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AWAMU

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Charity registration	England and Wales	1174256
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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "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)".

Chair's introduction

This year has again demonstrated the resilience and determination of the girls and young women Awamu works alongside in Kampala. Many girls who first come to Awamu-funded programmes seeking safety or support go on to return to education, develop new skills and encourage others in their communities to do the same.

Through our long-standing partnership with Tusitukirewamu Group Bwaise, a women-led organisation rooted in the Kawempe community, Awamu continues to support programmes that combine protection, healthcare, education and livelihoods support for girls facing significant barriers in their lives.

The trustees remain deeply encouraged by the growing leadership we see among girls who have participated in Awamu's programmes. Increasingly, young women who once joined as participants are now mentoring peers, supporting school clubs and contributing to positive change in their communities.

The past year has also been one of continued development for the organisation. Awamu has strengthened its programmes, secured new funding partnerships and continued building the foundations needed to sustain and grow this work responsibly in the years ahead.

At its heart, Awamu's work is about creating the conditions in which girls can rebuild confidence, pursue education and shape their own futures — and increasingly support others to do the same.

On behalf of the trustees, I would like to thank our partners, supporters and volunteers whose commitment makes this work possible.



Joyce Baker Nabwire

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

Objectives and activities

Awamu works to strengthen the safety, health, education and economic opportunities of vulnerable girls and young women living in the informal settlements of Kampala, Uganda.

Through long-term partnerships with local organisations and communities, the charity supports girls facing violence, exclusion from education and barriers to healthcare to rebuild their lives and pursue sustainable futures.

The charity's objectives are:

- to relieve poverty by enabling individuals to generate sustainable income
- to advance education
- to advance health

for the benefit of orphaned and vulnerable children and women in Africa.

Awamu works in long-term partnership with Tusitukirewamu Group Bwaise (TWG), a women-led community organisation based in Kawempe that leads programme delivery locally.

Together the organisations deliver integrated programmes combining protection, healthcare, education pathways and economic empowerment.

Awamu has worked alongside community partners in Kawempe for more than 15 years, building trusted relationships with schools, health services, community leaders and families.

Public benefit

The trustees have paid due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning its activities.

Awamu's programmes provide direct public benefit by supporting vulnerable girls and young women who face significant barriers to education, healthcare and economic opportunity. Through partnerships with community organisations, schools and health providers, the charity helps ensure that girls can access protection, healthcare and opportunities for education and livelihoods.

Activities

During the year ending 30 June 2025, Awamu continued working alongside community partners in Kampala's informal settlements to strengthen the safety, health, education and economic opportunities of vulnerable girls and young women.

Across programmes, girls demonstrated resilience in rebuilding their lives, returning to education and pursuing new opportunities. Many now support peers to stay in school, access healthcare and speak out about issues affecting girls in their communities, reflecting a growing emphasis on leadership and peer support.

This work is delivered in partnership with schools, health providers and local authorities across Kawempe, strengthening the wider systems that shape girls' safety and wellbeing. Alongside programme delivery, the charity strengthened and diversified its funding base, securing new multi-year grant commitments for the years ahead.

Partnership approach

Awamu works through long-term partnerships with locally led organisations in the communities where programmes operate.

Our primary partner in Uganda is Tusitukirewamu Group Bwaise (TWG), a women-led organisation deeply rooted in the Kawempe community.

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TWG leads programme delivery and maintains close relationships with families, schools, health providers and local authorities. Awamu supports programme development, fundraising, governance and strategic collaboration.

This partnership model ensures programmes remain grounded in local knowledge while benefiting from shared learning and international support.

Community-based support and mentoring

Awamu works alongside a network of trained community mentors — experienced women from the local community who are trusted by families and deeply rooted in the areas where programmes operate. Mentors play a critical role in identifying girls at risk, supporting referrals into services and providing ongoing follow-up within communities, helping ensure that girls remain safe and connected to support over time.

In recent years, younger women who have come through Awamu's programmes have begun to shadow more experienced mentors, learning how to support others and gradually taking on peer mentoring roles themselves. This approach helps build confidence, strengthen leadership and ensure continuity of support within the community.

As mentors live and work within their own communities, they are central to delivering community-based support, particularly in sexual and reproductive health and protection services, where trust and local knowledge are essential.

