

CREATIVE OPPORTUNITIES

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Charity Number: 1176661

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REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Charity Name: Creative Opportunities

Charity Number: 1176661 (Charity Commission for England and Wales)

Trustees

During the reporting period, there were 3 Trustees:

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S Roberts
H Fox

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements of the Charity for the year ending 31 March 2025.

Structure, Objectives and Activities

Creative Opportunities is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (registered 15 January 2018) with a Foundation Constitution (dated 28 December 2017) with the following charitable objectives:

The promotion of social inclusion for the public benefit amongst disabled people who are unemployed and who are socially excluded (as a result of disability) by providing them with an opportunity to train and become employed, to relieve the needs of those people and assist them to integrate into society.

The charitable and public benefit purpose of Creative Opportunities is to reduce the gap between disabled and non-disabled people in the workplace through the development of accessible and supported training through paid work placements.

The organisation employs disabled adults and/or those with long-term health conditions in horticulture with a focus on learning, work skills and strengthening team working and confidence to transition into continued paid employment.

In constituting the charity and conducting the activities in the year the Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and Performance

Within its seventh year of operation Creative Opportunities has had the following key successes:

- Volunteers supporting small groups of volunteers who don't feel able to commit to regular paid employment due to health or disability. These groups come alongside our usual team and provide peer support in an inclusive and supportive environment. The peer support model feedback from beneficiaries has shown that shared/lived experience of disability, coupled with structure and support around what the volunteer can achieve in the workplace environment has provided meaningful and focussed opportunities for our beneficiaries;
- Four high quality paid work opportunities in horticulture for adults with disabilities and/or long-term health conditions, whilst retaining valued long term colleagues;
- Creative Opportunities offered a total of 3,744 employment hours to disabled adults in the 2024-2025 financial period;
- Creative Opportunities facilitated a number of high-quality sector specific training sessions with specific groups throughout the year;

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- Creative Opportunities donated surplus food grown by our team to causes such as community groups who help our beneficiaries alongside other groups in need with addressing immediate food poverty and isolation. In particular this year we have donated into a local charity who support disabled adults in the community with a community kitchen and food preparations skills which has given them a chance to serve the community with locally grown produce.

Financial Review

The charity had receipts of £51,167 (2024: £9,064) and total payments of £37,174 (2024: £25,930) leaving a net deficit of £13,993.

Creative Opportunities goes into 2025/2026 in a relatively good position, having a surplus and reserves in place. We have costs for overheads and salaries accounted for in advance 6 months ahead. At the close of reporting year end 31st March 2025, we had reserves for running costs totalling 7.2 months.

Reserves Policy

Creative Opportunities goes forward into the new financial year with unrestricted cash reserves of £22,172. The charity aims to hold reserves equivalent to a minimum of three months' unrestricted expenditure (2025: £9,294), although the charity aims for 6 months as a guide each year. Creative opportunities therefore goes into 2025/2026 with sufficient reserves in place to support continued horticultural training and employment for our beneficiaries.

Risk Management

Continuing our flexible way of working and supporting our core beneficiaries this year has meant continuing to adapt around our beneficiaries needs. We have made decisions around long term objectives of keeping Charity serving the needs of our beneficiaries in the most financially sustainable way.

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Statement of trustees' responsibilities

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

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

S Roberts

Date: 14 November 2025
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Stephen Roberts

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Creative Opportunities

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Creative Opportunities (the Charity) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Charity 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 Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records

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

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14 November 2025
Date:

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 31 March 2025 £	Total Funds 31 March 2024 £
RECEIPTS					
Donations and gifts	1	50,000	-	50,000	9,064
Other trading activities		1,167	-	1,167	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS		51,167	-	51,167	9,064
PAYMENTS					
Costs of charitable activities					
Salaries and wages		34,405	-	34,405	22,555
Seeds and plants		60	-	60	302
Publicity and website		45	-	45	-
Equipment		48	-	48	-
Office expenses		296	-	296	254
Subscriptions		86	-	86	100
Insurance		157	-	157	727
Allotment rent		415	-	415	330
Accounts and Independent examination		1,662	-	1,662	1,662
TOTAL PAYMENTS		37,174	-	37,174	25,930
NET RECEIPTS / (PAYMENTS)		13,993	-	13,993	(16,866)
Cash funds brought forward	2	8,179	-	8,179	25,045
CASH FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	2	22,172	-	22,172	8,179

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AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	31 March 2025 £	31 March 2024 £
Fixed Assets		
Equipment	-	54
	-	54
Current Assets		
Current account	22,172	8,179
	22,172	8,179
Total Assets	22,172	8,233
Liabilities		
Accruals	1,776	1,662
Total Liabilities	1,776	1,662
CASH RESERVES		
Unrestricted funds		
Brought forward	8,179	25,045
Net receipts/(payments) for the year	13,993	(16,866)
Transfers	-	-
	22,172	8,179
Total cash reserves	22,172	8,179

Signed on behalf of the trustees on 14 November 2025

Stephen Roberts

S Roberts
Chair of Trustees

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1 Donations and gifts

	Total 31 March 2025 £	Total 31 March 2024 £
Donations from;		
Donations and gifts	40,000	-
Gift Aid	10,000	9,064
	<u>50,000</u>	<u>9,064</u>

2 Movement in Funds

	At 1 April 2024 £	Income	Expenditure	Transfer	At 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	8,179	51,167	(37,174)	-	22,172
	<u>8,179</u>	<u>51,167</u>	<u>(37,174)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,172</u>
	<u>8,179</u>	<u>51,167</u>	<u>(37,174)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,172</u>
Prior Year Comparative					
	At 1 April 2023 £	Income	Expenditure	Transfer	At 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	25,045	9,064	(25,930)	-	8,179
	<u>25,045</u>	<u>9,064</u>	<u>(25,930)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,179</u>
	<u>25,045</u>	<u>9,064</u>	<u>(25,930)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,179</u>