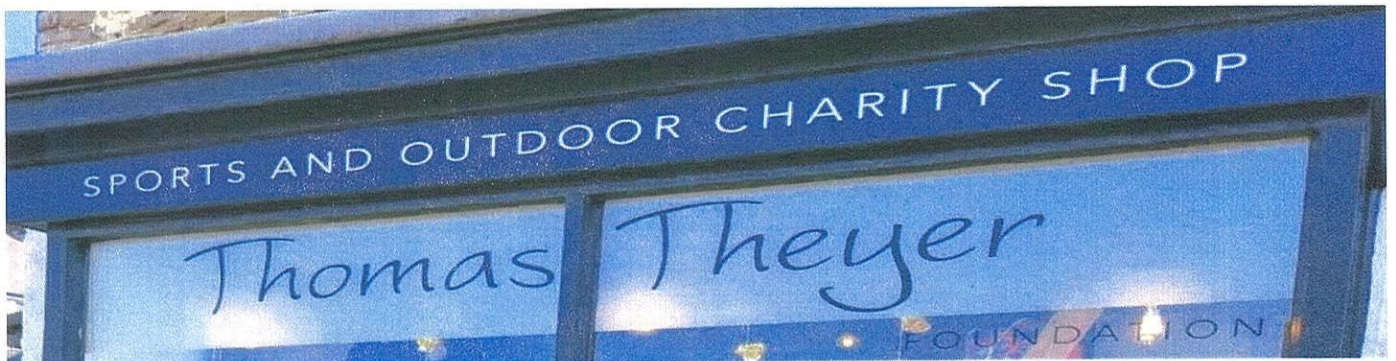
A big shout out to all the runners who take part in these races each year, and the marshals and volunteers who make these races possible.

SUPPORTERS

The trustees would like to thank all its supporters, local businesses, individuals and grant making organisations for their help in 2024-25 including

- Mark Ruston and members of the Goyt Valley Striders (GVS)
- Kate and Stefan Ledin and members of Buxton Athletics Club
- The Fitzwilliam Wentworth Amenity Trust.
- The Barbara Ward Children's Foundation
- The Marsh Charitable Trust
- The Albert Hunt Trust
- The Bingham Trust
- The Olde House - Chesterfield
- Children in Need
- Brick Corner Café
- The Inner Wheel Buxton
- Sheila Bradley
- High Peak Community Lottery

The Thomas Theyer Foundation Sports and Outdoor Charity Shop.



Since opening in 2017, the Thomas Theyer Foundation Sports and Outdoor Charity Shop has been a distinctive and valued part of our work. It has not only been a source of pride for the charity but has also played an important role in raising our profile within the community.

In 2024, the owners of the premises at 1 London Road, Buxton, informed us of their intention to sell the property. The charity subsequently received formal notice in December 2024 requiring us to vacate the premises by the end of April 2025.

The shop was originally established to increase awareness of the charity, provide a small office base, and generate a modest financial contribution. It has achieved all these aims, while also promoting recycling and offering affordable sports and outdoor clothing and equipment - support that has been especially valued by local young families.

