

SPACE HERTFORDSHIRE ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS 2024-25

Empowering neurodivergent children, young people and families across Hertfordshire



Autism | ADHD
Neurodiverse Conditions

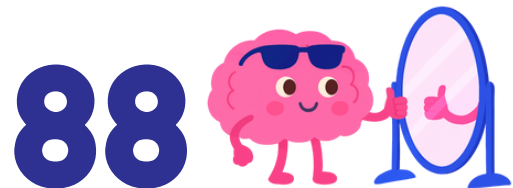
Impact Snapshot 2024-25

A year filled with connection, support and empowerment. These numbers represent thousands of moments where families felt understood, reassured, supported and less alone.



4,350

one-to-one family support appointments for 1,105 families



88
Young people completed Understanding My Autism and ADHD

321



Children's activities with 3,287 attendees



3,528

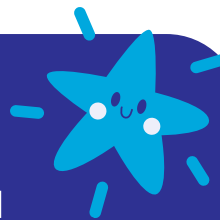
Sensory and learning items loaned

3,334

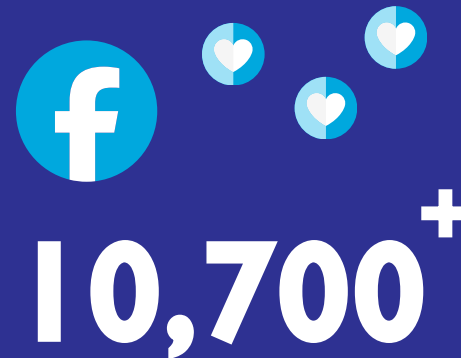
Hours of Alternative Provision delivered to 61 children



95-
100%



Positive outcomes across every service



10,700+
Families supported in our private Facebook community

184

Workshops and courses, 38 topics, 9,000+ attendees, 3,086 on-demand views



36

In-person support groups with 636 attendees



MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR & CEO

Lyn Heathcote Sharif, Chair

Karen Spencer, Chief Executive Officer



Families often tell us that SPACE is the first place where they feel genuinely understood, a community that truly “gets it”. They come to us looking for support, reassurance, help and connection. Together we navigate challenges, celebrate strengths and build confidence.

This year more families than ever reached out for support. In response, we expanded services, strengthened partnerships and invested in the people and systems that make our work possible. We have grown not just in numbers, but in depth, understanding and our commitment to meeting families exactly where they are.

Like many charities, we have faced a challenging financial landscape this year, with rising costs and increasing demand. Our accounts reflect intentional investment in frontline services and the infrastructure that supports them, at a time when families need us most. We remain financially stable, and we are focused on strengthening long-term sustainability so that SPACE can continue to be here for every family who needs us.

We are proud of our team, most of whom bring lived experience as neurodivergent people and/or as parent carers. Their empathy and dedication shape the heart of SPACE. They turn fear into understanding, confusion into clarity, and isolation into belonging.

To every family who trusted us to walk alongside them this year - thank you.

To every funder, partner and volunteer - your support changes lives.

Together, we are creating a Hertfordshire where neurodivergent children and their families are understood, celebrated and supported to thrive.



ABOUT SPACE

SPACE works across Hertfordshire to empower and support families of neurodivergent children and young people whether they are awaiting assessment, newly diagnosed or further along in their journey.

Families often tell us that SPACE feels different: calmer, kinder and easier to navigate. That is intentional. Our work is shaped by lived experience and grounded in the belief that every child deserves to be understood in their own unique way, and that no family should have to face the system alone.

Across Hertfordshire, we offer emotional support, practical guidance, inclusive activities, learning opportunities and specialist services that help families feel more informed, confident and connected. We support parents to build resilience and wellbeing, equip professionals with the knowledge needed to create inclusive environments, and provide children with spaces where they can be themselves without pressure or judgement.

We work closely with schools, health teams, social care and community organisations to strengthen pathways and improve outcomes for neurodivergent children and young people.

Whether families come to us for clarity, community or celebration, our aim is always the same: to create safe, knowledgeable, supportive spaces where every child and family can thrive.

OUR VALUES

Lived experience at the heart

The majority of our staff and volunteers are neurodivergent themselves and/or parent carers raising neurodivergent children and young people. This creates understanding that families feel immediately.

Support is needs-led

Diagnosis or paperwork is never required. If you need us, we're here.

Shaped by the families we support

Stories and feedback from the families we support guide our programmes, development and priorities.

