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Report of the trustees and unaudited financial statements

of

CUMBRIA LGBT PRIDE

for the year ended 30 September 2025

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Reference and administrative details

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Mrs Jane-ann Clark
Mr Peter Harrison (resigned 7 October 2025)
Mr Martin Reeves (Co Chair)
Mx Karyn Wood (Co Chair)

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MARTIN REEVES, TRUSTEE AND CO-CHAIR

I was pleased to continue as Co Chair and Trustee for another year. Unfortunately a rather difficult year for us with relocation of the office and other issues to deal with, but we did wonderfully well in the end with our September Pride month and other events throughout the year, including our LGBTtea afternoons at Morton Manor. Pride is not just for one day a year, and if we can attract a diversity of people to these events it makes it all really so well worth it.

A huge thank you as ever to all our Committee Members and Trustees, also allies, but must mention Karyn and Jane-Ann who as ever worked tirelessly to put everything together and work at so many events through the year, including to other Pride and well being events, also to schools, taking information and our vast array of wonderful merchandise!

We decided to do different events this year, including at Richard Rose Academy with a family event with many of our regular community and wellbeing stall holders attending plus entertainment, then at Box Arena Bar on the 20th September for an afternoon event then a more adult evening one. These were all well attended which with the inclement weather was so good to be at indoor venues! Box Arena was an ideal venue with stage, space for acts to change, good bar area to! Big thanks to them for hosting and all their help with sound, lighting etc, to security and to all our fantastic singers and host acts. I felt it was such a good vibe for everyone who came along and enjoying Pride in it's true sense.

I hope we can attract new Committee members in particular younger ones to take Cumbria Pride forward, hopefully with enough funding to continue our voice for all the LGBT+ communities.

I will continue on though in my current roles.

Martin Reeves

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KARYN WOOD, TRUSTEE, CO-CHAIR AND TREASURER

I can hardly believe another year of Cumbria Pride has passed – and what a year it has been! I was honoured to be voted Co-Chair for this year, but nothing could have prepared me for the rollercoaster we've experienced. Looking back, I'm incredibly proud of everything we've achieved together!

This year brought some unexpected challenges, not least finding a new office. Thankfully, our new space is absolutely perfect! An ideal location, plenty of storage, inclusive access with a lift, close to town and the Cathedral, and with a stunning view of the Castle. On a personal note, needing surgery during Pride month was definitely not part of the plan ... I'm so grateful to my family and friends for stepping up to help support not just me, but also Cumbria Pride.

Although I sadly missed attending local Prides this year, I was definitely kept busy throughout the year attending a variety of other events, including Minicon, Megacon, Carlisle Racecourse, Upperby Gala, Reach Out, to name just a few.

One of our main goals this year was to expand our work beyond the annual Pride event – and we've definitely achieved that.

- Make with Pride has continued, reaching LGBT+ families across Cumbria thanks to National Lottery funding.
- Connect with Pride held another three successful sessions with support from Children in Need, with three more already in planning for 2026.
- We launched regular LGBTeas, monthly afternoon tea events with entertainment at Morton Manor in Carlisle. These have become especially important for our older community, and we hope to expand to other areas next year.
- Thanks to Martin, we've established a wonderful new partnership with Carlisle Cathedral, where we now feature at the monthly Farmers' Market.
- Our link with the University of Cumbria continues to thrive. Freshers Fair this year was a highlight, with our goodie bags and Pride flags spotted proudly across campus.
- Our relationship with Carlisle United has strengthened, with the Pride banner (created with the University of Cumbria) now permanently displayed at their stadium.
- Through events in Workington, we've built an exciting new connection with Workington Town Council, and we're already looking forward to planning events for Workington in 2026.

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With one large outdoor Pride event not possible this year, we embraced a new approach – transforming September into Cumbria Pride Month with a series of smaller, more manageable, activities and events. We drew on feedback from previous years, introducing a Family and Community Day (with no alcohol), LGBT+ awareness sessions, a family-friendly Big Pride Party, and a fabulous After Party for adults. Plus so much more packed into the month. While we missed the single big outdoor event, the new programme was a huge success – so much so that many have asked us to do it again. We'll definitely explore that, though perhaps spread the activities out a little more next time (a whole month of Pride left us rather sleepy by the 30th!).

Of course, changing direction also meant changes to sponsorship. While we sadly lost some supporters, we were delighted to welcome new support this year – Cyclife, Inspira and Skool. We're hugely grateful to them, and to all our continuing sponsors and supporters: Atom Packs, Cumberland Council, KITTchEN, the Rainbow Lottery, and the University of Cumbria. Special thanks also go to BrewDog for hosting our Pride Month quiz, Box Arena for our Big Pride parties, Richard Rose Central Academy for our Family and Community Day, and Morton Manor for being home to our LGBTeas.

So, a huge well done to everyone in the team! Here's to another incredible year ahead – onwards and upwards!

