



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date			Period end date		
01	01	202	31	12	2025
From			To		

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Unit f	
Empire house	
Mulcture hall road	
Halifax	
Postcode Hx1 1sp	

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Emma Poyser Buxton			Trustees
2	Donna Williams			
3	Diane Barker			
4	Sarann Mahmood			
5	Zoe Halliday Wilson	Chair		
6	Elizabeth Keyes	treasurer		
7	Michael Williams	Resigned mar 2026		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Co founders Emma Poyser Buxton Donna Williams Diane Barker

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Constitution originally adopted 15.10.2018 updated 7.7.2019

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

Registered charity

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

From volunteers/general public

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Enhanced DBS for all trustees and volunteers. (updated march 2024)
2 new volunteers will be added

Donna and Michael Williams (separated)

N/A

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The relief of poverty or financial hardship of families with children, throughout Calderdale and the surrounding areas, who are in need. By providing items including but not limited to children's clothing, toys, and baby equipment.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

Over the past year we have provided support for 4238 family members. 844 referrals were completed.

Over 1000 Christmas sacks or gift bags were sent. Between 5000 and 6000 gifts were wrapped. This is a huge undertaking by everyone involved. Everyone worked incredibly hard.

Our service continues to be an integral part of our community. We are very lucky to be supported by Morrisons (Keighley rd) Tesco (Sowerby bridge) and of course Dunelm.

We are still amazed at the level of kindness shown through donations, either stock or financial ones.

Our unit is more often than not full to bursting! We are very thankful to be in a position now that if we do not have the correct items to fulfil a referral, we are able to go and buy clothing or equipment.

The co-founders are now on reduced hours due to other family commitments. This is working well for all concerned.

Mum bags sent to hospital 141

We at The Acorns wish to say a huge thank you for all the wonderful Christmas gifts you managed to arrange for everyone who was living in The Acorns.

You surpassed all our expectations, not only were there gifts for everyone but you named, wrapped and gift bag it all, making everything sparkle just that little bit more, Thank you.

I handed the children's gift bags to mums before Christmas; they were very grateful and happy.

We gave the mums and single women their gift bags on Christmas eve, You would have loved the surprise and bewilderment ("What I have a gift too") it is a memory I will cherish; we made sure they knew who had donated the gifts.

Thank you for always supporting The Acorns not only at Christmas but throughout the year.

I know it's a bit late, but I will say it anywayHappy New Year

Julie Gavaghan

Children and Family Domestic Abuse Support Worker

The Acorns

GRANTS

Save the children

Via BBA

£2,187.00

Arnold Clark

£500

Norfox

£2500

Tesco

£1000

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

OR DONATIONS

Local giving

£14,212

Jigsaw festival

£2250

Raj Golf Day

£1050

Section D grants	
Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	£7.500 this is approximately 6 months of our overhead costs This will be reviewed annually at our AGM.
Details of any funds materially in deficit	None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising); Grants. Financial gifts from the public.
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity; We have been able to fulfil all referrals and other requests.
Continuing to support the vulnerable and disadvantaged families throughout our community.
A beacon of hope for families in need.
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted. n/a

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc.)

Date

Calderdale Lighthouse

Charity number 1184353

Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2025



Calderdale Lighthouse

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Trustees' report for the year ended 31 December 2025

Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

The trustees during the financial year and up to and including the date the report was approved were:

Name	Position
Zoe Halliday-Wilson	Chair
Elizabeth Keyes	Treasurer
Emma Poyser-Buxton	
Diane Barker	Secretary
Donna Williams	
Michael Williams	
Sarann Mahmood	

Charity number 1184353 Registered in England and Wales

Registered and principal address	Bankers
Unit F	Lloyds Bank
Empire House	Blackheath Branch
11 Mulcture Hall Road	4 Ariel House
Halifax	2138 Coventry Road
HX1 1SP	Sheldon
	B26 3JW

Independent examiner

Katy Sargeant ACA

West Yorkshire Community Accountancy Service CIO

Stringer House
34 Lupton Street
Leeds
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Structure, governance and management

The charity is governed by a constitution adopted on 9 October 2018 as amended on 3 July 2019.

Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees of the charity are appointed by the members at the AGM.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 December 2025

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects

The relief of poverty or financial hardship of families with children throughout Calderdale and the surrounding areas who are in need by providing items including but not limited to children's clothing, toys and baby equipment.

The charity's main activities

We distribute preloved essential baby equipment, clothing, bedding, toiletries and toys to vulnerable and disadvantaged families throughout our community.

Midwives, health visitors, social workers, schools and many other statutory Services and professional agencies access our service. This ensures our help goes to those most in need.

Our service is free to use and non-judgmental. We accept the professional's opinion that the family require the items requested.

Most of our stock is donated by the amazing general public. Local businesses and supermarkets also donate end of line or out of season stock to us.

With financial donations we receive, we also buy some new or preloved stock.

We always buy new mattresses for Moses baskets, cots and toddler beds. This is in line with government guidelines and sudden infant death syndrome.

As we very rarely get safety gates or fireguards donated we source funds or fundraise to buy these much-needed items.

We donate items we don't need or that are inappropriate for the season to local charity shops.

Blankets and towels that are not to our high standard are donated to RSPA for their animals.

Hardly anything goes into landfill. We always try to reuse, reduce and recycle.