Stronger together

We work closely with schools, professionals and local services to make sure families don't face the system alone.

Empowering every step of the way

We help children and families understand themselves, build confidence and celebrate differences.

WHO WE SUPPORT

Parents and carers

By offering practical tools, specialist guidance and emotional reassurance, we help parents feel heard, more hopeful and more informed.

Children and young people

Through play, creativity, physical activity, mentoring and learning, children find spaces where they can be themselves without masking or pressure.

Professionals

We equip teachers, support staff and other professionals across education, health care and social services to understand neurodivergence and create safer, more inclusive environments.

Commissioners and system partners

Our Alternative Provision (AP), diagnostic services, training and partnerships help shape better outcomes across Hertfordshire.



OUR YEAR IN FOCUS

This year every part of SPACE continued to grow in reach, in depth and in the difference we make for families. Across all our services, we focused on providing clearer pathways, earlier support, stronger partnerships and more opportunities for children and young people to thrive. What follows is a snapshot of that work and the impact it has had on families across Hertfordshire.

SEND FAMILY SUPPORT

Meeting families with compassion, clarity and the reassurance that they are not alone.

Families reached out to us during some of their hardest moments whether they were confused by pathways, worried about school, concerned about their child's wellbeing, looking for practical tools or simply looking for someone they could trust.

"I felt that the family support team understood my daughter and her needs, they validated my experiences and gave me lots of information and practical advice about what we could do next. I haven't experienced this level of emotional support and sharing of expertise from anywhere else and I'm extremely grateful that I'm able to access this service and that it is free."

Family voice



NEW DEVELOPMENTS THIS YEAR

This year we launched Bright Beginnings and Primary Steps, new early support pathways shaped directly by family feedback and the success of our work with First Steps. Parents told us they needed clearer guidance earlier in their journey, so we created structured programmes that offer reassurance, practical tools and strategies, gentle support and the opportunity to build peer networks from the moment concerns first arise.

WHAT WE DELIVERED

4,350

support appointments

1,105

families supported with personalised advice

Early years and school-age guidance

through First Steps, Bright Beginnings and Primary Steps

IMPACT

100%

felt heard, understood and respected

97%

saw improved wellbeing

100%

felt more confident navigating SEND systems

100%

reported improved family relationships

SUPPORT GROUPS

Our monthly support groups continued to be a lifeline for parents and carers - warm, welcoming spaces where families can connect, share experiences, and feel understood by people who "get it."



"I'm so glad I found this group. I genuinely look forward to coming every month. The speakers are brilliant, the other parents are lovely, and the SPACE team are so welcoming and kind. It's been a lifeline."

Family voice

WHAT WE DELIVERED

36

in person support groups delivered across the year

636

parents and carers attending our support groups

Each group provided a safe environment to talk openly, learn from others, and access practical signposting and emotional support from our trained facilitators.

IMPACT

Feedback from parents and carers shows just how vital these groups are:

69%

strongly agree they feel less isolated, with the remaining 31% agreeing

75%

strongly agree the group has a positive impact on their mental health, with 25% agreeing

63%

strongly agree they feel heard and understood, with 37% agreeing

Parents consistently tell us that the combination of in-person peer connection, lived-experience understanding, and gentle guidance has helped them feel more confident and less alone.

LENDING SPACE

A calm, welcoming community hub where children explore sensory tools, families can borrow items with confidence, and everyone benefits from informed signposting and kind support.

Lending SPACE is often described as “a breath of fresh air”. It’s a place where children can play and explore sensory tools, families can discover what works, parent carers can build peer connections and get support and advice, and everyone is welcomed warmly.

“My son loves attending Lending SPACE and borrowing a range of items each time. It’s saved me so much money being able to test out various sensory devices and find out what works for us. The wonderful staff are so welcoming and have also helped signpost me to various other support we are able to access.”

Family voice



WHAT WE DELIVERED

3,528

items loaned

480

families supported

3,187

visits throughout the year

SUCCESSFUL PILOT LAUNCH

of mobile Lending SPACE

BRAND NEW

sensory area

OVER 80

professionals welcomed as part of our first professionals open day or individually to learn and collaborate

IMPACT

98%

saved money

96%

felt more confident supporting their child

100%

felt safe, welcomed and understood

WORKSHOPS AND COURSES

Helping parents replace fear with understanding and overwhelm with confidence.

