

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 11073037 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1185149

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025
FOR
DOWNS VIEW LIFE SKILLS COLLEGE

Chariot House Limited
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor
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DOWNNS VIEW LIFE SKILLS COLLEGE

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and Activities

The objectives of the charity are to support young adults with severe learning difficulties by providing education and life skills programs.

Our ethos.

Our ethos is to create a climate that fosters connection, inclusion, dignity, respect and value for all members of our college community. It promotes the importance of strong relationships between learners, staff and parents/carers.

We aim:

- To support each learner by focusing on their individuality and giving them access to a broad, balanced and relevant curriculum.
- To enable each learner to function with increased independence and confidence and assist them in realising their maximum potential.
- To provide a safe, happy and stimulating environment within which to develop workplace skills.
- To encourage care and consideration for those around us.

Our curriculum.

The curriculum has been developed around the overarching theme of 'Preparation for Adulthood'. Within this learners will build skills around employability, independent living, social communication, relationships, being part of a community and maintaining good health.

These themes alongside learners' aspirations for the future are used to develop the outcomes for their Education, Health and Care plans. This ensures that outcomes are relevant for this transitional phase of their lives. Our aim is to make every learner as independent as possible in relation to their specific needs.

Curriculum Framework

- Numeracy - including problem solving, money and time skills, functional numeracy.
- Literacy
- IT skills
- Independence skills - self-care, cooking, cleaning, transport training.
- PSHCE - health and well-being, keeping safe.
- Communication (expressive, receptive and social interaction)
- Employability skills and work place learning- job coaching, work experience and volunteering.
- Creative arts
- Leisure, recreation and sport
- Spiritual, moral and cultural studies.

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Accreditation.

Our courses are accredited through NOCN. Our learners gain accreditation in:

- Entry level award in personal progress (E1)
- Entry level award in employability skills (E1)
- Entry level certificate in using employability skills (E1)
- Entry level certificate in independent living skills - looking after yourself and your home (E1) -
- Entry level award in skills for employment training and personal development (E3)

Additionally, throughout our courses, learners can obtain:

- Discover Art Awards
- Explore Art Awards

Our work experience.

Learners have the opportunity for meaningful and appropriate work experiences and college based work placements. The placements are tailored to the learner's interests and aspirations. Over the last year they have accessed work experiences at:

Onsite:

- Gardening and plant sales in our Community Garden
- Shredding enterprise
- Jobs around the college including kitchen skills and recycling
- Waitress / waiter - The Learners Café
- Kitchen Porter - Canteen
- Being an artist - working with an artist & The Open House

Off site

- Scope Charity shop
- The Junk Food Project - Café and canteen
- Portslade Train Station - Gardening
- Hove Train Station - Art exhibition
- Gardening (Peace Gardens and Our Lady of Lourdes)
- Nando's
- Speak Out - Advocacy group

Workshops and work-related events

- Pizza express
- Job Fair - Various locations
- Discover ABILITY day - Cricket Hove grounds
- Inter college sports events
- Inclusive theatre - Face front
- Speak Out - Advocacy group

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The main activities undertaken to further the charity's purposes for the public benefit are set out in this report.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Downs View Life Skills College provides high quality education to learners with severe learning difficulties. The college was inspected by Ofsted on 9 to 11 May 2023 under the FE framework. The college has been graded Requires Improvement.

At the time this was challenged with Ofsted through the complaints system as we did not feel that the report showed an understanding of our learners. The challenge resulted in significant changes to the report but the overall judgment has not been changed. We received a monitoring visit in June 2024, the outcome of this was that the college had made significant progress in all identified areas. We are now waiting for a full inspection.

As a developing college we welcome feedback from external professionals. The report from Ofsted highlighted many of the strengths of the college and its curriculum. It said that learners 'feel safe and well cared for', 'increase their confidence, resilience and capacity to communicate.', 'widen their view of the world and promote physical activity, social interaction and creativity' and 'benefit from a wide range of opportunities to develop their skills outside the college.'