Public benefit statement

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our Trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

We are passionate about easing the effects of poverty on families. This is an integral part of our charity's ethos. We are also incredibly proud that our service is 100% volunteer run.

Achievements and performance

We completed 997 referrals in 2025. This equates to over 4000 family members that were supported by our service.

In November we attended the "make a difference award" ceremony in Leeds where we were delighted to be shortlisted from over 200 nominations. It was very special to be recognised and celebrated in this way. We were thrilled to be highly commended by the panel of judges.

We moved to our new premises in April, these are much bigger to accommodate for more space for stock, as the need for our charity continues to rise.

We held many fundraising activities in 2025. Thankfully we are still very lucky to be supported by the fantastic general public, with both financial and goods donated, these items allow our charity to thrive and grow.

Financial review

The net receipts for the year were £19,483, including net receipts of £11,323 on unrestricted funds and net receipts of £8,160 on restricted funds.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 December 2025

Reserves policy

The charity's free reserves, at the year end were £35,851.

The charity is fully run by volunteers, and as such has very low running costs - the only committed costs being rent, utilities and telephone costs. On this basis, when the reserves policy was reviewed at the last AGM, trustees agreed that the minimum level of reserves being held should be £12k, which would cover approximately 12 month of rent and utilities.

The nature of the charity's work means that the demand for its assistance and services is unpredictable, and so the remainder of the balance of unrestricted funds, generated through the ongoing generosity of our donors, is available to be spent as and when required to respond to the needs of the charity's beneficiaries as they arise.

Approved by the board of trustees on

Signed: (Trustee)

Name:

Calderdale Lighthouse

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Calderdale Lighthouse

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are set out on pages 6 to 9.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees 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 as carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. 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 Charities Act;
- 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.

Signed:

Name: Katy Sargeant ACA

Date:

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Receipts and payments account
for the year ended 31 December 2025

	Notes	2025 Unrestricted funds £	2025 Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
Receipts					
Grants and donations	(2)	27,969	21,000	48,969	41,980
Other income		50	-	50	585
Total receipts		28,019	21,000	49,019	42,565
Payments					
Rent		-	12,000	12,000	14,212
Utilities		-	-	-	538
Telephone and broadband		805	-	805	621
Insurance		208	-	208	208
Independent examination		510	-	510	378
Stationery		-	-	-	457
In kind purchases		5,356	-	5,356	5,492
Equipment		3,637	-	3,637	5,737
Clothing items		1,303	-	1,303	1,199
Bedding		679	-	679	1,315
Nappies		-	-	-	299
Milk		-	-	-	48
Mattresses, cots and Moses baskets		190	498	688	276
Subscriptions		491	105	596	606
Other beneficiary resources		1,918	237	2,155	1,689
Christmas activities		1,053	-	1,053	1,455
Other expenses		546	-	546	805
Total payments		16,696	12,840	29,536	35,335
Net receipts / (payments)		11,323	8,160	19,483	7,230
Fund balances brought forward		24,528	2,815	27,343	20,113
Fund balances carried forward	(3)	35,851	10,975	46,826	27,343

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Statement of assets and liabilities
as at 31 December 2025

	2025	2025	2025	2024
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cash funds				
Cash at bank	35,851	10,975	46,826	27,343
Total cash funds	<u>35,851</u>	<u>10,975</u>	<u>46,826</u>	<u>27,343</u>

Debtors and prepayments	2025
	£
Prepayments	<u>156</u>
	<u>156</u>

Liabilities	2025
	£
Accruals	<u>510</u>
	<u>510</u>

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on

Signed: (Trustee)

Name:

Calderdale Lighthouse

Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31 December 2025

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The trustees have taken advantage of section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and have prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.

No changes have been made to the accounts for previous years.

Taxation

As a charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

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Notes to the accounts continued

for the year ended 31 December 2025

2 Grants and donations

	2025 Unrestricted funds £	2025 Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
Morrisons PLC	-	-	-	2,000
Baby Bank Alliance	-	-	-	1,200
Groundwork UK	-	1,000	1,000	-
The National Lottery Community Fund (NCLF)	-	20,000	20,000	-
Other donations	27,969	-	27,969	38,780
	<u>27,969</u>	<u>21,000</u>	<u>48,969</u>	<u>41,980</u>

3 Restricted funds

	Balance b/f £	Incoming £	Outgoing £	Transfers £	Balance c/f £
Sir George Martin Trust	142	-	105	-	37
Semble Network	673	-	237	-	436
Calderdale Comm'ty Foundation	2,000	-	2,000	-	-
Groundwork UK	-	1,000	498	-	502
NLCF	-	20,000	10,000	-	10,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>2,815</u>	<u>21,000</u>	<u>12,840</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,975</u>

Fund name

Purpose of restriction

Sir George Martin Trust

Towards the costs of computer equipment and resources.

Semble Network

For the purchase of teen packs and toiletries.

Calderdale Comm'ty Foundation

Originally towards the cost of a new van, however, permission was sought from the funder to use the grant for the new premises instead (deposit and rent).

Groundwork UK

Towards cots and Moses baskets.

NLCF

Towards rent.

4 Related party transactions

Trustee expenses

No trustee received any expenses during this year or the previous year.

Trustee remuneration and benefits

No trustee received any remuneration or benefit during this or the previous year.

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