

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1166190

Croston Together
Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

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Reference and Administrative Details for the year ended 31 December 2025

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2025

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The objectives of the charity are:

- (i) In particular, but not limited to, the relief of financial hardships among people, businesses and community organisations in Croston who have suffered a loss or damages to their property or its contents as a result of floods in Croston which is not recoverable from insurance or other grants, in particular but not exclusively, by providing such persons, businesses and community organisations with grants of money.
- (ii) The relief of need by the provision of advice, advocacy and support to the beneficiaries identified in (i) above.
- (iii) To advance such charitable purposes (according to the law of England and Wales) as the Trustees see fit from time to time.

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives.

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2025

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Firstly, I would like to thank and pay tribute our Trustees, who have supported our Charity and made a big difference to village life over the past 12 months. We are extremely fortunate to have such a dedicated and talented group to guide our work in ensuring that our village is the best that it can possibly be. Thanks also to our Independent Accountant who ensures that all our business is conducted in a professional and effective manner.

We can look back on another very successful year as we endeavour to Engage; Encourage and Enrich the lives of the residents of Croston and the wider community.

This year's calendar has been as popular as ever and promotes the beauty around our village and also our work as a charity. We have held discussions with Feather and Twigs and we will work together in the coming year to hold a photographic competition which will be linked with an exhibition of local artists, which is planned for October.

During the year we have used some booklets produced by the Charity Commission to review our effectiveness as Trustees. This was a useful exercise which reminded us of our responsibilities as Trustees.

We were proud to be asked, by the Parish Council, to lay a wreath at the War Memorial as part of this year's Remembrance ceremony.

Our strong relationship with the Parish Council has continued to bear fruit - in our work on the Recreation Park and on other projects such as the renewal and refurbishment of seating around the village and the completion of work to enhance the Village Green

On New Year's Day the village was hit by another flooding event. This was nothing like the flooding on Boxing Day 2015 but around 20 homes were affected. Flood relief is in our DNA and I am proud to say that once again we were able to visit every affected home in order to offer help. One visitor to our village commented that she had never come across a community that was so helpful.

Our central store of gazebos and card reader machines has been well used by various village organisations.

We have provided advice to the owner of Home Farm Education Centre as she seeks to establish this education facility at a local farm. This is now open to schools and local groups and early signs are encouraging.

The team that does such a good job in maintaining the village cemetery have been struggling with inadequate machinery. We provided advice and then funding to enable a new mowing machine to be purchased.

Croston Old School had to limit its availability following the demise of the industrial dishwasher. We provided a grant which helped in the purchase of a new machine. Important events, such as weddings, can now resume. As a result, an important funding stream has been restored.

The local Scout Group asked for advice on storage and the replacement of a tent which was lost in the New Year's Day flood. We provided a grant for a new tent and are exploring options which will enhance the storage of their equipment.

We have continued to show our support for the Annual Croston Show, which is such an important village event. We were proud to present the Croston Together trophy for Best in Show and to provide judges for two of the sections.

Our partnership with the Parish Council is a good example of what can be achieved when civil authorities and charities work together. Our team of three volunteers work extremely hard and show such a commitment towards our village Recreation Park. Their efforts were recognised during the year with a Level 5 (Outstanding) award from Royal Horticultural Society judges. This is the highest level that can be awarded and the team proudly accepted the award at a ceremony held at Bolton Wanderers Football Club in November.

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for the year ended 31 December 2025

Our experience of gaining grants, has been helpful once again as we sought funding to place an accessible roundabout on the Recreation Park. Our grant application was successful and this provided 75% of the funding that was needed. The Parish Council has provided the additional 25%. The new equipment is to be installed during early March and will be a great addition to the current facilities.

We have led the way in reinstating Croston Open Gardens in July. Several of our Trustees worked alongside other village residents to organise an enormously successful event that attracted hundreds of people to the village. We showcased 15 gardens and the whole event represented much of what is good about Croston Together in particular and the village in general. It also raised valuable funds which can be re-invested in our village.

Working in partnership with the Community Centre we have seen the return of Lego Master Builders which now meets one Sunday afternoon every month when it is wonderful to see parents and children working together on building projects. Each month the 'Croston Together Lego Master Builder Cup' is now awarded.

A member of the public alerted us to the bench off Carr Lane which had fallen into disrepair. Working in conjunction with Croston Men's Sheds we brought about the refurbishment of the bench, which now looks very smart along the much-used public footpath. It has also been adopted by a local family as a tribute to their father.

We have been approached by the Trustees of Croston Old School in order to provide support for their warm spaces initiative. I am sure that this is something we will want to encourage.

Croston KnitWits continue to delight us with their creations around the village. The knitted version of 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' has been a real talking point around the Croft Field. The Knitwits are planning a festival of craft to be held in St. Michael's Church in March. This will attract visitors from a wide area and I am sure that we will want to respond positively to the organisers request for financial support.