Karyn

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JANE-ANN CLARK, TRUSTEE AND FINANCE AUTHORISER

This year has been full of challenges, yet despite our small team we've done it and what a year we've had!

The connect with prides have been really good, nice going to new areas and especially speaking with youngsters and adults who have come along to support, find out information etc and best of all a safe non judgmental space for like minded people to come together, listen to music/acts, speakers and general chats with lots of fun activities all thanks to the funding from Children in need (very much appreciated).

Make with prides have been very successful again this year and it's lovely seeing many of the same families coming along to these with their young ones who have an LGBT+ family member or others who are already noticing differences between them and others and they have a safe space to explore, ask questions and be supported by us being able to do these thanks to funding from the National Lottery.

We have started at the Cathedral farmers monthly market this year and they have been really good and a lot of people just pop by to see what new things we've got going on or to pick up some merchandise or to ask if we can make something specific to them.

We have once again attended Workington Christmas light switch and their mental health day in the park. It's such a mixture of people we meet at these events and they always seem to remember us and have lots of good conversations as well as us meeting new organisations including shared lives this year who in return attended there 1st Cumbria pride and had a fabulous time.

We have also brought back our LGBTeas and have these at Morton Manor. These consist of food, entertainment and of course the most amazing raffle. We have all ages attending these and get a lot of positive feedback back from hosting these.

For Pride this year with lots of different things going on we decided to do things differently. We're always getting asked about having an alcohol free event so we did a community and family day at Richard Rose central academy on the 13th September. This had many stalls, activities and live entertainment and it was brilliant, lots of amazing conversations were had at this including the fact that people would like more of these especially for neurodiverse these were much needed, and loved the chill and the way it was organised.

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Although we had a few wee complaints which were mostly not having food and hot drinks as we only had cold drinks and snacks, but moving forward we have already looked into doing that and it's doable, we're also going to be bringing this to Workington which is very exciting.

We had the more traditional events at Box arena this year with a family friendly event 1st, then an over 18's from 8pm on the 20th September, with lots of acts and these had lots of people attending during both events. A lot of our day ones took children home and came back for the adults only one. We had so many conversations about acts, drag and the venue which most people seemed to really enjoy just a few who would've preferred the car park but agreed that the way the weather had been we were very lucky to be indoors this year. But as we've learnt over the years, we simply cannot please everybody.

We've had a few challenges this year with getting funding as everywhere is struggling but I would love to thank all of our amazing sponsors

Atom packs

Cumberland council

Cyclife

Inspira

Kittchen

Rainbow lottery

Skool

University of Cumbria

Without these amazing organisations we'd not be able to do all that we do, so thank you.

We have also attended school fayres, Upperby gala, schools in general, freshers week, had LGBT+ training with a few organisations and also during the month of September, and found enough time to possibly catch a wee bit of sleep.

We have had a really busy year since last year including moving offices and already we have quite a few events booked up until Christmas that we can attend and take our rainbow merchandise with us.

I'd like to take this opportunity to say Karyn you have done amazing, please take a bow and a massive but gentle pat on your back!!

Jane-Ann Clark

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PETER HARRISON, TRUSTEE

As we close the book on another year of Cumbria Pride, it's hard to reflect on how difficult it's been not just for us, but other organisations across the country, especially Prides and LGBT+ groups. With there simply not being enough funding to go around. With this in mind, it not only highlights how important the events and presence we've had is but also the achievements we've made this year.

Pride looked slightly different this year, with events being spread throughout the month. I think this has shown that Pride is more than just a party outside and can in fact adapt and change. Feedback has been amazing and I'm really proud of the events we did which catered to different people.

It's also been amazing to see the ever growing popularity of our LGBTeas which seem to really appeal to a broad range of age groups and especially older members of the community, again showing the versatility of Pride to be more than just one cookie cut thing. I hope we continue in this direction.

However, I regret to inform the team that I will this year be standing down from the team of trustees. Due to both personal and family health reasons, I'm not able to guarantee I can give 100% to my trustee role, something I would only be a trustee if I could. I would like to thank the current trustees for all their support and friendship during my two years as part of the trustees.

I would like to take this moment to say that this isn't a resignation from Cumbria Pride and just taking a step back from one role. I aim to remain an active volunteer and very much still part of team Cumbria Pride. The work we do and the impact we make means too much to me to walk away and it looks like I'll very much be here until Pride is no longer needed.

As we close on 2025 my hope is that 2026 is a much bigger year for Cumbria Pride and we can build on everything we've created this year.

Peter Harrison

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Trustees' report

The trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) (FRS 102), second edition, October 2019.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is governed by its constitution and is an unincorporated association.

Risk management

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

POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES

Objectives and Aims

The objectives of the charity are:

- To promote equality and diversity and to protect the future of the LGBT communities in Cumbria.
- To provide a safe environment to engage communities in the celebration of their sexual orientation.
- To provide a platform for information, advice and services available to the LGBT community.
- To promote equality and diversity for the public benefit and counter discrimination against LGBT people across Cumbria.
- To be a strong voice for Cumbria's LGBT community.

