

Charity Registration Number 1171523

# **The Gateway Group**

Annual Report and Financial Report  
for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

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## **Reference and Administrative Details**

### **Trustees**

A Ambrose  
K Evans  
H Kitching  
D Marsden  
C Park  
G Pickersgill  
A Stainthorpe  
P Whiteley

### **Charity Registration Number**

1171523

### **Principal Office**

17 Finkle Street  
Kendal  
Cumbria  
LA9 4AB

### **Accountants**

Stables Thompson & Briscoe  
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor  
Lowther House  
Lowther Street  
Kendal  
LA9 4DX

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## **Trustees' Report**

The Trustees present the Annual report together with the Balance Sheet of the Charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

### **Trustees and Officers**

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees:	A Ambrose
	K Evans
	L Gill (resigned 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2024)
	H Kitching (appointed 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2024)
	D Marsden
	C Park
	G Pickersgill
	A Stainthorpe
	P Whiteley

### **Objectives and activities**

#### ***Objects and aims***

The charity's objectives are specifically restricted to the following:

The promotion of the voluntary sector in Westmorland and Furness for the benefit of the public by providing management, governance and other support to small charities and voluntary organisations that provide a wide range of information, support and services.

#### ***Public benefit***

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

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## **Trustees' report (continued)**

### **Financial review**

#### ***Policy on reserves***

The trustees consider that as the purpose of the charity is to distribute grants and as it has no staff or property costs, that the level of reserves required is very low. At 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 the level of unrestricted reserves was considered adequate.

### **Structure, governance and management**

#### ***Nature of governing document***

The charity was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017. The charity became active on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2017 when there was an initial transfer of money from a collaboration of various charities in Kendal.

#### ***Recruitment and appointment of trustees***

Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

The charity trustees will make available to each new trustee, on or before their first appointment:

- a) A copy of the current version of the constitution; and
- b) A copy of the CIO's latest Trustees' Annual Report and statement of accounts.

#### ***Organisational Structure***

The charity is registered as a CIO – Foundation. Its members are Trustees.

#### ***Number of charity trustees***

- a) There must be at least four (4) charity trustees representing at least four Core Group organisations. If the number falls below the minimum, the remaining trustee or trustees may act only to call a meeting of the charity of trustees or appoint a new charity trustee.
- b) The maximum number of charity trustees is twenty (20). The maximum number of Core Group organisations is ten (10). The charity trustees may not appoint any charity trustee if as a result the number of charity trustees would exceed the maximum.
- c) Each Core Group organisation will have the right to have up to two (2) appointed charity trustees.

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## **Trustees' Report (continued)**

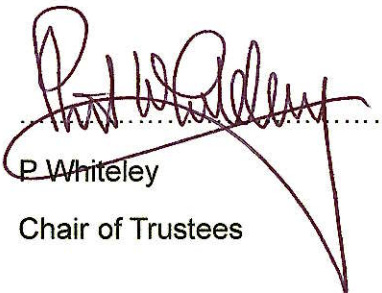
- d) A Core Group organisation can have two (2) appointed trustees attending each meeting and they may fully participate in the agenda and any other business discussions.
- e) When a vote is being taken, a Core Group organisation with two trustees in attendance will only register one vote. In this circumstance, reasonable time, up to five (5) minutes must be allowed for the Core Group members with two trustees attending to agree their voting position. Where agreement between the two trustees is not reached within five (5) minutes, that vote will be considered an abstention.

### ***Financial instruments***

#### ***Objectives and policies***

The charity's activities expose it to very few risks as it principally acts as a distributor of grants to other charities within its objectives.

This annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



P. Whiteley  
Chair of Trustees



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## Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

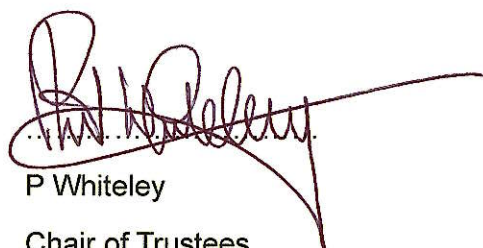
The law applicable to charities require the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



P Whiteley  
Chair of Trustees

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**Balance Sheet**

From: Brought forward

To: Future

Chart of Accounts:

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	<u>Period</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
	0.00	0.00
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Bank Account	6,524.35	6,524.35
VAT Liability	462.87	462.87
	6,987.22	6,987.22
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
	0.00	0.00
<b>Current Assets less Current Liabilities:</b>	6,987.22	6,987.22
<b>Total Assets less Current Liabilities:</b>	6,987.22	6,987.22
<b>Long Term Liabilities</b>		
	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Assets less Total Liabilities:</b>	6,987.22	6,987.22
<b>Capital &amp; Reserves</b>		
Funds	8,306.52	8,306.52
P & L Account	(1,319.30)	(1,319.30)
	6,987.22	6,987.22



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### Profit and Loss

From: Month 1, April 2024  
To: Month 12, March 2025

#### Chart of Accounts:

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	<u>Period</u>		<u>Year to Date</u>	
<b>Sales</b>				
Donations	588.00		588.00	
		588.00		588.00
<b>Purchases</b>				
Charitable Expenditure - Grants Payable	1,275.00		1,275.00	
		1,275.00		1,275.00
<b>Direct Expenses</b>				
		0.00		0.00
<b>Gross Profit/(Loss):</b>		<u>(687.00)</u>		<u>(687.00)</u>
<b>Overheads</b>				
Support Costs - Maintenance	32.30		32.30	
Management & Admin - Professional Fees	600.00		600.00	
		632.30		632.30
<b>Net Profit/(Loss):</b>		<u>(1,319.30)</u>		<u>(1,319.30)</u>