Parents often describe our workshops as moments of “everything falling into place” - where uncertainty is replaced with clarity and hope.



“I have loved every workshop. They are clear, informative and transformational. Honestly, the understanding and knowledge that I have gained has helped me to understand my child better. With understanding him, I can better support him and with that comes a happier child. Our family life is smoother and more secure. All in all, I do not know what would have happened if we hadn't had the opportunity to learn with SPACE.”

Family voice

WHAT WE DELIVERED

184

workshops & courses

9,000+

live attendees

3,086

Recordings of all workshops so parent carers don't need to attend live - 3,086 on-demand views

38

topics, from emotional regulation to PDA, ADHD in girls, puberty and executive functioning

2

large conferences for parents and professionals

IMPACT

98%

apply strategies immediately

99%

feel more confident advocating for their child

96%

feel more connected and hopeful

ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Joyful, inclusive spaces where children can simply be themselves.

These activities provide more than fun. They help children build confidence, explore interests and feel part of a community where they are celebrated exactly as they are.



“Every SPACE event we have attended is extremely well organised. We have been able to enjoy activities we may have been too cautious to organise on our own. Knowing the other families attending are all in similar circumstances makes the whole experience more relaxing and enjoyable. Thank you.”

Family voice



WHAT WE DELIVERED

321

activities

3,287

attendees

LAUNCH

of Gaming & Coding
Club responding to
feedback from families

1,626

hours of SBLO activities
delivered as a recommissioned
Hertfordshire County Council
Short Break Local Offer
provider

EXTRA

summer and holiday programmes

IMPACT

100%

increased confidence

98%

increased self-esteem

78%

reduced anxiety

96%

increased independence

UNDERSTANDING MY AUTISM AND ADHD

Helping young people understand themselves, build confidence and feel proud of who they are.

Young people often tell us they feel different, misunderstood or unsure how to express their experiences. Our Understanding My Autism & ADHD programme provides a safe, identity-affirming space where they can explore who they are, connect with peers, and learn strategies that support their wellbeing.

Delivered by neurodivergent facilitators with lived experience, the programme offers authentic understanding and positive role-modelling that families value deeply.

WHAT WE DELIVERED

- 6-week structured programme delivered in small groups (max 8)
- Groups tailored for school years 3-6, 7-9 and 10-11
- Delivered in person and online
- 1:1 sessions for children too anxious to join a group
- Personalised workbooks and certificates for every young person
- A curriculum covering:
 - identity and strengths
 - sensory differences
 - communication
 - friendships
 - emotional regulation
 - resilience and self-advocacy

“I was loving coming to you. I now have more strategies and ideas to cope with tricky situations. It’s ok to be different.”

Young people and family voices

IMPACT

- 100% of young people would recommend the programme
- All rated the programme 4–5 out of 5
- Increased confidence, self-awareness and emotional vocabulary
- Improved ability to express needs and ask for help
- Parents reported:
 - greater understanding of their child
 - increased openness at home
 - reduced anxiety
 - improved wellbeing and communication

“It has honestly made such a difference to her life, feeling like everyone else in the room.”

Young people and family voices

ALTERNATIVE PROVISION

A calm, relational approach that helps children rebuild trust and re-engage with learning.

Some children reach a point where mainstream school feels overwhelming, unsafe and unmanageable. Our Alternative Provision offers a nurturing, low-arousal environment where children can breathe, reset and reconnect with learning at a pace that works for them.

Our delivery model combines specialist in-house staff with carefully selected external partners, creating a flexible, blended approach that is both cost-effective and tailored to each child's individual needs. This allows us to offer a broader range of skills, interests and expertise and to shape support around what each young person responds to best.



"I will be forever grateful to you for the meeting notes & advice. Feel a better outcome this time around in the meeting. Sometimes we reach out to the right people at the right time... you were certainly the lifeline I needed. Thank you so much!"

Family voice



WHAT WE DELIVERED

3,334

hours of Alternative Provision support

SPECIALIST EBSNA

focused work to gently rebuild trust and confidence in learning

61

children supported

CLOSE PARTNERSHIP

working with schools and families

1:1

relational support tailored to each child's strengths and needs

IMPACT

- Reduced anxiety and increased emotional stability
- Improved engagement, communication and willingness to try new activities
- Children developed stronger trusting relationships with adults

PAID FOR DIAGNOSTIC AND SPECIALIST NEURODIVERSITY SERVICES

Providing specialist insight and essential evidence when families are stuck in assessment pathways or struggling to access the support they need.