Listening to girls and young people

Listening to the experiences and priorities of girls and young people is central to Awamu's work.

Feedback from programme participants is gathered through mentoring sessions, peer groups, school clubs and regular conversations with community mentors and programme staff. These insights help shape programme development and ensure activities respond to the realities girls face in their daily lives.

Awamu's approach is increasingly informed by principles of feminist and participatory development, recognising that girls and young women are not only recipients of support but emerging leaders within their communities. Programmes therefore aim to strengthen girls' confidence, leadership and ability to influence change around them.

Across our programmes, many girls who first joined seeking support are now mentoring peers, encouraging others to remain in school and speaking up about issues affecting girls in their communities.

Supporting girls to become leaders and role models within their communities is an increasingly important part of our work.

Achievements and performance

Significant activities and achievements against objectives

Through our partnership with Tusitukirewamu Group Bwaise, Awamu supported thousands of vulnerable girls and young women living in Kampala's informal settlements.

During the year:

- **11,000 girls and young women** accessed sexual and reproductive health services
- **2,020 girls** received protection and support through our shelter for girls escaping violence
- **252 children** — the majority child mothers or girls affected by violence — were supported to return to or remain in education
- **120 girls** enrolled in vocational training programmes, with 60 graduating during the financial year
- **1,340 girls** participated in rapid skills training to generate income
- **27 volunteer community mentors** carried out more than **1,179 household visits**, supporting children, women and families to access healthcare, escape violence and reconnect with services

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Through the **Creating Girl-Friendly Schools programme**:

- **179 teachers and school staff** received safeguarding training
- **121 girls** accessed science, technology, engineering and mathematics learning resources through Awamu's new library
- More than **2,000 girls across five partner schools** benefited from strengthened safeguarding systems, peer support networks and more inclusive learning environments



Awamu's programmes are designed to address the complex and overlapping barriers faced by girls living in Kampala's informal settlements.

Many girls supported through programmes are survivors of violence, early marriage, trafficking or extreme poverty and have already been excluded from education or healthcare systems.

Awamu works alongside community mentors, teachers, health workers and partner organisations to support girls to rebuild confidence, access healthcare, return to education and develop skills for the future. While some girls move between different forms of support, many access specific services depending on their needs, reflecting the varied and complex realities they face.

Alongside direct programme delivery, Awamu also works with schools, community mentors and health providers to strengthen the wider systems and environments that shape girls' safety, wellbeing and access to opportunities. This includes supporting more inclusive school environments, improving access to healthcare and strengthening community-based support networks.

Peer support networks and mentoring relationships play an increasingly important role in programmes. Across our work, leadership among girls and young women continues to grow. During the year, 35 girls currently participating in programmes took on leadership roles, including peer mentoring, supporting school-based clubs and contributing to community-based activities.

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In addition, former participants are increasingly returning to contribute to the programme, with six young women supporting community-based mentoring and nine sharing and supporting the teaching of vocational and literacy skills. A small number of former students who have progressed into careers such as healthcare, social work and other professions are also beginning to return to share their experiences and act as role models for girls currently participating.

Sexual and reproductive health

Awamu delivers girl-friendly sexual and reproductive health services through a combination of clinic-based care, community outreach and programme-integrated support. Services are designed to be confidential, non-judgemental and accessible, particularly for girls who have experienced violence, early pregnancy or exclusion from school. Healthcare is integrated across programmes, enabling girls to remain in education or training while accessing the support they need.

During the year, **over 11,000 girls and young women** accessed sexual and reproductive health services through this integrated approach.

Protection for girls escaping violence

Our Nansamba Safe Haven continued to provide emergency protection for girls escaping sexual violence, trafficking, forced marriage and domestic abuse.

Girls arriving at the shelter receive immediate safety, counselling, healthcare and support accessing legal or social protection services where appropriate.

Demand for protection services continues to increase as many organisations providing women's protection services in the region have reduced or closed programmes in recent years. In addition to providing emergency support, the shelter acts as an entry point into Awamu's wider programmes, enabling girls to access education support, healthcare and mentoring.

During the year, **2,020** girls received protection and support through the Safe Haven.

Rukia's Story

Rukia, aged 12, was forced into marriage and brought to Kampala, where she experienced violence and exploitation.

With support from a neighbour and local leaders, she was referred to Awamu and brought to the Nansamba Safe Haven.

At the shelter, the immediate focus was helping Rukia feel safe. She received medical care, counselling and daily support, gradually beginning to recover from trauma.

Over time, and when she was ready, Rukia was gently reintroduced to learning through literacy activities.

"I am happy I am learning some English and practising my writing. I thought learning was over for me."

Rukia's story reflects how protection, when paired with patient care and follow-up, can help girls move from fear towards stability — and begin to reconnect with learning and possibility.

We were honoured to name this sanctuary after Nansamba Kyegombe. In her name, we are committed to providing a safe space for girls escaping violence.

Education access and reintegration

Awamu supports girls to return to and remain in education through a combination of school reintegration support, mentoring, healthcare access and ongoing follow-up. Particular focus is given to child mothers and girls who have experienced violence, helping them rebuild confidence, re-engage with learning and continue their education over time.

During the year, **252** children were supported to return to or remain in education.

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Economic empowerment and literacy

Awamu provides pathways into skills training and income generation for girls who are unable to continue in formal education or who need to support themselves and their families. Programmes combine vocational training with literacy, mentoring and access to healthcare and childcare, recognising the multiple barriers girls face and supporting longer-term financial independence.

During the year, **1,340** girls participated in rapid skills training, and **120** girls enrolled in our year long vocational training and literacy programmes, with 60 graduating.

Sandra's Story

Through our skills training and literacy programme, Sandra has begun to build confidence. She explains "when I use the sewing machine, when I create things that make people happy, I feel good about myself. I feel like I have value." She is also learning to read and speak English: *"I'm so proud. I want to read all the books in this library."*

Through the rapid skills training, she has started to make a small income. *"One day, I want to open my own workshop and teach others how to do what I'm doing. I want to give back to others."*



Strengthening schools and systems

Our Creating Girl-Friendly Schools programme works with schools to strengthen safeguarding, reduce stigma and create more inclusive environments where girls can remain in education and feel safe. The programme supports teachers, non-teaching staff and peer networks, recognising that girls' safety and participation are shaped by the wider school environment and the support networks they have around them.

During the year, **179** teachers and school staff received safeguarding training, **121** girls accessed STEM learning resources, and more than **2,000** girls across five partner schools benefited from improved safeguarding systems and learning environments.

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Learning and programme development

Awamu continues to strengthen its monitoring, evaluation and learning processes in order to better understand the long-term outcomes of its programmes.

Insights gathered from programme participants, community mentors and partner organisations inform ongoing programme development. In particular, the charity has been reflecting on how to strengthen youth leadership and peer support within its work.

This learning has shaped new initiatives including the Creating Girl-Friendly Schools programme and the proposed Youth Mini-Grants pilot, which aims to support young changemakers emerging from Awamu's programmes.

Fundraising performance

Awamu continued to strengthen and diversify its funding base during the year through a combination of trusts and foundations, individual giving, events and corporate support.

Trusts and foundations remain a core pillar of the charity's income. During the year, Awamu continued to invest in building long-term relationships with funders, resulting in a strong pipeline of future funding opportunities. The trustees are particularly encouraged that over 76% of funding received was repeat funding, reflecting sustained confidence in the organisation's work and impact.

In addition, the charity secured significant new grant agreements during the year to support the scaling of its sexual and reproductive health and economic development programmes. These funds will be received in the following financial year, strengthening the sustainability of future programme delivery.

The charity also strengthened relationships with high-value individual donors and successfully delivered two Big Give matched giving campaigns, including the Christmas appeal which exceeded its fundraising target. The trustees are grateful to the Big Give Trust and an anonymous donor for their matched funding support.

Events and trading income made a significant contribution during the year. The Together Festival was a strong success, raising over £21,000 and generating a positive return for the charity. We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone involved in making Together such a positive and community-led event.

The trustees would like to thank the charity's funders and supporters for their continued commitment. In particular, we acknowledge the support of:

L'Oréal Fund for Women and L'Oréal UK (CPD and friends and family of Nansamba), Educational Opportunity Foundation, Austin Bailey Foundation, Big Give Trust, The Coles Medlock Foundation, Bryan Guinness Charitable Trust, De La Rue Charitable Trust, CB & HH Taylor Charitable Trust, Hazel's Footprints Trust, Fresh Leaf Charitable Foundation, RG Hills Trust, Stichting Mannenzang and the many individual supporters whose contributions make this work possible.

Financial review

The year ending 30 June 2025 represented a period of continued development for Awamu.

The charity's income is primarily generated through grants from trusts and foundations, together with donations from individuals and corporate supporters.

During the year the charity continued to strengthen its funding base and secured several new funding partnerships that will support programme delivery in the coming years.

The trustees remain committed to maintaining strong financial oversight and ensuring that funds are used effectively to support the charity's objectives.

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Reserves policy

At the year end, total reserves were £77,251, of which £47,076 were unrestricted general funds. The trustees aim to maintain unrestricted reserves equivalent to approximately three months of operating costs, to ensure continuity of programmes in the event of unexpected income fluctuations or delays in funding. The current level of reserves is broadly in line with this policy and reflects the charity's ongoing efforts to balance financial resilience with continued investment in programme delivery.

The remaining £30,175 relates to designated funds, which have been set aside by the trustees for specific programme areas. These funds include income received towards the end of the financial year and are fully allocated to planned programme expenditure in the year ahead.

The trustees review the level of reserves regularly as part of their financial oversight responsibilities.

Major risks

Risk management

The trustees regularly review the major risks to which the charity is exposed and have established systems to mitigate these risks where possible.

Key risks considered by the trustees include fluctuations in funding, safeguarding risks within programmes and operational risks associated with delivering programmes through international partnerships.

Mitigation measures include strong safeguarding policies, regular financial oversight, and close collaboration with the charity's local partner organisation to ensure that programmes are delivered safely and effectively.

Plans for future periods

In the coming year, Awamu will focus on strengthening and deepening existing programmes while continuing to build a stable funding base to support long-term delivery.

- Priorities include:
 - strengthening and expanding girl-friendly sexual and reproductive health services as a core strategic priority, focusing on quality, accessibility and strengthening local health systems to better meet the needs of girls most at risk
- strengthening the Creating Girl-Friendly Schools initiative
- maintaining protection services through the Nansamba Safe Haven
- strengthening partner monitoring, safeguarding and learning systems

The trustees are also exploring the introduction of a Mini-Grants pilot programme, designed to support young people emerging from Awamu's programmes to develop and lead initiatives within their communities.

Structure, governance and management

Awamu is a registered charity (**1174256**) and a company limited by guarantee (**07818944**).

The charity is governed by a board of trustees who are responsible for the strategic direction of the organisation and for ensuring that the charity fulfils its charitable objectives.

The trustees meet regularly to review the charity's strategy, financial position, programme activity and key risks, ensuring that Awamu continues to operate effectively, safely and in line with its charitable objectives.

The trustees bring experience across international development, safeguarding, governance, fundraising and finance.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

W Teuna Van Rijn
J Rugambwa
J Baker Nabwire (Chair)
M Dennis (Treasurer)

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Trustees are appointed with a view to ensuring that Awamu has a variety of experience including international development, business management, finance and fundraising. Periodically, we undertake a skills audit to identify areas where additional experience would be useful; the results of this exercise influence the appointment of new trustees. The board in consultation with the management undertakes the appointment of new trustees. All new trustees are provided with a comprehensive induction information pack and other relevant training so as to ensure that all trustees have an appropriate understanding of our responsibilities and the background to the current activities and key management issues of the organisation. They are also given the opportunity to visit programmes in Uganda and take part in UK based activities.

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

Qualifying third party indemnity provisions

The Board meets at least four times a year and is responsible for the overall direction of the charity and for core strategic policies, having regard to the advice of the trustees and other stakeholders including our partners and beneficiaries.

Where appropriate, we establish additional smaller committees whose membership is constituted of selected trustees with delegated authority from the full board to undertake detailed reviews, analysis or policy or programme development in conjunction with members of the management team and to report back findings and recommendations to the full board.

Organisational structure

The management team leader responsible for the day to day running of the organisation is Emma Scullion (CEO).

Awamu is based in the United Kingdom in London, and we have a long-term partner in Uganda – Tusitukirewamu (TWG), where projects are implemented.

The management team leader is responsible for the day to day running of the charity within the framework of clearly delegated powers and responsibilities agreed by the trustees. Strategic direction, operational plans and budgets are discussed and prepared jointly with the management team leader, partners in Uganda and the trustees.

Additionally, decisions of a strategic nature are discussed with the trustees to agree on actions and to shape and direct management thinking.

Our partner organisation is a locally registered NGO operated and managed by their own boards. We share a common vision, mission and values as well as a commitment to adhering to mutually agreed policies and operating procedures. The senior management of Awamu and our partner operate as an 'International Management Team', meeting weekly to review progress and other matters arising.

These close relationships are an effective conduit for ensuring the efficient and effective delivery of programmes that meet the Charity's objectives, the trustees' and management's strategy.

This report provides full information about Awamu's aims, activities and achievements. We consider that this information demonstrates the clear benefits to our beneficiaries (and through them to wider sections of the public in Uganda, Africa) arising from our work.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) *FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025*

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



M Dennis (Treasurer)
Trustee

31 March 2026

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF AWAMU

We report to the trustees on our examination of the financial statements of Awamu (the charity) for the year ended 30 June 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Having satisfied ourselves that the financial statements of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and are eligible for independent examination, we report in respect of our examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. In carrying out our examination we have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011.

Independent examiner's statement

We have completed our examination. We confirm that no matters have come to our attention in connection with the examination giving us cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the Companies Act 2006.
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a true and fair view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- 4 the financial statements 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 financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

We 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 financial statements to be reached.

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31 March 2026



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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

Current financial year		Unrestricted funds general 2025 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
	Notes				
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	2	122,487	-	122,487	69,355
Charitable activities	3	12,653	58,907	71,560	97,214
Investments	4	131	-	131	178
Total income		135,271	58,907	194,178	166,747
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	5	20,406	-	20,406	14,444
Charitable activities	6	115,344	44,610	159,954	171,690
Total expenditure		135,750	44,610	180,360	186,134
Net income/(expenditure)		(479)	14,297	13,818	(19,387)
Transfers between funds		(14,433)	14,433	-	-
Net movement in funds	10	(14,912)	28,730	13,818	(19,387)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Fund balances at 1 July 2024		61,988	1,445	63,433	82,820
Fund balances at 30 June 2025		47,076	30,175	77,251	63,433

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

Prior financial year		Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
	Notes				
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	2	69,355	-	-	69,355
Charitable activities	3	59,265	37,949	-	97,214
Investments	4	178	-	-	178
Total income		128,798	37,949	-	166,747
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	5	14,444	-	-	14,444
Charitable activities	6	33,639	133,651	4,400	171,690
Total expenditure		48,083	133,651	4,400	186,134
Net income/(expenditure)		80,715	(95,702)	(4,400)	(19,387)
Transfers between funds		(29,234)	29,234	-	-
Net movement in funds	10	51,481	(66,468)	(4,400)	(19,387)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Fund balances at 1 July 2023		10,507	67,913	4,400	82,820
Fund balances at 30 June 2024		61,988	1,445	-	63,433

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 30 JUNE 2025

		2025		2024	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Investments	14		100		100
Current assets					
Stocks	15	-		625	
Debtors	16	876		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		76,935		63,218	
		77,811		63,843	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	(660)		(510)	
Net current assets			77,151		63,333
Total assets less current liabilities			77,251		63,433
The funds of the charity					
Unrestricted funds - general	19		47,076		61,988
Unrestricted funds - designated	18		30,175		1,445
			77,251		63,433

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 30 June 2025.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

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

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 31 March 2026



M Dennis (Treasurer)
Trustee

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Awamu is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 3 East Point, High Street, Seal, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN15 0EG.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "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)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a statement of cash flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes. The purposes and uses of the designated funds are set out in notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Turnover is measured at the point of receipt of the consideration received or receivable and represents amounts receivable for goods provided in the normal course of business.

1.5 Resources expended

The accruals basis is applied to all expenditure.

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Expenditure has been allocated according to the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" and is shown under the appropriate sub-heading. Items of expenditure which involve more than one charitable activity, are allocated appropriately between the charitable activities involved on the basis of estimates made by the charity's management.

1.6 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost less any accumulated impairment losses. The investments are assessed for impairment at each reporting date and any impairment losses or reversals of impairment losses are recognised immediately in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

A subsidiary is an entity controlled by the charity. Control is the power to govern the financial and operating policies of the entity so as to obtain benefits from its activities.

