

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: CE010564 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1172037

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025
FOR
BROOKSIDE CENTRAL CIO

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BROOKSIDE CENTRAL CIO

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for the Year Ended 31st March 2025

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES **for the Year Ended 31st March 2025**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

To further or benefit the residents of Brookside, Stirchley, Telford, Shropshire and the neighbourhood, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and this local authorities voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the condition of life for the residents.

In furtherance of these objectives but not otherwise, the trustees and voting members shall have power:

To establish or secure the establishment of a community centre and maintain or manage or cooperate with any statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a centre for activities promoted by the charity in furtherance of the above objectives.

Public benefit

The main activity is undertaken to further our charitable objective for the public benefit.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Human Resources

Staffing & Leadership

- Transitioned staff: The Brookside Big Local Co-ordinator and the Brookside Big Local Assistant left the company to move on to new opportunities. A new Project Lead was recruited for Brookside Big Local during this financial year. And the Centre Manager increased hours from 30 to 35 weekly.

Volunteer & Community Engagement

- Continued active community engagement through events like jumble sales, craft stalls, and themed days (e.g., Pokémon Day).
- Partnership work: Collaboration with Holmer Lake Primary School (litter picks) and student work experience placements from Telford Park School.
- Volunteers were recruited throughout this period.

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Operations

Building & Maintenance

- Ongoing repair issues meant that higher maintenance costs incurred.
- Lift in Burnside remains broken; grants are being applied for to fix this.
- Building improvements: Fresh paintwork, outdoor tap installation for planters.

Health & Safety

- No major incidents reported, regular safety updates in place.
- Security: Reviewed and considered alternative providers however decision was made to stay with current provider.

Building Usage & Bookings

- Fluctuating bookings: Community groups leaving (some citing support and maintenance issues), but efforts ongoing to increase regular and new bookings.
- Special events: Easter promotional café offers; community engagement events held successfully.
- Challenges: Limited support for community use and inconsistent room availability have impacted bookings.

Strategic & Development Plans

- Initial strategic plan drafted; further updates pending.
- Collaboration with Telford & Wrekin Council: Focused on community support, marketing, and increasing room hire.
- Future initiatives include: asset transfer resolution for Brookside Big Local CIC and planning for building refurbishment grants.

Finance & Funding

Funding & Projects

- Brookside Big Local (BBL) continued to deliver community projects and fund new community groups.

Summary & Outlook

Brookside Community Centre remains a vital hub, despite ongoing building maintenance challenges and fluctuating room bookings. Strategic initiatives focus on building repairs, strengthening community partnerships, and securing sustainable funding. The organisation continues to adapt through staff restructuring, community engagement, and seeking grants for refurbishment. The next steps include resolving asset transfer with Brookside Big Local CIC, implementing building upgrades, and enhancing marketing efforts to boost usage and financial stability.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

The Charity is funded by grants and there is no certainty what will be received in the future.

To cover for possible short term declines in grants, Trustees try and maintain reserves of at least £70,000 to cover one years expenses.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
for the Year Ended 31st March 2025

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

CE010564 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1172037

Registered office

Brookside Central Community Centre
Burford
Brookside
Telford
Shropshire
TF3 1LP

Trustees

S Cook
I Langford
A Blissett
L Roberts (appointed 22.10.25)
R Talbot (appointed 15.8.25)
D Brazier (appointed 14.6.25)

Independent Examiner

Russell Ball FCA
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 12th January 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

S Cook - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
BROOKSIDE CENTRAL CIO

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Brookside Central CIO ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act 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
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (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.

Russell Ball FCA

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12th January 2026

BROOKSIDE CENTRAL CIO

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the Year Ended 31st March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.25 Total funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		9,920	55,334	65,254	192,342
Other trading activities	2	59,522	-	59,522	50,905
Investment income	3	1,646	-	1,646	2,059
Total		<u>71,088</u>	<u>55,334</u>	<u>126,422</u>	<u>245,306</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Maintaing a community centre.		<u>129,856</u>	<u>75,527</u>	<u>205,383</u>	<u>233,572</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(58,768)	(20,193)	(78,961)	11,734
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		89,931	42,819	132,750	121,016
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>31,163</u></u>	<u><u>22,626</u></u>	<u><u>53,789</u></u>	<u><u>132,750</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

BROOKSIDE CENTRAL CIO

BALANCE SHEET

31st March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.25 Total funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	8	7,484	5,143	12,627	17,130
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	9	15,799	-	15,799	5,943
Cash at bank and in hand		14,511	17,483	31,994	114,868
		<u>30,310</u>	<u>17,483</u>	<u>47,793</u>	<u>120,811</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(6,631)	-	(6,631)	(5,191)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>23,679</u>	<u>17,483</u>	<u>41,162</u>	<u>115,620</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>31,163</u>	<u>22,626</u>	<u>53,789</u>	<u>132,750</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>31,163</u>	<u>22,626</u>	<u>53,789</u>	<u>132,750</u>
FUNDS	11				
Unrestricted funds				31,163	89,931
Restricted funds				22,626	42,819
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>53,789</u>	<u>132,750</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st March 2025.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