In setting these objectives the charity has paid due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The charity is confident that, with fundraising, it will be able to hold future Pride events, including Cumbria Pride in September 2026.

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Trustees' report (continued)

Approved by order of the board of Trustees on 26 February 2026 and signed on its behalf by:



Jane-Ann Clark (Trustee)

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of CUMBRIA LGBT PRIDE

I report on the accounts for the year ended 30 September 2025, which are set out on pages 11 to 15.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

My examination of the charity's accounts is carried out in accordance with section 145 of the Act. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

In the course of my examination, no material matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that the requirements:

1. to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act;
 2. to prepare accounts which accord with those records; or
 3. to prepare accounts which comply with the accounting requirements of the Act
- have not been met, or that
4. further information is needed for a proper understanding of the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of matters 1 to 4 listed above and, in following the Directions of the Charity Commission I have found no matters which require to be drawn to your attention.

Paul Brennock FCG FFA

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Paul Brennock

27 February 2026

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Statement of financial activities for the year ended 30 September 2025

		Unrestricted funds 2025	Restricted funds 2025	Total funds 2025	<i>Total funds 2024</i>
	Note	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Voluntary income		18,123	15,000	33,123	41,687
Charitable activities		4,190		4,190	13,100
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		22,313	15,000	37,313	54,787
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Charitable activities			(33,083)	(33,083)	(58,257)
Support activities		4,687		4,687	(3,905)
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		4,687	(33,083)	(28,396)	(62,162)
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES		19,920	(16,643)	4,007	(7,375)
Total funds brought forward		(20,505)	16,278	(4,227)	3,148
TOTAL FUNDS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2025		(585)	365	(220)	(4,227)

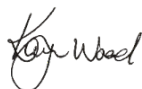
The notes on pages 11 and 12 form part of these financial statements.

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Balance sheet as at 30 September 2025

			2025		2024
	Note	£	£		£
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors		190			1,210
Cash at bank and in hand		5,181			16,615
			5,371		17,825
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year		(5,591)	(5,591)		(22,052)
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)			(220)		(4,227)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			(220)		(4,227)
FUNDS					
Restricted funds		365			16,278
Unrestricted funds		(585)			(20,505)
TOTAL FUNDS			(220)		(4,227)

The financial statements were approved by the board of Trustees on 26 February 2026 and signed on their behalf by:



Karyn Louise Wood (Trustee)

The notes on pages 13 and 14 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes on the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2025

I. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

I.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the requirements of the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015), the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) and the Charities Act 2011.

I.2 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or where raised by the charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

I.4 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the company has entitlement to the funds and certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

I.5 Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular activities they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

I.6. Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

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2. ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Fundraising events	33,123	44,287
Sponsorships	4,190	10,500
	37,313	54,787

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

During the year no trustee received any remuneration (2024: £nil).

During the year no trustee received any reimbursement of expenses (2024: £nil).

4. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025 £	2024 £
Debtors	190	1,210

5. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	(5,641)	22,052

6. STATEMENT OF FUND MOVEMENTS

	Brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Carried forward
Unrestricted funds General funds	(20,505)	22,313	(2,443)	(635)
Restricted funds Other restricted funds	16,278	15,000	(30,913)	365
Total funds	(4,227)	37,313	(33,356)	(270)

The restricted funds carried forward comprise the following grant balances:-

Children in Need: £275

National Lottery Community Fund: £90

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Detailed statement of financial activities for the year ended 30 September 2025

	2025 £	<i>2024</i> <i>£</i>
INCOMING RESOURCES		
Voluntary income		
Donations	18,123	20,937
Grants	15,000	20,750
Total voluntary income	33,123	41,687
Activities for generating funds		
Fundraising events		2,600
Sponsorships	4,190	10,500
Total activities for generating funds	4,190	13,100
Total incoming resources	37,313	54,787

RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Charitable activities		
Equipment/resources	3,601	5,977
Event costs		457
Fundraising expenses	8	24
Legal		1,347
Medical staff		1,530
Operational	1,302	4,582
Portaloos	420	500
Pride acts and media		1,308
Pride event management		
Pride event setup		15,655

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Printing and publicity	56	56
Project costs	16,498	17,638
Refreshments	1,466	1,259
Room hire	5,636	4,695
Sundry	(713)	287
Volunteer costs	1,298	2,942
Total charitable activities	32,366	58,257
	2025	2024
	£	£
Support costs		
Accountancy fees	500	500
Administration costs	390	299
Amounts written back		2,756
Contingency		
Evaluation		250
Independent examiner's fee	100	100
Total support costs	990	3,905
Total resources expended	33,356	62,162
Net income/expenditure	3,957	(7,375)