Some years ago, Croston Sports Club asked for support in their quest to develop new sporting facilities for our village. After a great deal of work and many setbacks, a plot of land has been acquired and funding secured. We are hopeful that a planning application for this ambitious project (Project SPACE) will be made to Chorley Council during the spring of this year. Watch this SPACE. This is another example of how a partnership with a village organisation can bear fruit.

Trustees have regularly attended meetings throughout the year. However, their influence goes well beyond the four walls of the meeting room. They are involved with a whole range of initiatives across the life of our village and are always looking out for opportunities to enhance the life of our village. We look forward to another year in which we can make a difference to people's lives - ENGAGE; ENCOURAGE and ENRICH.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

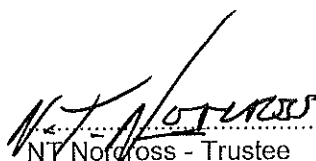
Croston Together is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered in England and Wales. The CIO (registered charity number 1166190) was established by CIO foundation constitution on 23 March 2016.

Trustees are selected on the basis of their experience and knowledge of charitable needs to meet the objects of the charity.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 20 January 2026 and signed on its behalf by:


NT Norcross - Trustee

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	3	-	-	-	551
Other trading activities	4	<u>9,261</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,261</u>	<u>648</u>
Total		<u>9,261</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,261</u>	<u>1,199</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		4,117	-	4,117	648
Charitable activities					
Charitable		<u>2,336</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,336</u>	<u>1,526</u>
Total		<u>6,453</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,453</u>	<u>2,174</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		2,808	-	2,808	(975)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>17,299</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,299</u>	<u>18,274</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>20,107</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,107</u>	<u>17,299</u>

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Balance Sheet 31 December 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	8	728	-	728	-
Cash at bank		<u>19,379</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,379</u>	<u>17,751</u>
		20,107	-	20,107	17,751
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	-	-	-	(452)
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>20,107</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,107</u>	<u>17,299</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>20,107</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,107</u>	<u>17,299</u>
NET ASSETS		<u><u>20,107</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>20,107</u></u>	<u><u>17,299</u></u>
FUNDS	10				
Unrestricted funds				<u>20,107</u>	<u>17,299</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u><u>20,107</u></u>	<u><u>17,299</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 20 January 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:


NT Norcross - Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2025

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The charity is a registered charity in England and Wales and is incorporated. The address of the principal office is c/o 28 Eaton Avenue, Matrix Office Park, Buckshaw Village, Chorley, Lancashire, PR7 7NA.

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

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

The amounts in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest £1.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

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

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2025

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Financial instruments

Financial instruments are recognised when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Basic financial assets, which include debtors, prepayments and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price and are subsequently carried at cost unless the arrangement indicates otherwise and then the asset is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Basic financial liabilities, which include creditors, accruals, bank loans and group borrowings, are initially recognised at transaction price and are subsequently carried at cost unless the arrangement indicates otherwise and then the liability is measured at the present value of the future obligations discounted at a market rate of interest.

3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Donations	<u>-</u>	<u>551</u>

4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Fund generation - fund raising	<u>9,261</u>	<u>648</u>

5. GRANTS PAYABLE

	2025	2024
	£	£
Charitable	<u>2,221</u>	<u>1,170</u>

The total grants paid to institutions during the year was as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Croston Over 80's	199	-
Croston Recreation	-	20
Mens sheds	-	530
Croston Scout Group	280	250
Croston Singers	-	370
Croston Old School	1,000	-
Croston Parochial Church Council	<u>742</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>2,221</u>	<u>1,170</u>

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6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2025 nor for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2025 nor for the year ended 31 December 2024.

7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	551	-	551
Other trading activities	<u>648</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>648</u>
Total	<u>1,199</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,199</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	648	-	648
Charitable activities			
Charitable	<u>1,309</u>	<u>217</u>	<u>1,526</u>
Total	<u>1,957</u>	<u>217</u>	<u>2,174</u>
 NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(758)	(217)	(975)
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	<u>18,057</u>	<u>217</u>	<u>18,274</u>
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>17,299</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>17,299</u></u>

8. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025 £	2024 £
Prepayments and accrued income	<u><u>728</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>

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9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	-	452

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/1/25 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	17,299	2,808	20,107
TOTAL FUNDS	17,299	2,808	20,107

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	9,261	(6,453)	2,808
TOTAL FUNDS	9,261	(6,453)	2,808

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/1/24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	18,057	(758)	17,299
Restricted funds			
Public right of way improvement project	217	(217)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	18,274	(975)	17,299

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10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,199	(1,957)	(758)
Restricted funds			
Public right of way improvement project	-	(217)	(217)
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,199</u>	<u>(2,174)</u>	<u>(975)</u>

The purpose of the restricted funds is as follows:

The public right of way improvement project is particularly for the signage of the footpaths in Croston.

11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2025.