The college is described as: 'a calm and welcoming learning environment that enables learning to take place' where 'Teachers and LSAs confidently provide the specialist support learners require' and 'staff teach an appropriate, useful and progressive curriculum that supports learners to achieve to the best of their potential.'

The development areas have been addressed through the College Development plan. The college continues to be supported in its development through the strong links with Downs View School. There is a shared ethos between all sites. The college continues to work closely with Brighton and Hove local authority to meet the needs of students with severe learning disabilities locally.

Students numbers in the college remain consistent with 32 full time learners. Post covid we have worked hard to re-establish a full range of work experience opportunities. Community links are a key focus of the college. Learners have extensive opportunities to access the local community and utilise facilities within in. Work experience opportunities both external and internal are continually developing and are tailored to the needs and interests of the learners. Life Skills programs ensure that learners have the skills needed to look after themselves and keep themselves safe.

Learners have opportunities to access a wide variety of leisure activities including an arts week where learners were able to sell their art work. Learners run a weekly café for their fellow students. They are also part of a weekly learner council which enables them to play an active part in the running of the college. A community garden has been established, this provides work experience opportunities for learners, links with the community and enhances wellbeing for all who access it.

The site continues to be developed to ensure that it fully meets the needs of all the learners. We work in liaison with Brighton and Hove local authority.

Safeguarding procedures are robust, there is a DSL and DDSL on site. All staff are aware of the procedures around safeguarding adults. Staff are trained annually and training is tailored to needs of students and current national issues. All staff have received training around the PREVENT strategy.

All staff have received PROACT-SCIP training which supports learners with challenging behaviour. We have a positive behaviour support practitioner to ensure that we have a high level of support of all learners and staff.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The results for the year are shown in the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance sheet and accompanying notes. This is the seventh year that the Charity has been in full operation and spend has been appropriate for the numbers of learners. The main expenditure has been on staffing. The lease for the building has been agreed with Brighton & Hove local authority. We have a clear plan for the college development and premises investment that is managed by the college development manager.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Investment policy and objectives

The college continues to invest in the curriculum as a main focus. Specialist equipment has also been purchased to support learners. There has also been investment in resources to support employability skills. The premises development plan inform ongoing spend.

Reserves policy

The trustees are holding reserves for any future payments to creditors. Reserves are also held for further site development. Reserves are held for any future property requirements if the lease for the existing site was withdrawn.

FUTURE PLANS

Learner numbers at Downs View Life Skills college will remain stable and we will continue to work closely with Brighton and Hove Local Authority to ensure we meet the needs of local residents.

The College development plan addresses the development areas from the Ofsted inspection.

The facilities on site will be improved through the development of classroom areas to ensure they meet learners needs and ensure capacity when the temporary classrooms are removed.

We will continue to develop the outside learning areas which will include the community garden as well as the space created with the planned removal of the onsite house.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

Downs View Life Skills College was incorporated as a Company Limited by Guarantee on 20 November 2017 as Downs View Life Skills College Limited. The name was changed on 17 July 2018.

It received charitable status on 3 September 2019.

Its governing document is its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 20 November 2017 as amended by special resolution on 20 June 2018 and 29 August 2019.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The trustees as charity trustees have control of the charity and its property and funds. The subscribers to the Memorandum (being the first members) are also the first trustees.

New trustees are co-opted by the trustees. The trustees, when complete consist of at least 3 and not more than 9 persons over the age of 18, all of whom support the objectives of the charity. One third of the trustees must retire each year, those longest in office retiring first and the choice between any of equal service being made by lots. A retiring trustee who is eligible may be reappointed.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

The trustees are developing a system to manage rather than eliminate the risk of failure to achieve the charity's objectives and can therefore only provide reasonable assurance and not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

11073037 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1185149

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Registered office

7 Old London Road
Brighton
East Sussex
BN1 8XR

Trustees

Ms S Hirschler
Ms J F McMorrow (resigned 1/7/2025)
Ms A V Jones (resigned 30/7/2024)
J Watkins
Dr J A Chapman

Senior Statutory Auditor

Shona Wardrop C.A.