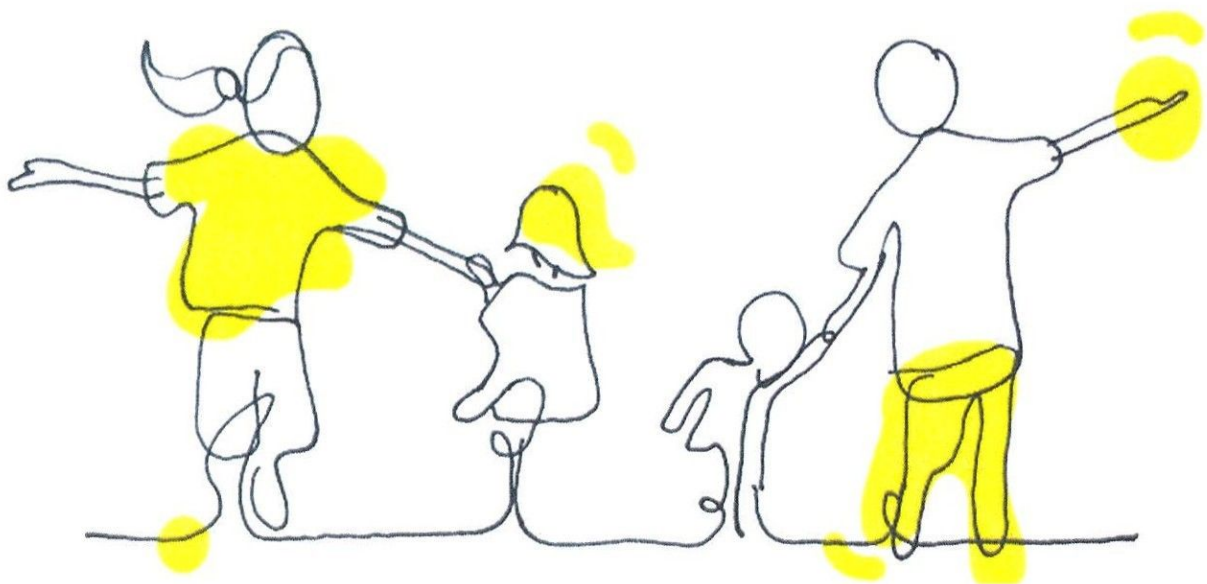
At the time of reporting, no suitable alternative premises in Buxton have been identified. The charity will continue to explore options and review the situation in the next financial year.

The trustees wish to thank the small team who run the charity and provide mental health support and outdoor activities. The team at its shop and all the volunteers who help at events.

Our future

In the year ahead we will:

- Continue to seek funding to provide mental health support and outdoor activities, with the overarching aim of improving the wellbeing of our beneficiaries.
- Review providers of wellbeing support/activities to develop our offering to meet specific beneficiary needs.
- Pursue funding and generate income to contribute to the running cost of our services, ensuring the long-term sustainability of the support we provide.
- Grow our student counsellor programme enabling a wider spread of mental health support in our area for our CYP beneficiaries and their families.
- Strengthen our impact by expanding partnerships with schools, community organisations, and local services to reach more children, young people, and families who may benefit from our support.
- Review and expand partnerships with outdoor providers to broaden opportunities for our beneficiaries.
- Develop our monitoring and evaluation to demonstrate the impact of our work and inform future development.
- Increase local awareness through community events and fundraising.
- Continue to search for suitable premises for our ongoing work. This remains a key priority for the charity. We currently rent a small office in Buxton, Derbyshire, which accommodates three staff members and one counselling room for one-to-one support. The waiting area is located within the main office space, limiting our capacity.
- With larger premises, we will be able to expand our therapeutic offer, including the development of creative therapies and group activities.



Financial Review

Total income during the reporting period was £125,544

£92,092 from General Donations, Grants and Fundraising Events and Campaigns, £57,243 of this was restricted income.

£12,642 from counselling service income.

£33,452 from shop trading income.

Bank interest reported £1,187

Total expenditure during the year was £105,782, including restricted expenditure of £34,668

Resulting in a surplus for the year of £19,762 (excluding restricted income from 2022/23).

There was a deficit of £2,813 on normal operations i.e. unrestricted activity expenditure.

At the end of the 2024/25 financial year, the charity held a restricted income balance of £39,620. This balance relates to grant funding received during the year, allocated to activities within the current accounting period and future periods.

Charitable Activities

Income (less shop trading) £34,849

Cost of charitable activities £27,393

Charitable Activities – 79% of income.

Balance Sheet

The Balance Sheet showed total funds of £136,194 of which £39,620 are restricted funds.

Designated Funds

The following projects/designated funds remain subject to financial resources being available:

- £50,000 for The Thomas Theyer Foundation Support Centre.
- £5,000 for Planning Permissions for the Thomas Theyer Foundation Cottage at White Hall.

Reserves Policy

The trustees take a cautious view to ensure sufficient operational reserves to meet the resilience and ability to meet current service provision and manage any unforeseen financial or other difficulties, which could impact beneficiaries, funders and continued operation of the charity.