BROOKSIDE CENTRAL CIO

BALANCE SHEET - continued
31st March 2025

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 12th January 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:

S Cook - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

BROOKSIDE CENTRAL CIO

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS **for the Year Ended 31st March 2025**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, 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.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Improvements to property	- 33% on cost
Plant and machinery	- 15% on reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	- 15% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 33% on cost

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.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Other income	6,093	12,995
Room hire	53,429	37,910
	<u>59,522</u>	<u>50,905</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Deposit account interest	1,646	2,059
	<u>1,646</u>	<u>2,059</u>

4. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	4,503	3,269
	<u>4,503</u>	<u>3,269</u>

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

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

Trustees' expenses

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

6. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.25	31.3.24
Charitable activities	7	6
	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	13,275	179,067	192,342
Other trading activities	50,905	-	50,905
Investment income	2,059	-	2,059
Total	<u>66,239</u>	<u>179,067</u>	<u>245,306</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Maintaining a community centre.	62,470	171,102	233,572
NET INCOME	3,769	7,965	11,734
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	86,162	34,854	121,016
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>89,931</u>	<u>42,819</u>	<u>132,750</u>

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Improvements to property £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST					
At 1st April 2024 and 31st March 2025	10,087	13,037	1,818	7,634	32,576
DEPRECIATION					
At 1st April 2024	6,532	3,437	751	4,726	15,446
Charge for year	1,240	1,440	160	1,663	4,503
At 31st March 2025	7,772	4,877	911	6,389	19,949
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31st March 2025	2,315	8,160	907	1,245	12,627
At 31st March 2024	3,555	9,600	1,067	2,908	17,130

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9. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Trade debtors	13,714	3,329
Prepayments	2,085	2,614
	<u>15,799</u>	<u>5,943</u>

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Trade creditors	-	255
Accrued expenses	6,631	4,936
	<u>6,631</u>	<u>5,191</u>

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.24	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.25
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	89,931	(58,768)	31,163
Restricted funds			
Eatwell & Breakfast Club	-	14,598	14,598
Brookside Big Local	42,819	(34,791)	8,028
	<u>42,819</u>	<u>(20,193)</u>	<u>22,626</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>132,750</u>	<u>(78,961)</u>	<u>53,789</u>

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

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	71,088	(129,856)	(58,768)
Restricted funds			
Eatwell & Breakfast Club	22,615	(8,017)	14,598
Brookside Big Local	32,719	(67,510)	(34,791)
	<u>55,334</u>	<u>(75,527)</u>	<u>(20,193)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>126,422</u>	<u>(205,383)</u>	<u>(78,961)</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	86,162	3,769	89,931
Restricted funds			
Brookside Big Local	34,854	7,965	42,819
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>121,016</u>	<u>11,734</u>	<u>132,750</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	66,239	(62,470)	3,769
Restricted funds			
Brookside Big Local	179,067	(171,102)	7,965
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>245,306</u>	<u>(233,572)</u>	<u>11,734</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	86,162	(54,999)	31,163
Restricted funds			
Eatwell & Breakfast Club	-	14,598	14,598
Brookside Big Local	34,854	(26,826)	8,028
	<u>34,854</u>	<u>(12,228)</u>	<u>22,626</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>121,016</u>	<u>(67,227)</u>	<u>53,789</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	137,327	(192,326)	(54,999)
Restricted funds			
Eatwell & Breakfast Club	22,615	(8,017)	14,598
Brookside Big Local	211,786	(238,612)	(26,826)
	<u>234,401</u>	<u>(246,629)</u>	<u>(12,228)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>371,728</u></u>	<u><u>(438,955)</u></u>	<u><u>(67,227)</u></u>

12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

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

13. FUNDS

General Fund

Retained funds are maximized to enable the continuing provision of the charitable activities in the future.

Restricted Funds

Material Grants received for specific purposes are ringed fenced so that the general funds can clearly be identified.

BROOKSIDE CENTRAL CIO

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the Year Ended 31st March 2025

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Local grants	65,254	192,342
Other trading activities		
Other income	6,093	12,995
Room hire	53,429	37,910
	<hr/> 59,522	<hr/> 50,905
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	1,646	2,059
Total incoming resources	<hr/> 126,422	<hr/> 245,306
 EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	98,908	92,998
Pensions	1,731	1,280
Rates and water	1,375	1,228
Insurance	5,495	4,841
Light and heat	22,309	20,806
Telephone	120	147
Postage and stationery	1,527	2,623
Sundries	4,382	6,857
Key holding and lock services	4,845	3,080
Repairs and renewals	5,789	12,667
Alarm and security	1,052	1,686
Subscriptions	1,355	2,963
Waste collection	3,289	5,523
Wellbeing and Breakfast club	8,024	-
Activities	39,479	72,554
Accountancy	1,200	1,050
Improvements to property	1,240	203
Depreciation - Plant and machinery	1,440	1,274
Depreciation - Fixtures and fittings	160	188
Depreciation - Computer equipment	1,663	1,604
	<hr/> 205,383	<hr/> 233,572
 Total resources expended	<hr/> 205,383	<hr/> 233,572
Net (expenditure)/income	<hr/> <hr/> (78,961)	<hr/> <hr/> 11,734

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements