



# **Parson Cross Initiative Projects Annual Report 2025**

Registered Charity 1172288

(first registered in 2018)



## Report from the Chair

When I sat down to write my part of the annual report for last year I thought that this would be my last year as chair of the charity, however following discussions with the trustees it has been agreed that I remain in the role for the upcoming year as we try to grapple with the thoughts and ideas that abound about the future shape and direction of the charity.

As a charity we have always been about promoting social justice and inclusion, and to date we've been very much volunteer led and without paid staff, relying instead on freelance workers, partnerships from other organisations and of course our volunteer session hosts. We are increasingly feeling the pressure, and some of the constraints, to this way of continuing our work. That is why we will be using this next year to look again at how we work, what we aim to do and the values we hold dear.

We have, since our early days, talked about the values of *"love, hope, grace and advocacy in action"* and have used these to steer us in the unique way we approach our mission, but increasingly we've also been talking about dignity, choice, and making people feel valued and heard this all shapes who we are and the way we approach things, and will I know continue whatever choices we make in the months ahead.

The uncertainty around our main building base at Mount Tabor has continued with discussions still taking place within the Methodist Church about its long term management and trusteeship. Whilst inevitably causing a degree of uncertainty about the future we are reassured that PXI is seen as a valuable asset and partner in all the discussions that have taken place to date.

Funding for the charity is an ongoing issue; whilst we've continued to be successful in securing grants to help deliver our day to day activities, is inevitably a time and labour intensive investment. We're pleased to have the continuing support of a number of trusts and are happy to be able to announce a three year investment from 2025-6 from The Brelms Trust which bring us some stability of funding. One priority for the coming year however remains, and that is to attempt to rebuild our individual donor base that has dwindled greatly since the pandemic, we hope once again to relaunch our *Friends of PXI* scheme in the near future to boost this.

Over this last year we've said goodbye to a couple of long standing partners; first Ignite Imaginations who decided to fold as a charity, and most recently Food Cycle who have sadly decided to move their evening meal to another venue with what they see as better transport links. Whilst we are always sad to see such partnerships end, it always throws up new opportunities and so this year we are excited to be planning work alongside new partners including Rivelin Co. (a community arts group) and SAVTE (Sheffield Association for

the Voluntary Teaching of English) we hope both these new partnerships will in turn open new paths for us to travel together.

Nick Waterfield (Chair of Trustees) September 2025

### **Social Café & Community Food Hub**

From our earliest days creating and being community around food has been a consistent element to what we've done; from food bank and community meals, through to our social cafe and food hub, food is more than just about feeding people in need, its about the very act of sharing and eating together.

As such, Tuesdays at Mount Tabor are still dominated by our activities in social cafe and the afternoon community food hub. Our social cafe drop in sees around thirty people each week, some just come for a cuppa and a chat, others to sit or take part in the music group, whilst some come specifically for the food hub. The sessions are mainly attracting people over fifty, many of which have existing mental or physical health issues, we also awarded £1400 of grants to individuals in need via Acts435.



Volunteers, Ben and Janet, provide a sandwich lunch and a pudding or cake each week with up to twenty people sharing this lunchtime meal, which offers the opportunity to sit, chat and eat with others informally. Nicola and Lisa do an excellent job assisting most weeks in the community food hub, which this year has distributed over 660 crates of food and served an average number of 19.5 households each week, in addition we've made many direct referrals to S6 foodbank using the online system. As the numbers of households using the food hub has fallen so has the amount of financial donations each week, meaning that the charity is now subsidising the cost of food from Fareshare more so than in the recent past.

### **Art For All & Creative Arts**

Our regular Thursday Art for All session has continued to be a great success, we have continued to work with Lizzy Levy as our artist in residence using funding from a variety of sources and that stability and the relationships that have been built up have made for an encouraging and inclusive creative space.

Over the year we've explored a variety of activities from watercolour painting to work with fabrics, and the creation of semi permanent and seasonal installations such as the heart that hangs on the wall of the chapel in Mount Tabor, and the "Love Rocks" stone garden at the front of the building.



We've also made new links with Rivelin Co (a local community arts organisation) and have already run a number of joint activities and events, including: "Plot 17" an outdoor summer childrens theatre and craft event with an environmental theme, a Creative writing project using two local Sheffield writers, we hope that this partnership will continue to grow over the coming months.

### **Community Allotments & Growing Spaces**

We still manage to run one open public session each week on our community allotments at Norwood, these are regularly attended by around 10 -16 people, increasingly those attending are people with a range of mental health issues. The sessions are hosted by Jules and Nick.

As well as the Norwood site, we've made some effort to reignite a gardening group at our main base at Mount Tabor, with a limited degree of success. Going forward into next year, it would be good to see further work on this.



### **Pumas Dodgeball Club**

The number of children returning to the club is increasing as we move through the Autumn term. After the half term holiday, Y6 children from the local primary schools will be attending and the Qualitas coaches will be continuing the more focussed training on fitness and skills building. The aim is to set up teams to play competitions with other clubs/ schools starting in the Spring term, whilst still providing a fun club for those wishing just to enjoy playing the games in the Monday evening sessions. The funds granted for the junior training award, for the older players, will be spent as soon as the sessions can be booked through British Dodgeball. In terms of funding for the next three years, we have secured 50% of the funding needed and are awaiting news on a grant application for the other 50% for year 2026. There is money in the bank to allow for us to continue into 2026 for the moment and one of our Trustees (Julie Edwards) is fundraising with an Ultra Walking Challenge in 2026, to provide some additional funds to allow us to continue with this project. More grant applications will be applied for as soon as we hear back from the current application.

In 2026. One additional focus is also to look for one or two volunteers from the community to support the one hour sessions and the fundraising process. The club is looking





forward to another successful year providing our young children with a safe, free and fun sports session in Parson Cross.

### **Autism Hope**

This years Autism Hope group has continued to flourish and support 20 core families.

It has been a difficult year for many families, with changes to PIP and DLA affecting many as well as the changes to school transportation. We have found more and more the meetings are a vital support for mental health and really helps our families feel less isolated and alone. Having a regular meeting every Friday makes our members feel safe in the knowledge they have a place to go and talk about what they are going through with people who really understand.

We had a very special Christmas Party that was a highlight, a morning filled with laughter and dancing and one that will be remembered for a long time!

### **Safeguarding**

There are no significant safeguarding issues effecting the charity at this point, or throughout the past year. Our safeguarding policy has recently been revised and is available via our website.

### **Financial Statement**

During the year 2024/25 the charity received income totalling £18,556.59. The majority of this was received from external grant funders or from individuals who make regular or one off donations to the charity for specific activities which we run (£15,868.82). Without the grant funding most of the activities would not be able to be delivered to the local community. The cost of sessional hosts, room hire and supplies are very much fully funded by external grant funds during the year. The donations made by individuals allow the charity to exist by covering our running costs. In addition, we will utilise these donations to purchase food from our partner Fareshare for our community food hub. Where grant funding ends, we will also utilise these funds to continue to deliver sessions whilst we bid and received alternative / other external funding sources. This has been the case for our weekly Art for All group when external funding ended in February 2025, we have continued to support this group until we have been able to source more external funds from September 2025.

The charity holds a level of reserves of £5,200 which equates to 10% of our annual turnover per annum. This is held for unforeseen circumstances, emergencies and shortfalls in

income. We follow the best practice set out by the Charity Commission here - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/charities-and-reserves-cc19/charities-and-reserves>.

### **Forward Strategy**

Trustees have undertaken to review thoroughly a three to five year strategic plan over the next twelve months; this will look at the role of Chair and how lead responsibilities may be taken forward within the trustee group, as well as our use of freelance staff, volunteers and significant partnership arrangements.

We will also be continuing to focus volunteer recruitment on Session Hosts and Trustee roles.

## **Appendices:**

### **1. Trustees 2024-25**

Nick Waterfield (Chairperson)	Iain Cloke
Alison Charlesworth (Treasurer)	Jo Edwards
Carlie Brough	Julie Edwards
Jonathan Buckley	Carlton Reeve (Safeguarding Officer)
Teresa Buckley (resigned March 2025)	

### **2. Thanks to the following Funders & Donations 2024-25**

Thanks to these donors who have each given over £500

Asda Celebrating Communities  
Asda Young Futures  
Chapelton Methodist Church  
High Peaks Comps Ltd  
James Neil Trust  
JG Graves Trust  
Methodist Youth Activities  
St Agatha's  
St Andrews Psalter Lane  
Sheffield City Council

Thanks also to the many individuals and groups who have donated amounts below £500

### **3. PXI Volunteer Session Hosts**

Carlie Brough. Charlie Cloke. Jo Edwards. Alan Sayer.  
Annabel Terry. Nick Waterfield. Jules Wood.

### **4. Social Media & Other Links**

Follow us on Facebook: **PXI – Parson Cross Initiative Projects**

or visit our website: <https://pxi.org.uk/>

and for fundraising & giving look for **PXI – Parson Cross Initiative Projects** at Just Giving.com  
or [stewardship.org.uk](https://stewardship.org.uk)





CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name (X) PARSON CROSS INITIATIVE (PROJECTS)

No 1172/38

## Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period  
from

Period start date  
1st September 2024

To

Period end date  
31st August 2025

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Income from donations, legacies and grants	2,708	15,849	-	18,557	51,073
Charitable Activities	-	-	-	-	-
Other trading Income	-	-	-	-	1,172
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b> (Gross income for AR)	2,708	15,849	-	18,557	52,245
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	2,708	15,849	-	18,557	52,245
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Costs of charitable activities	7,305	35,907	-	43,212	31,892
Raising funds	30	-	-	30	-
Others	1,655	10	-	1,664	2,857
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	8,990	35,916	-	44,907	34,749
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	8,990	35,916	-	44,907	34,749
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	6,282	20,068	-	26,350	17,496
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	26,876	35,487	-	62,363	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	20,594	15,419	-	36,013	17,496

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash at bank	20,594	15,419	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>20,594</b>	<b>15,419</b>	<b>-</b>

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))



	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Food stock held at 31st Aug 2025	-	118	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on  
behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Alison Charlesworth	30.09.2025
	Nick Waterfield	30.09.2025



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
PXI Parson Cross Initiative (Projects)

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31 August 2025

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1172288

**Set out on pages**

1 & 2 of form CC16a

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 08 / 2025**.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Signed:**

**Date:**

12/03/2026

**Name:**

David Henry Gee

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

F.C.A.

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.**