The charities reserves policy is equivalent to six months operating costs - calculated at £52,500

Overview

Although the charity performed well in securing restricted grant funding during the year, a deficit of £2,813. was sustained on core operational costs. This demonstrates that, while service specific funding was strong, there is a continued and pressing need for additional unrestricted income to support the charity's essential day-to-day operations and ensure the stability of its services.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees



Alan Theyer

Date: 12/01/2026

**THOMAS THEYER FOUNDATION
REGISTERED CHARITY NO 1161913
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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Thomas Theyer Foundation
Company Information
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

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Thomas Theyer Foundation
Charity No. 1161913
Independent Examiner's Report For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Thomas Theyer Foundation

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Thomas Theyer Foundation for the year ended 31 March 2024

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity, 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 your charity'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 can confirm that **no material matters have come to my attention** in connection with the examination which give me cause to believe that, in any material aspect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with those records; or
- the accounts did 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; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Helen Milligan

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Thomas Theyer Foundation
Balance Sheet
As At 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank and in hand		136194	116,432
		136194	116,432
INCOME FUNDS			
Restricted funds		39620	17,045
Unrestricted funds		96574	99,387
		136194	116,432

The notes on page 5 form part of these financial statements.

1. Accounting Policies

2.1. Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements

The accounts (financial statements) of the charity 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.

2. Average Number of Employees

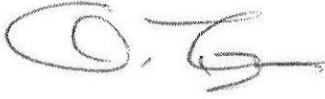
Average number of employees, including directors, during the year was: 4 (2023: 4)

3. Reserves Policy

The charities reserves policy is equivalent to six months operating costs, to cover programmed charitable activities and the admin costs to support that level of activity (which includes staffing, premises and utilities). This reserves amount is calculated at £57,500.

**Thomas Theyer Foundation
Trustee Declaration
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025**

Signed on behalf of the trustees

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'A. Theyer', written over a horizontal line.

Alan Theyer

Date: 12/01/2026

Thomas Theyer Foundation
Detailed Income and Expenditure
Account For The Year Ended 31
March 2024

	2025	2025	2025	2024	2024	2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
INCOME	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
General donations	16326	-	16326	20,569	-	20,569
Events and campaigns	2631	-	2631	6,610	-	6,610
Shop income	33452	-	33452	38,079	-	38,079
Counselling income	12642	-	12642	17,822	-	17,822
Grants received	-	57243	57243	-	17,042	17,042
Bank interest	1187	-	1187	748	-	748
Gift Aid	2063	-	2063	-	-	-
	68301	57243	125544	83,828	17,042	100,870
EXPENDITURE						
Charitable activities	27393	32125	59518	25,103	24,015	49,118
Wages and salaries	38814	-	38814	61,722	-	61,722
Rent, Utilities & Insurance	1831	-	1831	2,307	-	2,307
Advertising and marketing costs	163	-	163	744	-	744
Professional fees	524	-	524	526	-	526
Fundraising & events	1259	-	1259	425	-	425
Admin expenses & stationery	705	-	705	457	-	457
Other expenses	425	2543	2968	304	-	304
	71114	34668	105782	91,588	24,015	115,603
OPERATING (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS	(2813)	22575	19762	(7,760)	(6,973)	(14,733)

Thomas Theyer Foundation
Charity and Shop Income and Expenditure Account
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Charity 2025		Shop 2025	
	£	£	£	£
TURNOVER				
General donations		16,326		-
Events and campaigns		2,631		-
Shop income		-		33,452
Counselling income		12,642		-
Gift Aid		2,063		-
Grants received		57,243		-
Bank interest		1,187		-
		<u>92092</u>		<u>33,452</u>
TOTAL INCOME				
Administrative Expenses				
Wages and salaries	14228		24586	
Charitable activities	27393		-	
Rent, Utilities & Insurance			1831	
Advertising and marketing costs	163		-	
Professional fees	524		-	
Fundraising & events	1,259		-	
Admin expenses & stationery	682		23	
Other expenses			2968	
Charitable activities restricted	32125			
		<u>(76374)</u>		<u>(29408)</u>
OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)		<u>15718</u>		<u>4044</u>