With long waiting lists and growing unmet need, families turn to SPACE's paid-for diagnostic and specialist assessment services for timely, neuroaffirming support. Our blend of clinical expertise and lived experience helps families understand their child's needs sooner, get answers quicker, feel more confident navigating onward pathways, and be better positioned to secure the support their child or young person needs in different settings.

I cannot tell you from beginning to end what a breath of fresh air it has been to talk and meet with SPACE's dyslexia assessor. From our initial telephone conversation before the assessment, we had a long and meaningful discussion about my daughter and her needs. My daughter is complex – EBSA, a traumatic school experience, and since our assessment we have also had confirmation of ASD, inattentive ADHD, sensory issues, social anxiety and high masking, which feels like such a positive as it is an exact fit. I felt hugely supported throughout, never judged, but completely understood. It is quite a journey we are on with my daughter, and it helped me so much to speak with someone who truly 'got it'. My daughter was very happy to meet with SPACE's dyslexia assessor and connected with her well. The assessment itself and the subsequent report were extremely thorough.

Family voice

WHAT WE DELIVERED

64

QbChecks to support ADHD diagnostic pathways

34

dyslexia screenings and 10 full dyslexia assessments

23

Educational Psychologist consultations

48

autism and ADHD consultations

13

Occupational Therapy consultations

21

full Occupational Therapy assessments

Ongoing

development of new education-focused pathways

50%

A 50% increase in appointments

VOLUNTEERS AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Our volunteers bring heart, creativity and warmth to everything we do.

These activities provide more than fun. They help children build confidence, explore interests and feel part of a community where they are celebrated exactly as they are.

This year:

- Regular volunteers grew from 14 to 17 supporting our events and activities, Lending SPACE and workshops programmes in particular
- Corporate volunteers enhanced Growing SPACE
- Skilled volunteers contributed to successful grant applications

Partnerships with schools, libraries, adoption teams, community groups and national initiatives like Purple Tuesday.



PARTNERSHIPS THAT STRENGTHEN FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES

We worked with dozens of partners this year, including:

- Schools, libraries, organisations and businesses across Hertfordshire
- HPCI, Autism in Schools and professional networks
- Fostering and adoption teams
- Helping Herts

These partnerships help families feel supported not only by SPACE, but by the wider community around them.

FUNDRAISING AND SUPPORTER HIGHLIGHTS

This year we laid strong foundations for future sustainability:

- The Great Big Walk for Herts brought families, supporters and partners together
- Corporate relationships grew in both number and depth
- Trust and foundation income strengthened our programmes
- Workplace training commissions increased
- Alternative Provision and Neurodiversity Services diversify our income streams



VINCI Building golf day raised £4,180

VINCI BUILDING raised an impressive £4,180 for SPACE at their Golf Day in September 2025. Over 70 players took part, enjoying a day of camaraderie despite grey skies, with a charity raffle and drinks buggy helping to boost fundraising.



Family raised £3,255

BOUNCING FOR SPACE

Layla and Scott are parent/carers to their neurodivergent daughter - their family has accessed lots of SPACE events and activities, Lending SPACE and more. They joined forces with sister and brother-in-law Laurel and Anthony to take on an inflatable 5k for SPACE.



London Landmarks runners raised £2,486

LONDON LANDMARKS

The fantastic four runners all stormed past their individual fundraising targets. London Landmarks is a 13.1 mile unique route taking runners past stunning landscape of iconic landmarks. All runners have a very personal connection to SPACE.



THANK YOU

To every family who trusted us this year - thank you.

To every child and young person who let us into their world - thank you.

To our volunteers, partners, funders and staff - you make this work possible.

Together, we are creating a Hertfordshire where neurodivergent children are understood, celebrated and supported to thrive.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2025–26

As demand continues to grow, we will keep strengthening the support families rely on. Next year, we will build on what works, deepen our specialist offer and create even more opportunities for children, young people and families to feel understood, included and celebrated.