Auditors

Chariot House Limited
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor
44 Grand Parade
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BN2 9QA

Solicitors

Griffith Smith LLP
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Chief Executive/Headteacher

Vanessa Hickey

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Downs View Life Skills College for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law, the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law).

Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES - continued

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

AUDITORS

The auditors, Chariot House Limited, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on11/12/25..... and signed on its behalf by:


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Ms S Hirschler - Trustee

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF
DOWNS VIEW LIFE SKILLS COLLEGE (REGISTERED NUMBER: 11073037)**

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Downs View Life Skills College (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Report of the Trustees.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF
DOWNS VIEW LIFE SKILLS COLLEGE (REGISTERED NUMBER: 11073037)**

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Based on our understanding of the charity and its activities, and through discussion with the trustees and management, we identified the principal risks of material misstatement both at the financial statement level and at the assertion level.

We considered these risks in the light of various factors including the level of complexity, subjectivity, uncertainty, potential management bias, fraud, materiality and any other relevant factors. We considered the extent to which these would have a material impact on the financial statements and designed our audit work accordingly.

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, our procedures included the following:

" We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework that the charity operates in, focusing on those laws and regulations that had a material effect on the financial statements or that had a fundamental effect on the operations of the charity from our professional and sector experience.

" We performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud, and reviewed significant or unusual transactions to identify their underlying supporting rationale

" We inspected the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance, and made direct enquiries of management and the board of trustees concerning the charity's policies and procedures relating to:

- * Identifying, evaluating, and complying with laws and regulations and whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance;

- * Detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected, or alleged fraud;

- * The internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations.

In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, we tested the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments, assessed whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates were indicative of a potential bias and tested significant transactions that were unusual or those outside the normal course of business.

We also

- " discussed and reviewed the charity's business model and forward planning to assess going concern

- " communicated applicable laws and regulations throughout the audit team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit.

- " reviewed the financial statement disclosures and tested these to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

- " Carried out substantive testing on income and expenditure

- " Re-performed reconciliations of control accounts, and recalculated items such as depreciation

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation.

This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation

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A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Shona Wardrop

Shona Wardrop C.A. (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Chariot House Limited
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor
44 Grand Parade
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BN2 9QA

Date: 11/12/25

DOWNNS VIEW LIFE SKILLS COLLEGE**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

					2025	2024
	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Designated asset funds £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM						
Donations and legacies	2	6,979	-	20,000	26,979	30,143
Charitable activities	4					
Education		1,347,517	-	-	1,347,517	1,361,466
Investment income	3	39	-	-	39	-
Other income	5	31,099	-	-	31,099	28,531
Total		<u>1,385,634</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>1,405,634</u>	<u>1,420,140</u>
EXPENDITURE ON						
Charitable activities	6					
Education		<u>1,273,553</u>	<u>38,052</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,311,605</u>	<u>1,159,930</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)						
Transfers between funds	17	112,081 (198,864)	(38,052) 218,864	20,000 (20,000)	94,029 -	260,210 -
Net movement in funds		<u>(86,783)</u>	<u>180,812</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>94,029</u>	<u>260,210</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS						
Total funds brought forward		1,021,128	-	-	1,021,128	760,918
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>934,345</u>	<u>180,812</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,115,157</u>	<u>1,021,128</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

DOWNS VIEW LIFE SKILLS COLLEGE (REGISTERED NUMBER: 11073037)**BALANCE SHEET****31 MARCH 2025**

					2025	2024
	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Designated asset funds £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £	Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS						
Tangible assets	14	-	180,812	-	180,812	25,731
CURRENT ASSETS						
Debtors	15	285	-	-	285	35,787
Cash at bank and in hand		1,098,218	-	-	1,098,218	1,091,641
		<u>1,098,503</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,098,503</u>	<u>1,127,428</u>
CREDITORS						
Amounts falling due within one year	16	(164,158)	-	-	(164,158)	(132,031)
		<u>934,345</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>934,345</u>	<u>995,397</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS						
		<u>934,345</u>	<u>180,812</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,115,157</u>	<u>1,021,128</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES						
		<u>934,345</u>	<u>180,812</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,115,157</u>	<u>1,021,128</u>
NET ASSETS						
		<u>934,345</u>	<u>180,812</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,115,157</u>	<u>1,021,128</u>
FUNDS						
Unrestricted funds	17				1,115,157	1,021,128
TOTAL FUNDS						
					<u>1,115,157</u>	<u>1,021,128</u>