1.7 Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost comprises direct materials and, where applicable, direct labour costs.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price less all estimated costs of completion and costs to be incurred in marketing, selling and distribution.

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9 Basic financial instruments

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any loss arising from impairment are recognised in the profit and loss account in other administrative expenses.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Donations and gifts	122,487	69,355

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3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds general 2025 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Charitable activities						
Performance related grants	12,653	58,907	71,560	59,265	37,949	97,214
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4 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Interest receivable	131	178
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

5 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Fundraising and publicity		
Seeking donations, grants and legacies	20,406	14,228
Other fundraising costs	-	216
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	20,406	14,444
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6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Education	Health	Total	Education	Health	Capacity building and training	Total
	2025	2025	2025	2024	2024	2024	2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Direct costs							
Project costs	-	-	-	54	-	-	54
Grant funding of activities (see note 8)	119,647	35,456	155,103	121,401	44,446	-	165,847
Share of support and governance costs (see note 9)							
Support	3,089	916	4,005	2,258	827	1,667	4,752
Governance	653	193	846	759	278	-	1,037
	<u>123,389</u>	<u>36,565</u>	<u>159,954</u>	<u>124,472</u>	<u>45,551</u>	<u>1,667</u>	<u>171,690</u>
Analysis by fund							
Unrestricted funds - general	107,571	7,773	115,344	30,867	1,105	1,667	33,639
Unrestricted funds - designated	15,818	28,792	44,610	93,605	40,046	-	133,651
Restricted funds	-	-	-	-	4,400	-	4,400
	<u>123,389</u>	<u>36,565</u>	<u>159,954</u>	<u>124,472</u>	<u>45,551</u>	<u>1,667</u>	<u>171,690</u>

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7 Description of charitable activities

Education

Education support is provided to allow vulnerable children to go to school. Support includes our 'catch-up education programme fast tracking out of school girls (especially child mothers and survivors of sexual violence) into mainstream education and paying tuition fees, providing uniforms and materials to go to school and supporting the work of trained child counselors to monitor, mentor and support children and caregivers.

Health

Support within the community for health activities includes the work of Community Volunteers who help orphaned, abandoned or abused children. They help vulnerable adults and children with referrals for HIV testing and access to ARTs, family planning, counseling sessions and support groups. The provision of girl friendly sexual reproductive health through inclusive drop in clinics for partners' offices. Community health outreaches - taking health workers and counselors into target areas of the community and local schools.

Economic development

Economic development activities include skills training for vulnerable girls (especially child mothers and those who have experienced sexual violence) as well as guardians.

There is real success amongst being part of this skills training programme allowing guardians to start saving money for their and their dependents futures, together with passing on these shared skills within the community to help all find a way out of poverty.

Emergency response

Help is provided in local emergency situations. This small fund provides emergency responses for destitute families in our communities where situations arise either from natural disasters or violence which may lead to a family losing their possessions or children left orphaned and destitute. Replacement of clothing, bedding and food or medical assistance may be provided. Trauma support counseling can be offered together with introduction to our education or skills training programme.

8 Grants payable

	Education 2025 £	Health 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Education 2024 £	Health 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Grants to institutions:						
TWG	119,647	35,456	155,103	121,401	44,446	165,847

Our long-term partner in Uganda –Tusitukirewamu (TWG) is a Uganda registered NGO (Reg no. INDR154764515NB).

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9 Support costs allocated to activities

	Education 2025 £	Health 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Consultancy	-	-	-	2,095
Computer and website	699	207	906	854
Bank and PayPal fees	86	26	112	100
Travel expenses	1,795	532	2,327	1,249
Office costs	411	122	533	392
Sundry expenses	98	29	127	62
Governance	653	193	846	1,265
	<u>3,742</u>	<u>1,109</u>	<u>4,851</u>	<u>6,017</u>

Governance costs comprise:	2025 £	2024 £
Accountancy	810	660
Legal and professional	36	605
	<u>846</u>	<u>1,265</u>

10 Net movement in funds

	2025 £	2024 £
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	660	660

11 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

12 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2025 Number	2024 Number
Total	-	-

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

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13 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

14 Fixed asset investments

			Other investments £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 July 2024 & 30 June 2025			100
Carrying amount			
At 30 June 2025			100
At 30 June 2024			100