We will:

- Expand Lending SPACE with new Lending SPACE Pop-Ups
- Develop our Family Support Outreach home-based programme
- Strengthen Alternative Provision and diagnostic services to meet rising need
- Deepen our partnerships with schools, health teams and community organisations
- Develop a Young Ambassador's Programme bringing youth voice to the centre of our decision making and new opportunities for older neurodivergent young people
- Continue developing sustainable fundraising pathways to secure SPACE's future

Principle 1a

Reduction in social isolation of vulnerable families through:

- Bespoke carefully orchestrated social opportunities and activities, online and in-person, throughout the year for children, young people and the whole family to attend.
- Monthly support groups promoting and facilitating a peer support network.
- Online community support through a closed administrated Facebook Group and Public page.
- Bespoke online and face to face support, guidance and signposting including home visits from our Family Support Team.
- Raising the profile of the charity and awareness of families' needs within the local community and helping to shape future provisions.
- Supporting local businesses and services to promote inclusion.

Improving and advancing the knowledge, understanding and skills of parent/carers and professionals.

- Online and in-person monthly support groups which may be attended by a guest speaker/ service operating in the field of Special Educational Needs and disabilities (SEND)
- Themed Conferences for both parent/carers and professionals delivered by SPACE and experts within that field.
- Online and in-person workshops and courses on a variety of topics throughout the year.
- Sharing information and resources through a variety of mediums and organisations.
- Forging links with other service providers, organisations and charities to educate and instil confidence in working with families that have children and young people with SEND.

Principle 1b

The public benefits of the organisation closely reflect and adheres to the charity's Aims, Objects and Constitution. The trustees ensure the charity remains focused on these principles in all decision making.

Principle 1c

The charity benefits are balanced against detriment or harm. The trustees are fully aware of the need and demand from the public on the charity's services therefore the charity must grow to meet this demand. However, the trustees must ensure this pace of growth is realistic and not be in detriment of the team and volunteers running the organisation. SPACE Registered Charity England and Wales no: 117 2178 Supporting Families in Hertfordshire - Autism ADHD and other Neurodiverse Conditions.

Principle 2a

The direct beneficiaries of the charity are Hertfordshire families with children and young people on the autistic spectrum and/or ADHD and other neurodiverse conditions either with or without diagnosis. Other beneficiaries include the wider community, extended families and professionals also working within the SEND field. The beneficiaries of the charity are in direct keeping with the charity's aims, objectives and constitution.

Principle 2b

The section of the public that can benefit are not unreasonably restricted by geographic location. Although the organisation is a Hertfordshire-based charity as stated in the constitution, the trustees considered the following to ensure maximum accessibility.

- All support groups are not geographically restricted to the area they are hosted in.
- The support groups are spread over various Hertfordshire locations and on various days and times to maximise accessibility.
- There are online support groups that remove geographical restrictions completely, giving access to all of Hertfordshire.
- An appropriate video conferencing platform has been selected that supports a wide range of hardware, including mobile phones. The platform does not have a high barrier to entry from an account, pricing, or accessibility perspective.
- The organisation is mindful to hold events and socials in a variety of Hertfordshire locations subject to venues, opportunities, and cost implications.

Principle 2c

People in poverty are not excluded from the opportunity to benefit.

- There are no joining, membership or subscription fees.
- All support groups, online community and face to face support are free.
- All online activities, courses and workshops are free and involve no travel costs.
- All projects that have received specific funding are offered to families at a nominal charge, this is to ensure their commitment in attendance.
- The charity subsidises activities wherever possible to maximise accessibility.
- Larger events and conferences carry a charge to attend. The trustees will investigate whether this can be offered as concessions in relation to poverty in the future.

Principle 2d

Any private benefits are incidental.

Declaration: The trustees are satisfied that there has been regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on Public Benefit in decision making and organisation performance.

SPACE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ending 31 March 2025

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL
ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED 31st
MARCH 2025

	NOTES	<u>RESTRICTED</u> £	<u>UNRESTRICTED</u> £	<u>2025</u> £	<u>2024</u> £
<u>INCOMING RESOURCES</u>					
Total income for the period	2	<u>427,326.67</u>	<u>559,185.90</u>	<u>986,512.57</u>	<u>822,648.01</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		<u>427,326.67</u>	<u>559,185.90</u>	<u>986,512.57</u>	<u>822,648.01</u>
<u>RESOURCES EXPENDED</u>					
Administration, Management, Cost of Activities		<u>422,170.63</u>	<u>613,298.32</u>	<u>1,035,468.95</u>	<u>723,245.12</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		<u>422,170.63</u>	<u>613,298.32</u>	<u>1,035,468.95</u>	<u>723,245.12</u>
NET INCOMING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR		5,156.04	(54,112.42)	(48,956.38)	99,402.89
ADJUSTMENT		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD		<u>120,266.59</u>	<u>187,569.40</u>	<u>307,835.99</u>	<u>208,433.10</u>
FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	6, 7, 8	<u>125,422.63</u>	<u>133,456.98</u>	<u>258,879.61</u>	<u>307,835.99</u>

	NOTES	2025 £	2024 £
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>			
Tangible Fixed Assets	3	40,743.92	7,554.47
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>			
Total Current Assets	4	<u>404,980.21</u>	<u>410,130.33</u>
		404,980.21	410,130.33
<u>CREDITORS</u>			
Amounts falling due within one year	5	<u>186,844.52</u>	<u>109,848.81</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)		218,135.69	300,281.52
NET ASSETS		<u>258,879.61</u>	<u>307,835.99</u>
<u>FUNDS</u>			
Unrestricted Funds	6	133,456.98	187,569.40
Restricted Funds	7	125,422.63	120,266.59
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>258,879.61</u>	<u>307,835.99</u>

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Basis of Preparation and Assessment of Going Concern

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

b) Income and Expenditure

Income and Expenditure is recorded on the accruals basis.

c) Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated on the straight line basis at rates which are intended to write off the cost of the assets over their estimated useful lives, and is itemised as follows:

Plant and machinery and office equipment	33%
Fixtures and fittings	33%
Motor vehicles	33%

d) Leases

Rental costs under operating leases are charged to the income and expenditure account in equal annual instalments covering the period of the leases.

e) Fund Accounting

Grants and similar income which are subjected to restrictions by the donors are shown as restricted funds and any expenditure incurred will be set off against this fund. All other income and expenditure is shown as unrestricted.

2 FUNDING RECEIVABLE (INCLUDING GRANTS)

	2025 £	2024 £
Total funding income received	<u>465,576.67</u>	<u>419,698.50</u>
Total	<u>465,576.67</u>	<u>419,698.50</u>

3 FIXED ASSETS

	Furniture and Fixtures £	Office Equip £	Motor Vehicles £	Plant and Machinery £	Total £
Cost					
At 1 April 2024	4,610.74	8,187.76	32,695.50	200.00	45,694.00
Additions	368.06	816.00	54,616.00	0.00	55,800.06
Disposals	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
At 31 March 2025	<u>4,978.80</u>	<u>9,003.76</u>	<u>87,311.50</u>	<u>200.00</u>	<u>101,494.06</u>
Depreciation					
At 1 April 2024	1,536.91	3,707.12	32,695.50	200.00	38,139.53
Charge for the year	1,659.60	2,745.68	18,205.33	0.00	22,610.61
Depreciation on disposals	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
At 31 March 2025	<u>3,196.51</u>	<u>6,452.80</u>	<u>50,900.83</u>	<u>200.00</u>	<u>60,750.14</u>
Net book value					
At 31 March 2025	<u>1,782.29</u>	<u>2,550.96</u>	<u>36,410.67</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>40,743.92</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>3,073.83</u>	<u>4,480.64</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>7,554.47</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

4 CURRENT ASSETS - Cash & Bank Balances & Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Cash and Bank Balance	157,034.38	323,380.21
Debtors, Prepayments & Accrued Income	<u>247,945.83</u>	<u>86,750.12</u>
Total	<u>404,980.21</u>	<u>410,130.33</u>

5 CREDITORS - Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade Creditors	34,651.74	1,225.22
Accruals and Deferred Income	144,429.00	108,623.59
PAYE, Social Security and Other Taxes	<u>7,763.78</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	<u>186,844.52</u>	<u>109,848.81</u>

6 UNRESTRICTED FUND

	2025	2024
	£	£
Opening Balance	187,569.40	135,672.80
Surplus (Deficit) for the Year	(54,112.42)	51,896.60
Revaluation adjustment	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Closing Balance	<u>133,456.98</u>	<u>187,569.40</u>

7	<u>RESTRICTED FUND</u>	2025	2024
		£	£
	Opening Balance	120,266.59	72,760.30
	Surplus (Deficit) for the Year	5,156.04	47,506.29
	Revaluation adjustment	-	-
	Closing Balance	<u>125,422.63</u>	<u>120,266.59</u>