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 11/12/25 and were signed on its behalf by:



S Hirschler - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

DOWNNS VIEW LIFE SKILLS COLLEGE**CASH FLOW STATEMENT**
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	199,670	48,920
Net cash provided by operating activities		199,670	48,920
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(193,132)	(20,414)
Interest received		39	-
Net cash used in investing activities		(193,093)	(20,414)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		6,577	28,506
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		1,091,641	1,063,135
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		1,098,218	1,091,641

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DOWNS VIEW LIFE SKILLS COLLEGE**NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT**
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
		2025	2024
		£	£
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)		94,029	260,210
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation charges		38,051	10,713
Interest received		(39)	-
Decrease/(increase) in debtors		35,502	(19,703)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors		32,127	(202,300)
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Net cash provided by operations		199,670	48,920
		<hr/>	<hr/>
 2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS			
	At 1/4/24	Cash flow	At 31/3/25
	£	£	£
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	1,091,641	6,577	1,098,218
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	1,091,641	6,577	1,098,218
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Total	1,091,641	6,577	1,098,218
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The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

These are financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard FRS102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

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

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 and on that basis the charity is considered to be a going concern.

Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the charity is required to make judgments, estimates and assumptions about the carrying value of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

There are no estimates and assumptions that are considered to have a significant risk of causing a material adjustments to the financial statements in a future period.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Fees for students are recognised in the period in which the teaching takes place.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

The costs of tangible fixed assets is written off over their useful economic lives as follows:

Specialist beds - 3 years straight line.
Computer equipment - 3 years straight line.
Other equipment - 3 years straight line.
Property improvements - 4 years straight line.

Individual fixed assets costing £1,000 or more are capitalised at cost.

The charity carries out regular impairment reviews of its fixed assets.

DOWNNS VIEW LIFE SKILLS COLLEGE**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued****Taxation**

The Charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK Corporation Tax purposes. Accordingly the Charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

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

Basic financial instruments

The charity has only financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and are subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Donations	26,979	30,143

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2025	2024
	£	£
Deposit account interest	39	-

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Activity	2025	2024
	Education	£	£
Educational grants		1,347,517	1,361,466

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Education and Skills Funding Agency	433,954	447,009
Brighton and Hove City Council	743,333	675,104
East Sussex	135,056	120,518
West Sussex	35,174	35,502
Brighton and Hove Additional Funding	-	83,333
	1,347,517	1,361,466

DOWNNS VIEW LIFE SKILLS COLLEGE**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**5. OTHER INCOME**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Work experience income	67	589
Capital grants	31,032	27,942
	<u>31,099</u>	<u>28,531</u>

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs (see note 7)	Support costs (see note 8)	Totals
	£	£	£
Education	1,304,305	7,300	1,311,605

7. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Staff costs	1,144,004	1,027,699
Premises costs	59,901	57,966
Other educational costs	13,927	12,858
Office and admin costs	48,421	43,114
Depreciation	38,052	10,713
	<u>1,304,305</u>	<u>1,152,350</u>

8. SUPPORT COSTS

	Governance costs
	£
Education	7,300

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

	2025	2024
	Education	Total activities
	£	£
Audit/Independent examination	7,300	7,580

DOWN'S VIEW LIFE SKILLS COLLEGE**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**
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Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2025 £	2024 £
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>38,051</u>	<u>10,713</u>

10. AUDITORS' REMUNERATION

The Auditors' remuneration for 2025 was £7,300 (2024: £6,600).

11. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

12. STAFF COSTS

The charity does not employ any staff.

All staff are seconded from Downs View School. The total staff costs recharged to the charity during 2025 was £1,107,755 (2024: £997,706).

The key management personnel of the charity are the trustees who do not receive any remuneration or benefits in kind in their role as trustees.

13. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated asset funds £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM				
Donations and legacies	30,143	-	-	30,143
Charitable activities				
Education	1,361,466	-	-	1,361,466
Other income	28,531	-	-	28,531
Total	<u>1,420,140</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,420,140</u>
EXPENDITURE ON				
Charitable activities				
Education	<u>1,159,930</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,159,930</u>
NET INCOME	260,210	-	-	260,210

DOWNS VIEW LIFE SKILLS COLLEGE**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**13. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued**

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated asset funds £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward	760,918	-	-	760,918
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>1,021,128</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,021,128</u>

14. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Improvements to property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 April 2024	-	55,514	27,300	82,814
Additions	90,134	96,762	6,236	193,132
At 31 March 2025	<u>90,134</u>	<u>152,276</u>	<u>33,536</u>	<u>275,946</u>
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 April 2024	-	33,401	23,682	57,083
Charge for year	10,823	25,262	1,966	38,051
At 31 March 2025	<u>10,823</u>	<u>58,663</u>	<u>25,648</u>	<u>95,134</u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 March 2025	<u>79,311</u>	<u>93,613</u>	<u>7,888</u>	<u>180,812</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>22,113</u>	<u>3,618</u>	<u>25,731</u>

15. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	-	35,502
Prepayments and accrued income	285	285
	<u>285</u>	<u>35,787</u>

DOWN'S VIEW LIFE SKILLS COLLEGE**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**16. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	41,510	11,357
Other creditors	-	29
Accruals and deferred income	-	11,894
Accrued expenses	122,648	108,751
	<u>164,158</u>	<u>132,031</u>

17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/24 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/3/25 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	997,794	94,915	(198,864)	893,845
Community Garden	23,334	17,166	-	40,500
Designated asset funds	-	(38,052)	218,864	180,812
	<u>1,021,128</u>	<u>74,029</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>1,115,157</u>
Restricted funds				
Community Garden	-	20,000	(20,000)	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>(20,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,021,128</u>	<u>94,029</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,115,157</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,360,333	(1,265,418)	94,915
Community Garden	25,301	(8,135)	17,166
Designated asset funds	-	(38,052)	(38,052)
	<u>1,385,634</u>	<u>(1,311,605)</u>	<u>74,029</u>
Restricted funds			
Community Garden	20,000	-	20,000
	<u>20,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,000</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,405,634</u>	<u>(1,311,605)</u>	<u>94,029</u>

DOWN'S VIEW LIFE SKILLS COLLEGE**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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	At 1/4/23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	760,918	236,876	997,794
Community Garden	-	23,334	23,334
	<u>760,918</u>	<u>260,210</u>	<u>1,021,128</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>760,918</u>	<u>260,210</u>	<u>1,021,128</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,396,806	(1,159,930)	236,876
Community Garden	23,334	-	23,334
	<u>1,420,140</u>	<u>(1,159,930)</u>	<u>260,210</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,420,140</u>	<u>(1,159,930)</u>	<u>260,210</u>

18. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The charity purchased the following services/goods from Downs View School in the period:

	2025 £	2024 £
Direct Staff costs (teaching, admin, agency and leadership)	1,132,145	1,002,410
Other Shared costs (including training and other staff costs)	25,928	26,555

As at the 31 March 2025 the charity owed Downs View School £143,807 (2024: £104,051).

19. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

Ultimate control lies with the directors/trustees.

20. COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

The company is limited by guarantee.

Every member promises, if the charity is dissolved while he/she remains a member or within one year after he/she ceases to be a member, to pay up to £1 towards:

- payment of those debts and liabilities of the charity incurred before he/she ceased to be a member;
- payment of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up; and
- the adjustment of rights of contributors among themselves.

If the charity is dissolves, the assets (if any) remaining after providing for all its liabilities must be applied in one or more of the following ways:

- by transfer to one or more other bodies established for exclusively charitable purposes within, the same as or similar to the Objects;
- directly for the Objects or charitable purposes which are within or similar to the Objects;
- in such other manner consistent with charitable status as the Commission approves in writing in advance.