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Other investments comprise:			
Investments in subsidiaries	22	100	100

15 Stocks

	2025 £	2024 £
Raw materials and consumables	-	275
Finished goods and goods for resale	-	350
	-	625

16 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Amounts owed by subsidiary undertakings	876	-

17 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Accruals and deferred income	660	510

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18 Unrestricted funds - designated

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 July 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 30 June 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Donation income - education and vocational skills training	1,445	-	(1,445)	-	-
Safe Haven fund	-	-	(14,433)	14,433	-
Economic empowerment	-	27,884	(14,359)	-	13,525
Creating girl-friendly schools	-	31,023	(14,373)	-	16,650
	<u>1,445</u>	<u>58,907</u>	<u>(44,610)</u>	<u>14,433</u>	<u>30,175</u>

Previous year:	At 1 July 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 30 June 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Donation income - education and vocational skills training	2,890	-	(1,445)	-	1,445
Catch up schools	34,980	23,949	(92,160)	33,231	-
Safe Haven fund	30,043	14,000	(40,046)	(3,997)	-
	<u>67,913</u>	<u>37,949</u>	<u>(133,651)</u>	<u>29,234</u>	<u>1,445</u>

Designated funds comprise:

Education and Economic Empowerment Fund

This fund supports vulnerable children — particularly girls, including child mothers and survivors of sexual violence — to return to and remain in education, and to access skills training and livelihood opportunities.

Support includes school reintegration, mentoring, access to girl-friendly sexual and reproductive healthcare, and emotional wellbeing support. It also includes rapid skills training, vocational training, savings groups and business development support, helping girls build financial independence and literacy, confidence and resilience as they transition towards sustainable livelihoods.

Nansamba Safe Haven Fund

This fund supports the operation of the Nansamba Safe Haven, Awamu's refuge for girls escaping violence, as well as associated follow-on support.

The fund enables the provision of emergency protection, including safe accommodation, food and immediate care, alongside access to healthcare such as post-rape treatment, emergency medical support and trauma-informed counselling.

It also supports access to justice through referrals to police and legal services where appropriate, and provides pathways into longer-term support, including education, skills training and economic empowerment.

The Safe Haven is currently supported through the charity's unrestricted funds, reflecting the trustees' commitment to maintaining this essential service. Funding for girls' protection services remains limited in this context, despite the continued need for safe and reliable support.

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18 Unrestricted funds - designated

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Creating Girl-Friendly Schools Fund

This fund supports the Creating Girl-Friendly Schools programme, which works with partner schools to strengthen safeguarding, reduce stigma and create more inclusive learning environments for girls.

Activities include training for teachers and non-teaching staff, strengthening safeguarding systems, supporting peer-led groups and improving access to learning resources, including STEM materials.

19 Unrestricted funds

	At 1 July 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 30 June 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	61,988	135,271	(135,750)	(14,433)	47,076
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Previous year:	At 1 July 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 30 June 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	10,507	128,798	(48,083)	(29,234)	61,988
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20 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds general 2025 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2025 £	Total 2025 £
At 30 June 2025:			
Investments	100	-	100
Current assets/(liabilities)	46,976	30,175	77,151
	<u>47,076</u>	<u>30,175</u>	<u>77,251</u>
	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2024 £	Total 2024 £
At 30 June 2024:			
Investments	100	-	100
Current assets/(liabilities)	61,888	1,445	63,333
	<u>61,988</u>	<u>1,445</u>	<u>63,433</u>

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21 Related party transactions

The following amounts were outstanding at the reporting end date:

	Amounts owed by related parties 2025		Amounts owed by related parties 2024	
	Balance £	Net £	Balance £	Net £
Entities over which the entity has control, joint control or significant influence	876	876	-	-
	<u>876</u>	<u>876</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Income from Together Festival is recognised within this financial year. The event is delivered through Together Festival Limited (09919482), Awamu's wholly owned trading subsidiary. Profits generated are donated to the charity following the finalisation of income and expenditure after each event.

22 Subsidiaries

These financial statements are separate charity financial statements for Awamu.

Details of the charity's subsidiaries at 30 June 2025 are as follows:

Name of undertaking	Registered office	Nature of business	Class of shares held	% Held	
				Direct	Indirect
Together Festival Limited	England & Wales	Music festival	Ordinary shares	100.00	