8	<u>ANALYSIS OF NET FUNDS</u>	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
		£	£	£
	Tangible Fixed Assets	36,928.04	3,815.88	40,743.92
	Net Current Assets	<u>88,494.59</u>	<u>129,641.10</u>	<u>218,135.69</u>
	Total	<u>125,422.63</u>	<u>133,456.98</u>	<u>258,879.61</u>

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

		2025		2024
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Bank Charges	0.00	156.04	156.04	191.46
Bookkeeping and Accounting	0.00	3,933.50	3,933.50	3,611.00
Legal Costs	0.00	17,534.00	17,534.00	0.00
Core Costs	15,044.67	2,203.71	17,248.38	33,525.58
Equipment	21,175.49	2,299.25	23,474.74	10,277.11
Event Costs	99,374.20	49,238.16	148,612.36	109,157.77
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IT Software and Consumables	475.68	10,879.34	11,355.02	8,923.02
Motor Vehicle Expenses	1,016.59	24.00	1,040.59	320.00
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Refreshments	510.37	1,294.53	1,804.90	2,776.70
Removal costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rent, Rates and Utilities	29,589.60	45,289.80	74,879.40	42,063.82
Repairs & Maintenance	0.00	796.70	796.70	0.00
Salaries	202,657.70	253,075.27	455,732.97	277,193.68
Pension Costs	2,633.71	6,639.54	9,273.25	5,595.89
Employers NIC	12,149.58	19,296.47	31,446.05	17,032.98
Staff Training	0.00	2,248.59	2,248.59	2,424.60
Subscriptions	0.00	2,722.40	2,722.40	3,044.50
Telephone & Internet	1,469.00	4,722.81	6,191.81	3,834.62
Travel Costs	4,457.89	7,154.19	11,612.08	10,717.95
Depreciation Expense	18,764.01	3,846.60	22,610.61	15,231.34
	<u>422,170.63</u>	<u>613,298.32</u>	<u>1,035,468.95</u>	<u>723,245.12</u>
Surplus / (Deficit)	<u>5,156.04</u>	<u>(54,112.42)</u>	<u>(48,956.38)</u>	<u>99,402.89</u>
Funds				
Opening balance	120,266.59	187,569.40	307,835.99	208,433.10
Surplus / (Deficit) for year	5,156.04	(54,112.42)	(48,956.38)	99,402.89
Closing balance	<u>125,422.63</u>	<u>133,456.98</u>	<u>258,879.61</u>	<u>307,835.99</u>

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

CHARITY NAME: SPACE

Registered charity number: 1172178

Charity's principal address: Unit 5 The Maltings Business Centre
Stanstead Abbots
Ware, Herts
SG12 8HG

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity:

Lyn Heathcote Sharif (Chair)

Mark Wilson (Treasurer)

Dr Sharmishtha Sarkar

Donna Chamberlain

Victoria Kemp

Polly Kerr

Type of governing document: Constitution

SPACE is constituted by CIO with voting members other than charity trustees. The trustee selection method is elected by trustees and voting members.

Financial review: Statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves are held exclusively for the furtherance of the Charitable Objectives. None of the Charity's reserves may be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise by way of profit to any member of the Charity. The Charity will hold a minimum of 4 months in way of reserve.

Declaration: The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above - signed on behalf of the charity's trustees



Lyn Heathcote Sharif



Mark Wilson



Dr Sharmishtha Sarkar



Donna Chamberlain



Victoria Kemp



Polly Kerr



Unaudited Financial Statements

For the Year Ending 31 March 2025

**SPACE is a registered charity:
Registration number 1172178**

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

	NOTES	<u>RESTRICTED</u>	<u>UNRESTRICTED</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
		<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>INCOMING RESOURCES</u>					
Total income for the period	2	<u>427,326.67</u>	<u>559,185.90</u>	<u>986,512.57</u>	<u>822,648.01</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		<u>427,326.67</u>	<u>559,185.90</u>	<u>986,512.57</u>	<u>822,648.01</u>
 <u>RESOURCES EXPENDED</u>					
Administration, Management, Cost of Activities		<u>422,170.63</u>	<u>613,298.32</u>	<u>1,035,468.95</u>	<u>723,245.12</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		<u>422,170.63</u>	<u>613,298.32</u>	<u>1,035,468.95</u>	<u>723,245.12</u>
 NET INCOMING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR					
ADJUSTMENT		5,156.04	(54,112.42)	(48,956.38)	99,402.89
FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		<u>120,266.59</u>	<u>187,569.40</u>	<u>307,835.99</u>	<u>208,433.10</u>
FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	6, 7, 8	<u>125,422.63</u>	<u>133,456.98</u>	<u>258,879.61</u>	<u>307,835.99</u>

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH 2025

	NOTES	2025 £	2024 £
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>			
Tangible Fixed Assets	3	40,743.92	7,554.47
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>			
Total Current Assets	4	<u>404,980.21</u>	<u>410,130.33</u>
		404,980.21	410,130.33
<u>CREDITORS</u>			
Amounts falling due within one year	5	<u>186,844.52</u>	<u>109,848.81</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)		218,135.69	300,281.52
NET ASSETS		<u>258,879.61</u>	<u>307,835.99</u>
<u>FUNDS</u>			
Unrestricted Funds	6	133,456.98	187,569.40
Restricted Funds	7	125,422.63	120,266.59
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>258,879.61</u>	<u>307,835.99</u>

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 18 November 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Lyn Heathcote-Sharif - Chair

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the accounts

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Basis of Preparation and Assessment of Going Concern

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

b) Income and Expenditure

Income and Expenditure is recorded on the accruals basis.

c) Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated on the straight line basis at rates which are intended to write off the cost of the assets over their estimated useful lives, and is itemised as follows:

Plant and machinery and office equipment	33%
Fixtures and fittings	33%
Motor vehicles	33%

d) Leases

Rental costs under operating leases are charged to the income and expenditure account in equal annual instalments covering the period of the leases.

e) Fund Accounting

Grants and similar income which are subjected to restrictions by the donors are shown as restricted funds and any expenditure incurred will be set off against this fund. All other income and expenditure is shown as unrestricted.

SPACE
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

2 FUNDING RECEIVABLE (INCLUDING GRANTS)

	2025	2024
	£	£
Total funding income received	465,576.67	419,698.50
Total	465,576.67	419,698.50

3 FIXED ASSETS

	Furniture and Fixtures	Office Equip	Motor Vehicles	Plant and Machinery	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost					
At 1 April 2024	4,610.74	8,187.76	32,695.50	200.00	45,694.00
Additions	368.06	816.00	54,616.00	0.00	55,800.06
Disposals	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
At 31 March 2025	4,978.80	9,003.76	87,311.50	200.00	101,494.06
Depreciation					
At 1 April 2024	1,536.91	3,707.12	32,695.50	200.00	38,139.53
Charge for the year	1,659.60	2,745.68	18,205.33	0.00	22,610.61
Depreciation on disposals	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
At 31 March 2025	3,196.51	6,452.80	50,900.83	200.00	60,750.14
Net book value					
At 31 March 2025	1,782.29	2,550.96	36,410.67	0.00	40,743.92
At 31 March 2024	3,073.83	4,480.64	0.00	0.00	7,554.47

4 CURRENT ASSETS - Cash & Bank Balances & Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Cash and Bank Balance	157,034.38	323,380.21
Debtors, Prepayments & Accrued Income	247,945.83	86,750.12
Total	404,980.21	410,130.33

5 CREDITORS - Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade Creditors	34,651.74	1,225.22
Accruals and Deferred Income	144,429.00	108,623.59
PAYE, Social Security and Other Taxes	7,763.78	0.00
	186,844.52	109,848.81

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

6 UNRESTRICTED FUND

	2025	2024
	£	£
Opening Balance	187,569.40	135,672.80
Surplus (Deficit) for the Year	(54,112.42)	51,896.60
Revaluation adjustment	-	-
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Closing Balance	133,456.98	187,569.40

7 RESTRICTED FUND

	2025	2024
	£	£
Opening Balance	120,266.59	72,760.30
Surplus (Deficit) for the Year	5,156.04	47,506.29
Revaluation adjustment	-	-
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8 ANALYSIS OF NET FUNDS

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9 STAFF NUMBERS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Total Staff Costs for the Year	496,452.27	299,822.55
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	2025	2024
Average Number of Paid Staff	22	14

SPACE**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT****YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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Independent examiner's report on the accounts



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
SPACE

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31ST MARCH 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

1172178

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

**Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

**Basis of independent
examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 seeking 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting 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.

I 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:**Date:**

23/01/2026

Name:

Mrs Julie Gittins FCCA

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)

Address:

c/o J K Minerva LLP

46 Crossway

Welwyn Garden City, AL8 7EE

Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of
any items that the
examiner wishes to
disclose.**

NONE